



Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah conferring the honorary doctorate of philosophy (Social Work Management) on his daughter, Datuk Seri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz Sultan Abdul Halim, for her contributions in the field of social work. — Bernama picture

'Foster national unity'

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SINTOK: Sultan of Kedah Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah has called on the people, particularly the younger generation, to stand together and unite to realise the country's agenda of a one nation, one country.

The sultan, who is also Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) chancellor, said one of the ways to foster unity was by inculcating national unity through education.

"Education should focus on building the one

nation, one country spirit, and this can be done by strengthening the cultural values among the various ethnic groups in the country.

"Higher learning institutions should also inculcate national unity among their students," he said in his speech at the university's 23rd convocation (second session) here yesterday.

He said universities should organise various activities to enhance the oneness spirit and tolerance among students.

Also present were Sultanah of Kedah, Sultanah Haminah Hamidun and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak.

At the ceremony, Datuk Seri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz Sultan Abdul Halim was conferred the honorary doctorate of philosophy (Social Work Management) for her outstanding contributions in the field of social work.

Indonesian Parliament Speaker Marzuki Ale received his doctorate for his thesis on Indonesian politics.

A total of 4,190 graduates received their scrolls during the three-day convocation which started yesterday.

The ceremony was held at the university's Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah Hall.