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WHAT'S INSIDE

February 2022 in Malaysia had really hot days and really wet days! We hope that you had a great month albeit the uncertain weather. We have been pretty busy with Eco-Schools Workshops organized in Perak and Melaka and the launching of Eco-Schools Virtual Run Perak Chapter and many more.

- ◆ Melaka Eco-Schools Programme (MESP) Siri I Workshop
- ◆ Perak Eco-Schools Programme (PESP) Siri II Workshop
- ◆ Eco-Schools Virtual Run Perak Chapter 2022 Launching
- ◆ Online Briefing of the Eco-Schools Virtual Run to more than 200 school teachers in Perak.
- ◆ Snapshots from Perak Schools students and teachers having fun and running!

For more information on our programmes 2021, visit <https://greengrowthasia.org/projects2021>

DID YOU KNOW?

WORLD WETLANDS DAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2022

It marks the anniversary of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) in Ramsar, Iran, on 2 February 1971.

Since 1997, World Wetlands Day has been used to raise public awareness of wetland values and benefits & promote the conservation and wise use of wetlands.

#WorldWetlandsDay



INTERNATIONAL POLAR BEAR

27TH FEBRUARY 2022 **DAY**

Global Warming is driving Polar Bears toward extinction, researchers say.

By century's end, polar bears worldwide could become nearly extinct as a result of shrinking sea ice in the Arctic if climate change continues unabated, scientists said.

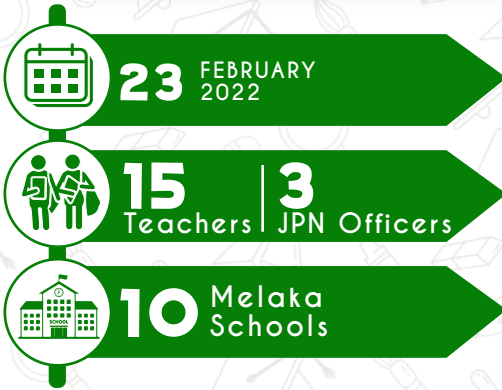
The New York Times

International Polar Bear Day is organized by Polar Bears International to raise awareness about the impact of global warming and reduced sea ice on polar bear populations. The day encourages people to find ways to reduce their carbon output, such as by turning down their thermostat or driving less.





MELAKA ECO-SCHOOLS PROGRAMME (MESP) SIRI I WORKSHOP



On February 23, Eco-Schools Melaka completed its first series of workshops after completing the first phase of the programme in 2021. The event was attended by 15 teachers from 10 schools at the King's Green Hotel, Melaka. The objective of the day was to revise and update the content and worksheets from the previous Phase 1: Preparation workshops in addition to an increase of Eco-Schools, carbon and climate change knowledge. This workshop composed of eight (8) sessions with the highlight being the selected schools'

presentations of their planned/ongoing eco projects. The teachers demonstrated their school projects and activities inclusive of method of implementation with the involvement of students and other Eco-Schools committee members following the SOPs to curb Covid-19. With high commitment and passion from sharing their projects and activities, GGAF believes and is confident that the schools possess admirable prospects in achieving the prestigious Green Flag award. We are confident that we can bring these selected schools to greater green and sustainable heights in these trying times of the pandemic.



Mr Sri Themudu (far right) Chief Programme Officer of Green Growth Asia Foundation, seen in discussion with several teachers at the workshop.

The workshop consisted of 8 sessions comprising:-

- Session 1: Game - Bumi Panas
- Session 2: Revision - Eco-Schools Workshop 1-4
- Session 3: Special Presentations
- Session 4: Brainstorm - Action Plan
- Session 5: Presentations (1st round)
- Session 6: Game - O=C=O
- Session 7: Presentations (2nd round)
- Session 8: Updating Data
- Eco-Schools Workshop 1-4

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PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY OF THE TURTLE CONSERVATION EDUCATION COMPETITION

Green Growth Asia Foundation celebrated the schools that participated in the Turtle Conservation Education Competition held over 3 months in September 2021. In this initiative, 275 students and 30 teachers from Melaka successfully participated in the Turtle Conservation Education Competition, a biodiversity education initiative by the Green Growth Asia Foundation featuring five unique lesson plans, two webinars and one challenge module. The prizes and certificates of participation were graciously presented by Encik Mohd Haniff bin Omri, Penolong Pengarah, merangkap Ketua Sub Unit Kokurikulum, Unit Pembangunan Bakat Murid, Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Melaka.



