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## Stage four cancer patient receives PhD at UiTM convocation



Tengku Permaisuri Selangor, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin (right) who is also the Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) presenting the Doctor of Philosophy (Transportation and Logistics) MTDC Innovation Book Award to Dr Anis Mardiana Abdullah at the 95th UiTM Convocation Ceremony in the Great Hall of Tuanku Chancellors UiTM November 26, 2022. — Bernama pic

**SHAH ALAM, Nov** — Despite being diagnosed with stage four colon cancer just a fortnight ago, Dr Anis Mardiana Abdullah did not allow her sickness to stop her from receiving her Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) today at the 95th Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) convocation ceremony.

Anis Mardiana, 45, who cannot stand for long due to her illness, boldly stood up to receive her PhD in Transport and Logistics from UiTM Pro-Chancellor, Tengku Permaisuri of Selangor, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin.

The mother of one said she did not want to trouble university officials about her condition and bravely defied the pain to complete the ceremony on her historic day.

She also said she did not expect her name to be selected as the recipient of the Malaysia Technology Development Corporation (MTDC) Innovation Book Award.

"When I was doing my PhD, I had no serious symptoms, I noticed my hands trembled when I was writing which I thought was due to stress.