

Convocation

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim granted UMPSA Emeritus Professor

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GAMBANG, 26 October 2024 - The former third Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA), Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Mohd Nasir Daing Ibrahim was awarded the title of Emeritus Professor, which is the highest academic award, for his various contributions to the university and the national higher education. He, who is the Rector of OXUS University in Uzbekistan, received the award given by the UMPSA Pro-Chancellor, His Majesty the Crown Prince of Pahang, Tengku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah ibni Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, today at the 19th Convocation Ceremony held at the UMPSA Sports Complex Hall of Gambang Campus.

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim served for 11 years, starting from 2008 to 2019.

For Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir, education should aim to develop knowledgeable individuals.



"While scientific and technological skills, as focused at UMPSA, are essential for career readiness in a rapidly evolving job market, humanities education is able to foster critical thinking, creativity and ethical reasoning.

"Even climate change, public health and social justice require an interdisciplinary approach.

"Combining scientific knowledge with insights from the human aspect can lead to innovative solutions that are socially responsible and culturally sensitive.

"Interdisciplinary programmes that combine science and technology with humanities subjects, such as courses that explore the ethical implications of artificial intelligence or the impact of biotechnology on society, can bridge this field," he said.

He said, in an effort to encourage students to engage in projects that require both scientific inquiry and humanitarian analysis, for example, projects on renewable energy can include not only technical aspects of energy production but also discussions on environmental ethics and impacts on the

community.

At the ceremony, His Majesty the Pro-Chancellor completed the awarding of degrees and awards of excellence to a total of 348 recipients of doctoral (PhD) and master's degrees as well as 64 bachelor's degree graduands and 21 recipients of awards of excellence in Session 1.

In addition, for the first time, three pioneer graduands of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Industrial Biotechnology with Honours programme—one from UMPSA, Lim Yeow Hong, and two from Kazakh National Agrarian Research University (KazNARU), Kazakhstan, Serikova Zhaniya and Akshimbayez Danil—received two degrees simultaneously through the dual degree collaboration programme.



Also present were the UMPSA Pro-Chancellor, Tan Sri Dato' Sri (Dr.) Abi Musa Asa'ari Mohamed Nor, Chairman of the UMPSA Board of Directors, Dato' Seri Abdul Razak Jaafar and UMPSA Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Ts. Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin.

The 19th UMPSA Convocation Ceremony which began today saw a total of 5,115 graduands for 2024 consisting of graduands of doctoral degrees (83) and master's degrees (180), bachelor's degrees (2538), dual degrees (64) and diplomas (533) and graduands of UMPSA Advanced lifelong learning programmes (1,717) receiving their respective degrees and diplomas.

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