

UMS to launch satellite campus for army veterans

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has become the first university to set up a satellite campus for army veterans.

In its bid to further improve the lives of army veterans, UMS has opted to launch the campus for the Ex-Servicemen Affairs Corporation (Perhebat), which is a body comprising of army veterans.

In this regard, Chief Minister Tan Sri Musa Haji Aman has asserted that the state government is always open to any initiatives that seek to provide more opportunities for the retirees.

"I would like to congratulate UMS for being the first public university to set up a satellite campus for Perhebat, one that seeks to implement educational and training activities for soon-to-be retirees and Armed Forces veterans in Malaysia, especially Sabah," Musa said at the launching ceremony at Recital Hall, UMS.

Since 2016, a total of 840 army veterans had benefited from Perhebat's Pre-Transition Training and Socio-economic Development Programme for Army Veterans (PPSEV) in UMS.

It is understood that the six courses that are currently implemented under PPSEV are mostly focused on the agriculture and food manufacturing industry and that 14 more courses will be added during the first half of 2018.