

Upcycling activities gaining popularity

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KOTA KINABALU: The "No Trash In Stash (NTrIS) 2017" programme organised by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Eco-campus Management Center, City Hall (DBKK), the Housewives Club and UMS Women's Staff (Kesumba) student/i UMS aims to promote recycling for commercial benefit.

Center for Management of EcoCampus UMS Director Prof Madya Dr How Siew Eng said upcycling activities are becoming increasingly popular among those involved in waste recycling and used materials.

"Upcycling involves the process of reusing waste materials to become a reusable material or product that can be reused and has a value.

"This motivates the public to engage in such activities as it provides opportunities for generating additional income as well as easily involved by all age groups," he said when officiating the programme at Cafe D'Sireh, UMS Chancellery Building, on Friday.

The programme also included assembling various skilled and experienced individuals in upcycling activities to share knowledge, ideas and skills to the UMS society, especially students and staff.

"Such partnerships can lead to positive changes in moral values, attitudes and thinking of the participants to support the aspirations of EcoCampus UMS and sustainability, thus facilitating Kota Kinabalu City Hall (DBKK) litter free campaign," he said.

The programme involves various sessions of talks, workshops and product exhibits which include government agencies such as DBKK and Solid Waste Management, Public Cleansing Corporation (SWCorp), and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) including Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation Malaysia, KK JF Production, Water Industries, Tressie Yap Architects, Young Leaders for Sustainability (YL4S), and the Malaysia Zero Pollution Society.

Also present at the programme were Public Education and Administration Department Head and DBKK representative Lizawana Matin, KESUMBA UMS Deputy YDP Dr. Aza Sherin Mohd. Yusuff and EcoCampus Management Center Deputy Director cum Program Coordinating Committee Coordinator Kueh Boon Hee.



Participants looking at some of the products.