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Razali Ismail to be named as USM pro-chancellor

PENANG, Sat. - Former United Nations General Assembly president Tan Sri Razali Ismail will be appointed Universiti Sains Malaysia's pro-chancellor at the university's 30th convocation next week.

Razali, 61, who is Special Adviser to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, will receive his appointment letter from USM chancellor, the Raja of Perlis Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail, at the ceremony on Aug 9.

In addition, a leading Muslim scholar, Shaykh Abdalqadir as-Sufi, will be conferred an honorary Doctor of Letters degree at the ceremony to be held at USM's Minden campus.

The 71-year-old Scotland-born speaker and writer on Islam is involved in efforts to promote world Islamic trade networking through Islamic guilds and restoring the pillar of zakat in its rightful form.

Also at the ceremony, USM former vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Ishak Tambi Kechik will be conferred an honorary doctorate in Science.

Ishak, 58, was USM vice-chancellor from 1995 to 2000.

A total of 6,184 graduates will receive their scrolls during the four-day convocation, which is divided into three sessions.

The Raja of Perlis will also open the Ekspo Konvokesyen dan Hari Terbuka USM 2001 at Dewan Budaya USM at 5pm on Aug 10.

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