

Hall to be named after late Gerakan stalwart

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WAWASAN Open University (WOU) in Penang will honour its second chancellor and former Gerakan president, the late Tun Dr Lim Keng Yaik, by naming one of its two auditoriums after him at its 6th convocation ceremony this weekend.

WOU, in a statement, had said that the 384-seat Auditorium 1 on Level 5 of the Albukhary Building on the main campus in Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah, would be named Auditorium Tun Dr Lim Keng Yaik in his memory and in recognition of his immense contributions.

Lim was the university's second chancellor from 2011 until his passing on Dec 22, 2012.

He is regarded as WOU's founder who had the vision of setting up a virtual open university and, through sheer determination, brought in key people and the funds to translate that vision into reality.

WOU also said it would confer Honorary Doctor of Letters degrees to two distinguished individuals.

They are Datuk Seri Dr T. Devaraj in recognition of his contribution to the medical profession and to palliative care in the country, and Mercy Malaysia founder and former president Tan Sri Dr Jemilah Mahmood.

Dr Devaraj will be conferred the doctorate at the convocation ceremony while Dr Jemilah, who is currently Chief of the World Humanitarian Summit Secretariat based in the United Nations headquarters in New York, will be conferred at a separate occasion in the near future due to her busy overseas engagement.

A total of 493 graduates will receive their scrolls at the convocation ceremony of whom 116 are from postgraduate programmes and 377 from undergraduate programmes.

The graduands, aged from 23 to 67, hold occupations like teachers, lecturers, engineers, accountants, account managers, finance managers, site supervisors, technicians and clerks.