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A Message from the Chancellor

EVERY convocation is a joyous occasion for Universiti Sains Malaysia. This year, however, appears to be one of greater meaning, for there are five special reasons for celebration. Four of these celebrate distinct milestones in the history of the university: the 35th anniversary of the university, the 25th anniversary of the School of Medical Sciences, the 21st anniversary of Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia and the 10th anniversary of the National Poison Centre. The fifth, the conferment of a Honorary Doctor of Science degree on Y.A. Bhg Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, is an acknowledgement of the vast and irreplaceable legacy that our previous Prime Minister has bestowed on the nation and the university.

In my tenure as Chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia, I have shared happy moments with the institution, its community and its students. Many of these moments have been linked to fulfillment of projects dear to the university and its endeavours to be in the forefront of education and research in the nation.

This year's convocation will always stay in my memory as a special one. I extend my congratulations to Universiti Sains Malaysia, its academic and supporting staff, graduating students and their families. I extend my congratulations to Tun Dr Mahathir and the university's appreciation of his great leadership and encouragement which have resulted in its research endeavours into hitherto uncharted waters and arenas.

Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah binti Al-Marhum Tengku Abdul Rashid

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