12 FEBRUARY
2022



275 | **30**
Students | Teachers



Hotel King's Green
Melaka



11 Winning
Schools

We applaud the following teachers and the participation of their students in the programme.

SK Ayer Keroh - Puan Nurhafizzah binti Abd Rahman
 SK Dato' Demang Hussin - Puan Suraya Hani binti Yaakub
 SK Kampung Tun Razak - Puan Zuriyati binti Abdullah
 SK Bukit Lintang - Puan Siti Faizah binti Hassan
 SK Convent Infant Jesus 1 - Puan Nor Hadijah binti Omar@Mahmud
 SMK Tun Tuah - Puan Nur Fadzleen binti Zokkapli
 SM Sains Muzaffar Syah - Puan Adyani binti Ahmad
 SMK Seri Pengkalan - Puan Noorfatin binti Zakaria
 SJKT Merlimau - Encik Gobindaran A/L Aru Chunan
 SK Ayer Merbau - Puan Rohani binti Mohammad
 SMK Selandar - Puan Nur Faizatul Ain binti Jaafar



Encik Mohd Haniff bin Omri, Penolong Pengarah, merangkap Ketua Sub Unit Kokurikulum, Unit Pembangunan Bakat Murid, Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Melaka (middle) with the teachers from the 11 schools that participated in the Turtle Conservation Education Competition 2021. Mr Sri Themudu (front row, 3rd from left) is the Chief Programme Officer of Green Growth Asia Foundation.

WHO SAYS LEARNING MUST BE BORING?

At least, not by our members in the Turtle Conservation Team who subscribe to the Fun Theory— an approach that promotes joy in education through the fusion of imagination and creativity to tackle pressing societal issues such as turtle conservation. The previous Turtle Conservation Education Competition saw our innovative attempt at creating learning and teaching aids.

This turtle replica is made out of reclaimed wood and designed to be a learning tool for children to understand more about its body. It marks the beginning of a greater journey in advocating turtle conservation in Malaysia



TURTLE FACTS : DID YOU KNOW?

1

It's estimated that only 1 in 1,000 hatchlings will survive to adulthood. That is before human interventions!

2

The beach temperature determines the turtle hatchlings' sexes. Global warming leads to a disparity between male (lower temperature) and female (higher temperature) turtle populations, further threatening their extinction.

3

Traditionally turtle eggs are associated with miracle-like health properties; however, studies suggest a higher chance of metallic poisoning and parasitic infection per consumption, potentially leading to death!

2

There are four out of seven world turtle species in Malaysia. Green, Hawksbill, Leatherback and Olive Ridley.

3

Pantai Padang Kemuning, Melaka, houses the largest Hawksbill population in Peninsular Malaysia





PERAK ECO-SCHOOLS PROGRAMME (PESP) SIRI II WORKSHOP

On February 21, Eco-Schools Perak completed its second series of workshops with teachers from 16 schools at the M Roof Hotel & Residences, Ipoh. The objective of the day was to revise and update the content and worksheets from the previous workshop in addition to an increase of Eco-Schools, carbon and climate change knowledge. This workshop composed of nine (9) sessions with the highlight being the selected schools' presentations of their planned/ongoing eco projects. The teachers demonstrated their school projects and activities inclusive of method of implementation with the involvement of students and other Eco-Schools committee members following the SOPs to curb Covid-19. With high commitment and passion from sharing their projects and activities, GGAF believes and is confident that the schools possess admiring prospects in achieving the prestigious Green Flag award. We are confident that we can bring these selected schools to greater green and sustainable heights in these trying times of the pandemic. At the end of the workshop, the teachers learned the fundamentals of setting their own Eco-Schools website using Google Sites. This will provide them with an online platform for the public to showcase their comprehensive involvement in the programme.



The workshop was presented by Ms Aysha Zamuel, National Youth Programme Lead, Green Growth Asia Foundation.



