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Unimas honorary doctorates for Lam Thye, Taha

KOTA SAMARAHAN, Sat. - Social activist Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye and Health Ministry director-general Tan Sri Dr Mohd Taha Arif today received honorary doctorates from Universiti Sarawak Malaysia for their contributions to the country, Sarawak and the university.

Unimas chancellor Tun Abang Muhd Salahuddin, who is Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Sarawak, presented Lee with a Honorary Doctorate of Letters and Taha a Honorary Doctorate of Science at the university's convocation.

Another recipient, Tan Sri Razali Ismail, who is special adviser to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, will receive a Honorary Doctorate of Law tomorrow.

Lee, who is also a member of the Malaysian Human Rights Commission (Suhakam), said in his acceptance speech that the honorary doctorate would encourage and inspire him to continue with his social work in non-governmental organisations.

He added that although he had retired from politics in 1990, he had not stopped helping people.

A total of 758 graduates received their scrolls today and a further 218 tomorrow.

The first batch of 49 postgraduates from the Faculty of Economics and Business also received their Master's in Corporate Business Administration.

The CMBA programme, which began in 1999, offers finance, human dynamics and business economics courses for off-campus students.

Among the other recipients were Jong Bor Chyan who received a PhD in biotechnology; Dayang Salwani Awang Adeni, Jenniffer Lau Siew Kee and Paula Jolhari who received their master's degree in biotechnology; Catherine Karim, a master's degree in entomology; and Cynthia Chin Lu May, a master's degree in wildlife management.