

# City University introduces e-sign based certificates

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**Online Desk:** City University in its 4rth convocation has introduced e-sign based smart academic certificates and other academic credentials to the students in association with Relief Validation Limited (RVL), a duly licensed Certifying Authorities (CA) by the ICT Division.

The first ever convocation with e-signed certificate distribution was held on Saturday in the Bangabandhu Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center Auditorium at Purbachal, Dhaka, with Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, as the chief guest and Ahsanul Islam, state minister, Ministry of Commerce, as a special guest.

Economic affairs adviser to the prime minister Dr Mashihur Rahman delivered the convocation speech. City University and RVL joined hands together to incorporate the electronic signature technology namely ‘e-Sign’ and ‘verifiable digital seal (VDS)’ into the university’s current process of issuing certificates and other academic credentials to its students.

With the implementation of e-Sign and VDS, which is provided by Relief Validation Limited Certifying Authority, City University has taken a big leap towards digitising conventional processes as now students will be able to apply for and acquire their Academic Certificates online.

As the certificates will be digitally and uniquely signed, students will be able to use it with the relevant stakeholders electronically, eliminating the current lengthy process of verification and validation. As Bangladesh moves towards accomplishing the “Smart Bangladesh 2041” masterplan, this step forward from City University as the first private tertiary educational institution will certainly encourage relevant stakeholders to consider adapting state of the art technologies as a part of process improvement.