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University chairman says 95% hired within six months of graduation

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UNIVERSITI Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) awarded 59 students for their outstanding achievements at its Industry Graduate Excellence Awards Ceremony 2017.

Held at The Everly Putrajaya, the awards night took place in conjunction with the university's 20th convocation.

The annual event honoured and recognised students for their effort and dedication in achieving excellent grades, while being actively involved in co-curricular activities.

Sixty-seven awards, sponsored by 32 companies, were given away – a testament of the strong ties between the university and the industry in developing students' career.

"I am proud to hear that Uniten graduates are highly sought-after by major agencies and almost all practical students are absorbed as permanent staff by their respective organisations.

"A tracer study on employability rate by the Malaysian Education Ministry in 2016 shows that 95% of Uniten graduates were hired within six months upon course completion, which is an amazing achievement," said Tenaga Nasional Bhd and Uniten chairman and Uniten pro chancellor Tan Sri Leo Moggie in his speech.

Moggie, who officiated at the ceremony, also said that pure hard work, personal integrity, persistence and consistency are contributing factors to academic excellence.

Award recipient Nur Syahirah Zamri, who received the Yayasan Tenaga Nasional Sponsored Student Excellence Award and the Most Outstanding Industry Excellence Award, shared her secret to success.

"I always focused in class, and didn't miss any of them. But to maintain a healthy student life, I also took the opportunity to be involved in activities at the campus, as well as external events.

"I believe that through activities, you will build your self-confidence, embrace our potential and talent, and learn how to be a competitive person. All of that made me who I am today," she said.

The 22-year-old will be graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons) in Human Resource Management, and will be the only one to receive the Chancellor's Award during her convocation for her outstanding performance.

"Study hard and experience as much as possible during this time because you won't be able to do so when you're working.

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TNB Janamanjung managing director Datuk Shamsul Ahmad (right) presenting a mock cheque for RM150,000 to Uniten deputy vice-chancellor (academic and research) Datuk Prof Dr Ibrahim Hussein (second from left). Looking on are Uniten Chancellor Foundation director Mohamad Ishak Mohamad Ibrahim (left) and Moggie.

Award recipient Nur Syahirah Zamri (right) celebrating her awards with her father, Zamri Abu Samah, during the awards night.

"I'm also thankful that my family fully supports me in whatever I do," said the first of four siblings from Negri Sembilan.

She is currently in the committee and a volunteer for non-governmental organisation The Kalsom Movement in which university students share their knowledge and skills to help economically-disadvantaged Malaysian students.

At the awards night, a mock cheque presentation was held as TNB Janamanjung Sdn Bhd contributed RM150,000 to the Uniten Chancellor Foundation, aimed at helping deserving students to continue their studies at Uniten.

Students, parents and staff of Uniten were also treated to dinner during the ceremony.

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