



(From left) Recipient for the Jaizah Imtiyaz chairman of the board of directors Aishah Yaakob, Jaizah Imtiyaz chancellor's award Ammar Badruddin Ramli, Jaizah Imtiyaz Sultanah Bahiyah Foundation Zulkhairi Bidin and Jaizah Imtiyaz Rector Rabiatul Adawiyah Ismail at the Kolej Universiti Insaniah 12th convocation ceremony.

Sultan wants more funds for Insaniah

ALOR STAR: Sultan of Kedah Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah has called for a "bigger" allocation to be provided to Kolej Universiti Insaniah (Insaniah).

The sultan, who is Insaniah's chancellor, said this was because there was a marked increase in the number of students enrolling at the university, from 3,836 last year, to 6,591 this year.

He said the allocation could be used to fund the university's management costs and expenses.

"When there is proper attention and allocation, all efforts to develop the university could be carried out," said the sultan.

He said this during his speech at the university's 12th convocation ceremony here yesterday.

Also present during the ceremony were Sultanah of Kedah, Sultanah Haminah Hamidun; Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak and Insaniah's rector Prof Datuk Dr Jamil Osman.

Sultan Abdul Halim also said he was confident that Azizan would review the matter to ensure that Insaniah received the allocation.

At the ceremony, Tan Sri Muhammad Ali Hashim, 63, was conferred the honorary doctorate of philosophy (Entrepreneurship and Muamalat) for his outstanding

contributions to the nation and the Islamic community.

The former president and chief executive officer of Johor Corp (Jcorp) received his scroll from the sultan.

Meanwhile, Rabiatul Adawiyah Ismail from Baling near here, was named one of the four best students at the ceremony.

The 21-year-old, who graduated with a Diploma in Information Technology, was named the recipient of the rector's "Jaizah Imtiyaz" award.

"Life was hard especially after my father, Ismail Harun, passed away seven years ago.

"Along the way, I learned that nothing is easy and you must work hard to be successful.

"Alhamdulillah, all my hard work paid off," Rabiatul Adawiyah, who is a technician with a private company in Kuala Lumpur, said.

Other top students were Zulkhairi Bidin, 28; Aishah Yaakob, 23; and Ammar Badruddin Romli, 24.

A total of 617 graduates received their scrolls during the day-long convocation ceremony.

The ceremony was conducted in two sessions at the university's Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah Hall.