

2,295 UMS graduates to receive scrolls Sept 12

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KOTA KINABALU: A total of 2,295 graduates will be receiving their scrolls during the 6th Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) convocation ceremony to be held for two days beginning September 12.

The event, which will be held at the university's Chancellors Hall, will see five receiving the PhD, 98 (Masters) and 2,190 (Bachelors Degree).

UMS International and Corporate Communication Centre director Professor Mohd Yusof Kasim said Wong Hock Tse @ Farrah Wong who has been studying in UMS since taking her Bachelor's Degree, is among those who will be receiving her PhD in Electronic Engineering while a Nepalese, Arun Prasad Baidya, will be receiving a similar scroll in Aquaculture.

During the event, UMS will also be awarding Honorary Degrees to two distinguished persons namely former Head of State and UMS Chancellor Tun Haji Sakaran Dandai



Raja Muda of Perak Raja Nazrin Shah (second from left) visiting the exhibition after officiating the Education Convention.

and scientist and medical doctor Professor Dr Koiichiro Noda.

Meanwhile in Ipoh, the Raja Muda of Perak, Raja Nazrin Shah, suggests that the national education system allow for the creativity and needs of the younger generation to produce students able to compete in

an era of globalisation.

He said an education programme which failed to create products relevant to current needs could be regarded as a fruitless endeavour and a waste of resources.

"The ability to understand young people is important. The dreams of

youngsters nowadays are different from the fantasies of educators and the generation which are drafting the education agenda," he said when opening the Education Convention organised by the Suluh Budiman Alumni of Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris here yesterday.

Also present were Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali, alumni chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Helmi Ismail and National News Agency (Bernama) chairman Datuk Mohd Annuar Zaini.

Raja Nazrin said preparing students for examinations was not education in the true sense as it did not take into account the inherent differences between humans.

He said higher education examinations were becoming more objective with "yes" or "no" answers, instead of analysis-type questions and this moulded a generation of young adults who lacked powers of analysis, imagination, innovation and creativity.