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The Orang Utan Island of Bukit Merah

Formerly known as Pulau Panjang, the Orang Utan Island is located in the state of Perak Darul Ridzuan. Having a climate and vegetation that closely resembles that of Borneo and Sumatra, the native lands of the orangutans, it covers an area of approximately 14ha.

The Orang Utan Island was officially opened to public in February 2000. Visitors could view the orangutans roaming about from a viewing platform located about 10 metres from the island lakeside. Now, a secure tunnel within the open exhibit has been constructed and opened to the public. The existing tunnel was further extended to another 100 metres, where human visitors find themselves within the fenced enclosure while the orangutans roam freely.

Supported by the EMKAY Foundation, the ICU became fully functional in 2008. It now provides veterinary care for the infant orangutans. The infants were monitored continuously on 24/7 basis and provided with a carefully formulated nutritional diet plan to ensure their well-being.

Hence, it is envisaged that the Orang Utan Island will serve as a centre for training, developing and enhancing the capacities of graduate students and young scientists in carrying out both in-situ and ex-situ conservation research and activities on threatened primates and their habitat. In addition to this, building up on its past and current programmes and activities, the Foundation will continue or is expected to:

- Deliver conservation education and awareness to schoolchildren, school teachers, colleges, universities and public;
- Facilitate scientific ex-situ research on the Bornean Orangutan;
- Deliver practical knowledge and skills to undergraduates from the relevant majors in in-situ and ex-situ conservation and management of the Bornean Orangutan;
- Train, develop and enhance the capacity of students and practitioners of veterinary medicine in the diagnosis, treatment and care management of the orangutan;
- Train, develop and enhance the capacity of rehabilitation and zoo staff in the maintenance of similar facilities and care for the orangutan;
- Deliver practical knowledge and skills to protected area staff to better conserve primates and protect their habitat, including basic knowledge and skills in monitoring techniques;
- Deliver basic knowledge and skills to the army, border police, and stakeholder communities in conserving and monitoring biodiversity and natural ecosystem;
- Seek expertise for accomplishing the Orang Utan Island activities and programmes, preferably through partnerships with academic institutions;
- Seek financial resources for accomplishing the Orang Utan Island activities and programmes from beneficiary agencies and institutions, large corporations and businesses via their Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) channel.



Research Programmes



Orang Utan Training Ground



Education programs for schools



Orang Utan Island Bukit Merah



Continuous research on the orangutans are being undertaken



Majlis pelancaran Liga TSMK.

Liga Bolasepak Tan Sri Datuk (Dr.) Haji Mustapha Kamal bawah 12 tahun mempromosi integrasi kaum



Mencungkil bakat-bakat baru di kalangan pelajar-pelajar sekolah rendah, mempromosikan integrasi kaum dan menyumbang ke arah pembangunan dan pencapaian akademik para pelajar adalah di antara objektif-objektif utama pengajuran Pertandingan Liga Bola Sepak Tan Sri Datuk (Dr.) Hj Mustapha Kamal bawah 12 tahun.

Pertandingan anjuran bersama Yayasan EMKAY (YE) dan Persatuan Bolasepak Selangor (FAS) ini telah berlangsung dari bulan Mac hingga Mei 2016 dan menyaksikan penyertaan dari 10 buah sekolah dari daerah-daerah Petaling Utama, Petaling Perdana dan Gombak untuk merebut piala Tan Sri Datuk (Dr.) Hj Mustapha Kamal bawah 12 tahun.

Liga ini telah dilancarkan pada 2 Mac 2016 oleh YBhg Tan Sri Mustapha Kamal dengan kehadiran Dr. Mehander Singh, Pengarah Bahagian Sukan, Kementerian Sukan Malaysia, para pegawai JPN dan FAS, para penaja dan juga Jurulatih Pasukan Selangor, Encik Zainal Abidin Hassan, yang sememangnya menjadi idola para pelajar di dalam sukan bolasepak.

Istimewanya pertandingan ini adalah pada aspek jenis imbuhan kepada pasukan-pasukan yang menang, di mana empat pasukan yang menang di dalam pertandingan ini telah mendapat kelas bimbingan tuisyen percuma. Kelas bimbingan tuisyen ini akan diadakan di sekolah masing-masing dan diuruskan melalui PIBG sekolah tersebut. Satu kem intensif akan turut diadakan di Kolej Perkembangan Awal Kanak-Kanak, Kampus Damansara Damai, dengan tujuan khusus untuk membina keyakinan para pelajar dan sebagai sebahagian daripada persediaan akhir untuk menghadapi peperiksaan UPSR pada bulan September 2016.



Para pemain beraksi semasa perlawanan.



Barisan pemain bersalam dengan YBhg Tan Sri Datuk (Dr.) Haji Mustapha Kamal sebelum sepak mula.

Liga yang telah berlangsung buat julung kalinya ini juga telah mendapat sokongan dan kerjasama dari pihak Bahagian Sukan, Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia dan penaja-penaja, seperti Syarikat Educate To Learn Sdn Bhd, NPNG Sports Centre, Puma, Bata, Kappa dan lain-lain.

Pertandingan akhir di antara pasukan SK Seksyen 6, Kota Damansara dan SK Seksyen 11, Kota Damansara telah berlangsung di NPNG Sports Centre, Damansara Damai pada 30 April 2016 di mana SK Seksyen 6 telah merangkul tempat pertama dengan jaringan 1-0. Tempat ketiga dan keempat pula telah dimenangi oleh SK Taman Seri Gombak 2 dan SK Subang Bestari 2 juga dengan jaringan gol 1-0. Majlis penyampaian hadiah pertandingan liga bolasepak ini telah disempurnakan oleh YBhg Tan Sri Datuk (Dr.) Hj Mustapha Kamal sendiri. Keempat-empat pasukan ini secara automatik telah melayakkan diri untuk mendapat tajaan kelas tuisyen percuma dan kem intensif oleh Yayasan EMKAY.

