

King Wants More People With PhD
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SINTOK, Sept 18 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah wishes to see more Malaysians with doctorate degrees (PhD).

He said that currently, most of the PhD holders were in public and private institutions of higher learning.

Towards this end, he said, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and political parties could play their part.

"...it would be more beneficial to the country if political parties and the NGOs were to make this their main agenda.

"Children should be instilled awareness on how education can change the life of the poor, as well as the importance of mastering English, and to be knowledgeable in science and mathematics," he said at the Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) 25th convocation here today.

The King said, based on statistics from the higher education ministry, about 7,800 staff at public and private institutions in the country were PhD holders, and about 20,000 others, holders of masters degrees.

Earlier, he presented awards to excellent graduates. They included the Chancellor's Gold Medal Award to Mohamad Sabri Sinal @ Zainal, 25, who graduated with an honours degree in information technology.

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