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# UMP's deer conceived the second fawn

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The deer, known as Pekan and Chini, raised in Mini Deer Park on the campus of Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) in Pekan conceived their second fawn on April 22, 2020, at 7.00 am weighing 7kg after the birth of their first fawn in June last year.

Three years ago, UMP received a pair of Spotted Deer or scientifically known as Axis Axis from the East Coast Economic Region (ECER) to make the university an educational tourism hub (Edu-Tour).

This project is one of the 30 components of the Pekan-Kuala Pahang Town-Servicing Strategy.

According to the Head of UMP Campus Sustainability and Greening Unit, Center for Property Development and Management (PPPH), Ts. Mohd Nurulakla Mohd Azlan, the presence pair of deer is a popular attraction as it is located near the UMP and Kuala Pahang entrance.

“Deers are domesticated animals that are easy to breed and deer breeding is not a difficult task because they do not need to be well cared for.

“We only feed this deer three times a day. Their main food is the nutrient-rich palette to ensure its health.

"Apart from that, the deer are fed from UMP's plant sources such as Acacia leaf and Napier grass," he said.

Typically, it requires about 10 to 15kg of Acacia leaves and Napier grass.

Furthermore, there are over 2000 Acacia trees around UMP Pekan and at the same time, Napier grass is also planted in UMP.

Meanwhile, the deer cage is cleaned once a week to ensure the deer's comfort in the enclosure.

The university is planning to expand the area as well as improve the existing deer cage.

They receive cooperation from the Pahang Veterinary Services Department led by Dr. Khairul Anuar Muhamad, who is the Veterinary Officer of Veterinary Health Division who monitors the deer and the fawn is in good health.

UMP has always maintained a balance in technology to ensure the life of flora and fauna to make the university a sustainable campus.

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