



UPM Vice-Chancellor Professor Datin Paduka Dr Aini Ideris (left) talking to graduates at Universiti Putra Malaysia in Serdang yesterday. PIC BY MOHAMAD SHAHRIL BADRI SAALI

PhD recipients set record at UPM convo

SERDANG: A total of 632 doctoral graduates will receive their scrolls at Universiti Putra Malaysia's (UPM) 43rd convocation, the highest ever in the university's history and in the nation this year.

UPM Vice-Chancellor Professor Datin Paduka Dr Aini Ideris said the university would also confer 1,554 masters degrees, 3,337 bachelor's degrees and 492 diplomas. The convocation from Nov 16 to Nov 19 would see 12 national athletes graduating.

They include Malaysia's first diving world champion and Olympian Cheong Jun Hoong, and SEA Games gold medallist and Olympian Jonathan Wong Guanjie.

National hockey player Raja Norsharina

Raja Shabuddin, 28, will receive the Razlan Putra Medal for excellence in the field and classroom.

Aini said UPM would award the honorary doctorate in management to AirAsia founder, Tan Sri Anthony Francis Fernandes.

Professor Emeritus titles will be awarded to Tan Sri Datuk Dr Nik Mustapha R. Abdullah, Datuk Dr Mohd Sham Kasim, Professor Datuk Dr Ahmad Zubaidi Baharumshah, Professor Dr Maimunah Ismail and Professor Dr Wan Ishak Wan Ismail.

Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, who is the university's chancellor, will confer the scrolls in the first session of the convocation.