



Orang Ulu graduate makes family proud

IT was certainly a red letter day for Baram-born Adrian Richard Sageng who received his degree in Resource Biotechnology from Chancellor Tun Datuk Patinggi Abang Haji Muhammad Salahuddin at Unimas' sixth convocation yesterday.

A Kayan from the village of Long Miri in Upper Baram, Adrian, 22, said he was proud of his academic achievement and wished to dedicate his success to his parents who had been very supportive when he was pursuing his four-year degree course.

"I am so happy that I have fulfilled the hope of my parents," exclaimed the young and forward graduate, the oldest of four siblings in the family.

Adrian told *Tribune* that his next course of action after graduation was to secure a job in a field related to his academic training. However, he did not rule out the possibility of pursuing a postgraduate degree in the next three to five years.

Sharing the joy at the convocation were Adrian's parents Richard Sageng Anyi, 47, and Evelyn Iya, 42, and his 80-year old grandmother Aren Jok Mering.

Richard, who also hails from Baram, is currently the headmaster of St Andrew Primary School in Pending, while Evelyn is a housewife.



PROUD MOMENT ... Adrian is being kissed by his proud grandmother after the graduation ceremony yesterday.

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