

New VC for UPM

PROF Datin Paduka Dr Aini Ideris has been appointed Universiti Putra Malaysia vice-chancellor for a period of two years effective Jan 1 this year to Dec 31, 2017.

Prof Aini who is currently the university's Corporate Strategies and Communications Office director, replaces Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramlan whose term ended on Dec 31 last year.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh who announced the appointment in a statement, said the Kelantan-born Prof Aini has shown leadership skills since the time she was accepted into Sekolah Tun Fatimah in Johor Baru. She excelled academically and in extra-curricular activities.

"Prof Aini's expertise is recognised nationally and internationally," he said.

Idris also thanked Prof Mohd Fauzi for his services.

Prof Aini obtained her degree in Veterinary Science in 1979 from the then Universiti Pertanian Malaysia (now known as Universiti Putra Malaysia).

She served as a tutor at UPM before pursuing a Masters in Veterinary Science at the University of Liverpool, England in 1981.

She was conferred a PhD by UPM in 1989 and later went on to do her postdoctoral training at the University of California, Davis in the United States.

She was also awarded the Asian Development Bank Fellowship for further postdoctoral training at Cornell University in the US where she was involved in molecular



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pathogenesis research.

Prof Aini has previously served as dean of the university's School of Graduate Studies and deputy vice-chancellor (Academic and International Affairs).

She has been actively involved in research related to the control of poultry diseases and development of poultry vaccines and has over 400 publications to her credit.

Her research has led to the commercialisation of two poultry vaccines, namely Newcastle disease vaccine and tissue culture adapted fowl pox vaccine.

In Malaysia, these two vaccines were among the first research products that have been successfully commercialised and also an example of the transfer of technology from the university to industry.