

# New president

UNIVERSITI Putra Malaysia (UPM) vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramlan (pic) was appointed the new president of the Association of Southeast Asian Institutions of Higher Learning (ASAIHL) during a conference at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore last week.

The appointment was made at the 140th ASAIHL board of directors meeting and is effective from January 2015 until December 2016.

He replaces the current president Prof Dr Idrus A Paturusi from Indonesia.

Prof Mohd Fauzi said he would give his full commitment to bring ASAIHL to a higher level and improve the quality of education at Asean as well as at international levels.

"This appointment will enable the country to strengthen the existing collaborations among ASAIHL members, in line with Malaysia's role as the Asean Chair in 2015.

"I will work with all ASAIHL members to collectively bring about improvement in the quality of education," he said.

Outgoing president Prof Idrus said Prof Mohd Fauzi would be able to lead ASAIHL members to greater equality in the field of education.

The establishment of ASAIHL was to enable its member institutions to collectively shape



regional identity, reach international equality in teaching, promote research and public service as well as enable the members institutions to contribute to the strength of their countries and regions.

The organisation also provides opportunities for academic and public universities' development, assistance to member institutions in the recruitment, faculty and staff placement, exchange of professors and students, development of specific collaborative projects, consultancy services, consolidation among regional and international bodies, assurance to development information and recognition among fellow members.