Equipment upgrade for JPAM - Wan Junaidi

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KOTA SAMARAHAN: The Defence Ministry will upgrade the Civil Defence Department's (JPAM) live-saving equipment to ease the department's rescue work.

Deputy Minister of Defence, Datuk Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said this in a press conference after officiating at the Undergraduate Students Civil Defence Corps (Kor SISPA) held at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) near here yesterday.

With the newly upgraded equipment, Junaidi said JPAM personnel would be able to give their best services to the public.

He added that the effectiveness of JPAM could be seen where it able to attract about 100,000 of volunteers members every year.

He added that JPAM services would be expanded to the suburban areas in the State due to its effectiveness in providing rescue services to the people.

"JPAM has taken the step to plan, educate and prepare its members to faced the challenge in ensure the safety and the well being of the nation."

"The existence of SISPA in every higher learning institution is part of the effort to instill the volunteering spirit among the youngsters," said Junaidi.

He also pointed out that UNIMAS was among the thirty-eight universities in the country that formed SISPA with 12,249 people joining SISPA last year.

SISPA was officially set up in UNIMAS on 11 June, 2013 with 100 students joining the uniformed body.

The ceremony also saw the presentation over of certificates of appreciation for JPAM operation during the capsized boat tragedy in Baram and fire tragedy in Kampung Datu Sibu.