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TUN DR MAHATHIR bersama graduan yang menerima anugerah. Dari kiri; Natasya Ng Jia Wyen (Anugerah Canselor Perak), Mohamad Assad (Anugerah Canselor Gangsa), Hanisah Abdul Halim (Anugerah Canselor Emas) dan Mohd Irwan Tuan Daud.

Graduan digesa jangan salah guna ilmu dipelajari

SERI ISKANDAR: Graduan universiti mesti sentiasa memberi sumbangan terbaik sama ada dari segi etika kerja, buah fikiran dan pengurusan untuk membawa kejayaan kepada organisasi tempat mereka bertugas.

Bekas Perdana Menteri yang juga Canselor Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, berkata pendidikan universiti memberi graduan kehidupan yang selesa dan mereka patut membalas budi itu dengan menjaga nama baik institusi yang mendidik mereka.

Beliau berkata, graduan tidak patut menggunakan ilmu dan kecekapan mereka untuk mencari kelemahan pihak lain dan mengaut keuntungan peribadi serta mengakibatkan orang lain menjadi mangsa.

"Jika anda dituduh menipu, orang lain akan bercakap, 'Oh! Dia dari UTP. Ini tidak sepatutnya berlaku," katanya dalam ucapan khas selepas menyampaikan ijazah kepada kira-kira 500 graduan dalam Konvokesyen Kesembilan UTP di sini, semalam.

Hadir sama Pro-Canselor UTP, Tan Sri Mohd Hassan Marican; Rektor UTP, Datuk Dr Zainal Abidin Kasim dan isteri Dr Mahathir, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Dr Mahathir berkata, salah satu punca krisis ekonomi global sekarang disebabkan golongan terpelajar yang menggunakan kecekapan mereka untuk mencari kelemahan sistem kewangan dan perbankan bagi mengaut keuntungan peribadi.

Beliau mengambil contoh Bernard Madoff yang menawarkan pelaburan skim Ponzi di Amerika Syarikat dan mengaut keuntungan berbilion dolar tetapi pada masa sama menyebabkan orang lain kehilangan semua wang milik mereka..

"Hari ini, ekonomi dunia runtuh kerana golongan terpelajar, iaitu graduan dari universiti terbaik dunia mencipta formula matematik atau sistem lain untuk mengaut keuntungan peribadi.

"Mereka cemerlang dalam aspek menyalahgunakan sistem. Contohnya, dalam sistem perbankan, mereka melihat peluang untuk mendapat dana untuk pelaburan, walaupun dana ini tidak disokong oleh apa-apa instrumen kewangan," katanya.

Kecacatan tidak halang Mohd Irwan cemerlang

SERI ISKANDAR: Tuan Mohd Irwan Tuan Daud, 22, bukan saja cacat di kaki sejak lahir, malah dia seorang kanak-kanak cekal dan tabah dalam mengharungi hidup ini selepas bapanya, Tuan Daud Tuan Yaakob meninggal dunia ketika dia berusia lima tahun.

Sejak itu, Irwan yang hanya mempunyai ketinggian 98 sentimeter (sm) dibesarkan oleh datuknya, Tuan Yaakob Tuan Man, 74, dan neneknya, Tuan Embong Tuan Kecik, 73.

Namun, kekurangan itu tidak menghalangnya untuk hidup normal seperti orang lain termasuk belajar dan mencapai kecemerlangan.

Bahkan, ketika ditemu bual sebelum mengambil ijazah Sarjana Muda Kejuruteraan Elektrik dan Elektronik di Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) di sini, semalam, dia meminta wartawan supaya tidak menulis seolah-olah dia cuba meraih simpati masyarakat.

"Saya hidup seperti biasa. Berjalan, makan minum, belajar semuanya normal," katanya selepas bergambar dengan Canselor UTP, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad di sini, semalam.

