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KOTA SAMARAHAN: An entire office block used by matriculation-level staff at the old Unimas campus was razed to the ground in a pre-dawn fire yesterday.

No casualties or injuries were reported in the incident - the second time in two years a building at the old campus was destroyed by fire.

Local Fire and Rescue Services Department personnel arrived at the scene within minutes after a distress call was received at 4.52am and took about 10 minutes to bring the situation under control.

However, nothing much could be done to save the single-storey structure, which housed eight offices of pre-university

lecturers.

When contacted, Samarahan fire station investigating officer Melvin Amuk said that initial investigation into the fire indicated it was the result of a short-circuit, although he stressed that the department was still investigating the incident.

Total loss was unascertained.

In August 2010, a similar incident saw an entire office block used by lecturers go up in smoke at the same campus, with no injuries reported.

The university's corporate communication unit, meanwhile, said it was unable to immediately issue a statement regarding the fire.