400 UMS students take part in ‘Eco Campus, Eco Run 2013’

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KOTA KINABALU: More than 400 students of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) took part in the seven-kilometre ‘Eco Campus, Eco Run 2013’ yesterday within the university campus.

UMS Vice Chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr. Mohd Harun Abdullah said it was an initiative to turn the university into an Eco Campus that began in December last year.

It was organised by the final year students of the School of Business and Economics as part of their Event Management course.

“The Eco Campus, Eco Run 2013 will help the university to become a campus of sustainable learning and career through environmentally friendly activities,” said Dr. Mohd Harun in his opening speech yesterday.

He said the response has been very encouraging and commended the organisers.

Earlier, the Dean of the School of Business and Economics, Associate Professor Dr. Arsiah Bahron said yesterday’s event was actually an assignment for the final-year students to provide them with practical experience in event management.

“Even though only 45 students are taking the course, they were able to hold a big event that involved not just students, lecturers and university staff but the public too,” said Dr. Arsiah.

Also present were deputy vice chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), Datuk Dr. Kasim Md Mansur and director of the Eco Campus, Eco Run 2013, Jason Yong.