Berasal dari Pasir Putih, Kelantan, Irwan yang mendapat ijazah kelas kedua atas sudah ditemu duga oleh Petronas.

Beliau yang menerima biasiswa Petronas sepanjang pengajian di UTP berharap mendapat pekerjaan sebagai penyelidik dalam bidang elektronik.

Media coverage from New Straits Times (17-08-2009)

Man shot dead after stumbling on robbers

KUALA LUMPUR: A car wash employee paid with his life for being at the wrong place at the wrong time, when he was mercilessly gunned down by robbers in Taman Suntex, Cheras here, yesterday.

Ang Ah Chai @ Nasrin, 55, was entering the house of a chicken supplier to collect the latter's car for washing, when he stumbled on three fleeing robbers.

The robbers panicked upon seeing Ang and fired two shots, killing him on the spot.

Kajang police chief Assistant Commissioner Shakaruddin Che Mood said the supplier, in his 40s, was preparing to start work for the day with four of his employees, when the three robbers walked into the house at Jalan Pelanduk 1 about 7.45am.

"The robbers herded the five men into the house and tied them up using wires. The supplier's wife and three young children were also tied up. The men then ransacked the house for valuables, taking cash and jewellery worth about RM6,000."

As the robbers were fleeing with their loot, Ang arrived on a bicycle. It was then that the robber with the pistol shot Ang twice — both shots hitting the body — and the robbers drove off in a car.

The chicken supplier's wife managed to free herself after the robbers left and called the police.

Shakaruddin said the robbery was over in 15 minutes and the victims only sustained minor injuries to their hands as a result of being tied up with wires.

Investigations revealed that Ang was an Indonesian of Chinese descent with permanent resident status here.

His body was taken to Serdang Hospital for post-mortem.

He was married to a local, but the couple have no children.

"According to the supplier, Ang used to collect the car and take it for washing at his workplace nearby every Sunday and that he was more like a family friend.

"We are looking for the three robbers, and a possible fourth accomplice, believed to be locals in their 30s."

The robbers were believed to have struck again three hours later at Taman Berkeley, Klang.

A source said three men, armed with three pistols and a knife, assaulted the house owner and drove off with his car.

Socso hauls up 43 employers

ALOR STAR: The Social Security Organisation has issued RM248,000 in compounds fines to 43 employers in the state between January and June this year.

State Socso director Ismail Abi Hashim said the compound fines were levied after the companies failed to make their contributions on time.

Besides issuing the compound notices, a total of RM851,000 in arrears of Socso contributions were recovered from the errant companies.

"We will not tolerate companies which fail to carry out their responsibility by defaulting in their contributions," Ismail said at a reward handing over ceremony.

Present was Bakar Bata state assemblyman and State Umno liaison committee deputy chairman Datuk Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah.

Ismail said the organisation had conducted checks on 2,519 employers within the same period and would complete its inspection on 29,548 companies in the state soon.

He added there are 653,385 employees registered with Socso in Kedah.

Earlier, during the ceremony, Ahmad handed over a total of RM300,000 of compensation to 28 recipients.

(From left) Ng Jia Wyen, Hanisah Abdul Halim and Mohamad Assad Abd Mughni (right) with former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the ninth convocation ceremony of Universiti Teknologi Petronas yesterday.

Shun the fast buck, Dr M tells graduates

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TRONOH: New graduates have been advised to build up a solid and upright character when they start to venture into the real world.

Instead of focusing only on how to make a fast buck, they should work hard at developing such important qualities as honour, dignity and integrity.

In short, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he wanted to see fresh graduates striving to build an image that would be praised by anyone who came in contact with them.

"Do not use your new found intellectualism and professionalism to rob or cheat others. Don't use your acumen to find ways how to make a fast buck by destroying others.

"You should instead focus your efforts first on building an upright character," he said at the ninth convocation ceremony of Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) yesterday.

