



## QUARTERLY UPDATE TO GEC BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (APRIL TO JUNE 2019)

### Introduction

This report is submitted to the Board of Management of Global Environment Centre to provide updates on the progress of activities and finances for the period **April – June 2019**.

### Progress Updates

#### River Care Programme

A number of significant activities were carried out in the second quarter of 2019 for RCP's key projects under WATER, ROLPOP5, HSBC, Hasanah and Coca Cola projects.



Under the ROLPOP5, two (2) SMART Partnership programmes, namely Blueprint Gotong Royong “GO Green Go Clean” (April – June) and “Revive the beauty of Sg. Gombak” (21 Apr 2019) were conducted with support of many partners and volunteers. As a result of the gotong-royong programme, 1.6km of Sg Batu and the Seri Terengganu Community Garden was revived.

Awareness on recycling of used cooking oil was conducted under the ROLPOP5 where flyers and Used Cooking Oil (UCO) bottles were distributed to bazaar ramadhan operators during the ramadhan month and to 19 restaurants that were identified polluting the drains. Used Cooking Oil (UCO) collection for selected food establishment, restaurant and café were carried out with the support of the respective local communities. To date 140kg of UCO was collected.



Beside the initiatives, River of Life Public Outreach Programme Phase 5 2019 Award was launched on 19 June 2019 to recognize the target groups: The nomination for the POP5 award started from June till August 2019. The Award will be awarded by end of 2019.





Under the WATER Project, a talk and exhibition on the importance of Bukit Kiara as Sg Penchala water source was carried out on 20 April 2019 at Taman Lembah Kiara and attended by around 1000 people. This year's first major river clean up at Sg Way was carried out on 21 April 2019 with 80 participants from nearby communities and volunteers from Sunway University. For Sg Selangor project, 600 trees were planted on 4 May 2019 in 1 hectare at Raja Musa Forest Reserve with involvement of 75 SPARK Foundation's volunteers.



Under the Upper Kinta Basin (UKB) Management project (Yayasan Hasanah), two trainings were successful conducted for both urban community and Orang Asli. The training was carried out on 14 April 2019 and 29 May 2019 respectively. Continuous discussions and site visits were carried out to initiate the community initiatives.

For HSBC project, a mini dam was built for Orang Asli at Kampung Sg Choh as part of water supply system enhancement. Continuous planning and discussion with Orang Asli were carried out specially to identify their current water supply issues and alternatives clean water supply system.



During this reporting period a total of 50 schools, 27 communities and 6 agencies were outreached under Coca Cola project. After outreached, 14 schools and 11 communities within Klang Valley were trained with 9 schools and 1 community has implemented the Recycle for Life (RFL) programme. In three months a total of 3,417kg recyclable items varying from plastic, paper, steel, aluminum and e-waste were collected from participation schools and communities.



## **Forest and Coastal Programme**

During the second quarter of 2019, the FCP continued the implementation of community-based conservation and rehabilitation projects in the Selangor, Perak and Johor States. Various meetings, activities and events/programs were held to strengthen understanding, capacity and awareness for government agencies, stakeholders, private sectors, local communities and school students including:-

- I. 4,200 trees were planted in 7 ha of degraded area with the involvement of 450 volunteers at Raja Musa Forest Reserve & Kuala Langat North Forest Reserve in collaboration with Selangor State Forestry Department, HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad, SPARK Foundation, Innisfree Malaysia, Bursa Foundation, Sahabat Hutan Gambut Selangor Utara, Sahabat Hutan Gambut Kuala Langat Utara and public volunteers.
- II. 1,500 mangrove trees were planted on 1 ha at Tanjung Surat with the involvement of 65 volunteers in collaboration with Johor State Forestry Department, Aramco ASIA, Aramco Malaysia and Sahabat Hutan Bakau Tanjung Surat in April 2019.



