

UPM among world's top 'green' varsities

WE REFER to the letter by Eco-Tan, under the heading "Varsity not 'green' enough" (*StarEducate* April 22), and thank him for his observations.

We appreciate the writer's concern about environmental awareness on our campus and welcome his suggestions to improve our efforts on "going green".

UPM is not unaware of the issues highlighted by Eco-Tan and he can be assured that appropriate plans have been made and steps will be taken to address them.

Meanwhile, it may be of interest to Eco-Tan and the public to know that there are in fact several major and significant on-going projects that have been carried out towards achieving a greener environment.

The details of these projects would fill several pages but suffice to say that the university is actively involved in activities from

simple recycling and reuse campaigns, to long-term Green Township collaborations like the "Bandar Hijau Serdang" project with the Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ).

UPM was ranked sixth among 95 universities in the world in the Green Metric World University Ranking 2010 (Green Metric) hosted by the University of Indonesia.

We are the only institution of higher learning in Asia to be among the world's top 10 universities in promoting sustainability through environmental conservation and green technology.

We welcome Eco-Tan and other parties who are interested to know more about our "green" activities, to get in touch with us.

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