

# 1,447 graduates on first day of UMS Convocation

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) started its 19th Convocation Ceremony with 1,447 graduates receiving their scrolls here yesterday.

Graduates procession started at 8.15am followed by main and chancellor's procession into the UMS chancellor hall while parents who went inside earlier remained in their seats.

Degrees were given to those who finished their studies in Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master's Degree by research and coursework, Doctor of Medicine and Bachelors.

Declaration of the convocation ceremony was given by the Head of State and UMS Chancellor, Tun Haji Juhar Mahiruddin.

In his speech, Juhar said that support from Malaysian citizens, especially intellectuals is needed in the National Transformation Policy.

He said that graduates and lecturers could avoid any form of academic dishonesty that would tarnish the credibility of the intellectuals.

"Individual factor is one of the causes of academic dishonesty. Nevertheless, I think that young intellectuals of UMS will always be protected from such misconduct because you have brought up your mind through healthy activities in the university.

"This is an important element that they need to be have to support the transformation set by the government.

"Ultimately, UMS graduates must have a strong personality to be great and ready to carry out physical and mental transformation," he said.

Juhar also highlighted that the diversity of races in Sabah created the nature of openness, simplicity and acceptance, which should be reinforced with integrity values so that discontentment and dispute would not appear in the society.

Meanwhile, UMS Vice Chancellor Professor Dr D. Kamarudin D. Mudin, who declared the conferment of degrees for the afternoon



Juhar conferring the honorary PhD on Abdul Ghani.



The PhD graduates with their certificates during Universiti Malaysia Sabah's 19th Convocation Ceremony yesterday.

session, said that UMS would ensure to produce 'Future Proof' graduates.

He said that other than supporting Industry University Transformation 4.0, it was a good opportunity for UMS to produce ideal graduates to meet the needs of the future industry as professional workforces.

In the meantime, there will be 5,313 graduates produced in UMS this year with 59 of

them PhD holders, 576 masters, 4,632 bachelors and 46 diploma graduates.

This added up to 66,548 UMS graduates since the establishment of the university 23 years ago.

Also this year's Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy Degree in Planning and Economics Development was given to Tan Sri Haji Abdul Ghani Gilong

The convocation is held for three days until Nov 20.