Sekolah Kebangsaan Selayang Baru 2 yang membariskan pemain pelbagai kaum teramai telah merangkul hadiah khas, dan telah mendapat tajaan yang serupa.

Bagi Tan Sri Mustapha Kamal, yang sememangnya meminati sukan bolasepak, langkah ini adalah salah satu cara Yayasan EMKAY menyumbang ke arah kecemerlangan akademik melalui sukan bolasepak. "Selain kemajuan akademik, kita juga mahu melahirkan para pemain yang mampu menyusun strategi (thinking players), dan di waktu sama, menjadikan sukan bolasepak sebagai aktiviti riadah, untuk memenuhi masa, dari terluang dan tercebur ke dalam kegiatan tidak berfaedah." kata beliau.

Perlawanan akhir dan majlis penyampaian hadiah turut dihadiri oleh En. Zainal Bin Abas, Timbalan Pengarah Bahagian Sukan, Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia, Tn. Hj. Mohd Salleh Mohd Kassim, Pengarah Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Selangor, para pegawai dari syarikat penaja, pegawai JPN Selangor, guru-guru dan juga ibu bapa.



Johan Liga, Sekolah Kebangsaan Seksyen 6, Kota Damansara.

Kelas tuisyen percuma telah bermula

Pasukan-pasukan yang menang di dalam Liga Bolasepak TSMK bawah 12 tahun telah pun memulakan sesi pembelajaran kelas tuisyen bagi para pemain sebagai persiapan untuk menduduki peperiksaan UPSR pada bulan September 2016.

Kelas-kelas tambahan telah bermula, sebaik selesai sesi penerangan kepada Guru-Guru Besar dan Pengetua, wakil-wakil PIBG dan jurulatih sekolah-sekolah yang menang yang telah diadakan di pejabat Yayasan EMKAY pada 10 Mei 2016. Sesi penerangan yang diberikan oleh Pn Hjh Zainon Kasim, Pengurus Besar Yayasan EMKAY, ini antara lain menggariskan panduan tajaan kelas tuisyen dan pembelian alat bantuan mengajar yang diperlukan, di samping kem intensif dan motivasi yang bakal diadakan seminggu sebelum tarikh peperiksaan.

Rata-rata, sekolah telah mula mengadakan sesi kelas tuisyen pada awal bulan Jun, sementara alat-alat bantuan mengajar yang diperlukan telahpun diserahkan kepada pihak sekolah pada akhir bulan Jun 2016. Tinjauan oleh para pegawai pihak Yayasan mendapati bahawa para pelajar melibatkan diri secara aktif, di dalam sesi ini, walaupun sesi berlangsung di dalam keadaan mereka berpuasa di bulan Ramadhan. Sesi juga turut disertai oleh para pelajar Tahun 6 yang bukan pemain bolasepak, atau terlibat di dalam liga ini.

Selamat Maju Jaya diucapkan kepada para pelajar dan guru-guru!



Sesi penerangan imbuhan Piala Tan Sri Datuk (Dr.) Hj. Mustapha Kamal.

MES Banting received donation for upgrading of school facilities

Sekolah Kebangsaan Methodist, Banting, Selangor Darul Ehsan, received a RM100k contribution from Yayasan EMKAY recently. The school, being the Foundation's Chairman, Tan Sri Mustapha Kamal Hj Abu Bakar's, first school, is more than 63 years old and is in need of major repairs.

After a previous reunion visit to the school, YBhg TSMK has decided to contribute for its maintenance, to ensure safety and comfort of the students.

In an intimate event organised by the PIBG, Puan Hjh Farah Mahami, who represented her father, YBhg TSMK, handed the contribution to the ex-Headmaster of the school, Mr. Vincent Daniels, in the presence of the PIBG members and the present Headmaster, Encik Ahmad Rosidi Md Sirat.



Cheque presentation to SK Methodist Banting.



Sesi kelas tuisyen di SK Taman Seri Gombak.



Penyerahan alat-alat bantuan mengajar kepada SK Seksyen 11 Kota Damansara.



Back of TSMK's Standard 1 classroom before repair.



Back of TSMK's Standard 1 classroom after repair.



Water confidence activity in the lake.

Aktiviti dalam tasik untuk membina keyakinan di dalam air.



The participants in their Girl Guides' uniform.

Para peserta berpakaian seragam Pandu puteri.

Girl Guides Malaysia-Green Ranger Malaysia collaboration

30 Girl Guides members and 4 Girl Guides leaders from the Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Johore and Malacca branches participated in the Green Ranger Malaysia camp held at Bukit Merah Laketown Resort and Belum Adventure Camp, Pulau Banding, Perak from the 11th to 13th February 2016. Besides trying out the GRM modules, the camp was also aimed at identifying the activities which would be suitable for the members to earn their badges in environmental and green issues.

This camp has given a positive impact to the Girl Guides members, which was proven through their positive comments. Among them were, "I had a spectacular time here. From the first to the last, from seeing orangutans to swimming in the lake. It made me more aware of the environment! I will totally recommend others to come." – Hanis Qaisara

At the end of the session, one of the leaders, Puan Chempaka Emalin had expressed her satisfaction on the program, "I had faith this would be a wonderful experience for the Girl Guides as we encourage and support experiential learning. A classroom in the forest appeals to the Girl Guides environmental values/ aspect of our program. If all of our 80,000 members could have this experience, an environmentally richer association we would be. Well done GRM!" – Chempaka Emalin, teacher. Before the end of the camp, the participants received their gifts as a result of their achievements during the games and quizzes carried out throughout the 3 days 2 nights program.

