



Dr Gan Ee Kiang (right) receiving his installation scroll as IMU chancellor from Abdul Aziz Baba (left) at the convocation ceremony.

Practitioners complete Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry course

THE recent graduation ceremony of International Medical University (IMU) marked a milestone as the first seven students from the Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry (PGDID) course received their scrolls.

The programme was specially developed by IMU to provide dentistry practitioners with advanced training and classes to help develop their knowledge in implant dentistry, enabling them to include implants into their clinical practice.

PGDID programme director Dr Y. Naresh Shetty said the programme is structured, organised and benchmarked to the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Diploma in Implant Dentistry Examination.

"Designed to support the training and learning of working dental practitioners, it uses a flexible modular mode of study whereby students have the flexibility to perform implant surgery in their own clinic or under one-to-one supervision at IMU Oral Health Centre. It is also complemented by technology-based learning with online i-seminars," he added.

Dr Tan Chew Fang, one of the PGDID graduates, said: "The course provided me with a great start in learning implant dentistry. With good support from the university, mentors and course mates, I am

thankful that I have completed the programme successfully. This serves as a wonderful motivation for my passion and clinical work in the field."

Also graduating was IMU's first cohort of two students from the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Professions Education (PGCHPE) course designed to fulfil the needs of the 21st century health profession educationist that integrates a core set of competencies to produce leaders and scholars in health professions education. PGCHPE is based on stringent Malaysian Qualifications Agency requirements and is flexible as it allows students to study while fulfilling their work commitments.

In his speech at the convocation ceremony, IMU vice-chancellor Professor Abdul Aziz Baba reminded students of the reasons why they chose to be in the health care profession. "Your education at IMU has prepared you for this future. But there are things that cannot be taught — compassion, sympathy, care, kindness, humanity and benevolence," he added.

At the same event, Datuk Dr Gan Ee Kiang was officially installed as IMU chancellor. Dr Gan was the first Malaysian member of the International Health Advisory Panel of the United States Pharmacopoeia Convention from 1990-1995.