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DR SITI HASMAH AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE IN SCIENCE

KOTA SAMARAHAN, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali was today awarded the Honorary Doctorate in Science by Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas).

The award was presented by the Yang di-Pertua Negeri, Tun Abang Muhammad Salahuddin Abang Barieng, who is also the Chancellor of Unimas, at a special convocation ceremony.

Dr Siti Hasmah, wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, was selected for her contributions to the nation and the Asia-Pacific region in the area of rural community medical health.

After receiving a degree in medicine from the Universiti of Malaya in Singapore in 1955, Dr Siti Hasmah contributed to the civil service and volunteer organisations to elevate the standard of public health, especially among rural women and children.

In her speech, Dr Siti Hasmah proposed that local universities always review the curriculum linked to medicine to improve the standard of general health in the nation.

She said medical courses should meet the needs of the nation, in view of the discovery of new diseases, increased mobility of peoples and demand for a change in attitudes of medical practitioners.

"As such the medical curriculum should involve issues such as disease monitoring, prevention, control, public health infrastructure, training, research and cooperation with health and medical agencies," she said.

She added that Unimas approach in producing medical graduates was the best example in efforts to produce doctors who fulfilled the current demands.

Dr Siti Hasmah said applications such as "Problem-based learning", "Horizontal and Vertical Integration", "Early Clinical Exposure" and "Community Orientation" were suitable for medical training.

Also present at the special convocation was the Unimas Vice-Chancellor, Prof Datuk Yusuf Hadi.

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