



*Serat Kayu?!
But I applied for
Mechanical
Engineering...*

Keputusan Permohonan ke
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Sessi Akademik 2004/2005.

Keputusan: Tahniah anda
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bagi mengikuti Krusus
Perhutanan (Industri dan
Teknologi Serat Kayu)

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Ehmm ... a degree in Serat Kayu?

THE one degree course on offer that most puzzled students and became the butt of every meritocracy-related joke was the B. Sc Perhutanan (Industri Teknologi Serat Kayu) or, as it is fondly called, the "Serat Kayu degree".

The degree, which is for wood fibre technology, is all about converting wood waste into wood composites, including chip boards and pulp. Far from being a silly or useless course, it is actually the stepping stone into the multi-million dollar wood fibre industry.

There is a high demand for wood composite products both at home and abroad, says University Putra Malaysia (UPM) Forestry Faculty

lecturer Dr Zaidon Ashari.

"It is widely used in the furniture industry, especially to make cabinets, panellings and floorings."

The "Serat Kayu degree" can get you a job in the highly lucrative wood fibre industry as well as government agencies such as the Forestry Department and the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia.

This course is being offered by Universiti Sabah Malaysia, while UPM's Forestry Faculty is offering wood science technology as a minor subject.

"We will be offering a degree in Wood Science and Technology in three years time," says Zaidon.