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## Pak Lah takes over from Dr M as UTP's chancellor

**SERI ISKANDAR:** Former Prime Minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has been made the third chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP).

Abdullah, 77, took over from former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who relinquished his post effective March 30.

The proclamation ceremony was carried out in conjunction with UTP's 16th convocation ceremony yesterday. Also present was Abdullah's wife Tun Jeanne Abdullah.

In his speech, Abdullah said he was honoured by the appointment as the chancellor of one of the most prestigious universities in Malaysia.

He called upon the graduates to be part of the country's develop-

ment process.

Graduates must use the knowledge gained in a creative and innovative way to add value, and to bring prosperity to the community and the country, he said after presenting scrolls to doctorate, masters and degree holders.

Abdullah also stressed on the importance of graduates being honest and trustworthy.

UTP vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Abdul Rahim Hashim said there were a total of 1,469 graduates with 70% of them obtaining first- and second-class upper distinctions.

"We are very proud that almost 90% of our graduates get jobs within six months after completing their studies," he added.



**Proud moment:** Abdullah handing an award and certificate to Rahimah Embong during UTP's 16th convocation ceremony.