

On May 13, 2009, UniMAP has officially launched its Agrotechnology Research Station located at Sungai Chuchuh Campus in Padang Besar, Perlis. The launching ceremony of the research station was officiated by His Royal Highness the Raja of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail. Also present were Her Royal Highness the Raja Perempuan of Perlis, Tuanku Tengku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid and the Crown Prince of Perlis who also the Chancellor of UniMAP, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail. In his opening remarks, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin urges researchers in UniMAP to take the challenge in increasing the yield in agriculture sector in Perlis including improving the quality of Harumanis mangoes through research works and collaborations.

The development of research station has been initiated by the awareness of the vast potential and opportunity that UniMAP could contribute through its expertise in agrotechnology. The research station had begun commencement since 2008. The development of the research station will cover a land area of 101 hectares by 2010 and focus are now given in the first phase of the development package that covers 21 hectares land.

School of Environmental Engineering (PPKAS) was honoured to participate on that day by organizing an exhibition on current UniMAP research works on agrotechnology. A total of 20 research works from researchers and undergraduate students from UniMAP took part in the exhibition, which are open to visitors. Various government agencies and private organizations also participated in the exhibition. Later on that day, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin, accompanied by Menteri Besar of Perlis, Datuk Seri Dr Md Isa Sabu and UniMAP Vice Chancellor, Brigadier General Dato' Prof Dr Kamarudin Hussin, had spent some time visiting the exhibition booths and gave words of encouragement to the researchers.

# PPKAS @ UniMAP Agrotechnology Research Station Launching Ceremony

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