

# EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

**A**SIA e University will hold its convocation ceremony today at the Putra World Trade Centre. Graduates from around the world, several ambassadors and representatives from foreign embassies particularly from the 33 Asia Cooperation Dialogue countries will grace AeU with their presence at the prestigious event.

More than 1,200 graduates from around the world will receive their scrolls and celebrate their success with their families and friends.

Twelve of them will receive their PhDs, two DBAs, 177 Master's, 126 Bachelors, 21 Graduate Diplomas, 820 Executive Master's and 44 Professional Bachelors.

About 300 International students from Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Namibia and other Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) will be attending the event.

Among the distinguished PhD graduates who will receive their scrolls are Republic of Namibia's Minister of Education, Dr David Richard Namwandi; Malaysia's Land Public Transport Commission and former Foreign Minister Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar and Taylor's University deputy vice-chancellor Dr Pradeep Kumar Nair.

Five AeU graduates of excellence will receive the prestigious university awards — the Chairman's Awards and the President's Awards.

The Chairman's Award is given to the best overall student or students who have shown outstanding academic achievements at the postgraduate level.

The prize which is in the form of a certificate, trophy/medal and cash is conferred during the University Convocation.

For the fourth convocation three persons have been chosen to receive the Chairman's awards, Kumaresan Muthusamy (Master's of Business Administration), Chow Choi Chin (Master's of Education) and Naina Abdul Karim (Master's of Education).

The President's Award is given to the best overall student or students who have shown outstanding academic achievements at the undergraduate level.

The award will be presented to Rathi Ambigai Kanapathi and Wan Nor Abidah Ibrahim who are both graduating with a Bachelor of Education (TESL).

Syed Hamid, who has been a student with AeU since 2012, strongly believes that the PhD gives 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 leadership role amongst the South-South countries, Islamic Ummah and East Asia (including Asean). His research indicates that domestic factors influenced the Foreign Policy of Malaysia.

AeU is a collaborative multinational university instituted under the auspices of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD). It is supported by 33 ACD member countries through-out the world.

Established in 2007, AeU has grown



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to become one of a leading provider of open and distance learning (ODL) in Asia.

As an ODL institution, its focus is to provide accessible and affordable higher education for all.

In just seven swift years, AeU has established a remarkable reputation as the acclaimed institution of choice which provides knowledge acquisition for human capital needs in the region through e-education.

AeU has been awarded several awards such as the BrandLaureate Awards 2010 for Best Brand in Education — e-Education, and the Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards 2010 under the Most Promising Entrepreneur category.

Additionally in 2012, the university was announced as "the best ACD project" during the ACD Meeting in Kuwait.

It offers more than 40 academic programmes at all levels through five academic schools — the School of Management, School of Education & Cognitive Sciences, School of Information & Communications Technology, School of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences and

School of Graduate Studies.

Since opening its door in April 2007, AeU today has an enrolment of more than 16,000 students, and has graduated over 5,000 graduates thus far.

By delivering a world-class learning experience, AeU aspires to be the leader and the premiere educational hub in promotion of affordable quality e-learning throughout Asia.

AeU is one of the first few institutions in Malaysia to implement an Open Entry System which awards entry to individuals who wish to pursue tertiary education even with minimal formal credentials.

This is done by assessing their prior learning acquired through formal and informal training, as well as work experiences that can compensate for the lack of basic paper qualifications.

About 20 per cent of AeU's enrolment is made up of students who applied through open entry.

AeU is also involved in the Ministry of Education's teacher upgrading programme (Program Pensiswazahan Guru) since March 2011.

This particular programme is to assist the Ministry of Education in its

drive to enhance the qualification of local teachers in the country.

More than 3,000 in-service teachers have enrolled in various fields of the Bachelor of Education programmes.

Apart from its main campus, AeU has established a strong network of Learning Centres nationwide.

These Learning Centres are strategically located in major cities and towns, and rural areas throughout Malaysia.

AeU believes that collaboration with renowned partner institutions abroad is the best strategy for propelling its programmes into the global arena. In line with its mission, the university is actively collaborating with numerous universities, institutions and corporations located in ACD countries and non-ACD countries.

It has spread its wings far and wide to ACD countries such as China, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Viet-

**Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar** (right) is among the students who will be receiving their scrolls at AeU's convocation today.



nam, Myanmar, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Maldives, and also beyond to non-ACD countries like Denmark, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Namibia, Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen, Mauritius and the UK.

In recognition of its pioneering role in spearheading e-learning in the country, AeU has been appointed as the "Gateway University" for the development of international online and distance learning.

This is one of the Entry Point Projects (EPP 6), as part of the Malaysian Government's Transformation Plan (GTP) to facilitate international distance learning.

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