



Students riding bicycles during the Car Free event yesterday.

UMS holds second 'Car Free Day' event

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) carried out its second 'Car Free Day' event yesterday.

According to UMS Vice Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr D. Kamarudin D. Mudin, the event is part of its initiative to create a conducive environment for the citizens of the university and to reduce carbon emission through awareness.

He said that one of the aims of the programme is to inculcate

among the university community the importance of changing their travelling habits to reduce the negative impacts of motor vehicle usage to the environment.

Kamarudin, who was represented by UMS EcoCampus administrative centre's director, Professor Madya Dr How Siew Eng, said that the excessive use of fossil fuel in vehicles promote global warming.

He added that annually, passenger vehicles emit 4.5 metric

tonnes of carbon dioxide (from the US Environment Protection Agency).

The global carbon emission from the transportation sector, especially passenger vehicles, is expected to go up three times by the year 2030 due to increased motor vehicle ownership.

It was also mentioned that Malaysia is committed to reduce its emission of green house gas by 40 percent by the year 2020.

With regard to the campaign,

Kamarudin said that it includes reducing traffic at the university during peak periods.

He explained that the present generation has a duty to ensure that the environment is sustained for the future generation.

"The protection of the environment is the main foundation of the EcoCampus... everyone is responsible to look after the environment to ensure the future generation can enjoy it," he said.