Yayasan EMKAY donates funeral hearses to Masjid Alor Madi, Alor Setar, Kedah & Surau Perdana, Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Masjid Alor Madi, Alor Setar, Kedah and Surau Perdana, Damansara Perdana, Selangor recently received a donation in the form of a hearse van from Yayasan EMKAY on the 5th of March 2016 and 1st of June 2016 respectively. The Kingo XMQ6552 van will be used to facilitate funeral arrangements for their local community. Masjid Alor Madi was represented by the Advisor of the mosque committee, Tuan Sheikh Azizan bin Md Desa, while Surau Perdana was represented by the Chairman of the surau committee, Encik Mohd Zahrom bin Zain. Presenting the vehicles was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Yayasan EMKAY, YBhg. Tan Sri Datuk (Dr.) Hj Mustapha Kamal bin Hj Abu Bakar.



YBhg. Tan Sri Mustapha Kamal presenting the hearse to the committee members of Surau Perdana, Damansara Perdana.

YBhg Tan Sri Mustapha Kamal menyeraikan van jenazah kepada ahli jawatankuasa Surau Perdana, Damansara Perdana.

Kolaborasi di antara Pandu Puteri Malaysia-Green Ranger Malaysia

30 orang Ahli Pandu Puteri dan 4 Pemimpin Pandu Puteri dari empat (4) cawangan iaitu Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Johor dan Melaka telah menyertai Kem Green Ranger Malaysia di Bukit Merah Laketown Resort dan Belum Adventure Camp, Pulau Banding Perak pada 11 hingga 13 Februari 2016. Selain daripada menjalani modul-modul GRM, kem ini juga bertujuan untuk mengenalpasti aktiviti-aktiviti yang sesuai bagi ahli-ahli Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia untuk mendapatkan lencana-lencana di dalam sektor alam sekitar dan isu-isu 'hijau'.

Penganjuran kem ini dilihat memberi impak positif kepada ahli-ahli Persatuan Pandu Puteri. Komen-komen positif dari mereka memperlihatkan pengaruh modul-modul yang telah diperkenalkan kepada mereka. Hanis Qaisara, salah seorang peserta menyatakan bahawa perjalanan kem ini sangat menarik sejak dari awal hingga ke akhir sesi, bermula dengan lawatan ke Pulau Orang Utan sehingga ke aktiviti air atau "water confidence". Para peserta juga turut menyatakan yang mereka mula faham dan sedar kepentingan menjaga alam sekitar, flora dan fauna yang terdapat di negara kita ini.

Di akhir sesi, salah seorang pemimpin Pandu Puteri, Puan Chempaka Emalin menzhirkan rasa puas hatinya tentang perjalanan program dan menyatakan konsep pembelajaran melalui pengalaman seperti ini adalah sangat menarik. Kelas atau pembelajaran secara "hands-on" di dalam hutan ternyata seiring dengan nilai-nilai dan aspek yang diterapkan oleh Pandu Puteri sendiri dan beliau yakin jika kesemua 80,000 ahli Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia menyertai kem seperti ini, persatuan ini akan mempunyai lebih ramai ahli yang sayang dan cinta kepada alam.

Sebelum kem ini melabuhkan tirainya, peserta program menerima hadiah masing-masing hasil dari kejayaan mereka dalam sesi permainan dan kuiz yang dijalankan sepanjang kem 3 hari 2 malam ini.



The hearse that was donated.
Van jenazah yang telah disumbangkan.

Yayasan EMKAY menyumbang van jenazah kepada Masjid Alor Madi Kedah & Surau Perdana, Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Pada 5hb Mac 2016 dan 1hb Jun 2016, Masjid Alor Madi, Alor Setar, Kedah dan Surau Perdana, Damansara Perdana, Selangor masing-masing telah menerima satu unit van jenazah sumbangan Yayasan EMKAY. Van model Kingo XMQ6552 ini akan digunakan untuk menguruskan jenazah bagi kawasan karibia masing-masing serta kawasan-kawasan berhampiran. Masjid Alor Madi telah diwakili oleh Penasihat Masjid, Tuan Sheikh Azizan bin Md Desa, manakala Surau Perdana telah diwakili oleh Pengurus Surau, Saudara Mohd Zahrom bin Zain untuk menerima van tersebut dari Pengurus Lembaga Pemegang Amanah Yayasan EMKAY, YBhg Tan Sri Datuk Hj Mustapha Kamal bin Hj Abu Bakar.



The volunteers of the Projek Peribumi 2016 with En Rahmat Ismail, Director of Labour Department, Perak (standing fifth from left), YB Dato' Hasbullah Osman, Pn Hjh Zainon Kasim dan En Samad Jerangong (standing second from right).

Barisan sukarelawan untuk Projek Peribumi 2016 bergambar bersama En Rahmat Ismail, Pengarah Jabatan Tenaga Kerja Negeri Perak (berdiri lima dari kiri), YB Dato' Hasbullah Osman, Pn Hjh Zainon Kasim dan En Samad Jerangong (berdiri dua dari kanan).

Projek Peribumi 2016 ASYIKfm & PUSPANITA RTM at Kampung Semelor

In conjunction with the 70th anniversary of Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM), ASYIKfm and PUSPANITA RTM in collaboration with Yayasan EMKAY and the Labour Department of Perak had organised a project called "Projek Peribumi 2016" at Kampung Semelor, Gerik, Perak from the 15th to 17th of April 2016. The opening ceremony was officiated by YB Dato' Hasbullah bin Osman, the ADUN of Temengor. During the ceremony, the guests were entertained by the children of the i-play Toy Library with songs and dance performance guided by Pn Hjh Nornisa Sahid and Cikgu Siela Azmi.

