Radin Umar is D-G of Higher Education Dept

KUALA LUMPUR: The Director-General of the Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research Datuk Prof Dr Radin Umar Radin Sohadi has been appointed Higher Education Department director-general from Monday.

He succeeds Datuk Prof Dr Hasean Saaid whose secondment ended on April 30.

Radin Umar has wide experience in the higher education field and served as deputy vice-chancellor (Academic and International Relations) of Universiti Putra Malaysia between 2005 and 2006, and as the university’s Engineering Faculty dean from 1996 to 2004.

He holds a PhD in traffic safety engineering from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom; a Master’s in transport and traffic engineering, and a Bachelor’s honours degree in civil and structural engineering from the University of Sheffield.

As a highly-qualified person with vast experience, the ministry believed Radin Umar would contribute significantly in spearheading the implementation of the National Higher Studies Strategic Plan towards excellence in higher studies by 2020. This is in line with the vision to transform Malaysia into a developed nation. — Bernama