Let's cycle to class

SUPPORT: National riders, UPM students join forces for new campaign

A 90-strong group of cyclists comprising Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) students and six national riders set off recently to make their voices heard in a bid to make their campus more cycling-friendly.

The Cycle to Class campaign also saw the students from the modern language and communications faculty with the support of the students affairs bureau, submit a petition calling for several requirements to be met by the university.

Dean of the faculty Prof. Madya Dr Abdul Mua’ti @ Zamri Ahmad officiated the programme that saw 90 campaigners ride a distance of 12 kilometres within the UPM campus. “This is a noble effort by the students of this faculty and we hope this campaign sees students from other faculties join in and take up cycling to class,” said Dr Abdul Mua’ti.

They then submitted a memorandum to UPM student affairs deputy vice chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramlan in front of the UPM administrative building.

The students called for the requirements to be met in order for the university to play its role to help protect the environment via greener modes of transport and encourage students to take up healthier activities.

Prof Madya Dr Abdul Mua’ti @ Zamri Ahmad (left) officiates the programme.

Top) The Cycle to Class campaign see 90 cyclists ride a distance of 12 kilometres within the UPM campus. (Bottom) Students from the modern language and communications faculty pose with national rider.

Requirements petitioned for in the memorandum

- Designated bicycle lanes within the campus.
- Sufficient bicycle parking facilities.
- Mineral water to be provided.
- Shower rooms for those cycling to class.
- A bicycle shop to be established within the university.
- Basic needs of cyclists to be provided.
- Cyclists to be given priority on UPM roads.
- Signboards calling for cyclists to be respected.

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