



Unimas produces second batch of graduates

KUCHING: Universiti Malay-sia Sarawak (Unimas) yesterday produced another 384 graduates, its second batch since the university began operation five years ago at its temporary campus near Kota Samarahan, some 30 km from here.

The graduates received their scrolls from the Yang Dipertua Negeri, Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Ahmad Zaidi Adruce Mohammad Noor who is also Unimas Chancellor at the university's convocation.

Unimas' first batch of 153 students graduated last year.

Chief Minister, Datuk

Patinggi Tan Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud who is Unimas Pro-Chancellor and the university's Board of Directors Chairman Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Bujang Mohd Nor were present.

At the function Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering graduate Chin Yoon Tze from the Cognitive Sciences and Human Development Faculty was announced as the recipient of the Chancellor's Award.

Biotechnology Resource graduate Mazilah @ Hasnah Muktar and Chemistry Resource graduate Bong Vui Poh, both from the Science and Resource Technology Faculty

received the Royal Academic Award.

Speaking at the convocation Tun Ahmad Ahmad Zaidi urged the graduates to be prepared to face challenges of the next millennium arising from the information technology and multimedia explosion.

"The new concept of borderless society and globalisation enables all economic and trade activities to be carried out promptly," he said.

Tun Ahmad Zaidi said he believed Unimas had studied these issues and had taken appropriate measures to update its curriculum and research towards this direction. -- Bernama