

## Orphan clinches UCSI University's best student award

**KUALA LUMPUR:** An orphan student clinched the Chancellor's Gold Medal Award at the UCSI University's 28th Convocation ceremony yesterday.

Hon Kah Mun, 22, who grew up in an orphanage, credited her school teachers, faculty dean and lecturers for motivating her to strive for excellence.

"They provided me with emotional support and advice during my time of need," she said.

Hon's passion for linguistic saw her constantly topping the dean's lists and in 2015, graduated with first class honours in UCSI's BA (Hons) English Language and Communication programme.

Meanwhile, David Soo Guo Cheong, 23, who graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Chemical Engineering degree bagged this year's Valedictorian Award.

Raised by a single mother, Soo, who is the first of three siblings, said money did not come easy for the family.

In his valedictorian's address, he thanked his mother who



Chancellor's Gold Medal Award recipient Hon Kah Mun (left) with a lecturer at the UCSI University's 28th Convocation ceremony. - Bernama photo

single-handedly raised him and his brothers upon their father's passing in 2009.

"Her support and sometimes knowing that she will just be there, no matter what, meant the world to me," he said.

Hon and Soo were among the 2,190 graduates who received

their scrolls at the convocation ceremony today.

The two-day convocation was attended by the university's chancellor Tan Sri Dr Abdul Rahman Arshad and vice-chancellor and president Senior Prof Datuk Khalid Yusoff. - Bernama