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UPM TO PRODUCE FOOD FARM EXPERTS AND MANAGERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) has been selected as the first institution of higher learning to produce food farm experts and managers since it is involved in agriculture, said Agriculture Minister Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud today.

"The ministry is preparing a proposal paper for the Education Ministry and the university," he told reporters after closing the National Farmers, Livestock Breeders and Fishermen Day '99 and the Asian Agricultural Convention and Exposition '99 (AGEX) at the National Stadium, Bukit Jalil here.

He said the proposal was in response to call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for institutions of higher learning to produce, among others, experts and managers of food farms.

Dr Sulaiman said agricultural training institutes would also be asked to continue conducting food farm courses as the country needed more such experts to increase food production.

During the function, the minister received a young goat which borned at the exhibition site on Aug 25 as MAHA mascot.

Pahang meanwhile emerged as champion in the best stall competition with Selangor in second place and Terengganu in third.

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