

Service awards for UPM staff

SHOWING APPRECIATION: Universiti Putra Malaysia honours employees for their contribution

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UNIVERSITI Putra Malaysia (UPM) held its Labour Day celebration recently with a service award ceremony to honour its employees for their contributions and achievements.

Universiti Putra Malaysia Associate Prof Dr Mansor Ahmad, 57, received the Employee of the Year award in the Management and Professional (Academic) category, after working there for almost 30 years.

"This award is unexpected and I am glad that people recognise my contribution," said Mansor, who is also the head of Chemistry Department.

Universiti Putra Malaysia Health Centre head Dr Yahaya Abu Ahmad said that he felt lucky to receive the award from a well known university that has almost 3,000 employees.

"There are many employees out there who are also qualified to receive this award and I am more than thankful to be recognised for this," said Dr Yahaya who received the Management and Professional (Non-Academic) Employee of the Year award.

Jayaveeran Kulandai, who received the Employee of the Year award (Managing Employee) category said he will save the money for his children's education.

"I can't wait to show my children this award to motivate them," said the 51-year-old father of three.

The award consists of RM1,000 cash, a certificate and a plaque of recognition which was presented by UPM vice-chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr



Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramlan (centre) handing over the award to **Prof. Dr. Mansor Ahmad @ Ayob** (right) with UPM Registrar, **Datuk Wan Azman Wan Omar** looking on. Pic by Khairull Azry Bidin

Mohd Fauzi Ramlan and witnessed by UPM Registrar Datuk Wan Azman Wan Omar.

At the ceremony, Fauzi said the event is a platform to recognise the

contribution of employees and spur the country's development.

"Employees are important as they are the pillar of development as well as the catalyst for the country's pros-

perity and harmony. Moreover this year's Labour Day theme is 'Workers are the Catalyst for the Nation's Transformation'," he said.

Three awards were also presented

to departments for showing good responsibility to their employees.

The Faculty of Science was awarded a certificate for quality environment practices.