

## **USIM aims to be world-renowned university**

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NILAI: Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) continues taking strong steps towards becoming a world-renowned university that integrates Naqli (textual) and Aqli (rational) knowledge.

USIM Chancellor Tunku Ampuan Besar Negri Sembilan Tuanku Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud said USIM is set to become a referred, respected and relevant university for the global society by 2025.

"I was informed that USIM is now in the process of aligning and strengthening its strategic plan to become a leading university at the regional level.

"So, I pray that God will ease and bless our efforts," she said at the opening ceremony of the 12th Convocation of USIM here Saturday.

Also present were USIM Pro-Chancellor Tunku Besar Seri Menanti Tunku Ali Redhaudin Tuanku Muhriz and USIM Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Musa Ahmad.

At the ceremony, President and Chief Executive of Kumpulan Permodalan Nasional Bhd (PNB) Tan Sri Hamad Kama Piah Che Othman was conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Economics and Muamalat Administration, while the Religious Advisor to Prime Minister Tan Sri Dr Abdullah Md Zin, who is also Chairman of Malaysian Institute of Wasatiyyah, was conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Dakwah and Islamic Management.

Two graduates were named as recipients of USIM's Royal Education Award (Pingat Jaya Cemerlang). They are Muhammad Iqmal Hisham, 23, who graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting, and Noor Syuhadah Sudiro, 23, who graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Communication.

They received a certificate, a medal and RM5,000 each.

A total of 1,689 graduates will receive their respective degree throughout the two-day convocation ceremony.-- BERNAMA