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USIM AWARDS AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE TO SHEIKH AL-AZHAR

The Chairman, Board of Directors, Management, staff and students of USIM wish to congratulate **Fadhilah Al-Imam Al-Akbar Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sayyed Tantawi, Sheikh Al-Azhar** for being awarded Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Da'wah and Islamic Management. The Special Convocation Ceremony was held yesterday 16 February 2008 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. This is the first conferment of an honorary degree by USIM. The conferment has been agreed to by the Ministry of Higher Education. The award has a special significance in the context of bilateral relations between the two Muslim countries, Malaysia and Egypt.

In his speech introducing Sheikh Al-Azhar, Prof. Dato' Dr. Abdul Shukor Hj. Husin, Vice Chancellory USIM said that "...today is a momentous day for USIM and all its members for being able to honour the foremost Muslim scholar in the world, one with a towering personality who is highly respected by the world community". He also added that Sheikh al-Azhar has contributed immensely to the development of Islam, peace and universal justice. His views have been frequently sought after by both the West and East. His wisdom and moderate views is highly laudable, especially in his defense of human rights. Imbued with high Islamic personality as enjoined by Islam, he is a role model and pride of thousands of al-Azhar graduates all over the world.

Fadhilah Al-Imam Al-Akbar Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sayyed Tantawi, Sheikh Al-Azhar

Brief CV

Place and Date of Birth
 Suhaj, 28.10.1928

Educational Background

Received early education in his village school and had memorized the al-Quran since early childhood.
 1944 - Syahadah Thasawwiyah
 1958 - B.A First class in Usuluddin, al-Azhar University
 1959 - Degree in Education
 1966 - Doctor of Philosophy in Tafsir and Hadith, Al-Azhar University

Career

Among the positions that the Sheikh Al-Azhar had held at local and international level:

- Lecturer
- Professor
- Senior Professor at University of al-Azhar al-Sharif
- Dean, Faculty of Usuluddin, al-Azhar University
- Professor, Islamic University Libya
- Professor, Madinah University, Saudi Arabia
- Visiting Professor in a number of universities in Egypt and overseas
- Appointed as Mufti, Arab Republic of Egypt from 1986 until 1996. Appointed as Sheikh al-Azhar in 1996 until the present.

Publication and Research

In the fields of research and academic writing, Sheikh al-Azhar had published more than 30 books in various fields such as Tafsir, Hadith, Fiqh, Usuluddin, Da'wah, Islamic Finance and others.

MORE FROM USIM STUDENTS' INTEGRITY WEEK

FSU STUDENTS' COMMUNITY SERVICE IN RANTAU

In conjunction with USIM Students' Integrity Week held from 28th January to 1st February 2008, Faculty of Syariah and Law (FSU) also organised its own FSU Students' Integrity Week Programmes 2008 (see **Learning Curve 3.2.08**). The programmes included talks, mentor-mentee sessions and community service with a view to instill strong integrity among students.

In its quest to produce honest and conscientious graduates, FSU culminated its Integrity Week Programme by organising Community Service in Rantau, Negeri Sembilan. The students, lecturers and the villagers worked together to clean mosques, graveyards and community halls. The villagers were very hospitable, warm and generous.

Not forgetting religious rituals, they also performed tahlil ceremonies at the graveyards honouring the deceased as well as performing Zuhur prayer together.

Such community service programme would not have succeeded had it not been for the support given by the Chief Minister of Negeri Sembilan himself, YAB Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad bin Haji Hasan. The Chief Minister graced the closing ceremony of FSU's Integrity Week Programme held at Rantau Community Hall on 2 February 2008. He lauded the students of FSU for their involvement in the community service. Being the nation's future leaders, it is vital that they must be close with the community and understand their needs. Prof. Dato' Dr. Muhamad Muda, USIM's Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic and Internationalisation,

thanked the Chief Minister for his unwavering support and generosity. The Dean of FSU, Prof. Dr. Hj. Abd. Samat Musa also thanked the Chief Minister and also Dato' Azman Haji Hasan, the coordinator of the Rantau Community Service programme and others involved for making the programme a resounding success.



The Closing Ceremony. From left to right, Y.Bhg. Dato' Azman Haji Hasan (Coordinator of Rantau Community Service Programme), Y.Bhg Prof. Dato' Dr. Muhamad Muda (Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic and Internationalisation USIM), YAB Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad bin Haji Hasan, Chief Minister of Negeri Sembilan and Y.Bhg. Prof. Dr Hj. Abd Samat Musa, Dean of FSU USIM.



VIPs, invited guests and participants listening to the closing speech delivered by Negeri Sembilan's Menteri Besar at Rantau Community Hall.