

Agriculture expert named UPM deputy vice-chancellor



PETALING JAYA: Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) has appointed its former agriculture faculty dean Prof Datuk Dr Mad Nasir Shamsudin (*pic*) as deputy vice-chancellor for academic and international affairs.

The university, in a statement, said the appointment, which is effective from today for a three-year period, was made by Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Dr Mad Nasir, 57, who helmed UPM's

agriculture faculty from 2009 to 2012, replaces Prof Datin Paduka Dr Aini Ideris, whose term ended yesterday.

"As deputy vice-chancellor for academic and international affairs, Dr Mad Nasir will be responsible for enhancing academic development as well as being responsible for international affairs and promotion of the university," said UPM vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramlan.

Dr Mad Nasir obtained his PhD from Mississippi State University in the United States in 1985 and is an expert in the field of agriculture and resource economy.

He has served UPM for 28 years and worked as a researcher and consultant at the Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department from 1994 to 1995 during which he developed an analytical model for the country's agriculture sector.