

# UPM is top eco-friendly varsity in Malaysia

**PETALING JAYA:** Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) has been listed among the world's top eco-friendly universities.

The university has been voted 17th in the world under the 2015 UI-Greenmetric World University Ranking, beating other Malaysian and international universities, including the National University of Singapore and the University of Bath.

The 17th place is a big leap from the 41st place that UPM achieved in 2014.

University of Nottingham, University of Connecticut and University of California were ranked first, second, and third.

UPM has outranked other Malaysian universities for the past six years.

UPM vice-chancellor Prof Datin Paduka Dr Aini Ideris said the ranking recognised the university's commitment towards being an eco-friendly learning space.

"UPM has made significant improvements, particularly in the sectors of transport and infrastructure, such as the size of available green spaces, in addition to the use of efficient energy-saving facilities and bicycles within the campus area," she said.

She added that the university organised various eco-friendly and effective learning activities, research, co-curriculum and quality management systems which were based on sustainable and efficient environmental management.

A total of 407 universities from 66 countries were included in the ranking.

The ranking rates a university's commitment to creating a sustainable campus based on more than 40 indicators covering six major scopes including infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste management, water, transportation and education.