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UniSA's Malaysian graduates celebrate their academic success

More than 80 graduates will celebrate the completion of their degree studies at a special University of South Australia (UniSA) award ceremony in Kuala Lumpur this Sunday July 15 at 2 pm at the Hotel Nikko.

Among the group, 18 will be awarded the Doctor of Business Administration and one will receive a PhD in the field of business.

The ceremony will be attended for the first time by UniSA's new Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj who says he is looking forward to meeting and talking to the new graduates.

"I feel privileged to be leading an institution that has developed strong educational partnerships across the region - partnerships that continue to make a difference to the lives of individuals and our nations," Professor Høj said.

"Educational engagement is one of the most valuable paths to understanding, collaboration and development."

At the same time the July 15 event will be the last Malaysian awards ceremony for retiring UniSA Chancellor David Klingberg after almost 10 years with the University.

"In that time one of my greatest pleasures has been to attend these ceremonies in KL and other cities across the region and to see the growth and pride education brings to the lives of our students," Chancellor Klingberg said.

"I estimate I have shaken the hands of almost 10,000 students as they crossed the stage in Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Singapore since I was made Chancellor. I have seen, on each and every face, what an important educational milestone it is to graduate and it has been a great honour to be part of that."

Guest speaker at the UniSA Awards ceremony is the Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia, Penny Williams.

The visit to Malaysia will also incorporate a special meeting with senior staff of the prestigious International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) to further develop links with UniSA.

UniSA Vice Chancellor Prof Høj and Rector Dato' Prof Dr Syed Arabi Idid will sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions which will underpin collaboration in research, study programs and student and staff exchange and conferences.

UniSA is one of the leading Australian education providers to Malaysia offering programs in South Australia but also in Malaysia through educational partnerships with Taylor's University College. Almost 1600 students from Malaysia study at UniSA every year.

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