

Sabah to host AeU's alumni gathering

KOTA KINABALU: Sabah will play host for future AeU's alumni gathering as it continues to reconnect with the rest of the alumni around the world.

In a recently reunion, AeU's held a high-tea event themed, "It's Time to Reconnect" at Royale Bintang Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

The event was graced by Professor Dato' Dr Ansary Ahmed, President and Chief Executive Officer of AeU and deputy president, Professor Prof Dr Hairudin Harun.

Prof. Ansary said: "Alumni are the heartbeat of AeU and they are our strength as the alumni will play a critical role in advancing the university's vision and mission."

"In this globalised digital online age, learning is now ubiquitous, beyond classroom walls, anywhere, anytime and any size which come in the form of Nano Open Online Courses (NOOC). Learning is now more engaging and more mentoring.

"It is important that alumni

reconnect and engage with AeU as they are the most priceless resources and ambassadors for the university," he said.

Among the distinguished doctoral alumni who attended the event was Tan Sri Dr. Syed Hamid Albar who graduated from AeU with a Doctor of Philosophy (Business Administration) degree in 2014. He served in the private and public service for over 40 years, and served as a Cabinet Minister under two Prime Ministers for a period of almost 20 years.

He is currently Chairman of the Land Public Transport Commission of Malaysia. "I believe the PhD degree has given me a better intellectual insight and is an achievement he did not expect at the age of 70," he said.

An exemplary alumnus, Dr Tan Teik Kheong is the first Industrial Doctorate graduate in AeU and is conferred the title of "Senior Corporate Fellow" for his outstanding achievements.

He is an International Prestigious Award Winner among



Dr. Syed Hamid (right) and Minister from the Zimbabwe Embassy, Malaysia, Mafio Matthew Mlambo reconnecting at AeU's Alumni Hi Tea event.

many foreign contestants at the London Hedge Fund Competition In 2014. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Oceana Ventures, Chairman of IEEE Next Generation Wireless and Vice Chairman of Wi-Fi Alliance 802, 11n Marketing. He is an educator, founder of sev-

eral start-ups mentor, and technopreneur in the digital economy.

Dr Tan said AeU has given him the highest return on his investment. "I have built relationships and friendships with the academic and operational staffs of AeU, and have my very

supportive supervisors and external examiners to thank for."

"I've also expanded on the range of portfolios from my earlier focus of just engineering services and products. Now I was able to include other services and products to those who are not familiar with "Data Science" or "Fintech" to create the best of both worlds in finance and technology.

"As I love to teach, I have also enhanced my teaching and mentoring career," he said.

A minister from the Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe in Malaysia, Mr Mafio Matthew Mlambo, an alumnus who attended the event, obtained his MBA degree from AeU in 2015. He enrolled in AeU in 2011 based on his son's research and recommendation when his son was doing his undergraduate degree in Malaysia.

Mr Mlambo testified: "I was very happy to have made the right decision in choosing AeU. I have greatly benefited from AeU's unique flexible learning

mode without the need to sacrifice my employment and family quality time."

"With my strong recommendations, one of my staff had enrolled in AeU's MBA programme including a friend who works in Zambia Embassy had also enrolled in PhD (Education) with AeU."

Another alumnus who is among the first batch of MBA graduates in 2011 is Mr. Mahadevan Rajam. As a strong believer in lifelong learning the MBA knowledge he gained has expanded his career after having worked as a mechanical engineer for 26 years. He is currently the managing director of Global Concerts (M) Sdn. Bhd.

"I became better in marketing and AeU MBA has helped me to become an entrepreneur at age 49," he said.

AeU is a collaborative multinational university established in 2007 under the auspices of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) countries.