

UPM boosts national agricultural education at international stage

SERDANG - Chancellor of greater height.

Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, said following the success in being ranked among the world's top 200 universities, and among the 51st-100th universities in agriculture, forestry and education by the QS World University Ranking 2014, it has emerged Malaysia education in agriculture at the international stage.

"This meets the purpose of UPM establishment to spearhead the fields of agricultural and agro-related education in the country. I hope this position will be an indicator for the government to optimise the resources and expertise in the university in order to spur the nation's excellence in education to a

"UPM has strengthened its strategies through the Putra Global 200 initiatives in reaching the world's top 200 universities, and among the world's top 30 universities in the agricultural fields," he said at the first session of the 38th UPM Convocation at the Great Hall, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Cultural and Arts Centre here today.

The sultan was satisfied as UPM has been listed among the top 400 universities in the world by QS World University Ranking 2014, out of nearly 20,000 higher learning institutions worldwide.

"I am pleased with the university's effort in establishing the Food Security Institute and the Agricultural

Research Institute, aiming to address the problems faced by the country in the fields of food security and farming industries, among which are the top sectors of the economy.

"Both institutes also have important roles in the production of high impact research on food security and farming sectors of the country," he said.

Sultan Sharafuddin, said the launch of the UPM Strategic Plan 2014 to 2020 was aimed to accentuate UPM as a university of international repute.

"This is in line with the government's urge to make UPM as a university that zeroes in on putting agricultural education to a

higher level, disseminating the findings that can be used for the public good," he said.

The sultan was also pleased when UPM managed to earn the MyGAP (Malaysian Good Agricultural Practices) status for Livestock Sector in dairy cattle, beef cattle and beef sheep husbandry, which also enables UPM to produce high quality and safe livestock products.

"The implementation of MyGAP will also reduce environmental pollution and improve UPM competitiveness as a GAP-certified benchmarking entity by the internationally-recognised bodies such as the ASEAN GAP and the Global GAP," he said.



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