

UMS launches Green Office Awareness Campaign

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has taken another step towards becoming a reference centre in environmental conservation among higher learning institutes (IPT) in the country.

The university yesterday launched a Green Office Awareness Campaign, as part of a five-year strategic conservation plan it adopted in February this year, which will make it the first campus in Malaysia to achieve 'EcoCampus' status by 2017.

Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah, when officiating at the launch held at the UMS Chancellory Building, said the university is fully ready to embrace environmental values and elements in all aspects of its daily operation.

The objective of the awareness campaign, he said, was to put greater emphasis on



Harun (right) launching UMS Green Office campaign witnessed by Hassanali.

smart management of energy and other resources in the campus.

"We strongly believe that UMS as an IPT should be responsible in promoting and enhancing knowledge and awareness on environment protection, especially among its campus community. While we prosper economically, sometimes, we don't realize that the use of modern technology such as air-conditioners could contribute to pollution and global warming. As such, it is our hope that

through this campaign, we will be able to inspire a change of attitude in everyone in UMS, towards better managing and utilizing energy," he said.

He added that smart consumption of energy and resources is not only in tandem with the university's effort in environment conservation but will also help reduce operation cost significantly.

Also present was director of EcoCampus Management Centre, Dr Awangku Hassanali Bahar Pengiran Bagul.