

# UMS to have recycling centre in campus



Dr Harun (second left) and Hamidon (second right) signing the MoU.

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has marked another milestone by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hatareka Perunding Sdn Bhd to build up a recycling centre in the campus.

Its vice chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said that the project which is expected to be completed in May is in line with UMS vision to be a full Eco-Campus by the year 2017.

"This collaboration is a good start for UMS in 2014 and we have come out with an achievement by working together with a private company in realising our mission to be an EcoCampus," he said at the signing ceremony at UMS here, yesterday.

He said, Hatareka Perunding will cover the cost of building the green building for the recycling centre adding that UMS will be the

first public institution of higher learning in Malaysia to have a recycling centre in the campus.

Harun also said that the construction site for the centre has been identified in the campus and currently in its clearing process.

"All wastage will be collected from all offices in the campus and will be transported to the centre," said Dr Harun.

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

Additionally, he said that this year, UMS will be focusing towards reducing carbon footprint, do training for every staff to operate Environmental Management System (EMS), environmental audit, establish green mechanism, to organise the first regional conference of campus sustainability and to

implement milestone project such as the recycling centre.

Among the objectives of the project is to increase the awareness among the people on the importance to preserve the environment.

Meanwhile, Hatareka Perunding Sdn Bhd Managing Director, Ir Hamidon Mohd Ali said the recycling centre will cover 700 sq ft.

"We will see the response and we plan to bring in a machine to compact the recycle materials," he said.

Hamidon also said that the corporate social responsibility (CSR) project is part of their efforts in preserving the environment in line with the company's environmental friendly principle.

"We hope this project will bring a positive impact not only to UMS but also to the surroundings," he added.

Also present were Director of EcoCampus Management Centre, Dr Awangku Has-sanal Bahar Pengiran Bagul and UMS Registrar, Datuk Abdullah Mohd Saad.