



Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah being proclaimed chancellor of the National Defence University at the university's 10th convocation at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre in Putrajaya yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

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King proclaimed UPNM chancellor

PUTRAJAYA: Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah was yesterday proclaimed chancellor of the National Defence University (UPNM).

The instrument of appointment was presented to His Majesty by Defence Minister Mohamad Sabu at the university's 10th convocation at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC) here.

Present at the ceremony was Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah.

In expressing his appreciation, Sultan Abdullah said the appointment would give him the opportunity to serve and share his thoughts on education for sustainability in relation to security and defence issues.

He said to become the premier

defence university in the region, it was only appropriate for the field of defence to be the main agenda for UPNM studies, in line with the university's objective to become a centre of excellence in defence technology, military affairs and security studies.

He said it was important for UPNM to move in tandem with changing global security dimensions and strategic environment, as the world's political, economic and strategic landscapes were constantly changing.

"The world is in the throes of the 4th Industrial Revolution. This means that defence technology is far different from when the Malaysian armed forces were established almost 68 years ago."

He said the university's programme should be expanded to include studies in digital defence and defence automation, as well

as cyber physical systems.

He also said UPNM should be able to produce future leaders who are dedicated in serving to achieve the country's strategic interests, which had been among the aspirations of the university's founders.

At the ceremony, Sultan Abdullah conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Strategic Studies and International Relations on General (R) Tan Sri Yaakob Mohd Zin and an Honorary Doctorate in Resource Management on General (R) Tan Sri Abdul Rahman Abdul Hamid.

Former armed forces chief Admiral (R) Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor, who was appointed UPNM pro-chancellor, also received his appointment letter at the event, which saw 969 graduates receiving their scrolls.

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