



LEFT:
Tun Juhar
presents the
honorary
doctorate to
Inon (left)



RIGHT: The
Governor
presents the
Chancellor's
Gold Medal
award to
Azliza
Sanimin

Governor happy with UMS efforts

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KOTA KINABALU: Head of State Tun Haji Juhar Haji Mahiruddin said he is happy with the efforts of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (or UMS) in marketing and promoting itself as an excellent public university to the people across the State.

The Governor said the role of a university is not only to produce

graduates but also patriotic citizens.

"A university is a thinking centre that contributes to the progress of the nation," he said urging 'UMS citizens' to also give priority to integrity and increase productivity.

"And I wish to advise students to think rationally before taking any action," he said at the 16th UMS Convocation here yesterday.

And, he also reminded UMS students and graduates to focus on strengthening research and con-

tribute to the society.

He also said a new paradigm shift is needed in higher learning because a university is not only an institution of higher learning but also a place where knowledge is gathered, new knowledge explored and passed on to the students and subsequently to the community.

"Knowledge is meaningless if it only shared among academicians. And it is vital to not only deepen knowledge but also to appreciate

it," he said.

Twenty-six people obtained their PhD, Master's Degree (138), Bachelor's Degree (3,857) and 30 graduated with a Diploma at the convocation.

There were also 14 international students graduated; one each from Brunei, Indonesia and Iraq received the PhD while seven from Indonesia, two Algerians and one from Japan and Yemen received the Master's Degree.

UMS associate professor Haji Inon

Shaharuddin Abd Rahman and the president of the Malaysia Friendship & Trade Centre in Taiwan Datuk Yong Teck Shing were conferred honorary doctorate in creative arts and honorary degree in international relations, respectively.

The convocation is being held over three days until Monday.

Also present were UMS pro-chancellor Tan Sri Yeoh Tiong Lay and vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah.