



MPSJ president Datuk Adnan Md Ikshan (left) and Prof Tai signing the MoU to formalise the Smart Partnership Programme.

Beneficial partnership

UNIVERSITI Putra Malaysia (UPM) recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) to signify their cooperation in research, education, consultancy and services in the field of forestry.

This is one of the initiatives taken by both UPM and MPSJ to form a strategic alliance focusing on nine key areas, namely community service, the environment, engineering, green city project, information sourcing, safe city, human capital development, town services and environment beautification.

At the signing ceremony, UPM deputy vice-chancellor (Industry and Community Relations) Prof Dr Tai Shzee Yew, who represented UPM vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Radin Umar Radin Sohadi said, "I hope that both parties will be able to benefit from this initiative, especially in ensuring that the environment continues to be in a healthy and comfortable condition to ensure a good quality of life for the community."

He added that under the 10th Malaysia Plan the government is committed to ensure a high quality

of life in the urban and rural areas which is in line with Malaysia's aspiration to become a developed country.

"This means that city areas like MPSJ would be attractive to live in, with housing and quality service as well as recreation and cultural activities."

Focus would also be given to areas such as public transport, education, health, safety, the environment, and water supply, among others in the socio-economical development in the city and the rural areas. — **By ALYCIA LIM**