



Bamini (right) pitches in with a load of garbage along with two other volunteers.

160 kg of garbage in KK Wetlands clean-up

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KOTA KINABALU: More than 160 kilogrammes of garbage were collected from Kota Kinabalu Wetlands, in a clean-up project organized by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Marketing Club last weekend.

The activity, held from 8am to noon last Saturday, began with conservation and science officer Siti Joanni Matlan giving a briefing on the aim and objectives of the project.

After that, each participant was given gloves and plastic bags to collect the trash around the mangroves.

More than 30 participants joined the activity, including students and lecturers from different background and races. The head of program for UMS Marketing Club, Charlie Albert Lasuin and lecturer Bamini KPD Balakrishnan also joined in the cleaning activity.

Run by a non-governmental organization (NGO), Kota Kinabalu Wetlands lacks sufficient funds to do regular cleaning due to budget and manpower constraints.

The participants felt the importance to do their part in cleaning up as the wetlands is home to many flora and fauna such as Egrets, wetland crabs, lizards and others.

After two-and-half hours of cleaning work, the participants collected over 160 kilogrammes of garbage.

Members of the public who wish to collaborate with UMS Marketing Club in the clean-up in the future can contact the event organizer Wong Jiunn Yi at 016-6510595. The public are also welcome to join its Facebook page 'Kota Kinabalu Volunteers' to get the latest news and updates about its regular community service.