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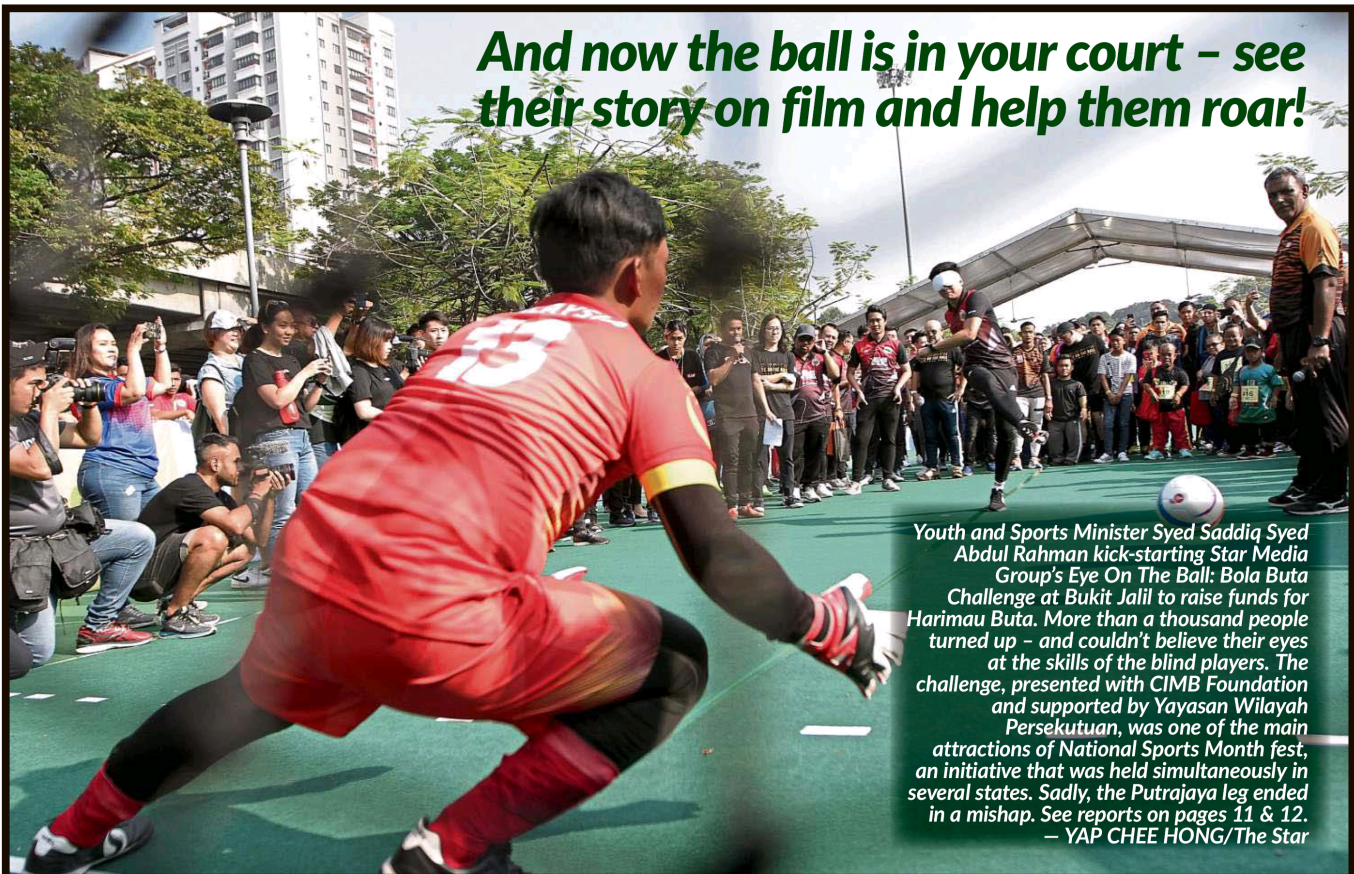
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Teach them ethics, morals

Use what you learn to do good, not bad

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Youth and Sports Minister Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman kick-starting Star Media Group's Eye On The Ball: Bola Buta Challenge at Bukit Jalil to raise funds for Harimau Buta. More than a thousand people turned up - and couldn't believe their eyes at the skills of the blind players. The challenge, presented with CIMB Foundation and supported by Yayasan Wilayah Persekutuan, was one of the main attractions of National Sports Month fest, an initiative that was held simultaneously in several states. Sadly, the Putrajaya leg ended in a mishap. See reports on pages 11 & 12.
— YAP CHEE HONG/The Star

King urges govt to pay attention to jobs for grads

PUTRAJAYA: Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah has called on the government to pay attention to issues pertaining to limited job opportunities for graduates of higher learning institutions.

