

# Celebrating academic excellence

ASIA e University (AeU) celebrated a total of 2,097 graduates at its ninth Convocation Ceremony held at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur. Graduates from around the world, as well as representatives of foreign embassies from the 35 Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) and stakeholders attended the ceremony.

Among those present were secretary-general of ACD His Excellency Dr Pornchai Danvivathana and Minister of State for Education at the National Institute of Education, Maldives, His Excellency Dr Abdulla Rasheed Ahmed.

The ceremony saw the conferment of Honorary Doctor in International Relations to former ACD secretary-general Bundit Limschoon. He oversaw the ACD Secretariat based in Kuwait City for six years.

The convocation also saw the graduation of 967 Malaysian graduates and 1130 international graduates. AeU's international graduates came from as far as Bahrain, Hong Kong, Iraq, Indonesia, India, Nepal, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Vietnam and Yemen.

A total of 1,146 of these graduates received their postgraduate certificates, while 951 received certificates for their respective undergraduate programmes.

A total of 20 students graduated in AeU's doctoral degree programmes, of which 10 obtained PhD (Business Administration), four in PhD (Education), one in PhD (ICT) and one in PhD (Finance) respectively. In addition, four graduates obtained the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA).

Seven of these doctoral graduates were Dr Mitrabinda Singh from India, Dr Owin Jamasy Djamaludin from Indonesia, Dr Lakshmi L. from India, Dr Muhammad Idranullah from Pakistan, Dr Zaid Ali Sabeeh from Iraq, Dr Dinh Thi Bao Linh from Vietnam and Dr Ali Saeed Aldarweesh from Bahrain.

In his message, AeU vice-chancellor Emeritus Prof Datuk Dr Hassan said, "We have come a long way since 2011, when we graduated only 179 students from our humble beginnings in 2008.

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this ninth AeU Convocation.

"For this remarkable achievement I would like to thank the management, deans, professors, lecturers, staff and all the local and international partners for their continuous support and cooperation in making this happen.

"I am sure that you share my feelings of joy and are equally proud that you have played a central role in shaping the success of these graduates."

Some of the most outstanding graduates who were recipients of

AeU's prestigious Excellence Awards were:

> Lau Ung Yuh, the recipient of the Chairman's Award is from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and a graduate in Master of Education.

According to Lau, "My educational journey in AeU was smooth sailing and enjoyable because of AeU's myPLS system.

"I got most of my academic materials from the portal, including modules and assignments.

"That way, I could arrange the best time for myself to study and

do my assignments."

> Dini Akmaliah Djimahur, who is from Petaling Jaya, Selangor. She was a recipient of the School of Management Award and a graduate in Master of Business Administration.

"She shared of her experience in AeU, "AeU provides the best mode of learning programme for me as a career woman and a mother with busy lifestyle juggling a working environment and family routine.

## Valuable learning experience

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"My study process could be conducted anywhere and anytime, even when I was travelling.

"I was able to study my selected subjects through the notes and videos provided by the lecturer in the myPLS system and also through the interactive sessions in the social media group created and shared among the students, facilitator and lecturer.

"This learning method encouraged me to think critically and take creative action to finish all my study assignments, even with a busy schedule."

> Hassan Abdi Arale Muse is also one of the recipients of the School of Science and Technology Award. He graduated with a Master of Information Communication Technology Management.

He said, "My master's degree is in Information Communication Technology Management with specialisation in the field

of Information Security. Although, my master's degree was done with AeU's partner in Mogadishu, I received enormous support from AeU.

"I am grateful for the help that I received from AeU throughout my journey in pursuing my master's degree."

> KA Hasith Lasendra Fernando, who hails from Sri Lanka, is the Mahani Zainal Abidin Award winner and a graduate in Master of Business Administration.

He shared his experience in pursuing his master's degree with AeU: "The journey and learning experience has been memorable despite dealing with demanding career. The exposure to various management aspects in the local health sector has been truly valuable to me."

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