

# Sabah 'Datuk' among 3,227 receive scrolls at 7th AeU convocation

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Graduands and their families from around the world, Deputy Minister of Higher Education Datuk Dr Mary Yap Kain Ching, several representatives of foreign embassies from the 34 Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) countries, strategic partners and stakeholder attend the 7th Convocation of the prestigious Asia e University's (AeU) at Putra World Trade Centre, here today.

A total of about 3,227 graduands from Malaysia and other countries are receiving their scrolls. AeU International graduands are from Bangladesh, Brunei, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Namibia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Yemen.

The total number of graduates also include the last batch of 994 graduates from the Program Pensiswazahan Guru (PPG). Of the total graduands, 1,276 or 40% graduands come from postgraduates and 1,951 or 60% are from the undergraduates.

From a total of 10 Doctoral graduands, five obtain PhD in Education and four PhD in Business Administration and 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 Datuk Yong Teck Shing, a Sabahan who is graduating in Master of Science degree (Management By Research). Having experienced the gamut of research, coupled with a burning desire to achieve the highest



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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, 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," said Ho.

A second recipient of the Chairman's Award is Lee Guek Bee, 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," said Lee.

A third proud recipient of the President's Award is Norazlina bt Supaat, 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," said Norazlina.

"Today is a celebration of which you are very much a part of too. My heartiest congratulations to all the graduating students and the families. The University is proud of your achievements," said AeU's Preswident/CEO Prof Dato' Dr Ansary Ahmed said in his message.

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