

Embrace concept of sustainable devt, Masidi urges UMS undergrads

KOTA KINABALU: Engineering undergraduates from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) here were urged to embrace the concept of sustainable development.

It is an approach to development that meets the needs of the present, without comprising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

State Minister of Tourism, Culture & Environment Datuk Seri Masidi Manjun made the call at the official launching of the World Environment Day 2014 which was initiated and sponsored

by Talisman Malaysia Limited at Shangri-la's Rasa Ria Resort here yesterday.

More than 150 engineering undergraduates from UMS were participants of an "Environmental Forum & Mangrove Tree Planting" programme held to mark the auspicious day.

In his speech read by Assistant Minister of Tourism, Culture & Environment Datuk Pang Yuk Ming, Masidi said the forum's targeted audience was most appropriate as they will soon be in the forefront of project developments in their respective ca-

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Climate change, waste management, unsustainable consumption, degradation of natural resources, extreme natural disasters are the problems that face us all.

Armed with a strong sense of environmental awareness, Masidi hoped that they would be able to personalise environmental issues and enable everyone around them to realise not only their responsibility, but also their power to become agents for change in support of sustainable and equitable development.

He said that the Sabah gov-

ernment is fully committed to sustainable development.

The programme was a collaboration between Talisman Malaysia Limited, UMS, Department of Environment, Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society and Environment Action Committee Sabah.

Speaking at the ceremony, Talisman Malaysia's Kinabalu asset manager Duncan Smart said that they believe that corporate responsibility needs to be part of their busi-

ness operations.

In the area of environment, Talisman Malaysia last year collaborated with the Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society (SWCS) to conduct a mangrove handcrafting project aimed at creating awareness on the importance of mangrove conservation among over 200 secondary school students in Kota Kinabalu.

Four speakers namely Rosli Haji Osman (DoE), William Ahlan (EAC), Professor Dr

Rosalam Sarbatly (Dean, Engineering Faculty of UMS) and Marina Aman Sham (SWCS) presented papers at the forum.

Also present were SWCS president Datuk Haji Zainie Abd Aucasa, UMS deputy VC (Research & Development) Prof Dr Shahril Yusof, Sabah Museum director Joanna Datuk Kitingan and organising chairman Eddie Abdullah (Talisman Malaysia). - PR



Duncan (left) presenting a souvenir to Pang as a token of appreciation in gracing the launching ceremony



Duncan (left), Eddie (centre), Prof Dr Rosalam (second right) and Haji Zainic (right) kicking off the mangrove tree planting at Sulaman Lake Forest Reserve in Tuaran. A total of 180 saplings were planted by participants to mark World Environment Day 2014.