

TCTP 2014: Participation From Seven Countries

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MONDAY, 04 AUGUST – The Third Country Training Programme (TCTP), which will start this Thursday will see the participation of 18 participants from seven countries.

Themed ‘Integrated Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management Training Course’, countries that had confirmed their participation included Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Kenya and Uganda.

TCTP Sabah is jointly organised by the Institute of Tropical Biology and Conservation (ITBC), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Sabah State Government and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Acting Director of ITBC, Prof. Dr. Charles Santhanaraju Vairappan said TCTP aimed to provide knowledge and skills related to conservation management in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

“The three-week long programme is also to introduce and emphasise the idea of concerted efforts between agencies involved and local residents to better understand alternative living in conservation, besides facilitating interaction and sharing of experiences, learning and assessing of conservation projects,” he said.

He added that TCTP was also a platform to foster closer working relationship between state agencies and UMS, to showcase Sabah as champion in environmental conservation.

“The organisation of TCTP is also very special because it is funded by the governments of both Malaysia and Japan,” he added. - *SS (fl)*

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