



HONOURED: Raja Zarith Sofiah (left) receiving her appointment letter from Sultanah Zanariah during the convocation ceremony yesterday.

Raja Zarith Sofiah is new Pro-Chancellor

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SKUDAI, Sat. — Raja Zarith Sofiah Sultan Idris Shah was officially appointed Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Pro-Chancellor at the opening session of the university's 30th convocation ceremony today.

UTM Chancellor Sultanah of Johor Sultanah Zanariah presented the letter of appointment to Raja Zarith Sofiah.

Raja Zarith Sofiah, consort of Tunku Mahkota of Johor Tunku Ibrahim Ismail Sultan Iskandar, replaced Parliament Speaker Tun Dr Mohamed Zahir Ismail.

Born on Aug 14, 1959, Raja Zarith Sofiah received her early education in Perak. She left for England at the age of 13 to continue her studies at the Cheltenham Women's College in Gloucestershire.

She sat for the Oxbridge examinations in 1978 while at Davies' College in London. The following year, she was accepted by the prestigious Somerville College, Oxford University, to pursue a degree in Chinese language studies.

She graduated with honours in 1983 and married the Tunku Mahkota of Johor in September that year.

A love for writing has seen her produce four children's books in Bahasa Malaysia. She also contributes a column — *On Common Ground* — in the *New Sunday Times*.