

Honorary doctorate for businessman

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KOTA KINABALU: An award for the people, is how corporate figure Datuk Kelvin Tan Aik Pen described his honorary degree.

Tan received the Doctor of Philosophy (Agro Forestry) from Universiti Malaysia Sabah yesterday at its eighth convocation.

The doctorate was given in recognition of his leadership and vision in the agro-forestry industry.

The group managing director of TSH Resources said it was a great honour to accept the honorary award on behalf of the people.

Tan said he owed his success to his team of workers and staff, adding that it was based on four basic principles — economic viability, environmentally sustainable, socially responsible and technologically compatible.

Perak-born Tan started out collecting and planting cocoa seeds and worked his way up.

He was later appointed chairman of the Malaysia Cocoa Board.

His company, TSH Resources, is licensed to manage a 123,385ha of forest land in Ulu Tun-gud, Sabah, over a period of 100 years under the Forest Management Unit 4.

About 2,000 students received their scrolls yesterday, including undergraduate and post-graduate degrees.

Also present was vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin.



Tan receiving his honorary degree from UMS pro-chancellor Tan Sri Yeoh Tiong Lay during the convocation on Saturday.