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## Tan Sri Dato' Sri Abi Musa Asa'ari proclaimed as UMP Pro-Chancellor

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Tan Sri Dato' Sri Abi Musa Asa'ari Mohamed Nor was proclaimed as Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Pro-Chancellor during the university's 14th convocation that was graced by UMP Chancellor, His Royal Highness Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah A-Musta'in Billah.

The ceremony was held at UMP Gambang Campus Sports Complex on November 16, 2019.

He also conferred the Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy in Information Technology to President and Deputy Executive Chairman of HeiTech Padu Berhad, Dato' Sri Mohd Hilmey Mohd Taib, who is also former UMP Board of Directors' Chairman.

The award was given in recognition of his stature, contributions and leadership in administration, organisational transformation, technology and innovation, and development especially to the university, influences and inputs contributed over the years.

In his speech, Al-Sultan Abdullah congratulated the graduates and their families who came to celebrate the future success of the graduates.

"Deepest appreciation is also conveyed to all the lecturers and teachers who have been committed to educating the students over the years.

"I also urge the students to make use of the knowledge and experience and to take advantage of every opportunity given to create greater success in the future. Be a citizen who continues to contribute to the development and wellbeing of our beloved country," he said.

The King also expressed his hopes that serious attention be given on higher education in the country that was based on Technical Education and Vocational Training (TVET) and on the development of strategic areas including the Artificial Intelligence (AI) field that could elevate the country onto the next higher level.

Top university awards were also given to outstanding students during the convocation.

For the Royal Academic Award (Excellent Medal), the recipient was Azriel Tan Zhe Khen, a graduate in Bachelor of Computer Science (Graphics & Multimedia Technology) with Honours and Umi Fatiha Md Kosnin@Md (mailto:Kosnin@Md) Seropil, a graduate in Bachelor of Applied Sciences (Honours) Material Technology.

The Chancellor Award recipient was Khairun Nisa Mazlan, a graduate in Bachelor of Project Management with Hons.

Lai Chor Kiew, who graduated in Bachelor of Computer Science (Computer Systems & Networking) with Honours received the Vice-Chancellor Award.

The University Gold Award was presented to Janet Jong Jin Joo, a graduate of B.Eng. (Hons.) Chemical Engineering and Khaizuran Aqhar Ubaidillah, a graduate of Diploma in Computer Science.

The King also conferred a Posthumous Award to Roslan Jodin, father to the late Mohd. Hakim Roslan, a graduate of Bachelor in Engineering Technology (Electrical) with Honours who died because of colon cancer on June 25.

The award was given in the Chambers of the UMP Sports Complex Hall.

For the first time, 35 people would graduate from the Competency Based Talent Management Professional (CBTM) Diploma programme comprising personnel who were directly involved with the talent leadership management and development initiative at the Ministry of Education.

It was a programme resulted from a collaboration between UMP Advanced Education (UMPA) and the ministry's Higher Education Leadership Academy (AKEPT).

A total of 3,782 graduates received their scrolls during the convocation comprising 2,106 holders of bachelor degree, dual degree and franchise programmes, 77 doctorate degree holders, 158 masters' degree holders, 527 diploma holders and 914 graduates from executive and professional study programmes – under the UMP Advanced Education who graduated on November 16 and 17, 2019.

Also present at the ceremony were UMP Board of Directors' Chairman Dato' Sri Ibrahim Ahmad and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff.