World Forestry Day Fosters Forest Awareness

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WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY – Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) through its Faculty of Science and Natural Resources (FSSA) celebrated World Forestry Day (HPS) at the university in an effort to instill awareness among campus community on the importance of maintaining forest areas in Sabah.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Academic and International UMS, Professor Dr. D Kamarudin D Mudin said, the awareness to protect and preserve this forest was translated globally through the World Forestry Day and World Environment Day celebrated every year.

"We want these two important days be celebrated in a grand scale so that the spirit of caring for our forest be nurtured amongst the community especially the younger generation who are still in school," he said representing the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah during the HPS Day celebration held at the Forestry Complex Ground, FSSA UMS.

According to him, various programmes and activities related to the caring, protecting, preserving and conservation of our forests and the environment such as planting trees and forests should be intensified and made as the main activity each year.

Various events in conjunction with the celebration were organised including Forest Run, tree planting, exhibition and forest research innovation as well as talks relating to the field of forestry were planned and participated by several secondary school students. -MA (fl)