



Yang diPertuan Agong **Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah** presenting a scroll to **Muhammad Ashraf Anuar** during Kolej Universiti Insaniah's convocation in Sungai Petani yesterday. Pic by Sharul Hafiz Zam

Hard work pays off for disabled grad

TOP OF HIS CLASS: Muhammad Ashraf Anuar is Kuin's best student in business programme

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HIS physical disability did not deter Muhammad Ashraf Anuar, 25, from emerging as the best student in his Business Administration bachelor's degree programme at Kolej Universiti Insaniah's (Kuin) 15th convocation yesterday.

Ashraf, from Taman Seri Indah in Mergong, Alor Star, might have weak limbs that limit his movements, but the youngest of four

siblings had a strong will that pushed him to achieve his dream.

"I was born with weak limbs. After continuous physiotherapy, I can move around using crutches, but climbing up and down stairs is still a challenge for me.

"I must thank Kuin's management for their kindness in arranging my classes to be located on the ground floor to suit my physical needs," he said.

Ashraf said he had to rely on notes in class and references on the Internet, as the library was located on the second floor of the state-owned university-college campus in Mergong.

"I have been dreaming of this day since I entered Kuin three years ago. However, it never occurred to me I would be standing on this stage and receiving my scroll from the Yang diPertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah."

Ashraf was among 1,352 graduates from 48 programmes who

received their scrolls at the convocation ceremony at Kuin's main campus in Kuala Ketil.

Tuanku Abdul Halim, who is also Kuin Chancellor, said Kuin was undergoing rapid development to achieve full-fledged university status, adding that its transformation was in line with the state's vision to position Kuin as an Islamic university with highly qualified and multi-talented graduates.

"Through continuous effort, Kuin has received a positive review in the 2011 Rating System for Malaysian Higher Education Institutions (Setara) conducted by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency.

"Now, the university-college is undergoing a transformation and is giving its full focus on the quality of its graduates."

Present were Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah, Sultan of Kedah Council of Regency members and Menteri Besar Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir.