

UPM TAKES THE LEAD

UNIVERSITI Putra Malaysia (UPM) is placed 41st in the latest UI-Green-Metric World University Ranking based on its campus sustainability efforts and environmental management.

The rating initiative organised by Universitas Indonesia had attracted the participation of 360 universities from 62 countries, compared to 301 universities from 61 countries in the previous year.

This environmental sustainability rating comprised more than 40 indicators covering six major areas: infrastructure (15 per cent), energy and climate change (21 per cent), waste (18 per cent), water (10 per cent), transport (18 per cent) and

education (18 per cent).

UPM vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramlan said the university is committed to the conservation of the environment through various undertakings such as teaching, research, extra-curricular activities and quality management system based on effective environmental management.

"UPM is the third best university in Southeast Asia and fourth in Asia after the National University of Singapore, National Pingtung University of Science, Taiwan and Technology and Chulalongkorn University in Thailand," he said.

For the fifth consecutive year, UPM has once again led other uni-



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versities in Malaysia in the ranking, preceding University of Malaya (72), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (86), Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (93), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (118), Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (235) and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (244).

In another development, UPM has taken the initiative to cut electricity costs by 30 to 40 per cent. Mohd Fauzi said the medical and health science faculties are among the schools that will benefit from the savings. "We expect the profit that we generate after the energy-saving will be 30 per cent in the time span of five years. We evaluate energy performance on a yearly basis."