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KOTA SAMARAHAN: Former Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Alfred Jabu Numpang yesterday received the Honorary Doctorate in Community and Rural Transformation during the 20th Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) Convocation.

The award was handed over by the Head of State, Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, who is also the Chancellor of Unimas, at Detar Putra Hall, Unimas.

Jabu, born on 26 October, 1940 in Gensurai, Betong, came from a poor family. Therefore, he understands how hard it is for the rural folks to struggle in life without basic facilities such as piped water supply, electricity, proper roads, hospitals, clinics and schools.

First educated at Sekolah Nanga Ajau and later at Sekolah St. Augustine, Betong, he continued his studies

at Batu Lintang Secondary School and Training Centre in Kuching and Tanjong Lobang Government Secondary School in Miri.

Jabu sat for the Cambridge Overseas Higher School Certificate Examination at Sekolah St Thomas, Kuching before pursuing his degree studies at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand in 1962.

With his Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree in hand and interest in Rural Sociology, Jabu began working first as an Agriculture Officer in the Agriculture Department in Limbang before moving to the departments in Miri, Sibul and Kuching.

In 1974, at the age of 33, he joined the Rajang Security Command (RASCUM) and started his career in politics.



HEAD of State, Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud (centre) conferring the Honorary Doctorate in Community and Rural Transformation on former Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Dr. Alfred Jabu (left). PHOTO: RAMIDI SUBARI

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