Proud moment for NUMed graduates

JOHOR BARU: It was a proud moment for 107 graduates of Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia (NUMed) as they received their scrolls at the university’s 5th graduation ceremony.

A total of 100 graduates were awarded with Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) while seven others received their Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Biomedical Sciences during the ceremony.

The graduation ceremony held at Persada Convention Centre Johor Baru was presided by vice-chancellor and president of Newcastle University Prof Chris Day.
Prof Chris said NUMed graduates have a unique identity and a set of values and beliefs that would allow them to continue their quest for lifelong learning.

"Graduates receiving their scrolls today are a reflection of our efforts and the quality of education we provide in NUMed.

"Our graduates can take great pride in the fact that they have studied in a university that has a global reputation in many areas, including research and teaching," he said.

He said the university also has a strong commitment to address challenges faced by societies around the world.

"NUMed staff and students are also continuously building links with the local community here in Johor by hosting programmes such as blood donation campaign, visits to medical centres, donating basic needs to refugees as well as encourage our local partner hospitals and the Johor state health department to organise conferences and lectures with us throughout the year.

"All these activities show that we are truly Bangsa Johor," he said in his speech during the ceremony. He said he was confident NUMed graduates received first-class teaching and learning opportunities and would benefit throughout their career from the emphasis the university placed in developing their skills as doctors and scientist.

The ceremony also witnessed the conferment of an honorary degree to acclaimed academic and environmental scientist Prof Datuk Dr Zaini Ujang in recognition of his many significant contributions to his field of study.

Prof Zaini has been the Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry’s secretary-general since August 2016 with over 250 published scientific papers and is writer of 35 books on environmental engineering, water sustainability, higher education and learning innovation.

"I am proud and honoured to be a recipient of an honorary doctorate from my alma mater, an institution close to my heart.

"This award motivates me to do three things in life, to spend more time to contribute to the university mainly on knowledge sharing and partnership, to devote my career on my passion on environmental sustainability and to be more active as a Newcastle University alumnus," he said, adding that he has received three academic credentials from Newcastle University.

He also told graduates to always seek out new challenges in life not to only better themselves but most importantly to help society.

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