

Nurse fulfils dream, thanks to AeU

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AeU PhD graduate in education



Dr Than Soo Nyet receiving her doctorate at **Asia e University's 5th Convocation** in Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur, recently.

DR Than Soo Nyet, a PhD (Education) graduate, recently received her scroll at Asia e University's (AeU) 5th Convocation in Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

Besides her, a total of 3,000 local and international graduates also received their scrolls.

Than started her career as a staff nurse in 1972. In 1992, she became a lecturer in nursing education until her retirement in 2007.

To occupy her time and stay active, she is continuing her teaching career on a full-time basis. She is now an assistant professor at a private higher-learning institution in Kuala Lumpur.

"I am aware that the government is planning to produce 60,000 PhD holders by 2020. I would like to take this opportunity to study. I believe, where there is a will, there is a way," she said.

Than said AeU provided a flexible mode of study, where she can learn at her own pace. There is also a tuition fee discount for senior citizens.

"I started my academic journey with AeU in January 2010 by enrolling in the PhD course in education to achieve my goal of enhancing nursing education," she said.

"It was an eventful five year journey for me. I enjoyed attending the research workshops and colloquiums whenever my schedule allowed me to."

Than said she had the opportunity to learn from many experienced lecturers, including Professor

Dr Siow Heng Lok, Dr Soon Seng Thah and Professor Dr Chang Lee Hoon, among others.

"At AeU, students can always attend classes as many times as they want until they have mastered the idea of quantitative and qualitative methods, as well as statistical analyses."

She said this was in line with the adult-learning theory of Malcom Knowles, where the adult learner would learn what he needed using his prior knowledge and experience.

"I also went for a research clinic to consult my lecturer for a research proposal."

Than said she also had course mates from different backgrounds, including music, information technology, military, business and law.

"AeU provided me with adequate online resources which are very useful for me throughout my studies. As I can do my research online, I do not have to go to the library frequently."

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