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EXPLORE ALL OPPORTUNITIES, USM GRADS TOLD

PENANG, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid has urged young Malaysians especially graduates to be more independent and have the courage to explore all opportunities including outside the country.

"A degree alone is not sufficient without commitment and hard work. The university has discharged its responsibility, now it's your turn to deliver," she told graduands at the 33rd convocation of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM).

Tuanku Fauziah, who is also USM Chancellor, exhorted them to follow the example of former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

"His thinking was ahead of his time, and he never gave in to pressure," she said.

A total of 6,355 graduands will receive their scrolls in one of nine sessions from today until Sunday.

In today's session, 293 graduands received their degrees, including 100 for PhD, bachelor of dentistry (29), Doctor of Education (1), and bachelor of health science (49).

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