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Deputy Higher Education Minister gets PhD from e-varsity



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Milestone: Dr Yap receiving her PhD from Asia e-University Board of Directors chairman Tan Sri Dr Syed Jalaludin Syed Salim during the convocation at Putra World Trade Centre.

KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Dr Mary Yap is now a PhD holder.

She received her scroll after five years of hard work from Asia e-University, a collaborative multinational university initiated by the Asia Cooperation Dialogue.

“Embarking on a doctoral programme has been my dream,” she told reporters after the ceremony yesterday.

“It took me five years to complete it, and I must thank my supervisor who has been very patient and competent in guiding me through my academic journey,” she added.

Dr Yap’s thesis centred on a case study investigating the leadership practices of a head teacher in a remote primary school in Sarawak.

She said it was the “most difficult and long-drawn academic effort” she had put herself through.

“Don’t stop when you earn one degree,” Dr Yap said. “It is important to continue (your) professional development.”