

Princess's social work recognised

SINTOK: Yayasan Sultanah Bahiyah (YSB) chairman Datuk Seri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz Sultan Abdul Halim, 44, said the honorary doctorate of philosophy (Social Work Management) conferred on her at UUM's 23rd convocation yesterday was personally meaningful.

The Kedah princess said the recognition was a boost for her to be more active in her social and charity works, including enhancing the image of the Malaysian Red Crescent Society and Lembaga Kebajikan Perempuan Islam Malaysia.

"This is very meaningful for me, it encourages me to be more active in social and charity work, especially those involving single mothers, teenagers and students," she said when met after the convocation.

Meanwhile, Indonesian Parliament Speaker Dr Marzuki Alie, who received his doctor of philosophy for his thesis on Indonesian politics, attributed his success to good time manage-

ment.

"It was not easy because I was not a full-time student and I had to juggle my time with my work commitment.

"It was also tiring because of the travelling between Malaysia and Indonesia which I had to do during the four years of studies.

"I hope what I did will benefit the people in my country," said Marzuki who was elected parliament speaker in 2009.

Marzuki, 55, from Palembang in southern Sumatra, received his doctorate for his thesis on "Indonesian party politicking and marketing politicking: A Study on the 2009 general election for Jakarta City".

When asked why he had chosen to do his doctorate in Kedah, Marzuki said: "UUM is in Kedah, and I know Kedah is Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's birthplace.

"For me, anything associated with Tun must be good, so that's why I chose to continue my studies in the state."



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