

Accountability vital for grads, says Pahang regent

KUANTAN: Time, energy and money invested in educating graduates will be wasted if they fail to make proper decisions for their future, said the Regent of Pahang.

Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah said the sacrifices of their family and government would be meaningless if they had a lackadaisical attitude.

Tengku Abdullah, who is Universiti Malaysia Pahang's (UMP) chancellor, said being graduates would qualify them for appointment in the public and private sectors.

"This will expose them to various responsibilities with the power to make decisions.

"This demands accountability from graduates as an executive and professional group with ethics and integrity.

"However, if the values I mentioned are not fully instilled into

their souls, thoughts and actions, they may be at risk of getting involved in the abuse of power, corruption and other crimes," he said in his speech at UMP's 12th convocation at the Gambang campus on Saturday.

Tengku Abdullah said no matter how high their positions or ranks were, they should always keep in mind that everyone was an ordinary person before god.

"We are not only required to have accountability for matters related to work or our homes, but we also need to be responsible in our relationships with god, who is always monitoring our movements."

He said the convocation was a significant event as it had been 11 years since his appointment as the chancellor.

"I am grateful to UMP for conferring on me the honorary Doc-



Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) chancellor, Regent of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah (left), receiving an honorary Doctorate of Management from UMP vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim at UMP's 12th convocation at its Gambang campus in Kuantan on Saturday. PIC COURTESY OF UMP

torate of Management. The recognition falls not to me alone, but is a special award for my family, father, the royal family and Pahang people.

"The award will serve as extra

motivation for me to carry out the responsibilities given to me by my father as the Regent of Pahang, as well as for my duties as chancellor."

UMP vice-chancellor Professor

Datuk Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim presented the award to Tengku Abdullah.

A total of 2,845 graduates received their scrolls at the convocation, which ends today.