

UMS campaign to promote 'green' attitude, practice

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah has called on all citizens of UMS to renew their commitment to be more environmentally conscious in their daily activities for the sake of the environment.

"Let us join hands to change our attitudes and start appreciating the environment that we love, before we lose everything. I urge all UMS citizens to press on actively to ensure that we achieve the goal of making UMS as an EcoCampus."

He said this during the launching of Uniiversiti Malaysia Sabah's Green Campus Office Awareness campaign at UMS, Monday.

According to Harun, the main goal of UMS through its EcoCampus Management Centre in launching the Green Office awareness campaign was to promote an environmentally 'green' attitude and practice amongst UMS citizens in saving energy in the workplace.

He added that UMS was prepared for the implementation of all the relevant elements of the value and energy conservation and management of electronic waste, to achieve the goal of making UMS as the leading model among institutions of higher learning in environmental conservation in Malaysia.

"I believe that UMS as an institution of higher learning should be responsible for improving the understanding of education and awareness for UMS citizens and community on the importance of environmental conservation.



Harun launching the Sabah Green Campus Office Awareness campaign at UMS.

"In enjoying economic progress, we are unaware that the use of modern technology in the office such as air conditioning, modern office equipment and excessive use of electricity is a major contributor to global warming, air and water pollution.

"Through this Green Office Awareness campaign, it is hoped that UMS citizens can change their attitudes that can help save energy in the workplace.

"Also it is hoped that this attitude change can help reduce daily operating costs in energy consumption in the campus and through this environmental sustainability, demonstrate an exemplary commitment to environmental conservation."

Also present were Dr Awangku Hassanah Bahar Pengiran Bagul, Dr Irina Zen Safitri, Dr Zeeda Fatimah Mohamad and Sitti Nursyafa Bakri.