

AeU sees over 1,200 graduands receive their scrolls at 4th convocation

KUALA LUMPUR: Asia e University (AeU) recently held its 4th convocation ceremony at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur. Graduates from around the world, several ambassadors and representatives from foreign embassies particularly from the 33 Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) countries celebrated and graced AeU with their presence at this auspicious event.

More than 1,200 graduands from around the world received their scrolls and celebrated their success with their families and friends. Twelve of them received their Doctor of Philosophy, two received their Doctor of Business Administration, 177 Master's, 126 Bachelor's, 21 Graduate Diplomas, 820 Executive Master's and 44 Professional Bachelor's degrees.

Of these graduands, about 300 were international students from Namibia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and other ACD countries.

Among AeU's convocation highlights was the conferment of Doctor of Philosophy degree to the Honorable Dr. David Richard Namwandi, Minister of Education of the Republic of Namibia and Malaysia's Land Public Transport Commission Chairman and former Foreign Minister, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar and Taylor's University Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Nair.

Dr. Richard Namwandi has been a PhD student with AeU since 2007. His thesis, 'Implementation of the Southern African Development Community Protocol on Education and Training and its Impact on Economic Development: A Case Study of Namibia and Zimbabwe', studied the reasons behind the failure to implement the Southern African De-



Graduands from all over the world celebrate their achievements and the conferment of degrees and awards at AeU's 4th Convocation.

velopment Community Protocol on Education and Training (SADC-PET).

The study reveals the significant factors had hampered the implementation of SADC-PET, despite of its clear goals of developing a comparable and harmonised education, and training policies across all SADC countries.

Another distinguished Doctor of Philosophy recipient at the event was YBhg Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar. Tan Sri Dr. Syed Hamid Albar who has been a student in AeU since 2011, strongly believes that the PhD degree has given him a better intellectual insight, and is an achievement which he did not expect at the age of 70.

His thesis entitled National Interest in the Foreign Policy of Malaysia: The Mahathir Era (1981 – 2003) showed how Malaysia was allowed to play a lead-

ership role amongst the South-South countries, Islamic Ummah and East Asia (including Asean).

His research findings indicate that domestic factors had influenced the Foreign Policy of Malaysia.

Five AeU graduates of excellence received the prestigious university awards -- the Chairman's Awards and President's Awards. For the fourth convocation, three graduates have been chosen to receive the Chairman's awards, Kumaresan a/l Muthusamy (Master of Business Administration), Chow Choi Chin (Master of Education) and Naina binti Abdul Karim (Master of Education).

This year the President's awards were presented to Rathi Ambigai a/p Kanapati and Wan Nor Abidah binti Ibrahim, both graduates of Bachelor of Education (TESL). --(PR)