

Friends of BORNEENSIS Program

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Children of today are the leaders of tomorrow. It is our responsibility to educate this generation to be responsible leaders. With the present environmental problems, it is obvious that one aspect of education (involving teaching and learning) should be focused on the management of the environment.

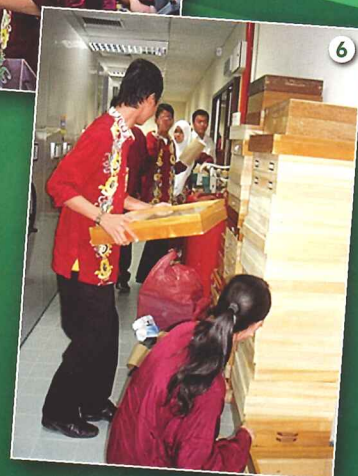
In order for our students to understand what conservation means, it is pertinent that they have a direct encounter and basic understanding of the living components of our environment. Having said that, we in the Institute of Tropical Biology and Conservation are committed to disseminate our first hand knowledge on biodiversity and conservation to the young minds.

For this year, a total of 58 students from Maktab Rendah Sains MARA Sabah have been participated in this program from Mac to July 2008.

The main goal of this program is to expose young Malaysians and help to molding them as wholesome future leaders who are responsible for the environment and be stewards to mother earth. This can be achieved through these objectives:

- i. To introduce children to biodiversity, particularly of Borneo
- ii. To train children and young adults on how to care for nature
- iii. To do projects that are fun yet scientifically inclined such that young children and young adults of Malaysia will be motivated to be involved in Science and Technology
- iv. To stimulate young minds to be innovative and creative so as to be able to handle local environmental problems practically
- v. To instill the young minds appreciation, love and pride of their natural heritage, thus the need to conserve

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- 1) Mr. Jasper shows the student on how to arrange the specimens inside the specimen boxes
- 2) Sorting insect
- 3) Some other activities in BORNEENSIS Herbarium
- 4) Participants doing cataloguing of plant specimens in BORNEENSIS's herbarium
- 5) Group discussion
- 6) Activities in BORNEENSIS Dry Collection Room