



ABOVE: The Head of State (right) handing over the scroll to one of the graduates. (Right photo) Raudhah Ahmadi, Ong, Raja Iskandar and Dahlia Tan pose with Salahuddin (third left), Bujang Nor (centre) and Abdul Rashid after the presentation ceremony.



# Four high performers receive King's award

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They were among 1,200 graduates of Unimas

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**KOTA SAMARAHAN:** Four high-performing students, the recipients of the Royal Education Award were among 1,200 who graduated at the 10th Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) convocation yesterday.

Students Raudhah Ahmadi (Engineering Faculty) and Ong Kuo Ghee (Medicine and Health Science Faculty) received the Excellence Achievement Award while Raja Iskandar Raja Halid and Dahlia Tan Abdullah, both of whom were from the Applied and Creative Arts Faculty, received the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor awards, respectively.

Two others, Linna Chieng Mee Ngiik and Diana Lim Siok Ley who were best students in the Science and Resource Technology were awarded the Sarawak Timber Association Award.

Meanwhile, Unimas' first batch of six Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) post-graduates also received their scrolls at the university's 10th convocation yesterday.

On hand to present the graduates their awards and scrolls was Head of State Tun Datuk Patinggi Abang Muhammad Salahuddin.

Salahuddin hoped that the graduates would strive to become "ambassadors flying the Unimas flag high".

"While in the campus you were exposed to various knowledge and experience," he said, believing that they would live up to the expectations of the State and country in fulfilling their duties in national development.

"The country needs its people to be skilled and contribute their ideas for innovation and human development," said Salahuddin who is also Unimas chancellor.

Unimas vice-chancellor Prof Dr Abdul Rashid Abdullah said Unimas took pride in having some of its former students receive prestigious scholarships such as the Rhodes scholarship and Commonwealth Postgraduate Fellowship.

Also present was Unimas chairman Tan Sri Datuk Bujang Mohd Nor. More than 8,000 have graduated from Unimas since its inaugural convocation in 1997.

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