

OIL PALM-BASED PEST CONTROL

Lecturer wins award for eco-friendly termite bait

KUANTAN: A Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) lecturer's 12-year research into oil palm bunches for pest control bore fruit when he won the 2017 National Innovation Award (NIA) in the product category.

Abdul Shukor Abd Razak said the environmentally-friendly termite bait, sold commercially under the name PISOPTERA, had penetrated the international market following its introduction in the Malaysian market seven years ago.

"The product has commercial value as every year, we manage to sell up to 1.5 million PISOPTERA, which is marketed by UMP Ecopest Sdn Bhd (a subsidiary of

UMP), which operates at the commercial centre of Gambang town here.

"It has definitely given confidence to us at UMP. Strong support from vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim has given us confidence to produce more products derived from quality research and development which benefits society," he said yesterday.

Syukor, 45, received the award during the NIA awards ceremony, which was opened by Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau at Technology Park Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, on Wednesday.



Abdul Shukor Abd Razak with his National Innovation Award trophy and PISOPTERA (inset), the eco-friendly termite bait. PIC BY RAFI MAMAT

The lecturer, who is attached to UMP's Faculty of Civil Engineering and Earth Resources, re-

ceived RM50,000, a trophy and certificate of appreciation.

He also produces plant-based

insecticides known as Pest Kill, which resulted from his previous research work.