

5 SBE's STUDENT JOIN STAR P2P GREENIZ 2008 AT KINABATANGAN, SABAH

On 25 - 29 May 2008, five SBE students were selected to join the P2P Greeniz Camp which was held at Kinabatangan Forest, Sabah. The program was organized by StarYouth with the cooperation of Maybank. The selected students were Aminah Faheez Bashier, Chia Nyuk Siong, Alan Kwan Wai Ming, Lee Yoor Lin and Trixie Carlena Richard. They were chosen based on their essays submitted to the organizer. All the 5 students then joined the entourage with other participants from Kuala Lumpur in a 5-day camp held at Kinabatangan Resort, Sukau. Dr. Janie Liew who coordinated the participation of SBE students in the programme was satisfied with their commitment given.

P2P (Peer to Peer) Greeniz is a programme organized by STAR which emphasized the environment and conservation of nature. It attempts to educate young people on the importance of conserving nature for a better environment. With the theme "Act Now!", the P2P Greeniz camp this year showed that young people can form a ripple effect in creating environmental awareness wherever they are.

This year, the programme was held in Sabah after a similarly successful programme in Gopeng, Perak. The Kinabatangan Forest Sabah was chosen for its greenery and the abundance of wildlife species. It is home to 10 primate species, 50 mammal species, 250 bird species, 20 reptiles and 1056 plants species. It is one of the few remaining rainforests in the world under threat from logging and other commercial activities. The P2P participants experienced wildlife in its natural habitat and learnt from the people who are working to ensure the survival of Borneo's unique diversity. The opportunity to ask questions arose when the host, Mr. Albert Teo, Managing Director of Sukau Rainforest Lodge, presented his account on what motivated him to build his lodge at Kinabatangan.

"I feel the environment is a gift - something that we should care for and pass on to future generations. If we do not care for it now, the children of tomorrow will live in nothing but a concrete jungle. The environment is definitely affected by what humans do and the consequences can be seen in the Kinabatangan itself," Lee Yoor Lin.

