

UMS confers honorary Doctorate on former TYT

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) yesterday conferred a honorary Doctorate in Organisational Sociology on former Sabah Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Ahmadshah Abdullah.

UMS, which conferred the doctorate at its 13th convocation, said it recognised Ahmadshah's efforts in helping the state government reduce poverty in Sabah and raise the quality of life of the needy in terms of economic, social, educational, mental, spiritual and physical development.

It said this was achieved through the setting up of the Tun Ahmadshah Foundation on March 6, 2004.

In his acceptance speech, Tun Ahmadshah, who was UMS chancellor from January 2003 to December 2010, said there was no short-cut to success in life, especially in the world of employment.

"One must accept the ups and downs of the world of employment by working even harder to overcome the shortcomings and develop oneself for a life of comfort," he said.

Tun Ahmadshah said humility in any position he held had made him accept advice and criticism openly to improve his occupation.

Earlier, Sabah Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Johar Mahiruddin, who is UMS chancellor, said many

achievements can be attributed to Tun Ahmadshah when he was the university's chancellor.

He said Tun Ahmadshah's concern and support has placed UMS on a sound footing and thanked him for his contribution to the intellectual and physical development at the university.

Meanwhile, Sabah Art Gallery director Datuk Mohd Yaman Ahmad Mus was conferred an honorary Masters in Visual Art Technology in recognition of his contribution to the development of art in Sabah.

Some 4,484 graduands are scheduled to receive their degrees at the three-day convocation. - Bernama