

Head of State credits UMS for Sabah's harmony, landscape of excellence



Henry and Deddy during the procession into the hall with the other graduates.

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KOTA KINABALU: The existence of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) for almost 21 years has successfully shaped the landscape of excellence and harmony to Malaysians especially in Sabah.

Head of State, Tun Haji Juhar Mahiruddin said the country is heading towards its national transformation which means that the nation is being driven by positive changes including intellectual development.

"Efforts like this will hopefully continue and be intensified in order to share ideas,

thoughts and innovative first-class mentality," he said in his speech at the 17th convocation of UMS held at its Chancellory Hall here yesterday.

Tun Juhar also reminded that the goal is not just to produce qualified graduates who can compete but also having a society with strong solidarity and sincerity.

The TYT, who is UMS chancellor, said graduates are assets to the country and that they must be able to initiate changes to the betterment of the society.

Earlier, former Member of the Board of UMS, Tan Sri Henry Chin Poy Wu was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Philosophy (Sociology).

In addition, a local famous artiste Deddy M Borhan was also awarded an honorary Master of Arts (Visual Arts).

Also present were Toh Puan Norlidah RM Jasni; Pro Chancellor Tan Sri Yeoh Tiong Lay, Chairman of the Board of Directors of UMS Tun Zaki Tun Azmi and vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah. - *By Noor Eviana Datu Mazinal*