Dr Mahathir, who is the chancellor of the university, said the economic problems faced by Malaysia and many other countries since 1997 showed the destructive side of intelligence and intellectualism unfettered by upright character.

He said the suffering faced by millions of people around the world was caused by educated people who used their education and skills to make easy money for themselves at the expense of others.

"They learn the weaknesses in the system and then manipulate them for their own benefit without care for others. Of course, their cunning schemes cannot last long and it would be discovered. But, by then millions of people would have become their victims."

Also present were Petronas president and UTP's pro-chancellor Tan Sri Hassan Marican, rector and chief executive officer Datuk Dr Zainal Abidin Kassim and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Dr Mahathir also presented scrolls to more than 500 graduates in the morning session as well as the Chancellor Awards.

The recipients of the awards were Hanisah Abdul Halim (gold), a chemistry graduate from Kuala Lumpur; Ng Jia Wyen (silver), a civil engineering graduate from Johor; and Mohamad Assad Abd Mughni (bronze), a business information graduate from Indonesia.

During lunch, Dr Mahathir met Tuan Mohd Irwan Tuan Daud, who at only 95cm is the shortest person to graduate from UTP.

Irwan, from Pasir Puteh in Kelantan, received a second class upper degree and told reporters his height never posed a difficulty but instead made him cultivate more friends.

He was happy to have been selected to study in UTP as a Petronas scholar and had recently gone for an interview with the company for a job.

Irwan, the eldest of two children, was accompanied by his mother Cik Azma Cik Husin, 42, and grandparents Tuan Yaakob Tuan Man, 74, and Tuan Embong Tuan Kechik, 73.

His father died when he was five years old.

No room to hide, politicians warned

TRONOH: Do not commit wrongs if you want to become a politician or leader, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

Those who wanted to get themselves into politics or become a leader needed to take cognisance of the people's welfare and feelings, he said.

Dr Mahathir reminded them that the rakyat would sooner or later learn about their questionable deeds.

"When a wrongdoing takes place, no matter what, people will come to know about it. You can't hide your mistakes or sins.

"That is why if you want to become a leader or a politician, don't get yourself involved in bad things," he said at Universiti Teknologi Petronas here yesterday.

He was commenting on the controversy involving Transport Minister Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat and Bintulu MP Datuk Seri Tiong King Sing on the Port Klang Free Zone controversy.

"Washing dirty line in public is very bad," said Dr Mahathir.

Media coverage from The Star (17-08-2009)

Walking tall with 'honours'

Irwan never lets his disability distract him from his studies

SERI ISKANDAR: Standing less than a metre, Tuan Mohd Irwan Tuan Daud nevertheless walks tall as he graduates with a second class upper (honours) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP).

The 22-year-old added another feather to his cap as he won the final year project award in his programme as well.

"I put all my focus in my studies and not let my disability be a distraction. I am also blessed with friends who do not have any qualms about helping me.

"My secret to success? Study hard, no shortcut to that," he told reporters after receiving his scroll from UTP chancellor Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the ninth convocation ceremony here yesterday.

The young man from Pasir Putih, Kelantan, was looking for a job and had gone through several interviews.

"I hope to get a job dealing with research and development in the electric and electronic industry," he said, adding that those with disabilities should have move confidence and just go about the routines.

In his speech, Dr Mahathir advised the 1,169 graduates to work hard, earn an honest living and always uphold the good name of the university.

The graduates should never use their knowledge for selfish gains and cause grievances to others, he said.

"Whatever you earn, you must deliver in terms of services and ideas and not be accused of cheating people," he added.

Later, Dr Mahathir commented that individuals wishing to become politicians or leaders should avoid getting themselves involved in controversies.

The public would eventually find out about their scandals or their misdeeds, he said.

"We cannot hide things from the people, they will know about the things we do. If you wish to be involved in politics, do not get involved in undesirable matters," he said.