- III. The Sahabat Hutan Gambut Selangor Utara (SHGSU) & Sahabat Hutan Gambut Kuala Langat Utara were actively involved in the forest patrolling and monitoring activity around the RMFR & KLNFR to patrol and monitor any peatland fires occurrences during the quarter. They worked closely with GEC and Selangor Forestry Department personnel. This early action prevented fire occurrence. The patrol team consists of 6 motorbike riders who will go around RMFR & KLNFR 5-7 days in a week and monitoring along the forest buffers for preventing fires and any other unwanted incidents.
- IV. On 2nd – 3rd May 2019 (2 days 1 night), a Peatland Forest Ranger (PFR) Module Workshop was successfully organised by Global Environment Centre and Sime Darby Foundation in collaboration with Selangor State Forestry Department, Selangor State Education Department, District Education offices, HSBC Bank Malaysia and HSBC Amanah Malaysia. 90 students and 21 teachers participated from 11 primary and 4 secondary schools from Kuala Selangor, 2 primary schools from Kuala Langat District Education Office and 1 secondary school from Hulu Selangor District Education Office.
- V. GEC was appointed by DOE and MESTECC to undertake a review of the 10 year government programme of fire prevention infrastructure construction and work was initiated in April 2019 and will completed by November 2019.
- VI. The phase 2 of MA 98-YSD project was successfully completed on 31 May 2019 and received excellent recognition from the sponsor of the project.



During the 22 edition of Kembara Mahkota Johor on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 with Johor Ruler Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, the Johor Queen and royal family visited the GEC-Sahabat Hutan Bakau Tanjung Surat booth.



SPARK's tree planting at Raja Musa Forest Reserve on 4 May 2019



The Peatland Forest Ranger (PFR) Module Workshop, 2 – 3 May 2019

## **Peatland Programme**

The Peatland Programme has continuously provided technical inputs to stakeholders on the management of peatland mini landscape in Southeast Pahang. A total of 7 canal blocks were constructed by financial support from IOI Group, Yayasan Bursa Malaysia and government (JPSM-JPNP-JPS) to rewet the degraded peatlands. From field assessment, there has been a very positive impact that water table increased at estimated 170 ha of the degraded site, this condition creates sufficient hydrological function by rewetting the area thus promote vegetation to regrow. Selective planting of 10 ha will be undertaken by the IOI plantation and the indigenous community in Kampung Tanjung Kelapa. The community has started on collecting wildings and keeping them in the community nurseries – the wildings will then be planted at designated degraded peatland areas within the forest reserve – support has been confirmed by State Forestry Department and consent was obtained from the local community. A local committee known as Sahabat Hutan Gambut Kampung Tanjung Kelapa (SHGKTK) was successfully

established in March and support has been providing to the committee on relevant matters. The local community attended training sessions on *mengkuang* weaving, kelulut bee-keeping, agricultural crops planting and enzyme fertilizer making. One of the local community who attended the exchange visit to Selangor has sowed seeds of *tenggek burung* at backyard farm. PP provided input to the development of the Malaysian National Interpretation of the RSPO principles and Criteria 2018. PP attended the 14 Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution in the Mekong sub-region in Cambodia to follow up on the development of peatland related programmes at country and regional levels.



Alternative sustainable livelihood (community nursery, honey and handicrafts) for orang asli community of Kg. Tanjung Kelapa

## **Outreach & Partnership**

In conjunction with GEC's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, GEC published its Anniversary book and organized a forum entitled "*Building Partnership for the Environment*" which was held at KLPac on 23 Apr 2019. The book and the forum was launched by the KATS Minister, YB Dr. Xavier Jayakumar and the forum was attended by more than 100 participants comprising of government, corporate and community partners. In terms of networking, during the MENGO AGM on 27 April, GEC was elected to be its Assistant Secretary. In term of funding, GEC developed and submitted a large number of proposals including to the European Union, and UPS Foundation



GEC Anniversary Forum on 23 Apr 2019



## Visibility

There were 38 media coverages on GEC between 1 Apr 2019 and 30 June 2019 (RCP: 27, FCP: 5, Peatland: 5, Other: 1). These coverages had an advertising value of MYR 561,524 with PR value of MYR 1,684,572.



