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Recruits put their best foot forward for Dr M

PORT DICKSON, Mon. - In an event made memorable by the presence of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, 1,957 recruits of the ground forces 147th intake today took part in a passing out parade after completing their training.

The recruits who began training on June 25 are from various States in the country, including Perlis, Penang, Kelantan, Sarawak and Sabah.

The 147th intake of recruits comprises different ethnic groups which included Ibans (181), Bidayuhs (64), Dusuns (39), Bajaus (38), Melanaus (31), Muruts (31), Bisayas (9), Rungus (6) and Kayans (2).

The event began with Dr Mahathir receiving the royal salute followed by an inspection of the recruits.

Dr Mahathir also presented trophies to the recruits who performed well academically and in the various aspects of their training.

Mohd Rozi Mohd Nor, 20, from Kota Baru, said it was a moment to be treasured when he received the Royal Malay Regiment Trophy for being the overall best recruit.

"I am happy with my achievement. Most of all, I never expected to receive the trophy from the Prime Minister."

Rozi said it was a great achievement for him and it had inspired him to prove his worth during his service with the Royal Malay Regiment.

Recruit Shaarisam Salleh, 21, from Kampung Debut, Ranau, Sabah, who received the Armoured Corps Trophy for the best shooter, said he was happy with the award.

Recruits who completed their training today will join the various regiments and corps of the Malaysian armed forces.

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