Sultan Abdullah, who is also the Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL)

chancellor, said although various measures had been taken by the government to generate the nation's economy, limited employment opportunities were still a worthy agenda.

His Majesty added that if not contained, it would result in a loss to the country and a waste of the govern-

ment's investment in higher education.

"I am of the opinion that the country should create an economic sector that opens up highly-skilled employment opportunities. In addition, positive action should be taken to reduce the number of unskilled foreign workers, especially in the

service sector," he said.

Touching on Budget 2020, which was tabled Friday, Sultan Abdullah advised graduates to seize the opportunities through the various incentives announced such as graduate incentives, incentives to return to work, and incentives for employers to hire local workers.

His Majesty also hoped that UniKL graduates would remove the stigma of being lazy and instead develop a "hunger to gain experience and work".

A total of 6,083 students received degrees, diplomas and certificates at the convocation yesterday. — Bernama

Sultan: Build students with character

Don't just produce graduates but instil integrity as well, varsities told

KUALA LUMPUR: Universities must take responsibility for building the character of their students by moulding them holistically instead of just producing a large number of graduates, says the Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Shah.

"Individuals who are untrustworthy will bring harm to the people, religion, country and civilisation," he said in his speech at the 59th convocation ceremony at Universiti Malaya here yesterday.

Sultan Nazrin, who is UM Chancellor, said a university degree represented one's outer clothing, serving as identification of a graduate's level and field of knowledge acquired.

"But what cannot be cast aside, and indeed is becoming increasingly important, is the successful inculcation of good values within each graduate to ensure that he or she possesses inner strength and is able to appreciate ethics, morals,

accountability and integrity when facing life's challenges," said Sultan Nazrin.

Citing a Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission data that between 2014 and June this year, 53.4% of the 4,860 people arrested for corruption were aged 40 and below, he said although a university's image was enhanced by the number of its graduates and their achievement, it could also suffer negative consequences if many of its graduates were charged with various crimes or served time in prison.

Sultan Nazrin advised graduates at the convocation to complete the success they had achieved in their studies with good values so that they could continue upholding their dignity and the good names of their families.

Yesterday's convocation saw 6,562 graduates receiving postgraduate and undergraduate degrees as well as diplomas. — Bernama



Well done: Daim receiving his scroll from Sultan Nazrin.

Daim: Get graduates to think

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia must focus on producing graduates who can think logically and be able to solve problems, says former finance minister Tun Dr Daim Zainuddin, 81.

The mismatch between the kinds of graduates we are producing and what the market wants must be addressed, he said, adding that the continuous pursuit of knowledge was crucial in achieving success, but knowledge should not be used to do bad things.

As long as you are alive, read, seek knowledge and use it for good, he told a press conference after

receiving his doctorate degree scroll during the Universiti Malaya (UM) convocation ceremony here yesterday.

Daim, from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, now holds a doctorate of philosophy after 11 years of study.

"When I started in 2008, I could walk. Now I have to use a cane. There were many challenges. When you are old, many illnesses come.

"I also had other responsibilities so I did my research off and on — when I had the time," he said.

His thesis is titled "The Implementation of The New Economic Policy: Success and Failure, 1970 — 2008".

The most important thing is to

learn so we do not repeat those failures and where there are successes, we must take advantage of them, he said.

Success, he said, was about achievements, not making demands.

"In Malaysia, it's not only the bumiputras who are less fortunate. There are non-Malays who are poor too. Poverty does not depend on race. Those who need help, we give them help."

Daim's scroll was presented by Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, who is also UM Chancellor.

The 59th convocation ceremony, which started yesterday, saw 6,562 students graduating from the country's top varsity.

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