

NEWSLETTER

SABAH WETLANDS CONSERVATION SOCIETY



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What's up?

CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD SOIL DAY 2020

SWCS collaborated with REPSOL Oil & Gas Malaysia Limited in organising a Video Contest and Webinar, in conjunction with World Soil Day 2020. This World Soil Day 2020 (#WorldSoilDay) and its campaign "Keep soil alive, Protect soil biodiversity" aims to raise awareness on the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and encouraging the public to commit proactively in improving soil health. The launching ceremony and Webinar was held on 23 December 2020 at Sabah International Convention Centre and the event has been organised by strictly following the required SOP.



A Non-Governmental
Organization working on
Conservation of Wetlands in 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.

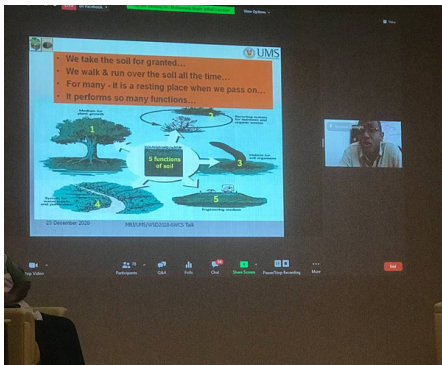
To manage Kota Kinabalu Wetland (KKW) as a model wetlands centre for the purpose of conservation, education, recreation, tourism and research.



Welcoming Remark by Datuk Hj Zainie Abdul Aucasa,
President of Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society



Opening Speech by Tuan Ahmad Fakhurrazi
Arshad, Senior Stake Holder Relations
Manager, Repsol Oil & Gas Malaysia Limited



Speaker 1:
Dr. Mohamadu Boyie Jalloh,
UMS



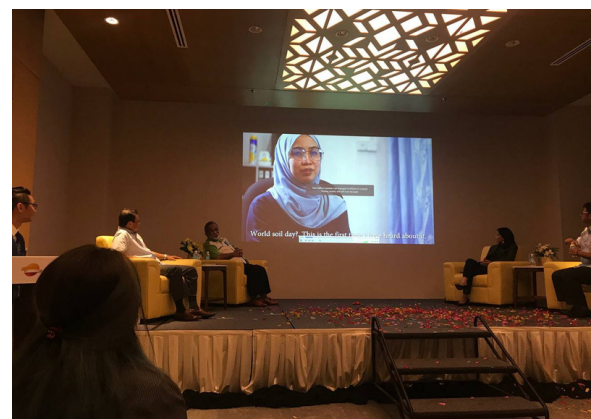
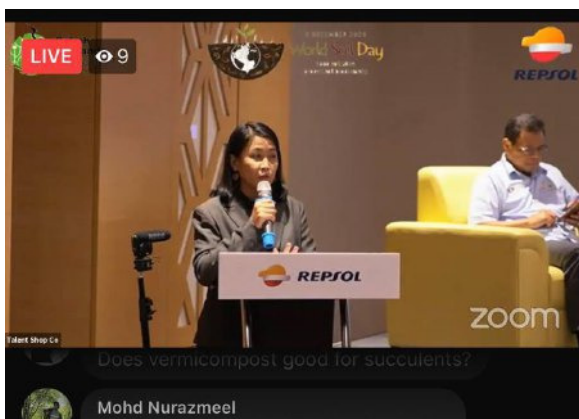
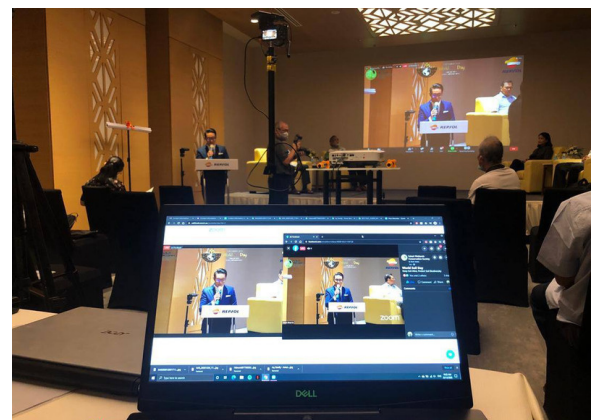
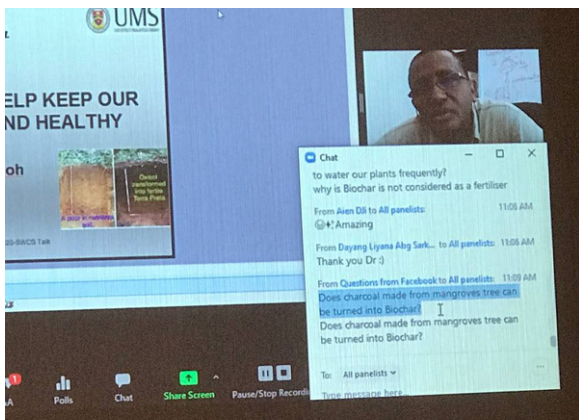
Speaker 2:
Mr. Jason Wong, Owner of
Keningau Nature Farm



