

UMS: Never too late to conserve forest

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said it is never too late to start conserving the forest.

He stated that global warming can be overcome if people put great effort in planting trees even in their house compounds.

“It is estimated that one tree can absorb one tonne of carbon dioxide during its lifetime. Imagine if 300 trees are planted. It will definitely be able to stabilise the pollution caused by one person,” he said.

Dr Harun was speaking at the World Forest Day celebration at the School of International Tropical Forestry (SPTA) yesterday.

He was represented by UMS deputy vice chancellor (research & innovation) Professor Shahril Yusof, who delivered the speech on the vice chancellor’s behalf.

Dr Harun encouraged UMS students to make tree planting as an annual activity in the university.

“If the students are able to carry out this, we can achieve in making UMS an Eco Campus,” he said.

World Forestry Day is celebrated in UMS annually and the theme this year is ‘Our Forest, Our Future’, which repeats last year’s premise.



Shahril (left) and Normah (second left) at the World Forest Day in UMS

Meanwhile, a signing ceremony of a Letter of Intent (LOI) also took place yesterday in celebration of World Forest Day.

UMS was represented by Dr Normah Awang Besar who signed the LOI with three private com-

panies namely Tropical Rainforest Conservation & Research Centre Bhd, G&G Management Consultant Sdn Bhd and Sabahpuri Nursery SBH.

Shahril witnessed the signing ceremony on behalf of Dr Harun.