

UCTS holds its inaugural foundation studies convo



Toh presenting the outstanding student award to Qudrat while looking on from left are Dr Ping Sing, Dr Abdul Hakim and Sabarudin.

SIBU: University College of Technology Sarawak (UCTS) here yesterday held its first graduation ceremony for School of Foundation Studies for the academic session 2013/2014.

The graduation ceremony witnessed 72 students receiving their certificates from UCTS's vice-chancellor Professor Dato Dr Abdul Hakim Juri.

Out of the number, 47 of them were from Foundation in Arts (FIA) and the rest from Foundation in Science (FIS).

In his address, Dr Abdul advised the graduates to put their knowledge gained not only for personal benefit but also for the benefit of the society at large.

He said graduates should learn, apply, and continuously seek new ways of doing things in order to be successful.

He said they should be prepared to generously share their knowledge and experience in order to mentor others.

UCTS, he said, is a partnership of mutual commitment – pursuit of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, as well as the development of expertise and skills.

He said the graduation was a testimony that the graduates had displayed the necessary commitment to learn, acquire, and produce knowledge and as well as to develop their expertise.



Dr Abdul hands over a certificate to one of the graduates, while Dr Ping Sing (left) and Sabarudin Mohd look on.

However, he said the graduation did not mean the end of the education process as they still had a long way to go and told them education is life-long.

Meanwhile on UCTS, Dr Abdul said apart from the existing degree programmes in BBA, QS, Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering, UCTS has received approval from the Ministry of Education (MoE) for two new degrees – Mechanical Engineering and Architecture Science.

He said five more have been approved by the Malaysian Quality Agency (MQA) namely Accountancy, Food Technology, Software Engineering, Network Computing and EE Power.

“We hope to receive the MoE approval soon allowing us to commence intake in September.

“As for the two foundation programmes, FIS and FIA, which commenced in May last year; both programmes have received the provisional accreditation by MQA and have been audited by MQA panels in June for full accreditation.

“We are grateful that we have highly qualified academic staff and that we pursue socially committed and mutually respectful and beneficial engagements with various communities,” Dr Abdul added.

During the graduation ceremony, 33 graduates also received the Dean’s List award. Houg Nai Hao and Tang Tsiao Hui were recipients of the best FIS award and best FIA award respectively, whereas Qudrat Ting Xiao Rong was conferred with the outstanding student award.

Hock Peng Organisation managing director Datuk Toh Chiew Hock, deputy vice-chancellor Professor Dato’ Dr Sabarudin Mohd, School of Foundation Studies Dean Dr Wong Ping Sing, Sibul Shipyard Association president Ngieng Ping Sing, WTK chairman Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Sarawak Federation of Chinese Associations president Dr Wong Aik Loung and United Chinese Association Sibul Division president Ting Huat Chie were among those present.