Many interesting activities were carried out throughout the program, among them were karaoke competition, the preparation of bamboo rice, grilled fish and boiled/fried tubers in a gotong-royong manner by the villagers; sewing demonstration by the 'Mothers Play Group', sewang performances as well as a few exchange of culture and way of life of the aborigines activities. This program is also part of the training of the locals to receive and entertain guests to their village, which is now equipped with ecotourism facilities such as chalets for rent and multipurpose halls.

On their way out of the Temengor Forest, this group had also made a stop to distribute food items and goods to the people of Kg. Desa Damai. They were also entertained by the children of the Desa Damai i-play Toy Library.

The 3 day 2 night program gained the support and cooperation as well as donations from the Labour Department of Perak, KFC, Koridor Utara (NCIA), 4u2 Cosmetics, Petrosains, Cahaya Peribumi, JAKOA, content & creative unit of RTM, Perak FM, Akrab RTM, Kelab Pengembara Angkasapuri & Kelab Berbasikal RTM.



The performance of "Tanya Sama Pokok" (ask the trees) by the children of the i-play Toy Library of Kampung Semelor.

Persembahan tarian & Lagu "Tanya Sama Pokok" oleh para pelajar Perpustakaan Permainan 'i-play' Kampung Semelor.



Projek Peribumi 2016 ASYIKfm & PUSPANITA RTM di Kampung Semelor

Bersempena dengan ulang tahun ke-70 Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM), ASYIKfm dan PUSPANITA RTM dengan kerjasama Yayasan EMKAY dan Jabatan Tenaga Kerja Perak telah menganjurkan Projek Peribumi 2016 di Kampung Semelor, Gerik, Perak pada 15 hingga 17 April 2016. Program ini telah disempurnakan perasmianya oleh YB Dato' Hasbullah bin Osman, ADUN Temengor. Semasa majlis perasmian tersebut, YB Dato' dan tetamu dipersembahkan dengan tarian dan nyanyian oleh anak-anak dari Perpustakaan Permainan 'i-play' Kampung Semelor yang dibimbing oleh Pn Hjh Nornisa Sahid dan Cikgu Siela Azmi.

Pelbagai pengisian menarik turut dijalankan sepanjang program ini antaranya, pertandingan karaoke, sukaneka, gotong royong penyediaan makanan tradisional orang asli seperti nasi buluh, ikan panggang dan ubi rebus/goreng bersama penduduk kampung, demo jahitan bersama kaum ibu, persembahan sewang serta beberapa aktiviti perkongsian budaya dan cara hidup masyarakat Orang Asli Kampung Semelor. Program ini juga adalah merupakan sebahagian daripada latihan kepada masyarakat kampung untuk menerima dan melayan tetamu ke kampung mereka, yang kini telah dilengkapkan dengan kemudahan chalet untuk seawan dan juga dewan-dewan pelbagai guna.

Agihan sumbangan daripada RTM turut disampaikan kepada penduduk Kampung Semelor. Selain ke Kampung Semelor, sumbangan turut disampaikan kepada penduduk Kampung Desa Damai, Gerik, Perak sebagai tempat persinggahan di dalam perjalanan keluar dari kawasan Temengor. Anak-anak Perpustakaan Permainan 'i-play' di Kampung Desa Damai turut mempersembahkan nyanyian lagu-lagu di hadapan sukarelawan ASYIKfm dan PUSPANITA RTM.

Projek 3 hari 2 malam ini telah mendapat kerjasama, sokongan dan tajaan Jabatan Tenaga Kerja Negeri Perak, KFC, Koridor Utara (NCIA), 4u2 Cosmetics, Petrosains, Cahaya Peribumi, JAKOA, Unit Kandungan & Kreatif RTM, Perak FM, Akrab RTM, Kelab Pengembara Angkasapuri & Kelab Berbasikal RTM.



Briefing on Yayasan EMKAY's Activities by Pn. Hjh Zainon.
Taklimat aktiviti-aktiviti Yayasan EMKAY oleh Pn. Hjh Zainon.



Thank you Volunteers!
Terima kasih Sukarelawan Yayasan EMKAY!

Workshop and Volunteer Camp

Yayasan EMKAY, a wholly owned non-profit organisation under the EMKAY Group, have been actively involved in community development programmes with support garnered from volunteers since its inception. The hard work and contribution from these group of volunteers have to date benefited the targeted members of the community, especially, the aboriginal community of the Belum-Temengor, Rainforest area near Gerik, Perak.

From 22nd to 25th January 2016, 40 volunteers were involved in the Workshop and Volunteer Camp programmes organised by Yayasan EMKAY at the Belum Adventure Camp, Pulau Banding, Perak. The objective of the workshop and camp was to enable the management of the foundation to share and brainstorm on the educational programmes proposed for 2016 in Belum-Temengor area with the volunteers.

The volunteers who came from various organisation and agencies, participated actively and gave their fullest commitment to the on-going programs. New ideas for programs were also brought about, among others including the ukulele singing sessions with the aboriginal children at Kg Desa Damai and Kg Semelor as well as tailoring workshops for the ladies of Belum-Temengor to enable them to produce better quality handmade crafts.