Dr Mahathir said this when asked to comment on the on-going feud between Transport Minister Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat and Kuala Dimensi Sdn Bhd chief executive officer Datuk Seri Tiong King Sing.

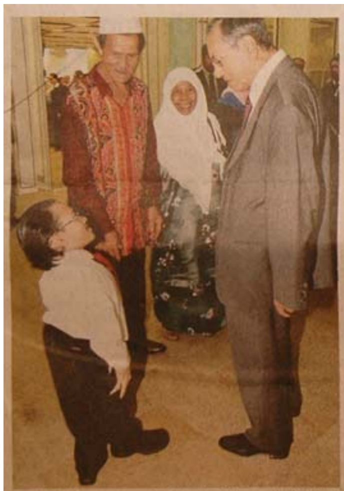
The Port Klang Free Zone scandal, he said, would be a long-standing one, describing the open squabble between the two as damaging for the image of Barisan Nasional.

Ong is MCA president while Bintulu MP Tiong is Sarawak Progressive Democratic Party treasurer-general.

Proud moment: Dr Mahathir congratulating Irwan during the Universiti Teknologi Petronas' ninth convocation ceremony in Seri Iskandar yesterday.

Media coverage from Berita Harian (17-08-2009)

Kurang upaya bukan penghalang



TUAN Mohd. Irwan Tuan Daud berbual dengan Dr. Mahathir Mohamad sambil diperhatikan datuknya, Tuan Yaakob Mat dan nenek, Tuan Embong Tuan Kecik pada majlis Konvokesyen Universiti Teknologi Petronas, semalam.

TRONOH 16 Ogos – Ketinggiannya hanya 98 sentimeter, namun keadaan itu tidak sedikit pun menjadi penghalang untuknya mencipta kejayaan cemerlang.

Tuan Mohd. Irwan Tuan Daud, 22, muncul antara pelajar cemerlang Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) apabila lulus dengan keputusan Kelas Kedua Atas, Ijazah Sarjana Muda Kejuruteraan (Kepujian) Elektrik dan Elektronik.

Pada masa yang sama, beliau juga merupakan penerima Anugerah Projek Tahun Akhir.

Ketika ditemui, anak sulung daripada dua beradik ini berkata, beliau tidak pernah menjadikan kecacatan yang dialami sejak lahir itu sebagai alasan untuk tidak cemerlang seperti rakan-rakan normal lain.

Malah, katanya, seperti rakan-rakan lain, beliau juga berusaha bersungguh-sungguh untuk tidak menghampakan harapan menggunung keluarganya di kampung.

"Saya belajar seperti orang lain. Tiada beza," katanya pada majlis Konvokesyen Kesembilan Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) di sini hari ini.

Kegembiraan Tuan Mohd. Irwan yang berasal dari Pasir Putih, Kelantan, sempena hari istimewanya itu turut diraikan oleh ibu, datuk dan neneknya.

Bagaimanapun, bekas pelajar tajaan Petronas ini memberitahu, beliau kini masih menunggu tawaran pekerjaan daripada syarikat-syarikat berkenaan.

"Saya ada menghantar permohonan kerja kepada dua, tiga syarikat dan telah menghadiri temu duga dengan Petronas baru-baru ini," katanya.

Ditanya apa nasihatnya kepada rakan-rakan kurang upaya lain supaya mereka juga menjadi cemerlang sepertinya, Tuan Mohd. Irwan berkata: "Jangan rasa rendah diri. Yang penting kita belajar bersungguh-sungguh."

Sementara itu, penerima Anugerah Canselor Emas, **Hanisah Abdul Halim**, 23, berkata, kejayaan yang dicapainya itu merupakan sesuatu di luar jangkaan.

"Saya bukan jenis pelajar yang rajin membaca buku. Masa saya juga banyak dihabiskan di padang untuk bersukan, tetapi mungkin cara belajar yang betul banyak membantu saya mencapai kejayaan," katanya.

