

Disabled graduate persevered all the way

IT was a dream come true for physically disabled Hussain Said when he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Malay language and linguistics) degree, reported *Harian Metro*.

The 25-year-old, who received his scroll at the 43rd convocation ceremony of Universiti Putra Malaysia, said being labelled an "OKU" (orang kurang upaya or disabled person) since birth had only made him stronger.

"It is not easy to forget how my friends used to imitate the way I

walked when I was in primary school.

"At first, it affected me emotionally but after a while, I got used to it and started to focus on my dream to go to university," said Hussain.

He also attributed his success to his parents' support.

"There were times when I almost gave up but my parents would remind me of what I had achieved and that I should not let my efforts go to waste," he said.

Hussain is currently pursuing his

master's degree and hopes to become a lecturer one day.

"I want to motivate other OKU to keep striving for success," he said.

> He was only a grandfather for 26 days but Screen vocalist Gmie has accepted it as God's will, reported *Sinar Harian*.

The 48-year-old singer, whose real name is Hajimi Ibrahim, said his first grandchild Siti Adinda Raudhah, initially due in January, was born prematurely.

"My daughter Hadirah's water

broke when we were at home on Oct 22 and she went into labour the next day.

"After birth, my granddaughter was immediately taken to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and given respiratory support," he said.

On Tuesday, Gmie and his family were informed that Adinda's lungs were not fully developed, resulting in a lack of oxygen to the brain.

"The doctors had no choice but to remove the respiratory support," he said.