FACTS - Grouping of 40 Volunteers:-

- Pensioners: 3
- Teachers: 6
- Staff of a Government Agency: 15
- Members of the Langgor Trackers' Group: 16

Bengkel dan Kem Sukarelawan Yayasan EMKAY

Yayasan EMKAY, sebuah badan bukan berdasarkan keuntungan bergerak aktif menjalankan program pembangunan kemasyarakatan dengan kerjasama dan sokongan dari Sukarelawan. Mereka yang menjalankan aktiviti sukarela tanpa mengharapkan ganjaran atau balasan berbentuk fizikal telah dapat memberi manfaat kepada golongan dan kumpulan sasaran terutama komuniti Orang Asli di kawasan Belum-Temengor, Gerik, Perak.

Pada 22 hingga 25 Januari 2016, 40 sukarelawan telah terlibat dalam Bengkel dan Kem Sukarelawan Yayasan EMKAY di Belum Adventure Camp, Pulau Banding, Perak. Objektif bengkel dan kem 4 hari 3 malam ini bertujuan untuk membolehkan Yayasan EMKAY berkongsi dan berbincang dengan para sukarelawan perancangan program-program pendidikan di Belum-Temengor yang akan dijalankan sepanjang tahun 2016.

40 orang sukarelawan dari pelbagai pihak dan agensi ini memberi penglibatan yang aktif serta komitmen yang sangat tinggi kepada program yang dijalankan. Ide-ide baru juga dicadangkan termasuk sesi nyanyian menggunakan ukulele yang melibatkan anak-anak di Kg Desa Damai dan Kg Semelor serta woksyop dan latihan jahitan bagi membolehkan penghasilan produk-produk hasil kerja tangan Kumpulan Ibu dari Belum-Temengor yang lebih bermutu.

FAKTA - Kategori 40 Sukarelawan Terlibat:-

- Pesara: 3
- Guru dan Guru Pendidikan Khas: 6
- Kakitangan Agensi Kerajaan: 15
- Ahli-ahli Kumpulan 'Langgor Trackers': 16



Group discussion at Belum Adventure Camp.
Sesi perbincangan dalam kumpulan di Belum Adventure Camp.



The sewing workshop session at Kg Desa Damai.
Sesi bengkel jahitan di Kg Desa Damai.



YBhg Dato Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi receiving a souvenir from YBhg Dato' Rashid, CEO of PBF.



YBhg Dato' Rashid giving the opening remarks.



Dr Amir Sharuddin Md Sah, School of Biological Sciences, USM making his presentation.

Symposium on the 4th Royal Belum Scientific Expedition

Following the successful completion of the scientific expedition into the Royal Belum Rainforest held from 8th till 17th September 2015, Pulau Banding Foundation has organized a symposium to share and discuss the findings from this expedition. The Symposium on the 4th Royal Belum Scientific Expedition was held on the 22nd to 25th of May 2016 at Belum Rainforest Resort, Pulau Banding. A total of 32 papers were deliberated based on the finding from the expedition.

The 4 Day event was officiated on the morning of 23rd May 2016 by Yang Berbahagia Dr. Megat Sany Megat Ahmad Supian, Undersecretary of the Biodiversity and Forestry Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, representing Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi Bin Tuanku Jaafar, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Malaysia. Also attended were Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr. Abdul Latiff Mohamad, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Pulau Banding Foundation and En. Noor Alif Wira, Director of Department of Wildlife and National Park Perak.

Several universities, research institutions and other agencies participated in the event including Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Universiti Malaya, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Selangor, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Forest Research Institute of Malaysia, Malaysia Agriculture Research and Development Institute and also Department of Wildlife and National Park Malaysia.

The symposium served as a platform for the scientists who participated in the 4th Royal Belum Scientific Expedition to share their findings and new discoveries. As an outcome from the symposium, several proposals were drawn which include the development of phytomedicine drugs, future inventory of Royal Belum and extensive survey of potential trails within Royal Belum.

Symposium Ekspedisi Royal Belum ke-4

Sebagai kesinambungan kepada Ekspedisi Royal Belum yang telah berlangsung dengan jayanya pada 8-17 September 2015, Pulau Banding Foundation telah menganjurkan Simposium Ekspedisi Royal Belum ke-4 untuk berkongsi dan membentangkan penemuan-penemuan sepanjang ekspedisi tersebut. Simposium ini telah berlangsung dari 22-25 Mei 2016 di Belum Rainforest Resort, Pulau Banding. Sebanyak 32 kertas penemuan telah dibentangkan sepanjang simposium ini.

Simposium yang berlangsung selama empat hari ini telah dirasmikan pada pagi 23 Mei 2016 oleh Dr. Megat Sany Megat Ahmad Supian Setiausaha Bahagian, Pengurusan Biodiversiti & Perhutanan, Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar, mewakili Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi Bin Tuanku Jaafar, Menteri Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar. Turut hadir bersama pada majlis perasmian adalah Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr. Abdul Latiff Mohamad, Pengerusi Lembaga Pemegang Amanah Pulau Banding Foundation dan En. Noor Alif Wira, Pengarah Jabatan Perlindungan Hidupan Liar dan Taman Negara, Perak.

Beberapa buah universiti dan agensi turut menyertai simposium ini, antaranya, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Universiti Malaya, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Selangor, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM), Institut Penyelidikan dan Pembangunan Pertanian Malaysia serta Jabatan Perlindungan Hidupan Liar dan Taman Negara.

Simposium ini merupakan pentas bagi para saintis yang telah menyertai Ekspedisi Saintifik Royal Belum ke-4 untuk membentangkan penemuan-penemuan mereka terutamanya penemuan-penemuan baru. Hasil dari simposium ini, beberapa cadangan telah dibuat, termasuklah pembangunan ubatan phyto, inventori masa hadapan Royal Belum dan kaji selidik yang menyeluruh tentang laluan laluan berpotensi di kawasan Royal Belum.



Belum Rainforest Summit 2016 (BRainS 2016)

As a result of excessive deforestation and illegal logging that have been going on for decades, there is a growing concern, not only among world leaders and environmentalists but also among the civil society at large to preserve and conserve the remaining pristine tropical rainforests of the world. These forests, mainly found in the Amazon, Congo and Asia-Pacific regions are globally significant repositories of biodiversity and stored carbon. All efforts at various levels including international bodies, governments, policy makers, NGOs, environmentalists, corporates, and public sectors must act together to look at preserving and conserving these forests before it is too late.

Several international initiatives have been taken since early 1990s including the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Global Environmental Programme (GEF), the UN Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (REDD) and Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Recently another important global initiative based in Geneva, called 'The Economics of Ecosystem & Biodiversity' (TEEB), focused on "making nature's values visible" was established under the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). All these organisations and work initiatives have important roles to play towards preserving and conserving global biodiversity including the pristine tropical rainforests. In view of all these efforts, Pulau Banding Foundation (PBF) was set up in 2007 as a non-profit, science-based and non-political organisation, with a vision to promote sustainable development of the fragile ecosystems of the Belum-Temengor Rainforest in Malaysia as well as to meet the challenges of balancing forest conservation and development.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Malaysia, the Perak State Government, Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) and Belum Conservation Malaysia, PBF will organise an International Conference on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Tropical Rainforests or better known as the Belum Rainforest Summit 2016 (BRainS 2016) in October 2016. The conference is supported by the International Union of Forest Research Organization (IUFRO), an organisation based in Vienna, Austria. This summit will bring together policy makers, scientists, forest administrators and such from countries from around the world with Tropical Rainforests, from the Amazon to the Congo to South and South-East Asia. It is expected that about 200 participants will be attending the Conference and about 50% of them will be from the tropical regions of the world. This is truly taking our vision to the world stage.

The themes that will be deliberated include:

- Biodiversity conservation and restoration
- Tackling climate change issues
- Global funding opportunities
- Payment for ecosystem services
- Green and sustainable investment

We believe that the conference will give all participants an opportunity to learn about the best practices on rainforest management and sustainable development from around the world.

Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016

As a part of the Belum Rainforest Summit 2016 promotion, Pulau Banding Foundation participated in the Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016 which was held from the 22nd-26th February 2016. Organized by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and in collaboration with Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission and Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the event took place at the Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga, Philippines. The event was officiated on the 23rd of February 2016 with a welcoming address by Marcial C. Amaro, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Philippines and the opening remarks by Rene Castro Salazar, Assistant Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

To make the event more impactful, 5 thematic streams were identified and addressed to the wide range of international audiences:

1. Pathways to prosperity: future trade and markets
2. Tackling climate change: challenges and opportunities
3. Serving society: forestry and people
4. New institutions, new governance
5. Our green future: green investment and growing our natural assets

These five thematic streams were continued in parallel sessions throughout the event. During the 5 day event, several exhibition booths showcased their eco-friendly forest products and activities. One of the exhibitors were the 'Kids to Forest Programme', which similar to the Green Ranger Malaysia, encourage children to appreciate forest and environment.



One of the dialogue session.



Some of the handicrafts displayed at the event.



Representatives from the 'Kids to Forest Programme'.

Chill @ Lakeside Café

Orang Utan Island has a new attraction- its new coffee house. The coffee house named Lakeside Café was opened in mid-March 2016 to visitors. The café offers light snack, fresh fruits, as well as coconut juice and ice cream to soothe the heat on a hot day.

Santai di Lakeside Café

Tarikan terbaru di Pulau Orang Utan, Lakeside Café telah mula beroperasi mulai pertengahan bulan Mac lalu. Pelbagai hidangan ditawarkan di situ, termasuklah buah-buahan segar, roti, makanan ringan, serta air kelapa dan ais krim untuk melegakan tekak di hari yang panas.



The new attraction in OUI – The Lakeside Café.

Tarikan baru di OUI- Lakeside Café.

Education Fair

An education fair was held for two days from the 26th to 27th March 2016 at Bukit Merah Resort. Launched by the Chairman, Committee on Education, Science and Green Technology of Perak, YB Dato' Dr. Hj. Muhamad Amin bin Zakaria, the fair was targeted at students from in and around the state of Perak and to create awareness and promote the educational opportunities available in the state.

Among the exhibitors for this education fair were Kolej Perkembangan Awal Kanak-Kanak (KPAKK), Lake View College (LVC), Bukit Merah Orang Utan Island Foundation (BMOUIF) and Green Ranger Malaysia (GRM). This fair which attracted more than 500 visitors also included tour of the facilities, briefing and educational games. The closing ceremony was officiated by Datuk Kamarudin Ismail, Vice President of ANGKASA on the last day.

Pameran Pendidikan

Satu pameran pendidikan telah diadakan di Bukit Merah Laketown Resort pada 26 hingga 27 Mac 2016. Pameran ini telah dirasmikan oleh YB Dato' Dr. Hj. Muhamad Amin bin Zakaria, Pengurus Jawatankuasa Pendidikan, Sains dan Teknologi Hijau Negeri Perak. Pameran ini menyasarkan para pelajar dari kawasan ini dan dari sekeliling Negeri Perak bagi mempromosikan peluang pendidikan yang ditawarkan di Negeri Perak.

Antara yang mengambil bahagian termasuklah Kolej Perkembangan Awal Kanak-Kanak (KPAKK), Lake View College (LVC), Bukit Merah Orang Utan Island Foundation (BMOUIF) dan Green Ranger Malaysia (GRM). Pameran yang telah menerima lebih daripada 500 orang pengunjung ini juga merangkumi lawatan ke fasiliti-fasiliti sedia ada, sesi penerangan dan permainan-permainan pembelajaran. Majlis penutupan telah disempurnakan oleh Datuk Kamarudin Ismail, Timbalan Pengurus ANGKASA pada hari terakhir.



Datuk Kamarudin Ismail, Vice President of ANGKASA officially closed the Educational Fair on 27th March 2016.
Datuk Kamarudin Ismail, Timbalan Pengurus ANGKASA telah merasmikan majlis penutupan pameran pendidikan pada 27hb Mac 2016.

Education program – SMK Bagan Serai

The Orang Utan Island Foundation continues to carry out more educational programs and had recently organised a program for the students at SMK Bagan Serai on the 24th February 2016. The students were exposed to the many efforts taken to conserve the orangutans at the island. The students enjoyed themselves with many interactive activities during their visit.

Program pendidikan- SMK Bagan Serai

Usaha Yayasan Pulau Orang Utan Bukit Merah untuk menjalankan lebih banyak program pendidikan telah mendapat sambutan dari pelbagai pihak. Baru-baru ini, satu program pendidikan telah dijalankan untuk para pelajar SMK Bagan Serai pada 24hb Februari 2016. Para pelajar telah didedahkan kepada usaha konservasi orangutan di Pulau Orang Utan Bukit Merah. Mereka juga telah mengambil bahagian di dalam pelbagai aktiviti interaktif semasa lawatan tersebut.



Student participating in the quiz programme during the Orang Utan Island Educational Program.

Para pelajar mengambil bahagian dalam kuiz semasa program.



Planting of trees at Orang Utan Island.
Penanaman pokok di Pulau Orang Utan.



Dr. D. Sabapathy discussing about donation from foreign countries with Mr. Mark Creighton.

Dr. D. Sabapathy berbincang tentang sumbangan dari luar negara dengan En. Creighton.

OUIF receives international funding

Mr. Mark Creighton, a visitor from United Kingdom who visited the island on 25th March 2016 was taken aback by the efforts of the Orang Utan Island Foundation. He applauded the efforts taken to promote the conservation of the orangutans and research works done on this primate. To show his support, he has agreed to make a monthly donation for purposes of maintaining the wellbeing of the orangutans. We sincerely appreciate the kind gesture and pray that more 'like minded' individuals participate in our effort. Thank you Mr. Creighton!



Mr. Creighton and wife visiting the orangutans at the island.
En. Creighton dan isteri melawat Pulau Orang Utan.

OUIF terima sumbangan antarabangsa

En. Mark Creighton, seorang pengunjung dari United Kingdom telah melawat Pulau Orang Utan pada 25hb Mac 2016 dan kagum dengan usaha yang dijalankan oleh Yayasan Pulau Orang Utan Bukit Merah (YPOUBM). Beliau memuji usaha-usaha mempromosi konservasi orangutan dan kajian berterusan yang dijalankan ke atas primat ini. Sebagai tanda sokongan, beliau telah bersetuju untuk memberi sumbangan bulanan bagi tujuan penjagaan orangutan di pulau ini. Sesungguhnya sumbangan ini amat dihargai dan kami berharap lebih banyak pihak dan individu menyertai di dalam usaha-usaha konservasi ini. Terima kasih En. Creighton!

VIP Visits

Lawatan VIP

Bagan Serai UMNO head

The UMNO head of Bagan Serai division visited the Orang Utan Island on the 6th of January 2016. The visit was to discuss future educational programs for schools in the Bagan Serai district.

YB Dato' Sham bin Mat Sahat and representatives from the youth and women's UMNO division were taken around the island and briefed on the conservation efforts and on the programs that could be carried out for the schools.

Lawatan Ketua UMNO

Ketua UMNO Bagan Serai telah melawat Pulau Orang Utan pada 6hb Januari 2016. Tujuan lawatan adalah untuk berbincang tentang program pendidikan yang boleh ditawarkan kepada sekolah-sekolah di daerah Bagan Serai.



Dr. D.Sabapathy welcoming YB Dato' Sham and delegates to Orang Utan Island

Dr. D. Sabapathy mengalu-alukan YB Dato' Sham dan delegasinya ke Pulau Orang Utan.

Visit of the Director of Taru Jurug Animal Park (TSTJ) Indonesia

The director of Taru Jurug Animal Park (TSTJ) Indonesia, Mr. Bimo Wahyu Widodo visited the Island in February to see how the orangutans are taken care of and the equipment and instruments needed for it.

Lawatan Pengarah Taru Jurug Animal Park (TSTJ) Indonesia

Tuan Bimo Wahyu Widodo, Pengarah Taru Jurug Animal Park, Indonesia telah melawat ke Pulau Orang Utan untuk melihat cara penjagaan orangutan dan peralatan yang digunakan di Pulau Orang Utan.



Dr. D.Sabapathy taking Mr. Bimo Wahyu Widodo for the tour of the island.

Dr. D.Sabapathy membawa Tuan Bimo Wahyu Widodo untuk melihat sekitar pulau.



Mr. Bimo Wahyu Widodo at the Infant Care Unit (ICU).

En. Bimo Wahyu Widodo di unit rawatan rapi (ICU).

Group from Kalimantan Orang Utan Conservation Centre

Representatives from Kalimantan Orang Utan Conservation Centre visited Orang Utan Island on 27th February 2016.

Wakil dari Kalimantan Orang Utan Conservation Centre

Wakil dari Kalimantan Orang Utan Conservation Centre melawat sekitar Pulau Orang Utan pada 27th Februari 2016.



