



# Unimas graduates ready for job market

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## University has produced young calibre professionals: TYT

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**SAMARAHAN:** The Head of State Tun Datuk Patinggi Abang Muhammad Salahuddin is confident that Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) graduates are able to fulfil requirements of their future employers, as they have received the best education and guidance from the university.

His Excellency who is also Unimas chancellor believed that the university's courses had equipped these graduates both in terms of theory and practical, with the much needed skills and knowledge for any working environment.

"It has produced a group of young calibre professionals in their respective fields," he said at Unimas's seventh convocation ceremony here yesterday.

Graduates' participation in generic studies and student development activities in the university had also instilled many skills and positive attitudes thereby preparing them to face any challenges in life, he added.

Reminding the graduates to be thankful to their parents, His Excellency said without parental guidance and support, they would not be where they were today.

They should also be thankful to the government and sponsors who provided

financial aids for them to pursue their studies, and the teaching and non-academic staff of Unimas who had taught and guided them throughout their studies, he added.

He commended Unimas for a job well done and urged them to continue delivering the best in education, research, community service and management.

Said Salahuddin, this year's convocation saw 977 graduates receiving their bachelor degrees, including 83 recipients of masters degrees in various field.

This meant since 1997, the university had produced 4,130 scholars who were much needed in the country to bring the nation to greater heights of development, he pointed out.

The convocation also saw KTS Holdings Sdn Bhd executive chairman Dato Sri Lau Hui Kang awarded the honorary Doctor of Management. Lau was selected for steering the company to become one of the biggest conglomerates in Sarawak dealing in timber business.

He was honoured for his involvement in various major industries such as forestry, timber, agriculture, media as well as charitable organisations.

In the presentation of Academic Awards, Malacca lass Yong Min Hooi, 23 who graduated from the Faculty of Cognitive Sciences and Human Development won the Chancellor

Award.

Raymond Chiong Jun Wen, 24 from Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology and Suraiya Muhamad, 32 from Faculty of Resource Science and Technology, both from Kuching, won the Royal Award.

Meanwhile, the Zecon Engineering Berhad Excellence Award went to Charles Bong Hin Joo from the Civil Engineering Programme and Kong Kok Yong from the Mechanical and Manufacturing System Engineering.

The Top Medical Student was Cheah Soon Keat who also bagged the Malaysia Medical Association Gold Award.

Maziah Bujang was Top Nursing Student, while Azrina Ahmad @ Mohd won the Wanita UMNO Gold Medal Best Student, Associate Professor Dr Mohd Amin received the Book Prize and Department of Obstetric and Gynaecology Gold Award (Best Student In Psychology), and the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange Book Prize went to Norazlan Anuar.

Also present were the wife of the Head of State Datuk Patinggi Toh Puan Hajah Norkiah Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Datuk Amar Alfred Jabu Numpang, Unimas Board of Management chairman Tan Sri Bujang Mohd Nor and wife Dato Sri Dayang Lela and Unimas vice chancellor Professor Datuk Yusu Hadi.

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