

A dip in the lake

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A TOTAL of 93 students, officers and academicians of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Japan's Kanagawa University at Yokohama jointly planted about 200 mangrove seedlings in the Sulaman Lake Forest Reserve near Tuaran recently. This is an international student exchange programme organised in collaboration with Sabah Wetlands Society (SWCS) to promote conservation of wetlands and enhance awareness and appreciation among the public, apart from developing friendship and partnership in their future undertakings.

The 49 UMS undergraduates were first, second and third year students in the Conservation Biology Programme managed by the Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation.

Whilst forest restoration is a standard component in the lectures, experiencing practical forest restoration provides a whole different meaning to understanding the whole concept, which also leaves a long-term beneficial effect to the environment.

Part of the Sulaman Lake Forest is a degraded mangrove and replanting has taken place since 2008 as a part of the State-wide programme to restore degraded mangroves.