

Ali is UTHM pro-chancellor

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BATU PAHAT: Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa was appointed the pro-chancellor of the Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) at the university's 14th convocation ceremony here yesterday.

Ali's appointment was consented by UTHM's Chancellor Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar. He received the appointment letter from Johor Tunku Mahkota Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim.

UTHM now has two pro-chancellors — Tunku Ismail, appointed in 2010, and Ali.

Hailing from Kluang, Johor, Ali has a doctorate degree in Environment Science and Economics from the Oklahoma State University, United States.

Besides being appointed to his current post in 2012, he is also co-author of two books, *Main Policies of the Government* (1997) and *Malaysia Kita* (1998), which are the main reference books for civil servants.

The convocation also conferred an Hon-



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orary Doctor of Philosophy award to the Nagaoka University of Technology President Prof Emeritus Dr Koichi Niihara (Mechanical Engineering), Prof Dr Georg Spottl from the University Of Bremen, Germany (Technical and Vocational Education) and former national badminton player, Datuk Mohmed Misbun Sidek (Human Development). The three-day ceremony, which began yesterday, saw the graduation of 3,477 students. **Bernama**