

UTHM to become premier centre for pencak silat



Datuk Seri Khaled Nordin (centre) witnesses the exchange of documents between UTHM vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin (right) and National Silat Association vice-president Datuk Md Sohaimi Mohamad Shah. — Bernama picture

UNIVERSITI Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) in Parit Raja, Batu Pahat, has been selected as a Focus Sport Centre for the development of the “pencak silat” martial art.

The university is among 18 other higher learning institutes nationwide which have been given the focus sport centre status. Each university under this programme will focus on different sports.

With the status, UTHM will become a premier centre for training, research and education in pencak silat for students of tertiary institutes.

Pencak silat is a division of

the silat martial art, which is also regarded as a national heritage.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Khaled Nordin launched the Pencak Silat Focus Sport Centre at UTHM at a ceremony at the Zon Regency Hotel in Johor Baru last Saturday.

Khaled said the status awarded to UTHM was based on its good track record in silat competitions at tertiary student level.

“UTHM has produced talented silat exponents who have represented the country at international level.”