



## MINGGU ALAM SEKITAR MALAYSIA

“Ya! Teruskan Gaya Hidup Lestari” is the theme for this year Minggu Alam Sekitar Malaysia (MASM), hopes to encourage all levels of society in practicing sustainable lifestyle. MASM was celebrated in Kota Kinabalu Wetlands (KKW) on the 26th October 2015, co-organized between Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society (SWCS) with Department of Environment of Sabah (DOE), Environment Protection Department (EPD) and Japan International Cooperation Agency – Sustainable Development for Biodiversity & Ecosystem (JICA-SDBEC). The launching ceremony was officiated by Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Masidi Haji Manjun, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment of Sabah. The objectives of the celebration are to increase environmental awareness among the public as well as to raise public awareness and appreciation of wetlands and public involvement in protecting wetlands. The celebration also aims to contribute to the creation of a recycling-oriented society by promoting 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) activities. In line with the theme and objectives, among the activities held during the celebration were environmental exhibitions and four competitions were also conducted which are the Enviro-colouring, Enviro-drawing, TrashUre Hunt and Upcycle. We also had the KKW open day where the visitors enjoyed the free entrance to the wetlands centre. The competitions received a very encouraging participations from students from SJK(C) Yick Nam Inanam, SK Tobobon, SK Tanjung Aru 1, SMK Likas, Kolej Vokasional Likas, SM All Saints Kota Kinabalu, SMKA Tun Ahmadshah, Maktab Sabah, SM Stella Maris, SM Shan Tao, SMK Bandaraya, SMK Sanzac, SMK Taman Tun Fuad, SMK Tebobon and SMK Agama Kota Kinabalu, and also home school children. Congratulations to the winners and to all students who participated enthusiastically in the competitions.



At the JP Productions upcycle exhibition. (From right: Mr. Japson Wong of JP Productions; YB Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Masidi Haji Manjun, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment Sabah; Datuk Haji Zainie Abdul Aucasa, President of Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society; YBhg Datin Hajah Hanili binti Ghazali, Director of Environment Protection Department.)



Signing eco-bag to officially launch the MASM.



Paper Making Exhibition.



TrashUre Hunt Competition.



Upcycle Competition.



Coloring Competition.



Minggu Alam Sekitar Malaysia 2015 group photo.

Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society (SWCS) / Pertubuhan Pemuliharaan Tanah Lembap Sabah, Established on 22 August 2005

### OBJECTIVES

- ◆ To promote the conservation of wetlands in Sabah and the variety of plants, birds and other kinds of organisms found in them.
- ◆ To raise public awareness and appreciation of wetlands and public involvement in protecting wetlands.
- ◆ To manage Kota Kinabalu Wetlands (KKW) as a model wetlands centre for the purpose of conservation, education, recreation, tourism and research.

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## PRICELESS SUPPORT! DONATION AND PLANTING!

Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society would like to express special thanks and appreciation to Ogawa Corporation, Japan for donating RM4,000 to KK Wetlands. This donation supports in the management and conservation efforts in KK Wetlands.

We trust the success of conservation efforts lies strongly in partnerships, forged together by shared visions and values on conserving wetlands and the environment, as a whole.



From right: Toru Tamamushi (JICA Volunteer in KKW); Masaru Himeno, Daisuke Yamano & Koichiro Hirayama (Ogawa House Builder from Japan); Chie Kosuga (Researcher from Rakuno Gakuen University) and Satoshi Watarai (JICA Volunteer in Sabah Parks).



Planting at Sulaman Lake Forest Reserve.

## OCTOBER ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY

No matter what age level you are, you are always welcome to KK Wetlands for the environmental activity! This month we received a group of primary school students, secondary school students as well as a group of adults experiencing the KK Wetlands Mangrove Experience Programme.

i.) SMK KINARUT, 20th October 2015



*All donations made to the Society are exempted from tax under Subsection 44(6) of Income Tax Act 1967.*

## OCTOBER ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY

ii.) WWF & LOCAL COMMUNITY OF KG TARITIPAN, KOTA MARUDU, 21st October 2015

iii.) SMK TANJUNG ARU 1, 31st October 2015



## ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION—OUTREACH

In support with the recycling effort, we can come to your school and share on how to be creative and learn what you can do with your used paper. This month outreach to SM St John, Tuaran on 30th October 2015 for the paper making demonstration and hands-on activity as well as environmental talk.



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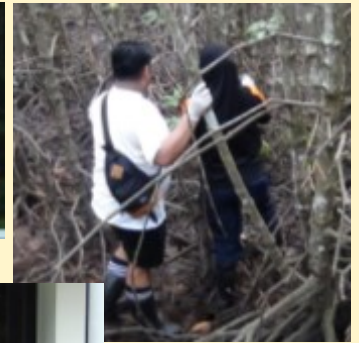
## ENVIRONMENT VOLUNTARY WORK

Working in mangrove. We are more than happy to receive these two supportive teams again!

i.) DESA CARGILL

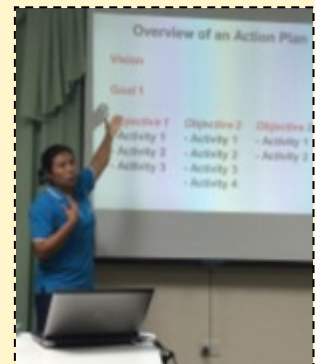


ii.) LE MERIDIEN



## Standard of Conservation Project and Programme Management Training Workshop

The Conservation & Science Officer of Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society attended the Standards of Conservation Project and Programme Management Training Workshop which was held in Institute Tropical Biology and Conservation, University Malaysia Sabah, organized by WWF Malaysia in on 8th and 9th October 2015. The objectives of the workshops are to provide guidance and an approach for designing, implementing and monitoring conservation projects and programs. It supports the participants in practicing adaptive management of projects, programs, policy and campaigns work to become more effective and efficient.



The workshop consist of lectures and group discussion on case studies and brainstorming among participants.

## GUEST COMMENTS



“It is an amazing place, very silent and beautiful. I came on an afternoon, so it was already hot and not many birds to see, but I still saw a few and heard many more. Got caught by a sudden shower in the observatory tower which was also fun! Great job keeping this place so tidy and peaceful. I hope many generations to come will enjoy watching the wildlife of today.  
~ Galina Kim, Russia ; 30/10/2015

“It was glad to be here, nice view and I enjoy watching the animals such as mudskipper, crabs and etc”.  
~ Takuya Tsukamoto , Japan; 30/10/2015



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEM-

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| <p>2nd Nov 2015: Sabah Wildlife Department and PERHILITAN visit to KKW</p> <p>3rd Nov 2015: Welcome New Internship student</p> <p>4th Nov 2015: EEP Sayfol International Student (Paper Making).</p> <p>5th Nov 2015: EEP SM Shan Tao</p> <p>6th Nov 2015: EEP SJK © Phui Ying, Tenom</p> <p>7th Nov 2015: Closing Ceremony of UPM research project in KKW.</p> | <p>14th Nov 2015: Mangrove Conservation Experience Programme with UMS students</p> <p>15th Nov 2015: EVW Cosmopoint College students</p> <p>19th Nov 2015: EEP with Ikeda High School, Japan</p> <p>27th Nov 2015: EVW with UNITAR students</p> <p>28th Nov 2015: EEP with Sabah Chesire Home</p> |
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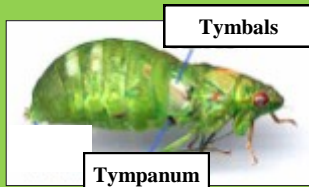
**LEARN SOMETHING TODAY: How do Cicada make sound?**

When you walk around KKW, you will hear a loud and sharp whistle-like sound. It is actually the Cicada's sound. Cicada is a small animal, but how could they produce their 'big' sound?



Source: <http://flickrhivemind.net/>  
People always think that the Cicada make their sound by rubbing their legs against their wings, as grasshoppers do. However, it is actually a wrong fact. Instead of rubbing their legs, Cicadas produce sound by vibrat-

ing a ribbed membranes organ called **tymbals** located at their first abdominal segments. By contraction and relaxation of the tymbals muscle alternately the tymbals will produce 'click' sounds. Another organ called **tympanum** act as sound amplifier, which able to multiply the 'clicking' sound of the **tymbals**, enable the Cicada to have an exceptional loud sound compared to other insects.



**Position of tymbals and tympanum on the Cicada's body.**  
Adapted from: <http://sci-s03.bacs.uq.edu.au/ins-info/mec.htm>

**SUPPORT US! BE A MEMBER TODAY!**

**Kota Kinabalu Wetlands**

This is a 24-hectare mangrove forest reserve right in the heart of the city of Kota Kinabalu that has been designated as a State Cultural Heritage site since 1998. It is managed by SABAH WETLANDS CONSERVATION SOCIETY.

This environmental education centre on the site has been in operation since 2000. It has an administrative building with an exhibition hall, a 1.5 km boardwalk, a bird hide, observation tower and outdoor class room.

**Benefits of Being Our Member**



- As a member, you will be able to participate in members' events, enjoy free entry to Kota Kinabalu Wetland.
- Eligible for 50% discount for binocular rental\*.
- Most importantly, you know you are helping this ecosystem to survive and provide essential services to it.

\*Subject to change without further notice

**What Can You do to Help?**

- Be a member
- Be a volunteer
- Perform Environmental Voluntary Work
- Carry out Corporate Social Responsibility

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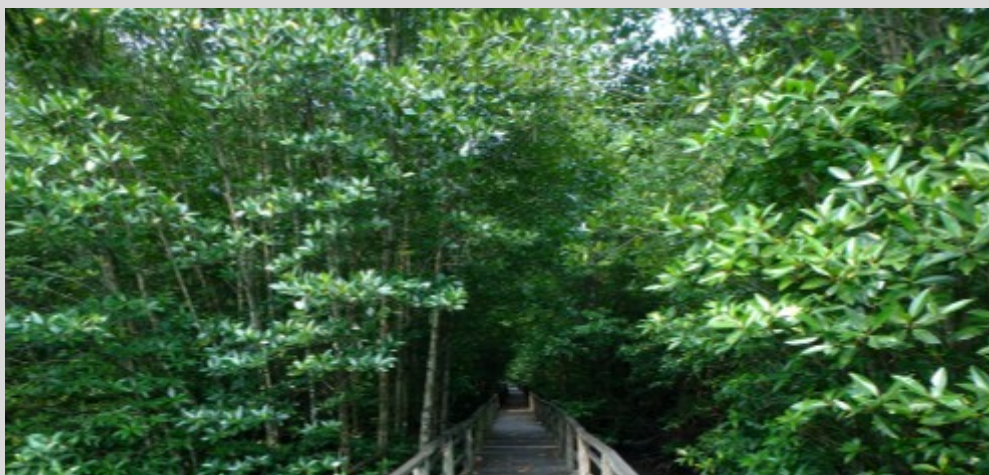
**SUPPORT BY JOINING OUR PROGRAMMES:**

**Environmental Educational Programmes:**

- KK Wetlands Mangrove Experience Programme
- Mangrove Conservation Experience Programme (includes tree planting in Tuaran)

**Environment Voluntary Work**

*(\*Contact us for activity booking form)*



***A society grows when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.***