

# Errant UPM staff, students face tough action

► Unethical practices like plagiarism will not be tolerated, says VC

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) will be tough on academic staff or students who engage in unethical practices, including plagiarism.

Its vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Aini Ideris said exploitation or stealing other

students' work will be dealt with seriously.

"There will be no compromise," she said in a statement yesterday.

"Such practices will stain the reputation and integrity of not only UPM but all local educational institutions."

Aini said the university has a complaints platform that is easily accessible to staff, students and the general public in its commitment to maintain academic integrity.

She said the U-Response system was introduced to serve as a platform for the freedom of expression among students, staff and even the public.

"Anyone who wants to give feedback or report a (misconduct) can use the system. It is managed with transparency."

The system is monitored daily and every complaint is dealt with and action taken immediately.

Complaints sent by mail or email goes to the appropriate officers who will investigate and take the necessary action based on the standard operating procedures, she added.

Aini said the integrity unit under the vice-chancellor's office is responsible for handling all integrity-related cases.

The unit refers these cases to the appropriate committee for a structured and professional investigation.

She said cases of plagiarism would be referred to an internal investigations committee or the anti-corruption committee.