PALAPES Cadet Commissioning Held With Full Military Panache

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MONDAY, 08 JULY – The 32nd Commissioning Ceremony of the Reserved Officers Training Unit (PALAPES) was held in full military panache at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) recently. The historical ceremony was a first for Sabah and the whole of Borneo island, and started with a Royal Parade Ceremony which was inspected by Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia (KDYMM) Sultan Muhammad V, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan DarulNaim.

His Majesty hoped that the newly commissioned cadets would help in serving towards the defence and peace of the nation in facing any threats from outside as well inside the country.

"I want all those who are commissioned today to continue their career either in the permanent force or the Reserved ATM Unit so that the combined strength that we have will not go to a waste," His Majesty said.

His Majesty also reminded all young officers to continue with the spirit of patriotism to create a love for the country and to deepen their knowledge thus adding values to themselves either spiritually or physically.

"I am confident that with the strength, professionalism and spirit that we have, added by a reserved unit that acts as a second liner, ATM will be able to defend the sovereignty of the country from any threat which may weaken the harmony and safety of this beloved nation," His Majesty added.

At the ceremony, 1,341 PALAPES cadet officers who were in their full regalia were commissioned, which included 17 from other Higher Learning Institutions (IPTA) and the Malaysian Marine Academy (ALAM) for the permanent force and reserved unit in ATM. It was a great recognition for the Cadet Officers who successfully completed a 3 month training and now commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Reserved Unit of the Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM).

Also present were the Head of State, Tun Juhar Hj. Mahiruddin; the Chief Minister of Sabah, Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Hj. Aman; Deputy Defence Minister, Datuk Abdul Rahim Bakri; Deputy Education Minister 1, Datuk Mary Yap Kain Ching; Armed Forces Commander, General Tan Sri Zulkifeli Mohd. Zin; Army Commander, General Datuk Raja Mohamed Affandi Raja Mohamed Noor, UMS Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah and Senior Officers of this EcoCampus University. – FL

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