

# CUCMS inks deal with Perhilitan

**C**YBERJAYA University College of Medical Sciences (CUCMS) and six other local universities signed a memorandum of understanding with the Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) recently.

The MoU was signed in conjunction with the National Biodiversity Day 2012 to promote cooperation in joint research activities of selected wildlife (flora and fauna) areas.

It also paves the way for joint presentation and publication of research findings at scientific meetings and publications.

In addition, the MoU aims to develop and implement capacity programmes to enhance research, conservation of wildlife and professional services.

It will also see the exchange of staff and students in programmes that will be of mutual benefit to both parties while serving as a training platform for skills enhancement and sharing of knowledge on problems that interests both parties.

The six universities are Universiti Malaya, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, and The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus.

CUCMS President Lt-Gen (rtd) Datuk Seri Prof Dr Sulaiman Abdullah, who represented the university at the event, says the MoU is the first step in the cooperation of the university with Perhilitan in conducting research into the



Deputy Natural Resources and Environment Minister **Tan Sri Joseph Kurup** visiting the **CUCMS display booth**.

potentials of Malaysian forest resources for pharmaceutical drug use and their medicinal applications.

He says CUCMS lecturers and students from the Pharmacy Faculty and the Traditional and Complementary Medicine Faculty (TCM) should use this opportunity to conduct their research on the potential healing properties offered by the tropical rainforest.

He also stresses on the importance of instilling an awareness in conservation of forest resources in the younger generation.

Held at Paya Indah Wetland, Dengkil last month, the ceremony also saw

choral speaking and drumline presentations from students of SMK Dato' Hamzah, Klang.

In conjunction with the signing of the MoU, the universities set up display booths to present their research findings and educate the public on the importance of conservation of biodiversity.

CUCMS set up a booth to display the research done by lecturers from the Faculty of Pharmacy and TCM as well as ecology trip reports and findings organised by the Biology Unit from the Centre for Foundation in Science, Languages and General Studies.

Other than medicinal and pharmaceutical application of forest resources the Foundation in Science Centre exhibits chose to highlight the economic importance of forest products such as mats, rattan products, exotic dried leaves and flowers and emphasised the economic versatility of forest produce.

The July intake into preparatory programmes, Foundation in Science (Medicine/ Pharmacy) and Foundation in Allied Science is now open.

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