21 February
2022



30 | **3**
teachers | JPN Officers



M Roof Hotel
& Residences, Ipoh

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- Eco-Schools Workshop 1-4
- Session 9: Google Sites Workshop

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ECO-SCHOOLS VIRTUAL RUN 2022 : PERAK CHAPTER LAUNCHING

Green Growth Asia Foundation is so fortunate to be working with the amazing people at Perak State Education Department. Their commitment and spirit to promote our Eco-Schools Programme is amazing.

On 14th February 2022, Tuan Aznan Hj Alias took time out from a whole-day meeting to officiate and launch the Eco-Schools Virtual Run Perak Chapter 2022. Together with him on the podium were Tuan Hj Fakhru Nizam and Puan Hj Rahimah also from the Perak State Education Department. With the releasing of the balloons, Tuan Aznan called out to the District Education Offices to reach out to the 1000 schools within their districts to join the Virtual Run. Each representative from the District Education Offices were presented with the Eco-Schools Virtual Run jersey as a token of togetherness.

With his target of 50,000 participants, we are sure that teachers, students, alumni, families and their communities will join to ensure success of promoting the Eco-Schools Programme. This programme is especially designed to impart green skills to our future generation, and help them understand and work towards a healthy and sustainable environment.

Go! Go! Go Perak!

To all Perakians, you too can support your school! Join the run at www.runfornature/esvr/perak

If you are from other states, join this virtual run to support Eco-Schools Programme at www.runfornature/esvr



Tuan Aznan Hj Alias (middle) Deputy Director, Student Development Sector, launched the Eco-Schools Virtual Run Perak Chapter with the releasing of balloons. Supporting him in this state-wide school activity is Tuan Haji Fakhru Nizam bin Pakhrudin, Assistant Director Student Development Sector and Puan Hj Rahimah Mohamed, Deputy Director, Sektor Pembelajaran, Perak State Education Department.





RUNFORNATURE BRIEFS 493 TEACHERS ON ESVR 2022 : PERAK CHAPTER

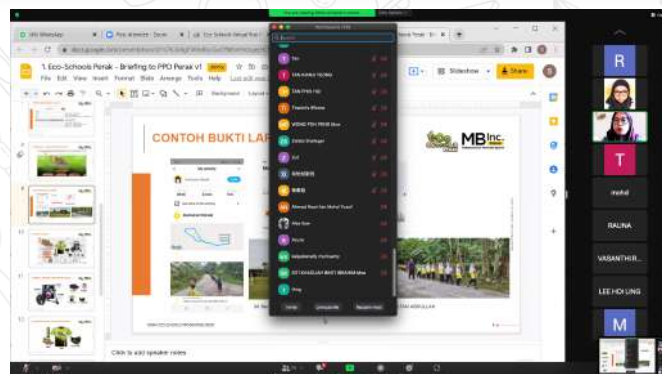
In a bid to get the participation of all Perak Schools in the Eco-Schools Virtual Run, the Perak State Education Department organized a briefing to teachers in all 12 districts. More than 493 teachers attended the briefing presented by RunForNature's Ms Syamima. It was surely a marathon briefing of 20 minutes each session.

Thursday 24/2/2022

2:00 - 2:20ptg : Daerah Kerian
 2:30 - 2:50ptg : Daerah Larut Matang & Salama
 3:00 - 3:20ptg : Daerah Hulu Perak
 3:30 - 3:50ptg : Daerah Manjung
 4:00 - 4:20ptg : Daerah Perak Tengah
 4:30 - 4:50ptg : Daerah Kinta Utara
 5:00 - 5:30ptg : Daerah Kinta Selatan

Friday 25/2/2022

3:00 - 3:20ptg : Daerah Hilir Perak
 3:30 - 3:50ptg : Daerah Batang Padang
 4:00 - 4:20ptg : Daerah Bagan Datuk
 4:30 - 4:50ptg : Daerah Mualim
 5:00 - 5:30ptg : Daerah Kuala Kangsar



Questions by teachers included:

Q. Can one person do 2 runs?

A. Yes, just register twice and get 2 ebib numbers, submit 2 run results.

Q. Can we run in groups?

A. Yes, fill in the form with the names of the participants, and take photos of the group running, as well as use one running app to track the run for the group.



SNAPSHOTS FROM PERAK SCHOOLS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ON THE RUN





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