

# A celebration of excellence at AeU 6th Convocation Ceremony

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Graduations from around the world, the ministers, several ambassadors and representatives from foreign embassies particularly from the 34 Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) countries are jubilantly celebrating and gracing their presence at this prestigious Asia e University (AeU) event.

The 6th Convocation ceremony which is held at Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur received good support from various parties and stakeholders including the public sector and strategic partners.

One of AeU's distinguished guests is YB Dato' Seri Idris bin Jusoh, Malaysia's Minister of Higher Education.

A total of about 3,600 graduands from Malaysia and around the world receive their scrolls from AeU.

The international graduands are from Bahrain, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Maldives, Myanmar, Nigeria, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Somalia and Vietnam.

One of the AeU's PhD graduates who received her scroll in Doctor of Philosophy (Education) degree is Datuk Dr Mary Yap Kain Ching, Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Malaysia.

Datuk Dr Mary Yap attested, "Embarking on the PhD programme had always been my dream though I knew it would be a very tough academic journey.

With great enthusiasm, I registered for the PhD programme and worked very well with Prof Dr Siow Heng Loke as my supervisor. Based on my learning experience, I can aptly say that AeU is a university that has it all that it takes to educate and bring students to the pinnacle of their academic success through e-learning. It is well equipped with a Digital Library and the lecturers practise the "3 Cs – concern, commitment and continuity while guiding the students. I am deeply humbled and yet proud that I made it after all at the age of 65 and this is what lifelong learning is all about."

One of the outstanding graduands of AeU's Prestigious Merit Awards of Excellence is Ivy Ngu Mei Ee, 30.

She is the recipient of the Chairman's Awardwinner and is a science teacher from SMK, Sibul, Sarawak who graduated in Master of Education (Science Education). She testifies, "The programme gave me a deeper understanding as viewed from my students' perspective. The knowledge gained from my studies inspire and motivate me to teach science more creatively and effectively."

Another outstanding graduand is Tie Ting Huat, 34.

He is the recipient of the Mahani Zainal Abidin Award who graduated in Master of Business Administration.

He says, "I took the biggest step to further acquire knowledge via MBA on a full time basis, specializing in Supply Chain Management. I am ecstatic for winning the Mahani Zainal Abidin Award and very thankful to AeU for granting the outstanding merit scholarship award during my course in AeU."

Today, I had the opportunity to embark on the field that I am most passionate about, serving from a Procurement division within the Supply Chain business unit for a German base company, Giesecke & Devrient."

A third outstanding graduand is Cikgu Zubaidahbt. Zaini, 46. She is the recipient of the President's Award winner and a teacher at Sekolah Kebangsaan Asyakinir Bintulu, Sarawak.

Graduated in Bachelor Of Education (Teaching Malay Language In Primary School) (Hons), Cikgu Zubaidah reminisces, "The facilities and learning resources provided by the AeU were excellent. Despite been a teacher for 25 years I enjoyed the learning experience as a student. I am thankful to the academic facilitators who were committed and guided me effectively to succeed."

AeU's President/ CEO, Prof Dato' Dr Ansary Ahmed gave a welcome address.

"We are honoured to have such esteemed guests join us to celebrate an

important milestone for our graduating students. We are proud of their achievements and wish them all the very best of good fortune in their future careers. In tandem with AeU's progress, the University is also expanding its e-education presence.

To start with, the University has been selected by members of ACD during a high-level meeting in February 2016 to take the lead in the operationalisation of an Asian Credit Transfer System (ACTS) using the Asian MBA initiative as a case study."

The system will enable students of ACD member countries to transfer their ACTS credits from one university to another so they are added up to contribute to an individual's degree programmes.

The University is currently collaborating with other member universities to operationalise the plan."

#### Fast Facts on AeU

AeU is a unique collaborative multinational university established in 2007 under the auspices of 34 Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD). Countries The ACD member countries leverage on AeU's e-education platform to increase higher education accessibility for all and narrow the digital divide.

Through our shared collective



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expertise and strategic linkages with our numerous educational partners, AeU delivers programmes that are imbued with the goals of flexibility, quality and relevance to provide a truly personalized and lifelong learning for the masses.

AeU has spread its wings globally and now has an enrolment of around 30,000 students range in age from 18 to 84, from 70 countries, and has graduated over 11,000 graduates.

AeU currently has the highest Doctoral student population from a diverse and international community of over 1,000 fellow students from 46 countries doing various postgraduate research programmes.

In just nine years, AeU has established a remarkable reputation as the acclaimed institution of choice which provides knowledge acquisition for human capital needs in the region through e-education.

Programmes Offered in Schools/ Faculties of AeU

Asia e University strongly believes in providing excellence, flexible and affordable learning experience for the society from all walks of life. Besides quality education, the curriculums for all programmes are carefully designed to stay current and relevant to the multidimensional needs of local and Asian industries, and global as a whole.

The programme's outcomes are monitored closely in order to produce well rounded graduates.

AeU's undergraduate and postgraduate programmes range from Diploma, Graduate Diploma, Bachelor and Master to PhD levels.

All academic programmes are internationally benchmarked, approved by the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency.

All academic programmes are offered through AeU's School of Management, School of Education & Cognitive Sciences, School of Information & Communications Technology, School of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences and School of Graduate Studies.

The University also offers more than two hundred (200) executive education programmes through the School of Professional & Executive Education and School of Technical Education, Engineering & Reskilling.

AeU can deliver similar programmes in other countries concurrently through collaboration with institutional partners by leveraging on technologies to enhance teaching and learning and also to facilitate academic and administrative support for quality assurance.

Students can study fully online or with blended learning; a combination of online and face-to-face classes.

Assessment is flexible with a practical combination of 60 pct assignment and 40 pct examination – ensuring that its more practical rather than theory based.

#### Flexible APEL Entry Admission Paths

Besides the normal requirement entry, Accreditation of Prior Learning (APEL) is an alternative entry to those without the prerequisite qualifications. For example, besides the normal entry requirements of a having a minimum recognised Bachelor's Degree or equivalent to apply for Master's programmes, applicants can now gain admissions through an alternative route via APEL entry. The requirements are based on the strengths of their work experience acquired at their workplace. For information on APEL, please login to: <http://apel.aeu.edu.my/>

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