



Agong calls on UPNM to improve performance to achieve mission and vision

KUALA LUMPUR: Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah yesterday called on Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM) to take continuous efforts in line with the current development to ensure excellence of its education.

As such, he said all quarters, especially within the university's management, must improve their performance and the university's prestigious image towards achieving its vision and mission.

"I'm proud that UPNM has managed to produce young officers who will some day inherit the Armed Forces' distinguished

leadership," he said at a royal parade and presentation of appointment letters to 302 UPNM cadet officers here yesterday.

Also present were Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Tuanku Abdul Halim also reminded the cadets that the appointment letter was a trust given to them, and thus should be upheld and observed with undying commitment.

During the ceremony, Senior Under Officer Luqman Hakim Sahar, 24, was named the Best Cadet Officer.

Hails from a farming family, Luqman Hakim also graduated from UPNM with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

For Captain Rabiatul Adawiyah, 23, her success in completing the four-year cadet training was due to the support from her family and her own determination to become a soldier.

"I don't see any difference between the male cadets and myself. We were equally and unbiasedly trained with various types of exercise and disciplines," she said. — Bernama



WELL DONE: Tuanku Abdul Halim (right) presents the Best Cadet Officer award to Luqman Hakim (left). — Bernama photo