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The initiative, held at the Smart Classroom, was officiated by UMS Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Kasim Mansor.

According to Kasim, the programme coincided with Earth Day celebrations, symbolising the university's commitment to environmental conservation.

"This programme reflects UMS' strong commitment in enhancing its campus sustainability agenda in line with the university's vision as 'The Brain of Borneo,'" he said in a speech text delivered by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Dr

Rosalam Sarbatly.

Kasim added that the initiative is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in addressing climate change and environmental conservation.

He noted that tree planting is not merely a symbolic activity, but a concrete action with long-term impact on ecosystem balance.

"Tree planting contributes to reducing carbon dioxide, improving air quality and creating a healthier and more conducive campus environment," he said.

Meanwhile, FKJ Dean Dr Abu Zahrim Yaser said the programme is a faculty initiative under KRA 9: Green Campus.

He said the programme is implemented through the

Student Tree Planting Fund under the UMS Strategic Centre, which emphasises active student involvement in campus greening efforts.

"It aims to encourage student participation in greening initiatives while cultivating sustainable practices as a culture among the university community.

Abu added that tree planting activity was carried out earlier on Jan 10, involving 27 students with the planting of 15 fruit trees around the faculty.

He said the faculty has also implemented supporting initiatives, including the development of a composting system and research related to solid waste management.



Zahrim plants a mango tree with FKJ students.



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