Speaker 3:
Mdm. Susie Doivit, Nature
Club Advisor / Teacher at SMK
Taman Tun Fuad

Congratulation to all top 5 winner for the World Soil Day Video contest!





The Borneo Post

Fri, 11 December 2020



Zainie (fourth left) and Eddie (third left) at the official launch of the joint programme yesterday.

SWCS, firm to celebrate World Soil Day

KOTA KINABALU: The Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society (SWCS) and Repsol Oil & Gas Malaysia Limited will collaborate to celebrate this year's World Soil Day by organising virtual activities for the public.

The activities include the 'Celebrating World Soil Day, everyday' video contest as well as the World Soil Day Webinar on 'Keep Soil Alive, Protect Soil Biodiversity', both of which offer attractive prizes.

Speaking at the official launch of the joint programme yesterday, SWCS president Datuk Zainie Abd Aucasa said that the WSD celebrations this year will be organised virtually, in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

He said that the aim of the programme is to raise the environmental awareness about the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and encourage the public to commit proactively in improving soil health.

One of the two activities surrounding the WSD celebrations is inviting families to participate in a 2-minute video contest to showcase how they celebrate WSD.

This family-oriented video contest is open to families residing in Sabah. They will need to register a maximum of four persons per family to participate. A family can submit only one entry to the contest.

In giving a little cue into what

the organisers look out for in the video, Zainie reminded that we depend on soil to grow food and clothing, filter water, and support natural ecosystems.

"Hence, soil is essential to life, this is why it is important that soil is celebrated every day of the year, to make sure that future generations understand the gravity of this issue and how they can make a positive impact through their own actions and behaviours," he said.

Entries are now open and will close on Dec 20. Details, terms and conditions as well as entry forms are available on the Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society Facebook page.

The two-minute video should illustrate how the public can make a positive impact through their own actions and behaviours in keeping soil alive and protecting soil biodiversity.

Attractive cash vouchers and other prizes totalling RM4,450 are on offer to the winners.

Besides standing the chance to win prizes, the first 50 families whose two-minute video have been accepted will be invited to join the WSD key event, a Webinar to be held on Dec 23 from 10 am to 10.30 am which will be hosted from SICC here.

This virtual environmental awareness programme will witness three experienced panelists from a diverse background presenting and sharing their experience at this

Webinar on the theme, Keep Soil Alive, Protect Soil Biodiversity.

The participants who are invitees from the video contestant will have another opportunity to win more cash prizes through the Kahoot! Quiz at the end of the Webinar. Questions will come from the information which are shared through the speakers' presentation.