### Higher penalties needed on plastic waste, says activist

Melissa Darlyne Chow June 3, 2019 7:00 AM

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**PETALING JAYA:** An environmental activist has called for higher penalties to be enforced on those involved in the import of plastic waste and contaminated waste.

Faizal Parish of Global Environment Centre said a proposed government inspection charge of RM1,500 per shipping container might not be enough of a deterrent.



Ericsson and edotco Malaysia partner to grow 'Connected Mangroves' project



## Planned events

The following are the planned GEC events/activities in the July – Sept 2019:

Date	Venue	Event
3 July – 28 July	7 States, Malaysia	Project site visits to seven states namely, Selangor, Pahang, Terengganu, Kelantan, Sabah, Sarawak & Johor
7 July 2019	Dewan Orang Asli Kampung Makmur	Orang Asli Training on Water Management and Pollution
13 July 2019	Petaling Jaya	3 <sup>rd</sup> River Walk

19 July 2019	HSBC Office, KL	In-house Training for HSBC Staff on Water Conservation and Management
20 July 2019	Kota Tinggi	Exhibitor for 22nd edition of Kembara Mahkota Johor
21 July 2019	Raja Musa Forest Reserve	Monthly Tree Planting for July 2019
21 July 2019	Dewan Sewang Kampung Jambu, Makmur	Orang Asli Training on Water Conservation and HSBC Outreach Programme
27 July 2019	Segambut, KL	SK Segambut Mural Painting
27 July 2019	Pulau Indah Klang	A day Peer Learning Programme for SHBKDH
28 July 2019	Dewan Community Tanjung Rambutan	RIVER Ranger training with urban community
5 August 2019	HSBC Bank Malaysia Ampang	HSBC "Sustainable Lifestyle Day" exhibition
July-Sept	Kampung Tanjung Kelapa, Pekan, Pahang	Livelihood activity – mushroom farming, kelulut beekeeping
3 August 2019	Gombak, KL	River Education and Waste Segregation Programme for youth
4 August 2019	Kampung Orang Asli Suluh	Clean up and maintenance of water supply system from Dam to Village
24 August 2019	Raja Musa Forest Reserve	Monthly Tree Planting for August 2019
24 August 2019	Tanjung Surat	Aramco's Tree Planting 2019
24 August 2019	Petaling Jaya	RWH Training for Block 9 & 10 Residents
Aug-Sept	Kampung Tanjung Kelapa, Pekan, Pahang	Planting of degraded peatland within forest reserve and its buffer zone within Kampung Tanjung Kelapa by stakeholders (orang asli community and plantation workers)
Sept	Kampung Tanjung Kelapa, Pekan, Pahang	Installation of solar-powered water pump for orang asli village
11 September 2019	Raja Musa Forest Reserve	HSBC EXCO Volunteer Programme
9-11 September 2019	Park Avenue Hotel, Kedah	National Mangrove Conference 2019
14-15 September 2019	KL, Asli Adventure Based Camp	Peer learning programme for SHGKLU
20 September 2019	Sime Darby Convention centre	Exhibition – Yayasan Huluran Kasih
21 September 2019	Raja Musa Forest Reserve	Monthly Tree Planting for September 2019
21 September 2019	KL	World Clean Up Day 2019
21 September 2019	KRT Kampung Pengkalan Gate	My Drain Day and River Monitoring Programme with Community Kg Pengkalan Gate in Conjunction with World Clean Up Day and World River Day 2019
22 September 2019	Jalan Raja Dihilir	Awareness Booth During Ipoh Car Free Day in Conjunction with World River Day 2019
26 September 2019	Kinta River Front Hotel	Stakeholder Workshop
28 September 2019	Silibin Water Fall	RIVER Ranger Small Scale Training with KRT Buntong and Taman Rishah
29 September 2019	Kampung Orang Asli Chadak	Orang Asli Training on Tourist Guide and Forest Monitoring Initiative
27 - 29 September 2019	Nur Laman Bestari, Ulu Yam	JPFR Kuala Langat annual camp for 2019