

AeU's **third** convocation

> Leading university in dual-mode programmes

ASIA e University's (AeU) 3rd Convocation recently saw current and future leaders from around the world receiving their scrolls. Some 1,000 graduates from various fields, including management, education, and information communication & technology, celebrated their success with their family and friends.

The graduands hail from as far as Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Bahrain, among others.

This year's ceremony saw four Doctor of Philosophy students graduating, along with 58 Master's students, 94 Professional Bachelor of Computer Technology students, and two Postgraduate Diploma students.

The event also graduated more than 800 professional and executive programme students from Masters, Bachelor and Diploma levels. They will join the ranks of more than 5,000 alumni members, all of whom have passed AeU's rigorous requirements.

The university also had the honour of hosting several international partners from Thailand, Vietnam, India, Indonesia, Middle East, and Sri Lanka, among others.

As a leading university in Asia delivering "dual-mode"

programmes—a combination of Full-Time mode and Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode—the large number of postgraduate and executive graduands within six short years is an impressive achievement.

AeU chairman Tan Sri Datuk Dr Syed Jalaludin Syed Salim says, "Even though AeU is regarded as young in the education sector, I believe we have taken great strides in building human capital and uniting the education needs of the diverse Asian community."

Among the convocation highlights is the conferment of the Honorary Doctorate Degree in Education to Prof Datuk Dr Hassan Said, the vice chancellor and president of Taylor's University.

The annual Chairman's Award was given to three graduands who were top in their class, namely Joanne Chow Yu Ming, with Master of Education, Yap Cheng Tat who graduated with a Master in ICT Management, and Mohd Hafiz Ibrahim, with Master of Business Administration.

Chow believes that ODL courses allow working adults to gain key qualifications to remain competitive at the workplace without giving up their job.

"With many specialisations to choose from, we can enhance our expertise in a field we are already in, or opt for a specialisation that gives



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us the chance to learn something completely new," says Chow, who is a freelance writer.

For Ho Nee Yong, 67, one is never too old to learn. "Taking up a doctorate programme at AeU enables me to fulfil my aspiration for higher education and gives me credibility and confidence when dealing with others. It keeps a retiree like myself updated and in touch with local and global current affairs."

Ho obtained his Doctor of Philosophy in Education. "My external examiner who is from the University of Oxford, another from UTAR, and the internal examiner, were linked up through tele-video conferencing at the AeU meeting room in Kuala Lumpur. This has left a mark in my advocacy for lifelong learning," Ho says.

AeU President and CEO, Prof Datuk Dr Ansary Ahmed is a firm believer in Asian-centric borderless

education. He says, "We adopted a blended learning approach and have already started to focus on e-learning and self-paced learning to enhance our programme delivery."

"This will take on a strong impetus in the years ahead as we further invest in technology and pedagogy to create a robust and enriching e-Learning environment which will give our students the greatest flexibility in learning, whether they are in Malaysia or overseas."

Established in 2007, AeU is dedicated to creating excellence in lifelong education through a uniquely designed learning experience, equipping learners for a better future.

The university is committed to providing a conducive and stimulating environment that centres on the distinctive needs of adult learners. Students are able to structure their own learning, at a

pace of their choice, and adopt learning modes that can complement their lifestyles.

The university's varied learning paths and methodologies help graduates remain competitive and relevant, and empower them to reshape their lives for the better.

Multiple and customised learning paths, flexible modes of study and delivery, as well as an extensive range of industry-relevant courses, are but a few of the university's unique value propositions.

The university offers more than 30 academic programmes through eight schools. The statistics speak volumes; some 10,000 students and 5,000 alumni—from working adults as young as 21 to retirees—are a clear testimony of AeU's success.

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