Repsol Malaysia's government and community relations adviser for Sabah & Labuan, Datuk Eddie Abdullah, who was also present at the launch, extended his thanks to SWCS for the latter's willingness to undertake and realise this joint programme, despite the challenges under the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We now look forward to the keen support and spontaneous response from families to participate in the 2-minute video contest and the webinar session. Apart from the chances to win prizes and obtaining informative and beneficial content from the Webinar, we hope that the families will use the opportunity to engage and enjoy the bonding that comes from the teamwork in joining this environmental awareness activity," Eddie added.

World Soil Day is held annually on 5 December as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and advocating for the sustainable management of soil resources.

Daily Express

Fri, 11 December 2020



The organisers hold placards to promote the event.

All set for World Soil Day celebration

KOTA KINABALU: Various activities with attractive prizes had been outlined for the celebration of World Soil Day (WSD) in Sabah this year.

Jointly organised by Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society (SWCS) and Repsol Oil and Gas Malaysia Limited, the event aims to raise public awareness about the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and encourage the public to commit proactively in improving soil health.

"WSD is held annually as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and advocating for the sustainable management of soil resources," said a joint statement by SWCS president Datuk Zainie Abdul Aucasa and Repsol Oil and Gas Malaysia Limited Government and Community Relations for Sabah/Labuan adviser Datuk Eddie Abdullah, Thursday.

Themed "Keep Soil Alive, Protect Soil Biodiversity", this year's WSD activities will be held virtually due to Covid-19 pandemic.

The first highlight is the Celebrating World Soil Day Every Day video contest.

"This family-oriented video contest is open to families residing in Sabah.

"They will need to register a maximum of four persons per family in order to participate and submit a two-minute video, showcasing on how they celebrate WSD 2020.

"A family can submit only one entry to the contest.

"The two-minute video should illustrate how the public can make a positive impact through their own actions and behaviours in keeping soil alive and protecting soil biodiversity.

Further terms, conditions and contest rules are available on the Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society Facebook page.

The video contest officially started Thursday and closes at 11.59pm, Dec 20.

"The top five winning teams will receive cash vouchers sponsored by Repsol Oil and Gas Malaysia Limited, free guided tour into the mangrove forest at Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar site and a coffee table book 'Oasis in the City' sponsored by SWCS," said the statement.

The first place winner would win a RM1,000 cash voucher, while the second

place winner would receive RM700 cash voucher and RM500 cash voucher for the third place winner.

The second activity for this year's WSD celebration is the webinar from 10am-11.30am, on Dec 23.

"Three experienced panellists from a diverse background pertaining to soil biodiversity will be presenting their materials at this webinar on the theme 'Keep Soil live, Protect Soil Biodiversity'.

"The first 50 families whose two-minute videos have been accepted will be invited to join this Webinar.

"Besides gaining new knowledge on soil conservation and uses, they have another opportunity to win more cash prizes through the 'Kahoot! Quiz' at the end of the webinar.

"Questions will come from the information which are shared through the speakers' presentation."

The organisers are looking forward to the support and response from families to participate in the two-minute video contest and use the opportunity to engage and enjoy the bonding that comes from the teamwork.

Sin Chew Daily

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(星洲10日讯)以保护土壤生命力、保护土壤生物多样性为宗旨的沙巴世界土壤日研讨会将于本月23日(星期三)上午10时至11时30分在线开讲,欢迎民众听讲。

由沙巴湿地保护协会和大马REPSOL石油与天然气私人有限公司联合主办的该项活动获得3名专家学者担任嘉宾讲员,就土壤资源的可持续管理分享经验与心得。

沙巴湿地保护协会主席拿督再尼今日召开新闻发布会时指出,今年,粮农组织展开"保持土壤生命力、保护土壤生物多样性"运动旨在应对土壤管理面临的日益严峻的挑战,增强人们维护健康生态系统和人类福祉的意识。同时,通过鼓励所有人采取实际行动,提高人们对健康土壤的重视。

