



(From left) **Lt-Gen Datuk Wira Allatif Mohd Noor** talking to graduates **Muhammad Fathullah Idris, Mohd Eskandar Mirza Mohd Yusof, Luqman Hakim Sahar and Umar Azizi Ramli.**

Defence varsity's top grads

KUALA LUMPUR: It will be a proud day for four outstanding graduates of the Malaysian National Defence University when they receive their awards from Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah today.

The four are Senior Under Officer Luqman Hakim Sahar, Junior Under Officer Mohd Eskandar Mirza Mohd Yusof, Junior Under Officer Muhammad Fathullah Idris and Regimental Cadet Sergeant-Major Umar Azizi Ramli.

Both Luqman, 23, who emerged as the overall top graduate, and Eskandar, 23, who emerged as the best Army graduate, will be commissioned into the Royal Malay Regiment — the premier unit of the Army's two infantry regiments.

The Royal Malaysian Navy's best graduate, Muhammad Fathullah, 23, will serve with the engineering branch, while the best Royal Malaysian Air Force graduate Umar Azizi Ramli, 22, will serve as an air traffic control officer.

They are among 302 cadet officers who will receive their commissions, with the rank equivalent of captains, from the king at a passing-out parade at the Sungai Besi camp today.

University vice-chancellor Lt-Gen Datuk Wira Allatif Mohd Noor, who introduced the four outstanding cadets at a press conference yesterday, said all graduate cadet officers would be bonded to serve a minimum of 10 years with the Army, Navy and Air Force.