



1. UPM event committee members with teachers from Sekolah Kebangsaan Sri Serdang. 2. Students learning about human body temperature. 3. Professor Dr Amin Ismail (right) and Associate Professor Dr Norhafizah Mohtaruddin (second from right) presenting a water filter to the school at the launch of the programme. 4. SK Sri Serdang Year Five pupils enjoying the session.

# Doctors to the fore

**RAISING AWARENESS:** UPM's Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty brings community programme to school

THE Pathology Department of Universiti Pertanian Malaysia's (UPM) Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences held its inaugural UPM Young Doctors Day 2016 in Serdang, Selangor recently.

Organised in Sekolah Kebangsaan Sri Serdang (SKSS), the health-based programme was aimed at enhancing the strategic partnership between the university and society.

"This event will add value to existing community healthcare and development programmes, apart from helping in finding solutions to health-related problems facing the country," said the faculty's Deputy Dean of Graduate, Industry and Community Relations Professor Dr Amin

Ismail at the opening of the event.

During the event, the faculty introduced interactive modules on health sciences for primary school pupils.

Guided by facilitators from UPM, 180 Year Five pupils were induced into the content of the modules and were drawn into the world of medicine and health.

"The faculty intends to adopt Sekolah Kebangsaan Sri Serdang to further implement the learning modules. Plans will be outlined soon so that we could achieve the objectives of cooperation between UPM and the school," said Dr Amin.

Meanwhile, another programme themed "Fever: Friend or Foe" with

the cooperation of SKSS' Kelab Doktor Muda was also held.

It was led by the head of Pathology Department Associate Professor Dr Norhafizah Mohtaruddin with nine other academicians, 21 support staff and 12 graduates.

Participating pupils were taught about the role of the doctor, body

immune system, fever, human body temperature, facts and myths on fever and tips on healthcare.

UPM has targeted to hold more high-impact industry and community relations programmes to strengthen cooperation between UPM and the industries and bridging the gap with society, said Dr Amin.

