

UMS graduate Emy Aridah only 98cm tall, eyeing doctorate degree



Emy Aridah and her best friends after receiving their graduation scrolls at the 16th Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Convocation ceremony on Monday.



Emy Aridah stands proudly with her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting.

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KOTA KINABALU: Emy Aridah Aripin has never allowed her diminutive stature get the better of her and that positive drive has led her to the path towards achieving a doctorate degree in accounting.

At 98cm tall and 24kilos, the eldest of five children said she never thought her size would get in the way of pursuing her dream in life.

Yesterday, in front of thousands of other graduates and their parents, the 26-year-old from Kampung Inuman, Beaufort proudly went up on stage to receive her graduation scroll at the 16th Universiti

Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Convocation ceremony.

"Today I am very happy because it is a very special day in my life," she beamed, dressed in a graduation gown that was custom-made for her by the university.

Emy has a big heart and big ambitions. "My plan is to continue studying until I get a doctorate degree in ac-

counting."

She currently works as an accounting and auditing assistant at SC Yong & Chia since last September.

Before starting on her degree studies in UMS in 2010, Emy took a Diploma in Accounting at the Kota Kinabalu Polytechnic from 2007 to 2009.

"I am grateful and thankful

for having such wonderful friends who have helped me from primary school till today.

"During my time in Kota Kinabalu Polytechnic and UMS, I am deeply indebted to my three friends, Noor Kaziemah Sariman, Hazimah Zaiman and Azizah Abdul Kadir. They are the ones who helped me tremendously. We

always studied together as a group. We're like sisters," she said.

Emy also thanked her family and lecturers in UMS for always giving her support and encouragement.

The third and last day of the university's convocation ceremony was officiated by UMS vice chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah.