

SWCS NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2016

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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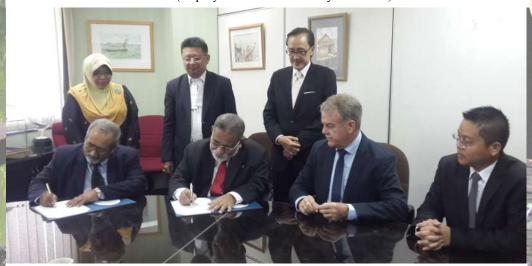
Memorandum of Understanding between SWCS and Acacia Forest Industries (AFI)

Recently, on the 28th of November 2016, SWCS has delightedly signed an MoU with Acacia Forest Industries (AFI). The objective of this MoU is that the Parties in recognition of related academic, research, and national interest will endeavour to strengthen, promote, and develop cooperation between each other on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. This MoU will commence upon signing and will remain in force until the 28th of November 2017.



First row from left: Omar Abdul Kadir (SWCS Honorary Secretary), Datuk Haji Zainie Abdul Aucasa (SWCS President), Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Masidi Manjun (Minister of Tourism Culture and Environment Sabah), Mr Michael Lindsay Janssen (AFI General Manager), Junextopher J. Maing

Back row from left: George Ngui Kuang Kee (SWCS Honorary Treasurer), Puan Hajah Mariam Omar (Deputy Permanent Secretary of MTCE).



MoU Signed by Datuk Haji Zainie and Mr Omar (SWCS); and Mr Micheal and Junextopher (AFI), witnessed by Datuk Masidi.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT DAY (HARI ALAM SEKITAR NEGARA) 2016

4th November 2016: AlmaCrest International College, Kota Kinabalu

This year's National Environment Day theme is *Alam Sekitar Tanggungjawab Bersama*. In conjunction with the environmental celebration, KK Wetlands together with AlmaCrest International College, Kota Kinabalu, conducted a half-day programme where the college students enjoyed the 1.5km of mangrove educational walk and then directly contributed their energy working at the mangrove nursery.







Mangrove Experience Programme

November 2016: Jabatan Perikanan Malaysia







18th November 2016: Renaissance College, Hong Kong







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November 2016: Sekolah Vokasional Likas







OUTREACH

November 2016: SMK Sanzac, Kota Kinabalu

On the 23rd of November 2016, the staff of KK Wetlands, conducted an outreach programme to SMK Sanzac, Kota Kinabalu. As learning in class was over for this year, the school planned to provide the secondary 1, 2 and 3 students with some useful input throughout the week, which included environmental knowledge. The environmental talk and workshop focused on the theme, "Let's Recycle". The students were introduced to KK Wetlands through a talk and video presentation. The content discussed was how human activity, in particular, poor waste management, was destroying wetlands. The students were divided in a group and brainstormed on how to recycle waste. Students presented impressive ideas, which we can practice in our everyday life. We hope that, the students enjoyed the activity and gained new knowledge.





Talk by Jane Joimin (Environment & Education Officer)



Group discussion among students on how to recycle used materials.



Group presentation.

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MANGROVE EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

The objective of this programme is to promote the conservation of wetlands and to raise the environmental awareness and appreciation of wetlands among the public. In supporting the abundance of living organisms, mangroves are one of the most important ecosystems in the world. Learning while enjoying the 1.5 km walk in the mangrove, the participants will discover many animals and plants of different species along the way. See them for yourself and learn about their interesting facts. This programme also offers students this opportunity.

11th November 2016

The Malaysian Nature Society (MNS), organized the TM Earth Camp 2016 Zon Borneo (Sabah) in KK Wetlands, participated by the Telekom Malaysia staff with local primary and secondary school students.

















On the 9th of November 2016, 82 students of Kota Kinabalu High School accompanied by their 3 teachers, participated in the mangrove tree planting. Mangroves are important and unique ecosystems, which sustain diverse flora and fauna species and provide numerous services both to the wetlands environment and people. Therefore, it is vital to educate the community, especially our young generation to increase the understanding of values, functions and attributes of mangrove ecosystems. Through this programme, we are able to encourage the students to practice protecting and conserving the wetlands by undergoing the conservation work themselves. More than 100 mangrove trees were planted during that day. Good job Kota Kinabalu High School!





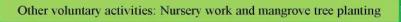






If you have an old laptop or PC (in working condition) which you no longer need, please donate to us.

Contact us at 088 - 246 955



GUESTS' FEEDBACKS IN NOVEMBER



Lovely place, lots of wildlife and my first experience of this type of wetlands.

I hope that all the work going on here has a positive impact and that future generations enjoy it as much as I have.

Paul Bethune from Scotland

It's a large wetland. Our trip here was amazing. We saw beautiful birds, crabs and lizards.

Fooh Ting Ting (and children) from Malaysia





A nice spot so close to the city center and which helps to educate and understand how important it is, to keep the nature clean and green.

Anna Schuster from Germany

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SUPPORT OUR EFFORT! BE A MEMBER TODAY?

Member

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

- 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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What Can You do to Help?

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

