



1,000 UNDERGRADUATES LIVEN UP GREEN CAMPUS PROGRAMME

More than 1,000 Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) undergraduates in Pekan campus turned up to take part in the Green Campus programme and No Plastic Bag On Saturday campaign aimed at enhancing awareness on preserving nature.

This was in line with the call made by the Government.

The university's management also took part in the activities outlined which started with aerobic exercise at 7.30am.

It was followed by other events such as cycling from the Students Activity Centre Square to the lake, which was a three-kilometre ride.

UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim led the activities and participated in the walking event, canoeing and later, released fish fry in the lake located next to the library.

Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said the objective was to create a livelier surrounding in the campus to make it more cheerful and conducive for learning.

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"This includes making sure cleanliness of the environment and being civilised enough when using facilities in the campus.

"At the same time, we need to show concern in protecting the nature and support the Government's efforts in making Saturdays as No Plastic Bag day.

He said this in his speech at the launching of the two events in UMP Pekan campus on March 3, 2012.

He hoped that the campaign would be made into an annual event, not merely a seasonal one.

In fact, the campaign could give a new phenomenon to undergraduates in supporting the Green Campus campaign especially the 'No Plastic Bag on Saturday' campaign.

He added that they could start not using plastic bags in the Café or

students' hostels.

The Vice-Chancellor also planted a tree – Golden Chain tree, as a show of support to the "Green The Earth" campaign in the Pekan campus.

According to Programme Director and bachelor degree Faculty of Mechanical Engineering undergraduate, Hamizatun Mohd Fazi, 22, she was thankful that the programme, held for the first time, received good response especially from the Police Undergraduate Voluntary Corp (SUKSIS), Naval Reserve Officers Training Units (ROTU), Civil Defence Voluntary Corp and UMP staff themselves.

Siti Maryam Nordin, 20, an industrial biotechnology bachelor's degree undergraduate from Faculty of Industrial Sciences & Technology said, she was all for the programme for it emphasised the need to appreciate the environment.

The programme also helped to forge closer ties among the students as



well as able to increase awareness on the importance to preserve the environment for the sake of future generation.

Among those present were Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Professor

Dato' Dr. Rosli Mohd Yunus, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin and Dean of Faculty of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Ir. Zulkeflee Khalidin.

