



FPA PIONEERED THE WORLD PLANTING DAY EVENT IN MALAYSIA

According to the astronomical definition, the first day of spring is on **March 21**. Some countries have celebrated the **World Planting Day (WPD)** to celebrate the arrival of spring including Australia, Canada, Africa, India, Egypt, Nepal and Pakistan. In Malaysia, this celebration has never been held by any NGO, government agency or private sector. Therefore, this year, the **Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology** embarked the World Planting Day celebration for the **first time** in Malaysia.

"The faculty hopes that this event will be the flagship of raising awareness on greening the earth and protecting the country's environment. However, efforts from all parties including Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) as well as other government and private agencies, schools, colleges, universities are needed for meaningful participation. Additionally, this year's event would **send a message of support to MOA to commemorate the World Planting Day as an annual event** in Malaysia," said the **Dean of Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology, Assoc. Prof Dr**

Asmah Awal.

The **WPD 2019** event had been successfully officiated by the **Minister of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry, YB Dato' Hj Salahuddin Ayub** during 'Konvensyen Kebangsaan Kejuruteraan Pertanian dan Makanan 2019' at MOA, Putrajaya yesterday.



The event was simultaneously done in eight locations where several UTM campuses and private agencies were involved in tree planting including:

- ♦ UTM Shah Alam- oil palm and pineapple
- ♦ UTM Melaka, Jasin Campus- mango and mangosteen
- ♦ UTM Perlis, Arau Campus- papaya, mango, durian, corn, pumpkin and watermelon
- ♦ UTM Sabah, Kota Kinabalu Campus- Mahogany, Acacia, Albizia
- ♦ UTM Sarawak, Kota Samarahan - ornamental plant
- ♦ UTM Sarawak, Mukah Campus- rambutan
- ♦ UTM Pahang, Jengka Campus- lime
- ♦ Pembangunan Pertanian Melaka Sdn Bhd- apple



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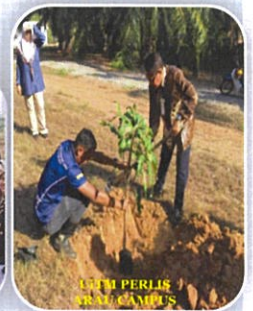
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