

UMS honours duo

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KOTA KINABALU: A businessman who contributed to sustainable forestry management and a professor who pioneered the setting up of Malaysia's nuclear research were conferred with honorary PhDs at the 8th Universiti Malaysia Sabah Convocation here.

Businessman Datuk Kelvin Tan Aik Pek was honoured with the Doctor of Philosophy (Agro-Forestry) and Datuk Prof Dr Noramly Muslim was conferred the Doctor of Philosophy (Science) by UMS Pro Chancellor Tan Sri Datuk Seri Yeoh Tiong Lay.

Tan, the TSH Resources chief executive officer, has been involved in research and development in sustainable forest management activities and these included his company's cooperation with Forest Research Institute of Malaysia, Sabah Forestry and UMS where a Chair has been sponsored for forestry studies.

Dr Noramly, an active scientist and researcher, was entrusted in the setting up of the Tun Ismail Atomic Centre now known as Malaysian Institute for Nuclear Technology Institute Research (MINT) between 1977 and 1982.

A biochemist by training Dr Noramly started his career as a chemistry lecturer at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and later became Deputy Vice Chancellor of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia before retirement in 1985.

The now retired scientist had also held the prestigious post of Deputy Director General and Head of Technical Cooperation of the International Atomic Energy Agency between 1986 and 1992.

Dr Noramly though retired continues to be involved in scientific expeditions and is visiting professor at the Institute of Tropical Biology and Conservation at UMS.



Tan (centre) with his honorary degree in Kota Kinabalu recently.. With him are Yeoh (right) and UMS Vice-Chancellor Datuk Mohd Noh Dalimin.