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The graduates are from the School of Business and Administration, the School of Science and Technology, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and the School of Education, Languages and Communications.

They form the largest group of graduates so far and bring WOU's total graduates to 4,495.

WOU board of governors chairman Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon said the ceremony will be graced for the first time by new chancellor Tan Sri Tunku Imran

Tuanku Ja'afar and new pro-chancellor Datuk Dr Lim Thuang Seng.

"The convocation will comprise seven sessions over two days," he said at a press conference.

"WOU will be conferring a degree on Teenish Rajoo who passed away last year, a month after completing his studies.

"WOU will observe a minute of silence in tribute to Teenish who died from pneumonia at the age of 27.

"There will be two special needs graduates from our open distance learning programme.

"Belinda Chee Jin Wei, 38, will receive her postgraduate Diploma in Education while Tee Wei Ming will be conferred his Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Logistics and Supply Management degree.

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Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon

"WOU's lifelong learning philosophy is exemplified by four of our remarkable graduates this year.

"One of them is Kamilia Tan Abdullah, 76, who took up the Commonwealth Executive MBA programme.

"Three other graduates, all born

in the 1940s, are Mangayarkarasy Velayutham, 71, Wong Seow Chee, 72, from the Master of Education programme specialising in Teaching English as a Second Subject, and Koh Choi Hing, 73, from the Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Sales and Marketing programme.

"Wong is currently pursuing her Doctor of Business Administration degree after having enrolled at WOU in the July 2019 intake."

Dr Koh also announced that Chay Foo Soon, 41, will be the recipient of the Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu Memorial Prize and he will be receiving his Master of Education degree with a specialisation in Education Management.

"Chay is the quintessential lifelong learner and this will be his fourth degree.

"I hope that he will go further and obtain a PhD from WOU.

"The winner of the Chancellor's Gold Medal is Tan Jin Yong, 23, who was the top student from the open distance learning undergraduate programme with a Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Banking and Finance degree.

"The recipient of the Tun Dr Lim Keng Yaik Memorial Gold Prize is Michelle Tan Cheong Hooi Hooi, 22, from the full-time on campus learning programme with a Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Management," he added.

Since opening its doors in 2007, WOU has received over 24,000 students.

Also present at the press conference was WOU chief executive and vice-chancellor Prof Dr Lily Chan.



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