Hanisah yang berasal dari Kuala Lumpur adalah pemegang Ijazah Sarjana Muda Kepujian Kelas Pertama Kejuruteraan Kimia.

Anugerah Canselor Perak pula menjadi milik **Natasya Ng Jia Wyen**, 23, (Ijazah Sarjana Muda Kelas Pertama, Kepujian Kejuruteraan Awam) manakala Anugerah Canselor Gangsa pula diterima **Muhammad Assad**, 22, yang memperoleh Ijazah Sarjana Muda Kepujian Kelas Pertama Teknologi Sistem Maklumat Perniagaan.

Muhammad yang berasal dari Indonesia juga menerima Anugerah Pelajar Sarjana Muda Antarabangsa Terbaik.

Demi kebaikan organisasi dan masyarakat

Guna ilmu cara betul – Dr. M

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TRONOH 16 Ogos – Setiap siswazah yang memasuki alam pekerjaan wajar menggunakan ilmu pengetahuan dengan cara yang betul demi kebaikan organisasi dan masyarakat, bukan melakukan perkara-perkara yang mementingkan diri.

Canselor Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad berkata, sikap dan komitmen yang ditunjukkan secara tidak langsung akan meningkatkan nama baik universiti malah imej negara di peringkat dunia.

"Jika semua siswazah mempunyai komitmen untuk berusaha bersungguh-sungguh dalam bidang yang diceburi, ia bukan sahaja akan memberi kesan baik kepada diri sendiri dan keluarga tetapi universiti serta negara," katanya ketika berucap pada majlis Konvokesyen Kali Kesembilan UTP di sini hari ini.

Hadir sama, isteri beliau, Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Mohd. Ali; Pro Canselor UTP, Tan Sri Mohd. Hassan Marican; Pengerusi Lembaga Pengarah UTP, Datuk Ainon Marziah Wahi dan Rektor UTP, Datuk Dr. Zainal Abidin Kasim.

Dr. Mahathir yang juga bekas Perdana Menteri berkata, adalah penting golongan bijak pandai menggunakan ilmu yang diperoleh untuk tujuan murni.

Katanya, tanpa kesedaran tersebut, dunia akan terus berdepan dengan masalah dan akan lebih banyak lagi rakyat atau negara yang bakal miskin.

Beliau berkata, kejatuhan ekonomi dunia sebelum ini adalah disebabkan oleh tindakan segelintir golongan bijak pandai yang mementingkan diri.

Mereka ini ujarnya, menggunakan kebijaksanaan menerusi sistem tertentu untuk mengaut keuntungan tanpa memikirkan kesannya kepada pihak lain.

Mengambil contoh apa yang telah dilakukan oleh Bernard Madoff, pelabur terkemuka yang didapati bersalah kerana melakukan penipuan, katanya, tindakan menyalahgunakan sistem akhirnya memberi kesan buruk kepada dunia.

Tindakannya telah menyebabkan keseluruhan sistem runtuh dan ramai yang menderita kerana hilang wang pelaburan selain banyak negara menjadi miskin.

"Pihak yang melakukan jenayah ini sangat bijak dan merupakan pelajar cemerlang di universiti, tetapi disebabkan tamak, mereka menipu dan sanggup menyalahgunakan sistem untuk memperkayakan diri sendiri.

"Anda akan bertemu dengan banyak keadaan atau sistem yang memungkinkan wang diperoleh dengan mudah. Anda perlu ingat, kejayaan sebenar adalah berdasarkan kepada idea dan usaha. Itu melambangkan karektor seseorang. Jika berjaya hadapi cabaran, mereka akan kata, inilah hasil UTP," katanya.

Seramai 1,169 siswazah menerima ijazah masing-masing pada majlis Konvokesyen UTP tahun ini.

