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# High standards

> AeU holds its fifth convocation ceremony

**A**SIA e University (AeU) recently celebrated one of its annual highlights of its calendar year. The university's fifth convocation saw 2,927 graduates from 78 academic and executive programmes.

The convocation had 534 international graduates from Bahrain, Hong Kong, Indonesia, India, Iran, Kenya, UK, Maldives, New Zealand, Pakistan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Zimbabwe, which signifies the university gaining acceptance in the international arena.

AeU has enrolled nearly 4,000 international students from 64 countries. This makes up 25% of total enrolment, many who are pursuing postgraduate studies.

Following this success, AeU is currently directing its focus on establishing quality international education as its DNA. AeU will continue to strengthen and deepen its presence especially in Asia whilst maintaining best practices and high standards.

Nearly all of its academic programmes at the Doctoral, Master's and Bachelor's level have been stringently audited and awarded full accreditation by the MQA. In some instances, the programmes are being offered via international educational partnerships in the respective country.

To date, AeU has received recognition from the Higher Education Council (HEP) of Pakistan, Hong Kong Education Bureau, endorsement and facilitation of AeU operations in India by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) India, University Grants Committee (UGC) of Sri Lanka, Ministry of Education, Nigeria, and Namibia Accreditation Authority.

Amongst the graduates are 521 graduates from Program Pensiswazahan Guru (PPG). They are teachers who have successfully completed their Bachelor of Education (TESL) and Bachelor of Education (Teaching Malay Language in Primary School) with Honours programmes.

This is the second batch of

graduates from the programme under the Ministry of Education. This reflects the ministry's confidence in the quality of AeU programmes and their commitment to enhance the capabilities of teachers in the country.

Speaking at the convocation, AeU president and CEO Prof Datuk Dr Ansary Ahmed, congratulated all the graduates and their staunch supporters.

"We salute all of you, those who have overcome immense odds to succeed, or those who, despite their senior years, still found the joy and satisfaction to come back to school.

"Each of you have scaled a mountain and reached its peak. It is a tough challenge to juggle studies, work and family commitments, to persist to the very end, and most importantly, meeting AeU's rigorous academic standards.

"I am certain, however, that many of you couldn't have done it without the encouragement and support of your family, friends, colleagues and employers; people who had stood by you. Today, let us also not forget to thank them with our success.

"I hope that you will continue to be engaged with AeU, connected with your fellow graduates and be a help to our students. Be proud of your qualification and fly the AeU flag well wherever you are practising, and make a positive impact on the community you are in," he said.

Also present at the event were chairman of AeU Board of Directors Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Syed Jalaluddin Syed Salim, Secretary General of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue His Excellency Bundit Limschoon, former Minister of Foreign Affairs (AeU's First Honorary Doctorate Degree recipient) Tan Sri Dr Syed Hamid Albar, president of Siam University (AeU's Second Honorary Doctorate Degree recipient) His Excellency Dr Pornchai Mongkhonvanit, ambassadors and representatives from foreign embassies, and vice chancellors and head of public and private universities in Malaysia as well as abroad.