

Seminar on organic waste to be held at UMS Apr 12-13

KOTA KINABALU: A seminar on organic wastes, challenges and opportunities would be held at the University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) on April 12 and 13.

The seminar organised by the Environment Action Committee Sabah (EAC), UMS' Science and Technology Unit, KK City Hall and Environmental Protection Department would expound on organic waste management.

According to EAC executive secretary Angel Majanggil, the two-day seminar hoped to create awareness on composting and introduce practical methods of composting.

"We also hoped to promote organic waste management through composting," she said.

Angel also said that several knowledgeable speakers would be presenting papers pertinent to the seminar.

During the first day, EAC deputy chairman Hiew Nget Yin would elaborate on composting followed by the City Hall's director-general Dr Chua Kim Hing's talk on waste management and human attitude.

Odette Alcantara of Earth Day Network Philippines would then present a paper entitled "Changing mindsets; public participation in waste management", while Ruben Posadas the director in Training and Customer Support Lacto Asia-Pacific Corporation would present a paper on 'Ecological Waste Management; Overcoming Challenges.'

The first day would end with a paper on 'Vermiculture' presented by Dr Hasnah Mohd Jais of University Science Malaysia Penang and demonstrations.

On the second day, Low Siew Wah the manager of Green Valley Natural Organic farm would be speaking on why he was passionate about natural organic farming, followed by Robert Liau of Yokofarm Committee who would present a paper entitled 'Family Role in Composting.'

The third paper that day would be titled 'Turning Organic Waste into Resources' presented by Rolando Sianghio, Managing Director of Lacto Asia Pacific Corporation. The talk would continue with a paper entitled 'Zero Waste Campus' by professor Datin Dr Maryati Mohamed of the Institute of Biology and Conservation and Professor Dr Ideris Zakaria the Deputy Dean of the School of Engineering and IT.

The event was expected to be officially launched by the UMS Vice Chancellor Dr Abu Hassan Osman and closed by the Mayor Datuk Ghani Rashid.

Those who wished to participate in this seminar could acquire more information from EAC secretariat at 253192.