



**Sabah  
Wetlands  
Conservation  
Society**

**JUNE 2017**

# SWCS NEWSLETTER

Sabah Wetlands  
Conservation Society  
(SWCS)

A Non-Government  
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 Wetlands (KKW) as a model wetlands centre for the purpose of conservation, education, recreation, tourism and research.

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Visit us today : Tue-Sun

(including PH)

8.00am—6.00pm



The **World Environment Day** is one of the global annual event celebrated in KK Wetlands. The theme of this year “*Connecting People to Nature*” is selected to implores the people to get outdoors and into nature, to appreciate its beauty and its importance and to take forward the call to protect the Earth that we share. This year’s theme invites people to think how we are part of nature and how intimately we depend on it. It challenges us to find fun and exciting ways to experience and cherish this vital relationship. – UNEP

### *The Objectives:*

- To raise awareness among the participants about the cause and impact of climate change.
- To encourage the participants to get outdoor and appreciate the beauty and importance of the wetlands.

Among other activities held on that day were Environmental Talk by the Climate Change Action Centre, Sabah, Interpretative Walk into the Mangrove Forest, KK Wetlands open day (free entrance), free guiding and mangrove cleaning activity by volunteers. More than 120 people participated the event which includes the students from the Polytechnic College, Kota Kinabalu, volunteers and walk– in visitors.

*See photos on 02nd Page*

## SPECIAL THANKS

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION CENTRE, SABAH  
(Environment Protection Department, Department of Environment Sabah, SMK Taman Tun Fuad & SWCS)  
POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE, KOTA KINABALU  
SMK DATUK PETER MOJUNTIN

### **VOLUNTEER**

Akmal Faiz Bin Abdul Rahim



**KK Wetlands World Environment Day 2017**  
17 June 2017



Welcoming remarks by the SWCS Environmental Education Chairman Mr. Ting Hua Seng



Speech by the Director of Environment Protection Department, Y.Bhg Tuan Hj. Mohd Yusrie Abdullah



Information booth by Environmental Protection Department.



Mangrove tour



Mangrove cleaning activity by KK Bread of Life Apostolic Center (KKBOL)

**CSR - CIMB Community Link Project: Mangrove Tree Planting  
Planted by volunteers from SM St Michael, Penampang (23 June 2017)**



Photo after the planting activity - thanks everyone for your hard work!

**Update!**  
1500 trees to be planted; 800 trees has been planted including 200 by this group. 500 trees to go!



*The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago.  
The second best time is today!*



These young ones really know what fun is—they enjoyed the water and mud, while some people would call it disgusting!



Imagine this small tree in ten years will become a big tree where wildlife taking refuge and nest on it.

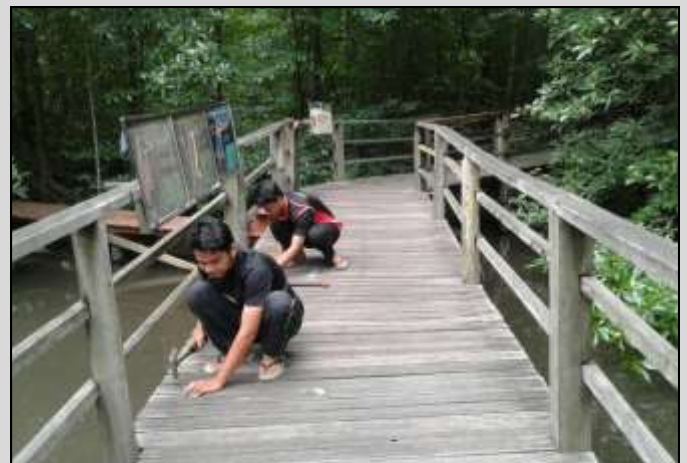


Not all people will realize the worth of your hard work, but everyone sure will enjoy the benefits - call it free oxygen (from the trees) for everyone.

**INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER: MR AKMAL FAIZ**



Akmal Faiz



Akmal Faiz is a final year student taking Bachelor Degree in Petroleum Engineering from University of Technology, Malaysia (UTM). He is a member of the *Rakan Muda* Club and volunteering in KK Wetlands is a part of the club activities under the community service program that he has to fulfil. We are glad to have him for the duration of one week from 12 to 18 June 2017. SWCS would like to wish him all the best for his future endeavor. Should you interested to volunteer in KK Wetlands, please contact [cea\\_swcs@sabahwetlands.org](mailto:cea_swcs@sabahwetlands.org) for details.

# Environmental Education & Environmental Voluntary Work



**1 June 2017** SM All Saints Students (EVW): Cleaning Sentinel Flock and Making Compost



**2 June 2017** UMS Rotaract Club & International Students (EVW): Nursery Work - preparing polybags for mangrove seedlings



**24 June 2017** SM Tshung Shin, Kota Kinabalu (EVW): Mangrove Cleaning



**24 June 2017** Biology Degree Students & Lecturers, US (EE): Mangrove Interpretation



**24 June 2017** Individual Volunteer (EVW): Cleaning the stream (rubbish collecting)

## Volunteers Needed! Bird Species Recording

Please participate in our monthly birding activity in 15th-17th day of the month.  
For registration, call us at 088-246 955 or drop us an email to [cea\\_swcs@sabahwetlands.org](mailto:cea_swcs@sabahwetlands.org)





Volunteering for KK Wetlands 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! Lets care for our wetlands.

All you need to do is to sign up as volunteer. Please contact us for further information.

✉ Send us an email [swcs@sabahwetlands.org](mailto:swcs@sabahwetlands.org)



*Let's Clean up the Wetlands*



Other voluntary activities: Nursery work and mangrove tree planting

**If you have an old laptop or PC (in working condition) which you no longer need, please donate to us.**

**Contact us at  
088 - 246 955**

## 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



## What Can You do to Help?

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

- 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.

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SUPPORT US BY JOINING OUR PROGRAMMES:

### Environmental Educational Programmes:

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

### Environmental Voluntary Work

(\* Contact us for activity booking form)

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**A better word for global warming is "climate change"**