HRH Raja Di Hilir Perak, Raja Dato' Seri Iskandar Dzulkarnain ibni Almarhum Sultan Idris A'fifullah Shah

The recent El Nino had hit the Bukit Merah Lake badly. Water levels had reduced to very low levels, making it difficult for the staff of the Orang Utan Island to commute to and from the centre. HRH Raja Di Hilir Perak, Raja Dato' Seri Iskandar Dzulkarnain ibni Almarhum Sultan Idris A'fifullah Shah had paid a visit to Bukit Merah to see the situation. During his visit, Dr. Sabapathy had had a chance to speak to him about the conservation and education works carried out at the Orang Utan Island.

DYAM Raja Di Hilir Perak, Raja Dato' Seri Iskandar Dzulkarnain ibni Almarhum Sultan Idris A'fifullah Shah

Tasik Bukit Merah telah menerima kesan El Nino yang amat teruk. Lanjutan dari fenomena tersebut, DYAM Raja Di Hilir Perak, Raja Dato' Seri Iskandar Dzulkarnain ibni Almarhum Sultan Idris A'fifullah Shah, telah turut serta turun padang untuk melihat sendiri keadaan Tasik Bukit Merah. Dr. D.Sabapathy telah berkesempatan berbual bersama DYAM berkaitan peranan Pulau Orang Utan dalam pendidikan dan penyelidikan.



A surprise visit by HRH Raja Di Hilir Perak, Raja Dato' Seri Iskandar Dzulkarnain ibni Almarhum Sultan Idris A'fifullah Shah on the current drought situation at Bukit Merah Lake.

Lawatan mengejut DYAM Raja Di Hilir Perak, Raja Dato' Seri Iskandar Dzulkarnain ibni Almarhum Sultan Idris A'fifullah Shah untuk melihat sendiri keadaan kemarau di Bukit Merah.



GRM CAMPS FIRST HALF OF 2016

Date: 22-25 January 2016

Organisation: Yayasan EMKAY volunteers



Date: 6-8 February 2016

Organisation: Persatuan Taska Hulu Langat



Date: 11-13 March 2016

School: SMK Dato' Kailan (SMK Paya Keladi)



Date: 14-16 March 2016

School: SMK Hosba



Date: 22-24 March 2016

School: SMK Methodist (MES Banting)



Date: 1-3 April 2016

School: SMKA Sabak Bernam



Date: 8-10 April 2016

School: SMK Pulau Indah



Date: 22-24 April 2016

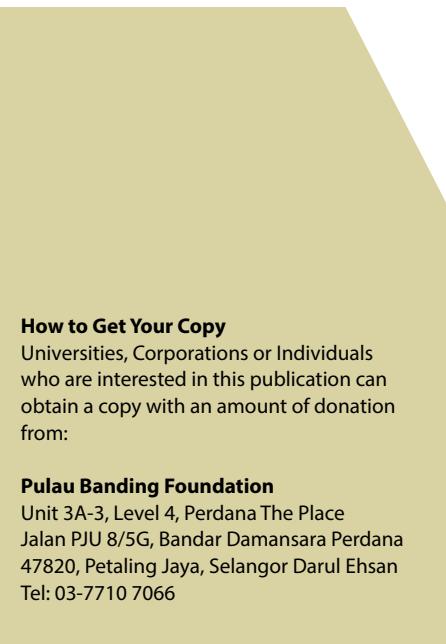
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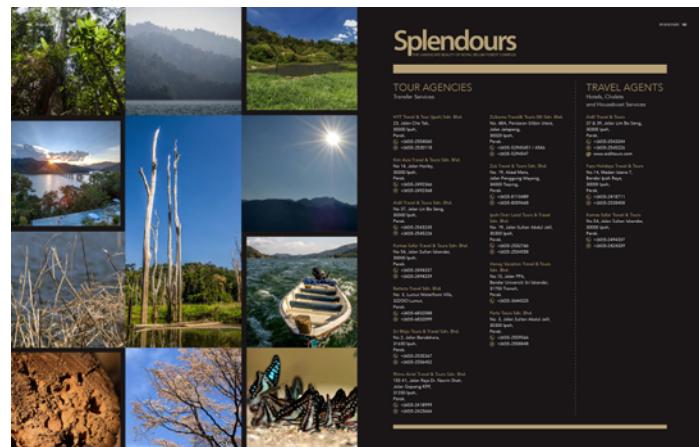
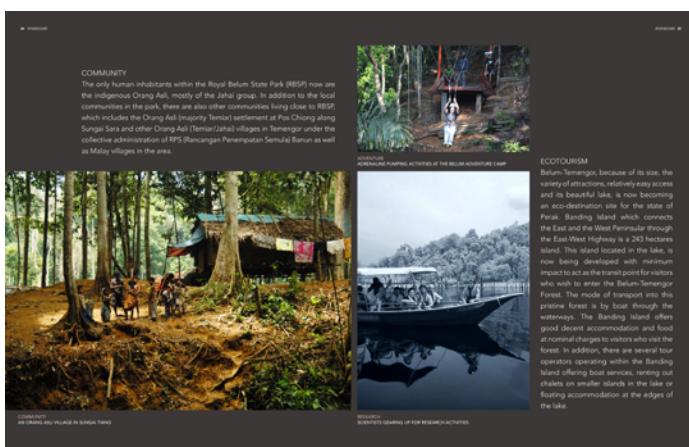


SPLENDOURS The Landscape Beauty of Royal Belum Forest Complex

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Description:

This picturesque book is a product following an International Photographic Competition held on 24th March 2014 in the Royal Belum Rainforest and its surrounding areas. The aim of this book is to give a picture journey of the splendid landscape features, flora, fauna and the Orang Asli's way of life. The book also attempts to capture the facilities within and around the forest complex that will aid ecotourism in Perak.



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