## UMS wants 100 million trees campaign a success

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Tropical Forest Faculty wants to ensure the 100 million trees campaign at the university level is successful.

The effort was conducted through the tree planting event held near the faculty building recently.

Faculty Dean, Professor Madya Dr Normah Awang Besar @ Raffie said that UMS supported the Sabah government's effort in the campaign and it is targeting for every staff and UMS student, including those at the Labuan International Campus and Sandakan Campus to plant one tree per year, and subsequently

to two trees yearly until the year 2025.

She said that by 2025, the number of trees planted would be 200,000 and the planting will be carried outside of UMS as well.

"Several activities have been planned to ensure the campaign is a success, including a contest to plant the most trees at department, academy, faculty, centre, institute and divisions of UMS, conducting seminars on the planting and care for the trees as well as entrepreneurial activities by UMS students through the sales of t-shirts and planting of one tree," she said.

Normah also informed that

the campaign at the faculty is targeting the planting of 150 Avocado, Selangan Batu and Urat Mata tree species.

She said that UMS was working with the Sabah Forestry Department for the campaign and the department has contributed 1,500 seedlings and 300 t-shirts for the participants.

"UMS appreciates the contribution," she said.

Meanwhile, the department's Corporate Communication and Innovation division head, Karim Hj Abdul Samad said that a total of 4.5 million out of the 5.5 million trees targeted had been planted in Sabah this year.



A representative from the Sabah Forestry Department planting a tree at UMS to ensure the success of the campaign.