



All graduates in the family ... (from left), Edmond St Carolus, Rosie, Lesiah, Jane and Rosline.

A first in AeU history

> Four sisters and a brother-in-law graduate at the same time

ASIA e University's (AeU) fifth convocation ceremony created news as it is the first in the university's history that four sisters and a brother-in-law registered and graduated at the same time with the same Master of Education (MEd) degree.

The dream started from Lesiah @ Root Sabil, a teacher from the National School of Bongkud, Ranau. The second of seven siblings, she harboured the ambition of being a professional educator. Her dream came true when AeU expanded its network of educational service centres to Sabah and Sarawak.

Lesiah shared her aspiration and intention with her family, and inspired her four younger sisters and two brothers-in-law, who are all teachers.

In fact, eight in the family registered and enrolled for the same MEd programme, namely Lesiah and her husband Fred P. Jaumis, Rosline Sabil, Rosie Sabil and her husband Edmond St Carolus, Lily Sabil and her husband Dymson Zeno, and youngest sibling, Jane Sabil.

Their eldest brother, Juin Sabil, also registered to pursue AeU's Bachelor of Education.

While five of them graduated at the same time, Juin, Lily and Dymson hope to graduate next year. Their convocation ceremony was witnessed by their families including the Sabil sisters' mother, Suliah Kelangkat.

"It was fun to study and discuss together as my siblings and I shared a common interest in education. Learning together makes it easier for us because we can complete the tasks, revise and attend classes together. We have gained in terms of knowledge and skills after attending AeU's MEd programme," Lesiah said.

Although the sisters and their spouses worked in three

different schools, they did not encounter any difficulties meeting their education needs as AeU's blended learning methodology is accessible anywhere anytime; that gave them the flexibility including attending classes held only on weekends.

The sisters were initially worried about how to cope with their work commitments and studies, but after being exposed to the blended learning methodology, the sisters began to believe they can achieve their goal of lifelong learning through better time management.

"Learning materials were available online and the use of AeU's new technology continuously made the learning process easier and cheaper," Jane said.

Through the blended learning method, students get their study notes through the student portal, known as My Personalised Learning Space or myPLS.

Classes are held on weekends once a month in strategic learning centres within the closest proximity to the students, and interactions with academic facilitators (AF) are conducted online according to a schedule agreed by the AF and students.

"My mother and late father were the key influences behind our success. They not only supported and helped us financially to realise the dream of becoming a teacher, they also constantly encouraged and gave us moral support and blessings," Rosie said.

"We chose AeU because it met our requirements in terms of knowledge, time, location and financing," Rosline added.

The unique tale of the five in two families is not just the success story of the families' dedication to education, but also reflects the importance of lifelong learning through AeU's personalised mode of flexible learning that can help working adults achieve their dreams and ambitions.

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