



Mahali and Siti Zaleha showing Nurliyana's scroll.



Mohd Reduan (middle) sharing his happiness with Buyung and Hatiah after the convocation. — Photos: ABDUL RAHMAN EMBONG/The Star

## Determination pays off for kidney patient

**BATU PAHAT:** Life was not easy for a hearing-impaired Mohd Reduan Buyung while completing his doctorate studies at Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) here.

The 32-year old who hails from Bagan Serai, Perak, is also suffering from kidney complications and has to undergo dialysis.

He had to undergo five times treatment daily – every four hours with each treatment lasting between 30 and 40 minutes.

However, the pint-sized Reduan was a determined person and always sees things positively despite his odds

His efforts and determination paid off when he completed his doctorate in Real Estate and Facilities Management after five years of studying at the university.

“Never ever give up and always think positively,” Reduan said after receiving his scroll from UTHM chancellor Johor Ruler Sultan

Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar during the 18th convocation ceremony.

Sharing the joyous moments with him were his father Buyung Lukman, 59 and mother Hatiah Jamhari, 53.

During the three-day ceremony from Oct 20 to 22, 4,408 graduates received their doctorates, degrees and diplomas.

Reduan said he was diagnosed with kidney complications in

November 2014, during his second year at the university when he suddenly lost weight and was feeling weak.

“The kidney complications also led to losing my hearing,” he said.

Reduan plans to take up a teaching post at the university after undergoing a kidney transplant next month. His father Buyung will donate one of his kidneys to his son.

Meanwhile, it was a different scenario for 56-year old Mahali

Jubari and wife Siti Zaleha Yusof, 48, who received the scroll on behalf of their late daughter Nurliyana Ardila.

The 26-year-old Nurliyana, who was awarded Bachelor of Electrical Engineering with Honours degree, passed away in March 2017, from a brain tumour.

“Our daughter planned to do her Masters at UTHM but it was not meant to be,” said Mahali. – **By ZAZALI MUSA**