



Sakaran Dandai (seated) looking at his honorary doctorate as family members and friends look on at UMS yesterday.

Sakaran Dandai receives honorary doctorate

KOTAKINABALU: Former Sabah Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai has been conferred with an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Management by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

Sakaran, 74, received the scroll from Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Ahmadshah Abdullah who is UMS Chancellor in conjunction with the university's 6th Convocation at its

main campus, here yesterday.

Sakaran was born at Kampung Air, Semporna in 1930 and only attended Sekolah Melayu during the colonial era.

In his acceptance speech, Sakaran said:

"Graduates today complete their studies at the universities in less than three years to obtain a degree but it seems that I have to take a longer

time."

Before his appointment as Sabah Yang di-Pertua Negeri, he had held several ministerial posts at the state and federal level and was made Sabah chief minister in 1994.

Meanwhile, USM also conferred an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Science to Prof Dr Koiichiro Noda who is Honorary President of Kinki University of Japan. - Bernama