



## Unimas to launch its military reserves unit

KUCHING – Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) will officially launch its military reserves unit called Palapes-Unimas at a ceremony this coming Saturday (October 25).

Formed under the Han-ruh concept which emphasises military training to civilian as well as army personnel, Palapes-Unimas has been approved by the Education Ministry and Defense Ministry on July 1 this year.

Palapes-Unimas has about 20 military re-serves officers trained under 511 Regiment in Kuching. They include professors and lecturers from the university itself.

The university has also received about 60 applications from its permanent and supporting employees to join in the new recruitment.

Expected to be present at the function are mili-

tary deputy commander Lieutenant-General Dato' Muhammad Zahidi Haji Zainuddin, Unimas vice chancellor Professor Dato' Zawawi Isamil and Unimas chairman Tan Sri Bujang Noor who will officiate at the ceremony in front of the university's office at Kota Sama-raham.

The highlight for the ceremony is the presentation from ten paratroopers of the 10th Brigade who will display their skills by jumping from an airplane at height of 5,000 feet.

It will be followed by exhibitions of parachutes, weaponry, military fatigues and the handing over of the flag ceremony and registration of new members.

A workshop will be conducted the next day to expose participants to military science courses which may be required by the students who will be given a 12 credit points during their study. The new recruits will also be taught management, basic strategies as well as improving their personality, an essential point for the military service.

Also expected to attend the ceremony are First Division commander Major-General Dato' Haji Abdul Aziz Hassan, training and doctrine military commander Major-General Dato' Shahrom Nordin, Third Brigade commander Brigadier General Rosli Mohd. Yusuf.

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