

An international celebration

ASIA e University (AeU) recently held its fourth convocation ceremony at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

More than 1,200 graduands from around the world received their scrolls and celebrated their success with family and friends.

Among the countries represented were Namibia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

Among AeU's convocation highlights was the conferment of the Doctor of Philosophy degree on the Republic of Namibia Education Minister Dr David Richard Namwandi; Malaysia's Land Public Transport Commission chairman and former Foreign Minister Tan Sri Datuk Seri Dr Syed Hamid Syed Jaafar Albar; and Taylor's University deputy vice-chancellor

Dr Pradeep Kumar Nair.

Another distinguished Doctor of Philosophy recipient was Tan Sri Dr Syed Hamid Syed Jaafar Albar.

Dr Syed Hamid believes that the PhD degree has given him better intellectual insight.

It 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 domestic factors influenced Malaysia's foreign policy.

The university's prestigious Chairman's awards were received by Kumaresan Muthusamy (Master of Business Administration), Chow Choi Chin (Master of Education) and Naina binti Abdul Karim (Master of Education).



International dignitaries, resplendent in their robes, at the convocation.

Rathi Ambigai Kanapati and Wan Nor Abidah Ibrahim, both Bachelor of Education (TESL) graduates, received President's awards.

As one of the leading providers of open

and distance learning in Asia, AeU provides working adults with the opportunity to further their studies from diploma to post-graduate level through a flexible mode of learning.