

New deputy V-C for UPM

PROF Dr Mohammad Shatar Sabran has been appointed deputy vice-chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) for a period of three years effective March 15.

Prof Mohammad Shatar, 46, replaces Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramlan who was appointed UPM's vice-chancellor on Jan 1.

He received his early education at SK Bota Kiri, Perak, and continued his studies at SMK Dato' Abdul Rahman Yaakub, Bota Kanan and SM Teknik Ipoh.

He obtained his undergraduate degree and Master of Science in Community and Regional Planning from Iowa State University, USA, and later received his PhD from the University of Missouri, Columbia, USA.

Prof Mohammad Shatar has served an illustrious 19-year career at UPM, beginning as a tutor in the Department of Social Science at the Faculty of Human Ecology in 1999.

He then served as a lecturer in the Department of Social Sciences and Development at the same faculty before being appointed as senior lecturer from 2004 to 2008.

In 2006, he was made director of the Co-Curriculum and Student Development Centre,

He was appointed as Associate Professor in 2008 and Professor in 2013.



Leader:
Prof Mohammad Shatar began his career as a tutor and is now UPM's deputy vice-chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni).

Prof Mohammad Shatar has worked with international organisations such as the Tomorrow People Organisation, the Asian Productivity Organisation and the Community Development Academy.

He has also rendered his services to the Public Service Department and the National Drug Prevention Agency.

In recognition of his work, he received the National Academic Award in the Arts and Social Sciences cluster in 2010.

UPM management staff have described Prof Mohammad Shatar's appointment as one that can support the university's goal of producing quality graduates with high employability rates.

His vast experience in community development and social issues is expected to serve him well in his new portfolio.