

# Asia e University's 7th Convocation

It was a proud day for some 3,227 graduands of the prestigious Asia e University (AeU) who received their scrolls at the university's 7th Convocation ceremony held at Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur on 7 October 2017. This event was witnessed by the graduands' family members, Malaysia's Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Y.B. Datuk Dr. Mary Yap Kain Ching, several representatives of foreign embassies from the 34 Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) countries, strategic partners and stakeholders from various parts of the world.

Besides Malaysia, AeU International graduands are also from Bangladesh, Brunei, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Namibia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Yemen. The total number of graduates also includes the last batch of 994 graduates from the Program Pensiswazahan Guru (PPG). Of the total graduands, 1,276 or 40 per cent graduands come from postgraduates and 1,951 or 60 per cent are from the undergraduates.

From a total of ten Doctoral graduands, five obtained PhD in Business Administration and four in PhD Education. The only DBA or Doctor of Business Administration graduand is Dr. Mohd Hafiz Ibrahim who is an MBA alumnus and recipient of AeU's Chairman Award in 2013.

AeU's International PhD graduands are Dr. Christian Kibingwa Kizabi who hails from Namibia, Dr. Owais Shafique, from Pakistan and Dr. Sukumaran Gireesh Kumar from India. The rest are Malaysians namely Datin Dr. Norely Hj. Abd Rahman, Dr. Rebecca Wong Shin Yee, Dr. Azhar Thevaraj Victor, Dr. Wong Sook Khuan, and Dr. Saw Sor Tin.

One of AeU's distinguished graduands is YBhg. Datuk Yong Teck Shing, a Sabahan was a graduate in Master of Science (Management) (By Research) degree during the Convocation. Having experienced the gamuts of research, coupled with a burning desire to achieve the highest academic degree possible, he braved himself in enrolling into the PhD programme in Business Administration at AeU. He was formerly the Head of Mission / Ambassador to Taiwan under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia. Interestingly his wife, Datin Dona Sylvester Chuan, is also graduating with a Master of Education degree at the same time. It is almost like another honeymoon together, which lasted not in two weeks but about two years.

This year, the most outstanding graduand who won three Prestigious Merit Awards of Excellence is Ho Ken Fatt, age 44. A graduand of a Master of Business Administration (MBA), he is the winner of three awards: Chairman's Award, Mahani Zainal Abidin Award and School Award.

"I run a diversified portfolio of business since 1997. The MBA programme I enrolled in 2016 strengthens my business knowledge and skills and supplements my real-life business experiences.

Entrepreneurship is my choice of specialisation. I enjoyed AeU's flexibility mode of learning which allows me to study anywhere anytime without giving up my own businesses and family time," says Ho.

A second recipient of the Chairman's Award is Lee Guek Bee, age 51. She is a graduand of Master of Education (MEd) degree. "The course contents are relevant to me as a senior Science teacher and aptly applicable to real life classroom situations. I am impressed with the well-equipped e-library which gives me easy access to many worldwide educational resources. I never dream I would fall in love with doing research. It gives me a sense of self-actualisation that mere words can't describe," says Lee.

A third proud recipient of the President's Award is Norazlina bt Supaat, age 36. She is a graduand of Bachelor of Education (Teaching Malay Language In Primary School) (Hons) or Bed.

"Despite being a teacher at Sekolah Rendah Agama Bersepadu Kota Tinggi, Johor for 15 years, I enjoyed being a student again. The knowledge gained has broadened my teaching perspective in Bahasa Malaysia and provided new insights on how children learn. AeU's e-learning gave me the flexibility in accessing learning materials, discussing online anytime and anywhere," says Norazlina.

## Message from AeU's President and CEO, Prof. Dato' Dr. Ansary Ahmed

Today is a celebration of which you are very much a part of too. My heartiest congratulations to all graduates and their families. The University is proud of your achievements.

Asia e University was established in 2007 under the auspices of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) and supported by 34 ACD countries in Asia. It was setup with a mission to be different from other academic institutions in the region. Although it is a provider of open and distance learning in Asia, AeU always had a strong commitment to reach out to students wherever they may be and empower them to manage their own learning. The students are not left isolated.

I encourage you to follow our tradition. Reach out to the disadvantaged people in society and create an impact. Adopt AeU's attitude of making a difference in the world which requires the ability to truly care about the people who inhabit it.

## Fast Facts on AeU

All AeU's academic programmes are internationally benchmarked ranging from diploma to doctorate levels and are approved by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia and accredited with the Malaysian Qualification Agency.

Besides its presence in many of the 34 ACD member countries, AeU has also spread its wings to 80 other non-member countries all over the world in continents of North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia such as Aland islands, Argentina, Bahamas, Denmark, Hong Kong, Iraq, Kenya, Libya, Maldives, Mauritius, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sweden, Somalia, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe to name a few.

Today, AeU has a diverse and robust international community of more than 23,000 students and 15,000 alumni with different cultures and races from 84 countries. They are the citizens of the world and are making a difference around the globe.

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