

## PROTECT WETLANDS TODAY, MORE FISH FOR TOMORROW

The annual celebration of World Wetlands Day in the Kota Kinabalu Wetland Centre, of Sabah, Malaysia was a success with more than 100 guests comprising of secondary students from SMK Datuk Peter Mojuntin and Maktab Sabah, teachers, volunteers as well as the corporate sector, spend their weekend to support the wetland conservation and awareness programme at the Wetland Centre.

The day's event was graced by the Yang Berhormat Datuk Bobbey Suan, Assistant Minister of Agriculture & Food Industry, representing Yang Berhormat Datuk Hj Abdul Rahim Ismail, the Minister of Agriculture & Food Industry in officiating the event themes "Fish for Tomorrow?". A total of 500 fish fries which was released and 150 mangrove seedlings were replanted in the mangrove of the Wetland Centre carried out by the guests, students and volunteers. The fish fries and mangrove seedlings were contributions from the Sabah Fisheries Department and Sabah Forestry Department.

In this year, a total of 20 volunteers from the HSBC Bank Malaysia staffs, Rotary Club members and Wetland Centre volunteers. HSBC Bank Malaysia is supporting the wetland conservation initiatives by Sabah Wetland Conservation Society being carried out in the Wetland Centre and in partnership with WWF-Malaysia.

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