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Business grads

IoBM gives Karachi 933 business graduates

Saturday marked the institute's 18th convocation

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Ready to tackle every foot in their country, bright and young business graduates are set to step into the professional world to set firm footholds.

At the 18th convocation of the Institute of Business Management (IoBM) on Saturday, 933 young men and women were awarded degrees. Among them, 11 were gold medalists, of which, nine were women. Eighteen graduates received certificates of merit in business management and its allied disciplines.

Arrived in blue and beige sarak-themed clothes, the graduating students walked up to the stage one by one to get their degrees and honours from IoBM chairman Najamuddin A. Sheikh, president Shahjehan Karim, chief guest and former Senate chairperson Muhammad Musaz Soomro and the chief executive of Pakistan Cabinet, Khalid A. Chishti.

"Aim for the stars but keep your feet on the ground," said Chishti to the students.



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Giving the keynote address, he congratulated the students who served for four years for excellence with distinction. Moreover, he asked them to be strong in life and pledge to make the future generation more commendable. "Make your own business plan for the life ahead," he advised. "Never underestimate any situation, just work hard and get better."

Karim seemed very proud while addressing the audience. "I cannot stop witnessing the spark in the eyes of proud parents as their children will now step into the real world," he

said. Soomro advised students to be ambitious but not greedy. "Your parents and teachers have made you capable of what you are today and you cannot repay them," he said. "The more successful you become, the more grateful you have to be." Vice-Chairman Anifa Aziz also spoke on the occasion. "These four years were a rollercoaster ride, full of assignments, exams and colourful events at the campus," she said.

Gold medalists also showed proud of their achievements. While talking to The Express Tribune, Arshad Akhbar, a gold

medalist in business administration, said that all you need to do to achieve such distinction is consistently continue with hard work.

Another student, Hani Ghaffar Akbar, said, "Finally, four years of hard work paid off. You can get knowledge in books but being attentive in class is a bonus." The chancellor of IoBM, Sheikh, who gave his good wishes to the students and called them an asset for the world. "Your country looks at you as a trained asset, a treasure of hope and confidence for a brighter Pakistan."