

Forestation Programme Actively Held

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WEDNESDAY, 09 APRIL – More than 50 participants of the 1st Regional Conference On Campus Sustainability (1RCCS) 2014 took part in a tree-planting activity held at the Chancellery Building car park adjacent grounds. The simple and brief tree-planting activity was part of the conference’s Forestation Programme and was seen to be one of the steps for campus sustainability.

The early morning activity was led by the Director of EcoCampus Management Centre, Dr. Awangku Hassanal Bahar bin Pengiran Bagul who touched on the reason why *Gaharu* or Agarwood was selected as the chosen tree for this activity. This was followed by a briefing on tree-

planting by a senior lecturer on Wood Technology and Industry of the School of International Tropical Forestry (SPTA) UMS, Ag. Ahmad bin Mohd. Yunus.

About 63 *Gaharu* or Agarwood saplings were planted; where the soil were later covered with residual wood, free of wood chemical to trap moisture which in time would turn into organic fertiliser. The planting activity was supervised by senior lecturers and lecturers from SPTA, UMS.

With the theme “Building Sustainability Edge Through Institutional Strategy”, the Regional Conference was organised in collaboration with Universiti Malaya and the Higher Education Leadership Academy (AKEPT) and the Palawan State University of Philippines.

The tree-planting activity however was in cooperation with EcoCampus Management Centre, SPTA and the Office for International Affairs (PHEA). – *FL*

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