

University honours disabled graduate with Chancellor's Gold Medal Award

KUALA LUMPUR: UCSI University has honoured wheelchair-bound graduate Tiew Kee Yee with its inaugural Chancellor's Gold Medal Award during its 27th convocation ceremony recently.

Tiew, 23, who was born with spinal muscular atrophy disease said his time at UCSI had given him not only an education but also the confidence to reach his full potential.

"My family and friends supported me all the way, but the breakthrough happened when I realised that I had to change my negative attitude to positive," he said in a statement.

His passion for accounting saw his years at UCSI from

Foundation to Degree marked with achievement after achievement.

In 2009, Tiew was awarded the Tan Sri Ahmad Razali Merit Scholarship and he was on the Dean's List for two years in a row for 2011 and 2012.

He was also setting up the Accounting and Finance Student Association as the founding president and participating in various competitions and forums organised by the faculty.

S. Thaalitha Naidu, from Sungai Petani, who graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree also shared her successful study at the UCSI University.

In her speech, she encouraged her fellow graduates to

constantly learn new skills and knowledge to remain relevant and competitive.

"Whether it is medicine, business or in public service, we cannot just stick to old methods. Someone needs to come up with new ideas, and that someone could be you," she said.

UCSI University is the flagship institution of the UCSI Group conglomerate.

It comprises seven faculties, two independent institutes and a centre for pre-university studies with more than 70 programmes in various disciplines, including medicine, pharmacy, architecture, computer science, liberal arts and music. – Bernama