

DBKU and Unimas forge partnership on composting project

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Abdul Wahap (standing, second right) witnessing the signing of the memorandum by Kadim (seated right) and Saadiah at the Rotunda, DBKU headquarters.

KUCHING: The Kuching City North Commission (DBKU) hopes that it could make Kuching a cleaner city now that they have secured a partnership to manage composted green waste with Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas).

A memorandum of agreement (MoA) was signed between the two parties at the Rotunda, DBKU headquarters yesterday, in which Unimas would provide expertise for the project.

According to DBKU Datuk Bandar Datuk Abang Abdul Wahap Abang Julai, the project will run for 12 months, commencing in May this year.

"DBKU has been composting (waste) since its formation. The main purpose of this process is to produce fertilisers for DBKU's various plant nurseries.

"With the help of Unimas, we here at DBKU will have better knowledge and skills in managing such waste. We are very enthusiastic about this partnership," he said.

Before the signing of the memorandum, Abdul Wahap revealed that DBKU had sent a few of their officers to Japan and Thailand to learn about various waste composting techniques.

"This is important for DBKU to ensure that Kuching city remains clean, beautiful and popular by 2017, and waste composting is definitely one of the ways which can help.

"By then, I hope that Kuching would be one of the most popular places in Asia and I believe that we can achieve that. We do have plans and strategies to achieve that goal. You can bet that DBKU is serious about it," he added.

Unimas vice chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi, meanwhile, commented that the university would always be willing to lend a helping hand whenever needed.

He too revealed that the history of partnerships between Unimas and DBKU dated back to 1995, when the university was first opened.

The memorandum was signed by Kadim and DBKU director Dr Saadiah Abdul Samat, witnessed by Abdul Wahap.

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