DARI kiri, Hanisah Abdul Halim, Muhammad Assad dan Natasha Ng Jia Weyn menunjukkan trofi Anugerah Canselor yang diterima mereka pada majlis Konvokesyen UTP ke-9 di Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Tronoh, semalam.

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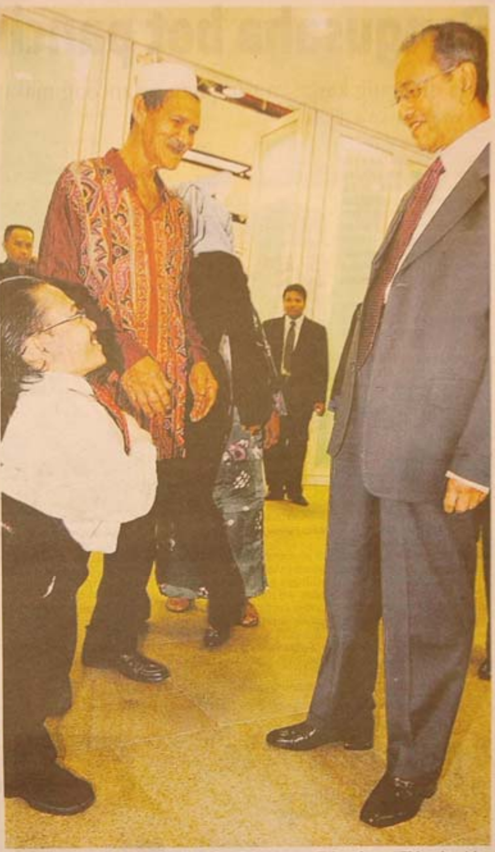

MAHATHIR berbual dengan Tuan Mohd Irwan Tuan Daud selepas majlis konvokesyen UTP, baru-baru ini.

Nasihat Dr Mahathir panduan pelajar UTP

SERI ISKANDAR: Beberapa ibu bapa dan graduan menitiskan air mata ketika graduan Sarjana Muda Kejuruteraan Kimia, Mohd Tarmidzi Shamsudin menyampaikan lagu *Ayah dan Ibu* dalam Konvokesyen Kesembilan Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) di sini, baru-baru ini.

Lagu yang dipopularkan oleh Allahyarham Sudirman itu disampaikan dengan penuh perasaan sambil diiringi Kumpulan Keroncong UTP.

Pada penghujung lagu, kebanyakan hadirin sebak dan segelintir daripada mereka mengesat air mata kerana tidak dapat menahan kerinduan kepada ibu bapa masing-masing.

Sebelum itu, Canselor UTP, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad mengingatkan graduan bahawa mereka terhutang budi kepada keluarga masing-masing kerana mengasuh mereka hingga berjaya melangkah ke universiti.

Sebelumnya, Kumpulan Koir UTP mendendangkan lagu *My Way* yang dipopularkan oleh Frank Sinatra.

Mendengar lagu kegemarannya, Dr Mahathir yang masih berada di atas pentas kelihatan menyanyi bersama-sama kumpulan berkenaan terutama ketika lirik, I did it my way.

Bekas Perdana Menteri itu sangat gembira dan tersenyum sepanjang lagu berkenaan disampaikan hingga mengangguk-angguk kepala ketika lagu didendangkan dengan intonasi tinggi.

Media coverage from Sin Chew Daily (17-08-2009)

马哈迪（右）分享名誉校长大奖三名得主的喜悦。左起吴嘉雯、莫哈末阿沙和哈妮沙。

Sin Chew Daily 17/8/09, p6

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再那阿比丁说，国油工艺大学今年共有1千169名毕业生，其中9人考获博士学位、85人理科硕士学位和1千零75人考获科技及工程学士学位。

他指出，2001年成立至今，共培育了5千642名毕业生。今年初完成课程的学生，87%成功获得国内和海外的工作。

他说，该大学已积极设立“国油工艺大学基金”，通过筹款来发展国内的高等教育。