"如果我们不即刻行动,土

專家學者線上分享 23日土壤日研討會

土壤侵蚀会破坏土壤肥力,威胁全球粮食供应和粮食安全。

再尼说,民众可以在当天通过沙巴湿地保护协会专页脸书(SABAH WETLANDS FACEBOOK PAGE)在线听讲,并参与线上问答比赛以赢取奖金。

视频制作20日截件

配合世界土壤日庆祝活动,当局将主办以"保持土壤生命力、保护土壤生物多样性"为题的家庭视频制作,截止收件日期为本月20日。

大马REPSOL石油与天然气私人有限公司政府及社区关系顾问拿督艾迪今日指出,参赛队伍

必须由至少4名家庭成员组成,视频制作限2分钟,每个家庭只能提交1份作品。

"视频内容必须传达保护土壤的正面信息,民众可以上网(

SABAH WETLANDS FACEBOOK PAGE)查阅细则。"

前五名优胜队伍将获得REPSOL赞助的现金奖,分别是冠军1000令吉、亚军700令吉、季军500令吉、殿军300令吉及第5名200令吉,另有安慰奖45份,每份奖金50令吉。

前五名优胜队伍可免费游览红树林。



由沙巴湿地保护协会和大马REPSOL石油与天然气私人有限公司联合主办的沙巴世界土壤日研讨会将于本月23日在线开讲。

Temporary Closure of Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar Site

In compliance with the guidelines set by the government on the management of COVID-19, Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society will resume to implement the "Work from Home" arrangement until 4 February 2021. For the health, safety and well-being of our visitors, employees and communities, we are temporarily closing our doors as per stated period.

We encourage everyone to remain indoors and keep safe! Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you once again.

FOR INQUIRIES, KINDLY CONTACT US AT:

Sabah Wetlands
Conservation Society



Thank you.

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exec.secretary@sabahwetlands.org



S.O.S Save Our Shelter



S.O.S: 'Save Our Shelter' is a campaign to raise funds to build a new 'shelter' (nursery) for the mangrove seedlings at Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar Site

The pandemic brought everything to a halt. But there's one area that needs to be perpetually maintained -- 'the nursery'. A proper nursery is important because nursery-raised seedlings develop well-established root systems prior to planting in degraded areas. The estimated total cost to build a proper nursery with a rainwater harvesting method and solar-powered irrigation system is MYR20,000 (±USD5,000) and only YOU can help the Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society to fulfill its mission. All you need to do is to support us by doing a good deed and share this noble cause with family and friends. It is not the size of the contribution that matters; it is the result of your gifts that matter. Donation link on SimplyGiving web site:

https://www.simplygiving.com/event/5819861c-4356-4b0c-ala2-75d8de923f88?fbclid=IwAR2eO20rsqMxMfjtE-5Y9Z2zibnMg_vvBlrysZMJV8xzYvF40RFy4bNU3tY



VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

01

Volunteering is good for your heart

Volunteering for KK Wetland Ramsar Site can be a great fun! If you have passion for the environment or just want to gain more outdoor experiences, this is the appropriate channel. Do not miss the chance! Sign up to be a volunteer now or contact us for more information.

03 membership

Benefits of being our member

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

02

Monthly Bird Monitoring



Join our monthly birding activity on every 15th-17th day of the month

FOR
MORE
INFO

How to
REGISTER

Call us at
088-246955
or drop us an email at
swcs@sabahwetlands.org

04

DONATION



Join the forces with us and help save our Wetlands by giving donation to Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society.

Bank Transfer to;
SWCS Account No:392-050-779-101 (HSBC)

support us by joining our programmes

1. Environmental Education Programme

- KK Wetlands Mangrove Experience Programme
- Mangrove Conservation Experience Programme
- Handcrafting from Mangrove

2 Environmental Voluntary Work

- Nursery Work
- Mangrove Clean-Up

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