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Knowledge can be used to defend nation, says Selangor sultan

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SULTAN of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah expressed hope that cadet officers of the Reserve Officers Training Unit (Rotu) will pursue a permanent career with the Armed Forces or serve in its reserves unit.

The sultan said this was so that the knowledge gained would not go to waste and they could contribute to Malaysia's wellbeing and defence.

"I want the military knowledge acquired in the three years with Rotu to be used and enhanced in meeting the challenges ahead or while serving in the reserves unit in future," Sultan Sharafuddin said at the 34th Royal Commissioning of Rotu cadet officers from institutions of higher education at Universiti Putra Malaysia here yesterday.

It involved 1,628 cadet officers from 18 institutions, including the



Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah inspecting a **guard of honour** at the 34th Royal Commissioning of Reserve Officers Training Unit cadet officers from institutions of higher education at Universiti Putra Malaysia in Serdang yesterday. Pic by Muhammad Asyraf Sawal

Marine Academy of Malaysia.

The ruler said the theme "Watan Mendaulat Nusa" (upholding nation's sovereignty) was apt as the commissioned officers were to be role models for others.

"What is important for this country with a pluralistic society is for the people to live in harmony based on our eastern culture and to practise the 1Malaysia principles to strengthen friendship among the races."

Present were Selangor Menteri Besar Azmin Ali, Armed Forces chief General Tan Sri Zulkifeli Mohd Zin and Army chief General Datuk Raja Mohamed Affandi Raja Mohamed Noor.