UMS Moves Up 72 Notch in the UI-GreenMetric World University Ranking

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JANUARY – Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) continues to move forward when it jumped 72 notch to be at 173 in the world ranking of the UI-GreenMetric World University Ranking 2015.

Vice-Chancellor of UMS, Professor Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah said the position was the highest so far compared to the ranking achieved last year at 245 in the world.

"This is something to be proud of for UMS and we are on the right track towards achieving more in future," he said when commenting on the achievement.

According to him, UMS would allow for an even better ranking based on the efforts that were underway, especially in activities related to the sustainability of the campus and environmental management.

"We have carried out various environment-friendly activities such as the efficient use of energy and the improvement of facilities including the use of bicycles within the campus area, in addition to the conservation and preservation of environment through various teaching and research.

"The establishment of a Recycling Centre in the campus that will adopt the practice of Ecofarm could greatly strengthen the university to further improve its ranking this year," Datuk Harun added.

The UI-GreenMetric World University Ranking 2015 announced last Friday was participated by 407 universities from 66 countries compared to 360 from 62 countries last year.

It saw UMS ranked seventh for Public and Private Universities, with Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) sitting comfortably at the number one position.

The ranking for environmental sustainability that measures the commitment of each university in developing environment-friendly infrastructure has more than 40 indicators covering 6 main areas namely, infrastructure (15%), energy and climate change (21%), waste (18%), water (10%), transport (18%) and education (18%). – (fl)