Future Generation to Ensure a Sovereign Nation: Vice-Chancellor

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TUESDAY, 02 JULY – Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) welcomed the visit by the Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM) delegation, the main committee, commandant officers and cadet officers who will be commissioned, to a get-together dinner in conjunction with the 32nd Reserve Officers Training Unit (PALAPES) Commissioning this Saturday.

UMS Vice-Chancellor, Kept (K) Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah said the mandate given by ATM to UMS to be the host this time is received enthusiastically and UMS will ensure the smooth flow of the grand ceremony as well as ensuring that its objective is achieved.

"As a concerned Public Institution of Higher Learning (IPTA), UMS has always been supporting and helping in producing human resource in the field of military service and officers who are not only excellent academically but also in their personality," he said.

He said the high level of discipline and moral values added with good personality and a commendable leadership were among the criteria of each cadet officers to someday be a graduate of high quality and a valuable asset to religion, race and the nation.

The Lahad Datu intrusion tragedy was an act that could

help push the cadet officers to shoulder their responsibilities and to ensure that there will not be another intrusion from outsiders.

"Let the young play their role in ensuring safety to this nation without relying on foreign powers that might take advantage of the situation. We are able to stand on our own and be on par with other developing countries from the aspect of military and the safety of our country," Datuk Harun further added.

The dinner was packed with dance presentation and singing by students of the School of Arts Studies UMS, and local Sabah artist, Felix Agus. Also present were the Director of the Planning and Development Management Headquarters Army Training Brig. Gen. Dato' Abu Musa Hj. A. Rahman and Senior Officers of the University. - *FL*

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