Asia e University’s 4th Convocation

Asia e University (AeU) held its convocation ceremony on 21st of September 2014 at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur. Graduates from around the world, several ambassadors and representatives from foreign embassies particularly from the 33 Asia Cooperation Dialogue ACD countries celebrated and graced AeU with their presence at this auspicious.

More than 1,200 graduands from around the world received their scrolls and celebrated their success with their families and friends. Twelve of them received their Doctor of Philosophy, 2 Doctor of Business Administration, 177 Master’s, 126 Bachelor’s, 21 Graduate Diplomas, 820 Executive Master’s and 44 Professional Bachelor’s degrees. Off these graduands about 300 were international students from Namibia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and other ACD countries also attended the event.

Among AeU’s distinguished graduates who received their scrolls in Doctor of Philosophy are the Republic of Namibia’s Minister of Education, the Honorable Dr. David Richard Namwandi, Malaysia’s Land Public Transport Commission Chairman and former Foreign Minister, YBhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Dr. Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar and Taylor’s University Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Nair.

Tan Sri Dr. Syed Hamid Albar who has been a student with AeU since 2011 strongly believes that the PhD Degree gives him a better intellectual insight and is an achievement which he did not expect at the age of 70. His thesis entitled National Interest In The Foreign Policy of Malaysia: The Mahathir Era (1981 – 2003) showed how Malaysia was allowed to play a leadership role amongst the South-South countries, Islamic Ummah and East Asia (Including Asean). His research indicates that domestic factors influenced the Foreign Policy of Malaysia.

Dr. David Namwandi has been a PhD student with AeU since 2007. His thesis, Implementation of The Southern African Development Community Protocol on Education and Training and Its Impact on Economic Development: A Case Study of Namibia and Zimbabwe, studied the reasons behind the failure to implement the Southern African Development Community Protocol on Education and Training (SADC-PET). This study reveals the significant factors that hampered the implementation of SADC-PET, despite of its clear goals of developing a comparable and harmonised education and training policies across all SADC countries.

Five AeU graduates of excellence received the prestigious university awards - the Chairman’s Awards and President’s Awards. At the fourth convocation, three graduates who received the Chairman’s awards, are Kumaresan a/l Muthusamy (Master of Business Administration), Chow Choi Chin (Master of Education) and Naina binti Abdul Karim (Master of Education). This year the President’s awards were presented to Rathni Ambigai a/p Kanapati and Wan Nor Abidah binti Ibrahim, both graduates of Bachelor of Education (TESL).

As one of a leading provider of open and distance learning universities in Asia, AeU provides working adults with the opportunity to further their studies from diploma to postgraduate level through a flexible mode of learning.