

A pledge to serve

GRADUATING Pharmacy students from UCSI University recently participated in an oath-taking ceremony witnessed by their lecturers, parents, peers and Malaysian Pharmaceutical Society vice president Adiba Haq.

The ceremony, an annual event for the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, saw the students pledging to devote their professional life to the service of all health care communities. They also pledged to make knowledge and skills enhancement a lifelong commitment for the development of the profession.

In her speech, the faculty's dean Assoc Prof Dr Yeong Siew Wei said that fresh graduates needed to have respect, confidence and excellence.

"Fresh graduates should also have the confidence to carry out tasks given to them, take initiatives to volunteer for assignments and most of all, they should carry out these assignments to the best of their ability with 100% commitment," she said.

Adiba added that the pharmacist profession was well-respected.

"Patients have expressed their grate-



The graduates taking their oath, witnessed by their lecturers, parents and peers.

fulness for the counselling services which pharmacists dispense, and all fresh graduates need to bear this in mind, as your patients are not unlike your parents, brothers and sisters, and one day you may even be that patient."

Adiba emphasised that pharmacists must take pride in their work as they are an essential part of the nation's health care team.

Graduating student Alvin Teo said that the ceremony was one of the

most significant moments for him and his peers at the university.

"I am grateful that I am able to be part of this event, and to be here with my friends. I am glad that every one of us did the oath with confidence and sincerity," he said.

He added that the ceremony marked their transition from students to working adults, and having their lecturers and parents there to witness it was truly special.