



Fourth from left: Dr Oo Yu Hock from AeU was the supervisor to (from left) Dr Mooi Wah Kian from AeU, Prof Dr Ahmad Atory Hussain from Universiti Putra Malaysia, Assoc Prof Dr Ali Boerhannoeddin from University of Malaya and Assoc Prof Dr Hardev Kaur from Universiti Teknologi Mara.

# Impacting four generations

IT was a significant moment in history when four generations of professionals who are also PhD graduates from different institutions met Dr Oo Yu Hock, who supervised all four previous students, for the first time in Asia e University (AeU). Dr Oo is currently the consultant for AeU's School of Management.

Mooi Wah Kian, who last served as undersecretary in the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (Mosti), is an optional retiree of the Malaysian Civil Service from 2014.

Having just gone through balancing his work, study and family obligations, Mooi successfully completed his viva voce in November last year and was recently conferred the Doctor of Philosophy by the Senate of AeU early in March this year.

Dr Mooi's obtainment of his PhD (BA) is a reflection of his service for more than four decades as a dedicated civil servant and his relentless pursuit of a doctoral degree.

Dr Mooi's recurring thoughts today resound of his unique experience at AeU, where in the context of university lifelong education and blended learning, he says, "It can only happen at AeU."

AeU is proud of its trilogy of shared human-institution achievements, namely the success of students' commitment in the pursuit of knowledge and degrees, its workable philosophy in blended e-learning and continuous effort in providing online-onsite facilitated learning with cross-institutional support.

Dr Mooi's achievement clearly reflects the commitment AeU has towards its working adult students who pursue further studies, the institution's belief in lifelong learning and delivery of knowledge through blended learning as well as the offering of the management learning system myPLS (My Personalised Learning Space) that facilitates learning online anytime, anywhere.

"I am very proud and honoured to be a part of a history-in-the-making event as a PhD graduate supervised by this iconic academic supervisor in AeU. With the guidance and advice from Dr Oo Yu Hock, I successfully completed and passed my PhD (BA) degree," says Dr Mooi.

Dr Mooi became the fourth-generation civil service student under Dr Oo's supervision. Dr Mooi discovered that his

reviewers comprised the three generations of PhD academicians who were previously Dr Oo's students at the Faculty of Economics & Administration, University of Malaya.

"I don't think I will see this happen anywhere else where one academic supervisor can gather with four generations of professionals to reflect on their experiences, share knowledge and enrich their professions through the lifelong learning at AeU," says Dr Mooi.

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## About AeU

AeU is a collaborative multinational university established under the auspices of the 33 Asia Cooperation Dialogue Countries (ACD).

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

Established in April 2007, AeU has spread its wings to ACD (Asia Cooperation Dialogue) members Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Myanmar, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam as well as non-member countries Denmark, Hong Kong, Iraq, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sweden, Somalia, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Today, AeU has an enrolment of more than 22,000 students from 65 countries and more than 7,000 graduates.

As one of Malaysia's leading providers of open and distance learning, AeU has a diverse and international community of more than 1,000 fellow doctoral students from 46 countries who are making a difference around the world.

Intakes for postgraduate research programmes are open throughout the year.