

Raising awareness through community farming

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KOTA KINABALU: Members of the public are called to join an initiative by Kota Kinabalu City Hall (DBKK) in creating community farming at its Learning Centre in Kingfisher on Saturdays.

City Hall Deputy Director-General (Operations) Noorliza Ag Alip said the initiative that was started just three weeks ago is one of DBKK's small strategies to raise awareness by inculcating the spirit of farming.

Through the programme, people will gather to plant fruits and vegetables in which the crops would later be shared among the community.

"This is in the spirit of abundance where there is sharing and joint effort; it will be launched in the near future, probably in February – when we are ready.

"The public are welcomed to join us every Saturday from 7 to 10 am; all they have to do is come, we will provide the tools," she said.

According to her, extra



Noorliza (far right) ready to flag-off the bicycle ride led by Sabin (front row, second right).

spaces in the compounds of DBKK Learning Centre were utilized for the initiative so as to not affect its park, jogging track and playground.

To date, she disclosed, durians, mangoes, avocados, mulberries and oregano are among those that have been planted, with more planned in the near future.

"We will also set up a Kids Farm to teach children about

farming, organic farming," said Noorliza.

She added that DBKK has been working together with other agencies including the People's Volunteer Corps (RELA) and a professor from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) for the initiative.

She further reminded the public to bring their own foods and drinks, and stated that a total of 10 RELA mem-

bers would come for each session.

Noorliza was speaking to reporters after the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (LHDNM) Corporate Social Responsibility Programme launching ceremony at Pantai Tanjung Lipat here yesterday.

Some 380 LHDNM staff and executives collected garbage along the beach and went on a bicycle ride along Taman Awam

Teluk Likas.

The programme which was also attended by LHDNM Chief Executive Officer, Dato' Sri Sabin Samitah who said this was the board's first Corporate social responsibility initiative this year held in conjunction with the Conference of Directors 1/2018.

"This social responsibility aims to give awareness not only to Hasilian (members of LHD-

NM) but also to the local community about the importance of preserving nature and the cleanliness around us.

"We hope that this programme would not only tighten the relationship between us and organizations in Sabah but also provide opportunity for Hasilian to see the beauty of this beach that has been well-maintained by DBKK," he said.