

UMS confers PhD on Lam Thye

RECOGNITION: NIOSH chairman receives honorary doctorate for social work

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TAN Sri Lee Lam Thye was yesterday conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy (Social Work) degree from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) for his contribution to social works in the country.

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) chairman received the PhD from Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Juhar Mahiruddin, who is UMS chancellor, during the first session of university's 14th Convocation ceremony here.

Juhar said Lee was known for his concern about the development of society, particularly the safety and wellbeing of workers.

"His contribution was bigger than a piece of degree, and I believed he will continue to give intellectual and social contribution to our country's progress."

Lee, 65, who is also Malaysia Crime Prevention Foundation vice-chairman, said the award was a recognition of all the work by so-

cial activists in the country, who served without expecting anything in return.

"My social work started since I became an assemblyman in 1969 and even though I retired from politics in 1990, I continue my work as an activist and joined several organisations.

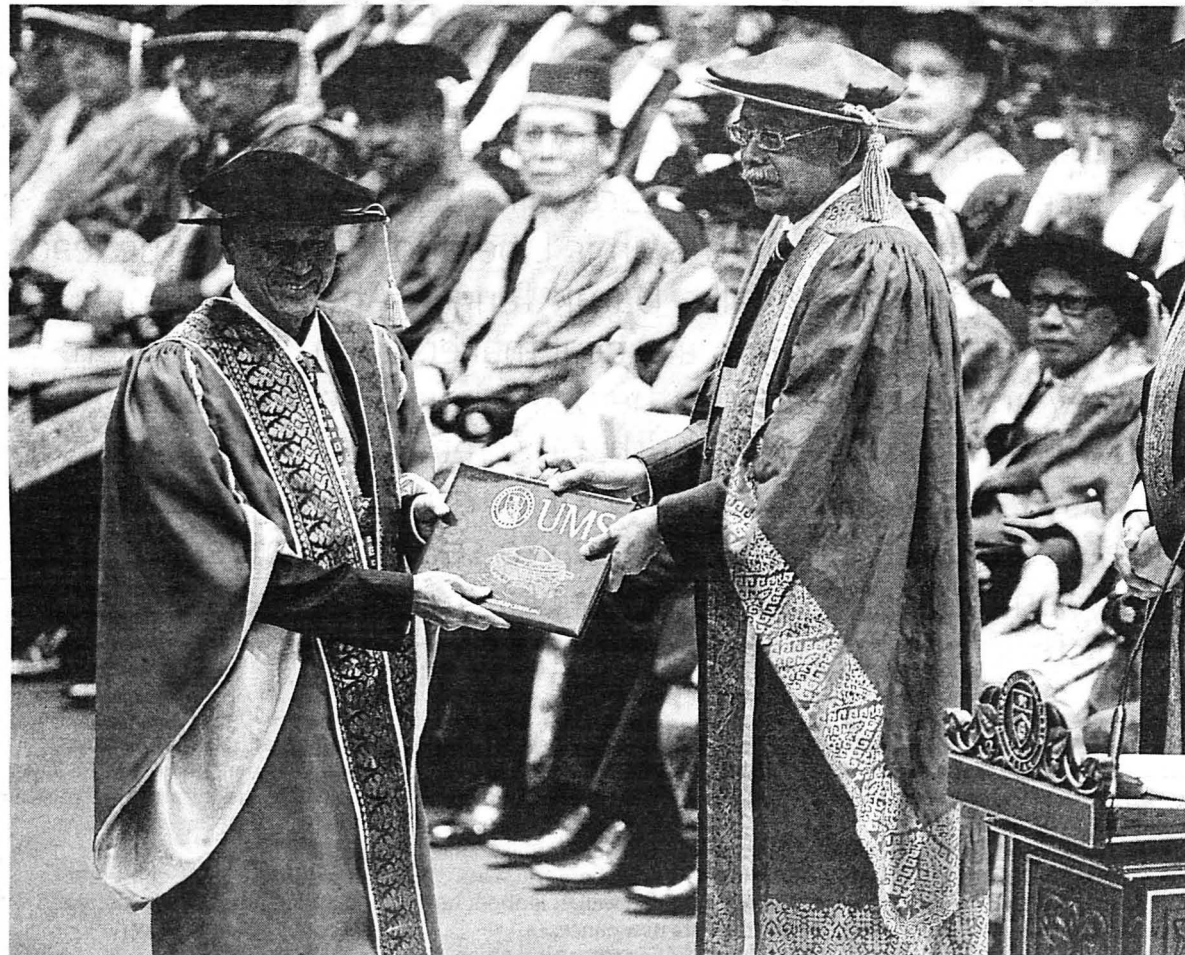
"This conferment will motivate me to continue my service to society and country."

Rubber Industry Smallholders Development Authority chairman Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik led the 4,336 graduating class in this year's convocation.

Rahim, who received his Doctor of Philosophy degree in History, said it took him four years to complete his thesis on Umno and political leadership in a multiracial society from 1969 to the late 1990s.

On why he was interested in completing a PhD on the country's political history, he said there was a need to document it so that it could be referred to by future generation.

UMS convocation will be held until tomorrow.



Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye receiving his Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (Social Work) from Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Juhar Mahiruddin at Universiti Malaysia Sabah's convocation yesterday. Pic by Edmund Samunting