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"UUM : UNIVERSITI PENGURUSAN TERKEMUKA"
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UNIVERSITIES ACTIVELY HELP IN THE PRESERVATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY



UUM ONLINE: Kuala Lumpur – The Vice-Chancellor of UUM, Colonel (H) Prof. Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Ishak, delivered a keynote address entitled "The Collaboration between Public Universities and the RMAF in the Context of Reinforcing Civil Defence" (Kerjasama Universiti Awam dan TUDM Dalam Konteks Memperkasa Pertahanan Awam) at Wisma Perwira ATM, yesterday morning.

The keynote address was delivered on the occasion of the Symposium of the Honorary Volunteer Reserve Officer Unit of the RMAF (PSSTUDM) and the Investiture Ceremony for the Honorary Commissioned Officers of the PSSTUDM, which was presided over by the Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), General Dato' Seri Affendi Buang.

The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that UUM was the first university to establish the Airforce Reserve Officer Training Unit (ROTU) in 1988 and that it was known as the University Air Squadron.

"UUM has always been actively involved in HANRUH (Comprehensive Defence), a national defence strategy, introduced by the National Security Committee, which involves every government agency and the community.

"The role of universities in HANRUH encompasses almost all strategies, for instance, engendering defence readiness through ROTU; fostering community integrity and unity by offering compulsory courses on Malaysian nationhood and ethnic relations; increasing public awareness through public lectures, seminars and workshops; as well as strengthening economic endurance and psychological resilience," added the Vice-Chancellor.

In this regard, the Vice-Chancellor said, the Ministry of Defence should establish ROTU at all universities to inculcate the spirit of patriotism among students through military training.

An Investiture Ceremony for the Honorary Commissioned Officers of the PSSTUDM was officiated by the Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force early on in the day and it was followed by another presentation and a dialogue session.

Also present at the ceremony were the Raja DiHilir Perak, DYAM Brigadier General Raja Dato Seri Iskandar Dzulkarnain Ibni Almarhum Sultan Idris Shah; the Chief of the RMAF; Lt. Col. (H) Baharudin Yaacob, Deputy Registrar of UUM; and senior officials of the RMAF.



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