

11 students receive scholarships

YANG di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah handed over the 2015 Yang di-Pertuan Agong Scholarships to 11 students to continue their studies up to the masters and doctorate in philosophy levels.

The 11 students, who received the scholarships in a ceremony at Dewan Seri Temenggong Istana Negara last Tuesday, will pursue studies in science and technology, at local and foreign universities.

All the students will receive a living allowance payment rate of fifty percent higher than the normal rate of the federal scholarship, handled by the Public Service Department (PSD), and introduced by the government since 2006.

They are not bonded to work with the Malaysian government and are free to serve in the public or private sectors but are required to return home after completing their studies.

The award of the scholarships is not just in recognition of the excellence of the students academically but also their capabilities in producing creative and innovative works and getting a place in top local or



Royal honour: Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah (left) presents the scholarship award to Irfan Zaini at a ceremony held in Istana Negara. — Bernama

foreign universities.

Among the students who received the scholarship was Irfan Zaini Zainudin, 27, who is from Selangor. He will be pursuing his master's degree specialising in business analytics or data science at Imperial College London.

Meanwhile, S. Jeyanthi, 33, will be pursuing a doctorate in philosophy in medical microbiology at Universiti Putra Malaysia.

"I am overwhelmed and thankful because I was picked as one of the recipients of the scholarship," she added. — Bernama