CELS' GLOBAL CERTIFICATION TO BOOST INDUSTRY CONFIDENCE

"UMP has always
emphasized on the practice
of safety, health and
environmental preservation.
These certifications went to
show that our laboratory is
the best in the East Coast,"
- Vice-Chancellor



he Civil Engineering Laboratory
Services (CELS) at Universiti
Malaysia Pahang's (UMP) Faculty
of Civil Engineering & Earth
Resources recently received
a global certification for its high-quality
laboratory management.

Ecstatic about the university's achievement, UMP's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim, said the ISO/EIC 17025:2005 certification was a testimony of how well-managed UMP's laboratories were – systematically run according to world standards.

"Such certification is hoped to attract more industries to conduct product

testing at our university. Aside from that, these laboratories will be used for optimal teaching and learning experience," said Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir.

Effective for three years beginning from July 6, 2006, the Vice-Chancellor added that the certification was a step forward in the acculturation of the university's research and development endeavours, especially set out to realize the objectives of the University-Industry concept in its 2008-2010 Strategic Planning.

According to Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir, the international recognition could, furthermore, be seen as UMP's initiative to

encourage companies to carry out surface water sampling and wastewater testing for industrial production.

"It will prove beneficial to the students as well, when it comes to learning of and getting exposed to the techniques and methodologies applied in international standards certification," he emphasized.

The Vice-Chancellor couldn't contain to express his joy of three other certifications received by the university – two from NIOSH Certification Sdn. Bhd. on the Employment Safety & Health Management System (OHSAS 18001:2007) and MS 1722:Part 1:2005 and another, Environmental Management System (ISO 14001:2004) –