

# UPM and UniSZA get new VCs

**PETALING JAYA:** Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramlan has been appointed Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) vice-chancellor for three years from Jan 1.

Prof Mohd Fauzi, the UPM's deputy vice-chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) since 2010, replaces Datuk Dr Radin Umar Radin Sohadi who stepped down from his post due to illness.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin said Prof Mohd Fauzi's appointment was based on his vast experience in the field of agriculture research.

"UPM is a research university with a niche in agriculture. It is hoped that Prof Mohd Fauzi will bring UPM to greater heights both locally and internationally," Mohamed Khaled said in a statement yesterday.

Prof Mohd Fauzi had previously served as the ministry's Student Affairs and Development director.

On a related matter, Mohamed Khaled also announced that Prof Dr Yahaya Ibrahim had been appointed as vice-chancellor of Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA) from Tuesday for a period of three years.

Prof Yahaya replaces Prof Datuk Dr Alias Daud whose term ended on Monday.

Prof Yahaya was formerly Universiti Malaysia Terengganu deputy vice-chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni).