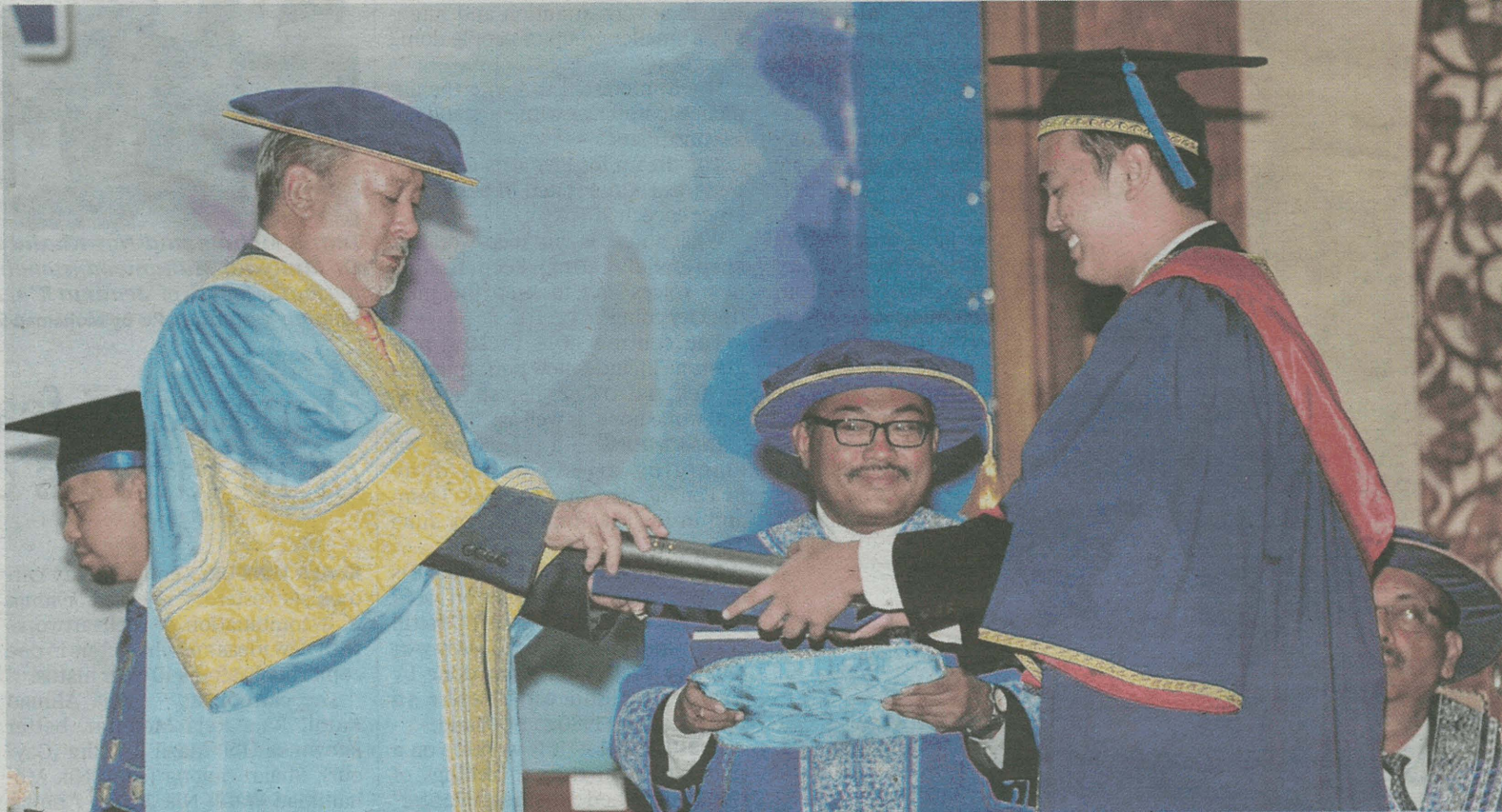


Improve English language skills, grads told

BATU PAHAT: Sultan of Johor Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar has urged graduates to improve their English language proficiency, as language competency is a quality preferred by employers other than academic excellence.

The ruler said for them to be successful, graduates needed to build their careers from the bottom and accept job offers which suited them.

“Graduates need to empower themselves with English proficiency, as established companies are more likely to hire those with commendable English writing and speaking skills,” said Sultan Ibrahim during his opening address at the 16th Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) convocation, which began yesterday.



Sultan of Johor Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar presenting a scroll to **Muhammad Nur Annuar Mohd Yunos, 24**, at the **16th Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia convocation** in Batu Pahat yesterday. Pic by Shaifuldin Ahmad

He also urged graduates to use the knowledge gained as a stepping stone to improve their lives and not bring harm to others.

Sultan Ibrahim yesterday presented scrolls to a total of 320 graduates

at the ceremony.

The ruler presented the Sultan Ibrahim Academic Excellence Medal to Muhammad Nur Annuar Mohd Yunos from Kulai, Johor, and two Royal Honorary Medals for

academic excellence to Ahmad Najmi Amerhaider Nuar from Banting, Selangor, and Teo Yen Bin from here.

He also presented an Honorary Doctorate in Facility and Property

Management to Southern Sulawesi Governor Syahrul Yassin Limpo.

A total of 3,469 graduates from various fields of study will receive scrolls during the three-day ceremony.