

UMS: First Malaysian university to join ISCN

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has officially joined the International Sustainable Campus Network (ISCN), making them first Malaysian university to do so.

"We are delighted to welcome UMS into the ISCN and look forward to providing a platform for international value exchange and partnership on campus sustainability," said ISCN programme manager Bernd Kasemir yesterday during a Green Teck Talk at UMS.

As a member of ISCN, UMS will participate in a global exchange between campus sustainability leaders to further enhance its best practices.

This is one of many UMS efforts in becoming the first and leading EcoCampus in Malaysia through benchmarking with other universities in ISCN, said UMS vice chancellor (research and innovation) Professor Dr Shahril Yusof.

Members of ISCN represent top-tier colleges and universities from 14 countries across Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

The ISCN provides a global forum to support leading colleges,

universities, and corporate campuses in exchange of information, ideas and best practices for achieving sustainable campus operations and integrating sustainability in research and teaching.

In 2009, the ISCN partnered with GULF, a World Economic Forum initiative bringing together the heads of 26 top global universities, to develop the Sustainable Campus Charter.

It organizes campus sustainability into three core principles, requires a commitment at the highest level of the institution, and includes annual reporting on sustainability goals, initiatives and performance.