



Kumaresan Muthusamy (right) receiving the Chairman's Award during the convocation ceremony.

Professional bags prestigious award

ASIA e University (AeU) is an international institution that offers quality and flexible academic programmes for professionals and working adults. The university recently celebrated its 4th Convocation Ceremony at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur.

The ceremony also saw Kumaresan Muthusamy, an MBA graduate, receiving this year's Chairman's award. Graduates who attained excellent academic achievement and holistic personal attributes at the postgraduate level were chosen to receive this prestigious award. Kumaresan received a certificate, trophy and cash prize for his achievement.

Kumaresan has a full-time job as the head of risk management and quality assurance at Pengurusan Aset Air Berhad.

He has 14 years of experience in internal audit, compliance, enterprise risk management, assurance and governance.

Kumaresan obtained his BSc (Hons) in Economics from Universiti Utara Malaysia in 1999. In August 2012, he enrolled in the MBA programme with a specialisation in risk management at AeU's School of Management.

It took him six years of research to find a university that offered an MBA programme with a specialisation in risk management.

Kumaresan found AeU MBA's curriculum, which combines eastern and western perspectives with a special focus on Asian business perspectives, relevant to his professional career.

At first, Kumaresan felt that it was a challenge striking a balance between his work, studies and family but the flexibility in learning at AeU made it much easier for him.

"AeU's new approach to tertiary education has offered me greater flexibility in learning. It has also provided me with the necessary knowledge to cope with a challenging workplace environment," says Kumaresan.

Kumaresan believes that the programme has taken him to greater heights, both professionally

and personally.

He adds that the AeU MBA programme has broadened his knowledge in all aspects of the corporate sector and the subjects offered were beneficial in developing his knowledge, realising his potential and sharpening his ability in leading others.

His advice to prospective students is to invest in their future with the AeU MBA.

Kumaresan is confident that AeU MBA graduates have an edge over others as they are equipped with the necessary skills to succeed in a highly competitive workplace environment.

In addition, the programme gives opportunities for students to improve their communication, leadership, interpersonal and networking skills.

About AeU

Established in 2007, AeU has grown to become a leading provider of open and distance learning (ODL) in Asia. As an ODL institution, AeU's focus is to provide accessible and affordable higher education for all.

AeU has received several awards, including the Brand-Laureate Awards 2010 for "Best Brand in Education – e-Education," the Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards 2010 in the "Most Promising Entrepreneur" category.

In 2012, AeU was announced as Best ACD Project during the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) meeting in Kuwait.

AeU offers more than 40 academic programmes at all levels through its five schools – School of Management, School of Education and Cognitive Science, School of Information and Communications Technology, School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, and School of Graduate Studies.

All programmes are internationally benchmarked, approved by the Malaysian Ministry of Education (MOE) and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency. In addition, AeU's programmes are

also recognised by several ACD countries and non-ACD countries.

The university also offers more than 200 executive and professional programmes through the School of Professional and Executive Education, and the School of Technical Education, Engineering and Re-skilling.

Since 2007, AeU has had more than 16,000 enrolments and more than 5,000 students have graduated. By delivering a world-class learning experience, AeU aspires to be the leader and the premier educational hub in the promotion of affordable quality e-learning throughout Asia.

AeU is one of the first few institutions in Malaysia to implement the Open Entry System.

This system awards entry to individuals with minimal formal credentials who wish to pursue their tertiary education. About 20% of AeU's enrolment is made up of open-entry students.

AeU has also been involved in MOE's teacher upgrading programme (Program Penswazahan Guru) since March 2011.

This programme assists the ministry in its drive to enhance the qualification of local teachers.

AeU believes that collaboration with renowned partner institutions abroad is the best strategy in propelling its programmes into the global arena.

In line with this, the university is actively collaborating with numerous universities, institutions and corporations in both ACD and non-ACD countries.

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, which is part of the Government's Transformation Plan in facilitating international distance learning.

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