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## UPM RESEARCHERS REDISCOVER AQUILARIA ROSTRATA THOUGHT TO HAVE BECOME EXTINCT

*Aquilaria rostrata* forest tree species said to have become extinct after the last time it was found about 100 years ago, has been rediscovered by researchers from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). The tree of the *Aquilaria* genus, known as karas tree, is usually associated with high-value agarwood. The species, also known as *Karas Gunung* or *Chandan Gunung*, was discovered in the forested Gunung Tebu, Besut, Terengganu, about 100 kilometer from the spot where it was first found in Gunung Tahan, Pahang. <u>READ MORE</u>

#### UPM-Mitsubishi Corporation committed in planting trees to preserve the forest

UPM and Mitsubishi Corporation remain committed in organizing the 25th Perak Silver Jubilee by planting 5,000 forest trees to preserve the environment. Malaysian Landscape



Chairman, Tun Jeanne Abdullah said UPM's initiative in holding the programme was in line with the country's climatic requirements for the planting for more trees to reduce heat. <u>READ MORE</u>

#### Dogathon held to raise fund to spay stray dogs

Some 1,000 dogs were gathered at Dogathon 2015/2016 which is aimed at raising fund for PLRO-KASIH, a project to neuter abandoned and stray animals. Dean of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. Dr. Mohd Hair Bejo said the programme which started in 1997,



served as a platform to instil awareness among the public on stray dogs. READ MORE



# Electric E-Cutter can reach oil palm trees as high as 30 feet

Harvesting of oil palm fruits is now made easier and faster – thanks to UPM and Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) which have jointly developed a new electric cutter innovation, known as E-Cutter. Equipped with a specially-built generator that is light in weight, this

electric cutter technology will also reduce manpower and enable harvesting of fruits and pruning of fronds to be done on trees as high as 30 feet. <u>READ MORE</u>



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#### QS World University Rankings - UPM Expands Number Of World's 200 Top Subjects

UPM added another feather in its cap when it succeeded to increase the number of subjects among the world's 200 Best QS World University Rankings by subject 2016 from 13 to 15 as announced today on March 22. <u>READ MORE</u>

Professor Datin Paduka Dr. Aini Ideris appointed as ASAIHL President

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Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Vice Chancellor, Professor Datin Paduka Dr. Aini Ideris has been appointed as President of the Association of Southeast Asian Institutions of Higher Learning (ASAIHL) as of 1st January 2016. <u>READ MORE.</u>



UPM – CIDBH working on setting up National Green Building Technology

The Faculty of Design and Architecture (FRSB), UPM, is collaborating with CIDB Holdings Sdn. Bhd. (CIDBH) to pave the way for a research to establish a Centre of Excellence (COE) for the development of sustainable township and national green technology.

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#### UPM wins the prestigious Bernd Rode 2016 ASEA-Europe University Academic Network

UPM won the Bernd Rode 2016 award held in conjunction with the 15th ASEA-UNINET plenary meeting at Universiti Udayana, Bali, Indonesia, recently, bringing home with it an award certificate and cash of €5000. **READ MORE** 



# Nur Ain Nabisya Azmi picked as icon for the disabled

A Bachelor of Science (Human Development) student from the Faculty of Human Ecology (FEM), UPM, Nur Ain Nabisya Azmi was named the recipient of the National Special Iconic Award given out in conjunction with the National Disabled People Convention Programme 2016. <u>READ MORE</u>

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