



Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin chatting with Roszaharah Yaacob (second from left) as other scholarship recipients look on at **Parliament** yesterday. Present was Public Service Department director-general **Tan Sri Mohamad Zabidi Zainal** (seventh from right). Pic by Sairien Nafis

12 get scholarships from King

KUALA LUMPUR: An ice-cube seller's daughter was one of 12 students chosen to receive the Yang di-Pertuan Agong scholarship for her master's degree.

Gan Siaw Chin, 24, the eldest of seven siblings from Segamat, Johor, considered herself lucky to receive the scholarship and grateful that she could continue her studies at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Johor.

"I can now focus on my studies. I am in the second semester of my master's degree in Bio-process Engineering, specialising in cosmeceuticals," she said after receiving her scholarship from Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin here yesterday.

Five other students were also selected by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Scholarship Committee for scholarships in science and technology, as well as law at the master's and doctoral levels in local and foreign universities.

Nor Kamal Ariff Nor Hisham Shah, 25, will pursue his master's degree in Horticulture Studies at Cornell University in the United States. Four other recipients for the master's degrees are Afifah Mo-

hamed, studying Science and Technology at Imperial College London, United Kingdom; Shivanand Sivamohan (Law, University of Harvard); Syazreen Sophia Abdul Halim (Environmental Science, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) and Seow Khai Jou (Biotechnology, UTM).

Six recipients will pursue doctorate studies.

They are Siti Nur Kamaliah Kamarudin (Intelligent Systems, University of Oxford); Roszaharah Yaacob (Forensic Science, USM); Mohd Azrul Salleh Putin (Genetics, Universiti Putra Malaysia); Norkasmani Aziz (Advanced Materials, Universiti Malaya); Ng Wai Hoe (Cell and Molecular Biology, USM) and Chua Hooi Chin (Computer Science, USM).

The scholarships were introduced in 2006 through the Public Service Department and are awarded to Malaysians who excelled academically and produced creative and innovative works besides obtaining places in notable local or foreign universities.

The students are not bonded to serve with the government but must contribute by serving in Malaysia for five years. **Bernamea**