

Selamat (centre) receiving a memento from Sharil at the event.

78 UMS students

receive commissions

KOTA KINABALU: A total of 78 Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) student civil defence force (Sispa) corps members received their commissions on Wednesday.

According to Civil Defence Force Acting Commissioner Dato Selamat Dahalan the UMS cadets who received their commission were those who have finished their Civil Defence Force training course for three years.

"At the moment we have 37 public and private institutions of higher learning which already have the Sispa corps set up. We are in the process of increasing the Sispa corps as part of our goal to ensure all institutions of higher learning eventually set up their own their own Sispa corps."

He said this at the 2016 UMS students civil defense corps commissioning ceremony at UMS Outdoor Development Centre here.

"These Sispa corps members will be the future of the civil defence force in terms of leadership, officers and workforce.

"They will also be the civil defense force front liners in their respective campuses so in case of any incidents or emergencies in the campus we will already have civil defence force personnel in place who can carry out the early preparatory work before civil defence forces and rescuers arrive to assist at the higher education institution," he said.

Also present was UMS Sispa Corp Commandant Honorary Assistant Commissioner Prof. Dr Shahril Yusof. - Neil Chan