

Labuan UMS drive to cut wastage on utilities

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LABUAN: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Labuan International Campus has embarked on a campaign to reduce wastage in the use of utilities in the campus.

The campaign is more to instil and develop a culture of responsibility in proper daily use of utilities such as electricity, water and telecommunications.

Director of the campus, Prof. Madya Dr Shariff Abdu Kadir Omang, who launched the campaign with the distribution of posters, said:

"Our electricity bill for 2009 was RM1.3 million and we managed to reduce it to RM1.2 million (eight per cent) last year. With responsible use of electricity, water, telephone, we hope to further reduce use by 25 per cent till 2013," he said.



Dr Shariff (second from right) launching the campaign.

He was confident that with the co-operation and support of all students and academic staff, the set target would be achieved.

He said simple steps such as keeping doors and windows closed while the air-conditioner is in use would prevent escape of cool air without the air-con being put to full use.

As for telecommunications, the lines should only be used for official and important purposes.

He went to say that excessive use of utilities could affect supply and delivery.

He stressed that the important aspect of the campaign was to have students getting used to such lifestyle, which would benefit them later.

Among those present were Deputy Registrar Kamisah Husin, Senior Engineer (Development Unit) Jorin Matawas, organising chairman and Deputy Dean of the School of Business and International Finance, Prof. Madya Dr Norazah Suki.