

07/10/1999

Award for Halim Saad from NZ varsity

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Renong Berhad executive chairman Tan Sri Halim Saad today received an honorary award for distinguished service from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

The award, in conjunction with the university's centennial celebrations on Sept 23, was given in recognition of Halim's contribution to Victoria's Chair of Malay Studies.

Halim, a Victoria University graduate, has been a key supporter of the establishment of the chair through grants from Renong Berhad and through the Saad Foundation which sponsors the annual Malay Studies lecture and seminar series.

The chair aims to promote greater awareness and understanding of Malaysia among New Zealanders. It also encourages cultural and academic exchanges between the Malay and Pacific worlds.

The chair, inaugurated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in March 1996, has successfully increased awareness on Malaysia's development and vision amongst New Zealanders and the South-Pacific nations.

(END)