

UMS Welcomes Awareness Culture On Forests

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TUESDAY, 27 MAY – The active involvement of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in celebrating the World Forestry Day can instil a caring culture among the university community on the importance of maintaining the existing forest area.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah, efforts by the university through the School of International Tropical Forestry (SPTA) was in line with the noble deeds to jointly cultivate a love of the forest.

“Before this, UMS through this school was also involved in a various activities of good causes such as tree-planting in conjunction with new student enrolment or other celebrations as well as inviting primary school students to visit UMS and introduce forest-themed and environmental activities,” he said in his speech at the opening ceremony of the World Forestry Day celebration UMS level. His speech was read by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Innovation, Prof. Dr. Shahril Yusof.

Datuk Dr. Harun said the tree-planting activity was proposed to be carried out by all staff and students of UMS.

“It is estimated that the tree planted will absorb approximately one ton of carbon dioxide during its lifetime. Imagine with 300 trees planted, we can offset pollution caused by an individual in his or her lifetime,” he added.

At the event, Prof. Dr. Shahril also witnessed the signing of a Letter of Intent (LoI) between SPTA with Tropical Rainforest Conservation & Research Centre Ltd., G&G Management Consultant Pte. Ltd., and Sabahpuri Nursery SBH. Also present was the Dean of SPTA, Dr. Normah Awang Besar @ Ruffie. *SS (fl)*

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