



# NEWSLETTER 2014



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## The Legacy Continues

### Zoo Negara

8 years of working in Zoo Negara and counting! Volunteers on programmes have diligently carried out enrichment for great apes and many other animals around the zoo on a daily basis, putting in more than 8,500 working hours, contributing RM16,000 worth of enrichment. As one of our mini projects, we have also been going over to Zoo Melaka monthly, focusing on installing and placing simple enrichment throughout the zoo for many animals there.



### Enrichment

Volunteers building a breeding cave for the tree lizards.



### Zoo Melaka

Happy volunteers after building breeding houses for Sulphur-crested cockatoo.

### A few good things in 2014

- Contribution to Borneo Sunbear Conservation Center & Matang Wildlife Center in the form of cash donation plus tons of towels, jute ropes and hessian sacks
- Planted 1000 seedlings and maintained more than 5000 trees on 4 hectares of land along the Kinabatangan River
- Development of Sustainable Business Pilot Course with University Malaya
- Presentation during forum conducted by University Malaya on Sustainable Initiatives in Malaysia
- The return of APE Malaysia team to Lao Wildlife Sanctuary to do a major revamp of Sarus Crane enclosure.
- Featured in BFM radio station for Do Good Tourism topic
- Furnishing new Orangutan night dens in Zoo Negara





ENVIRONMENTAL  
EDUCATION

The world is our classroom. Students from Hong Kong, Australia, Singapore, the USA and more got the rare opportunity to participate in ongoing conservation and community projects, making personal, tangible, difference at each site. Students become personal stakeholders through active participation in the healing of threatened habitats, the welfare of endangered animals and the livelihoods of local



*Students were exposed to the proper way of planting trees and spotting wildlife*

LAO WILDLIFE  
SANCTUARY



As part of a special programme, the team went over to support ACRES in their efforts to improve animal welfare in Laos. In April 2013 and September 2014, we went to Lao Wildlife Sanctuary with several volunteers and upgraded the enclosures for the Asiatic bears, sun bears, Sarus Crane, elephant, macaques, owls and many more.



*Collecting water hyacinth which is an invasive species*



*East meets west*



**Lao Wildlife  
Sanctuary**



### Exploring the Sanctuary



River cruise and jungle trekking are among the activities where families are brought to explore the majestic collection of species in Borneo

Spotting Wildlife

### Planting Trees



One of the main activities is tree planting along the Corridor of Life. That awesome moment when you realize that it is so much fun to become one with mother nature.

Giving Back to Nature

### Local School Interaction



The families visit a local school in Sukau and spend some time interacting with local students. They play games and exchange information about their respective countries

Cultural Exchange

## FAMILY PROGRAM

THE FAMILY PROGRAMME WAS STARTED 3 YEARS AGO BASED ON REQUESTS FOR A PROGRAMME WHERE YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS COULD CONTRIBUTE TO CONSERVATION TOGETHER. OUR YOUNGEST PARTICIPANT WAS A LOVELY 8-YEAR OLD. FAMILIES HAVE COME OVER THE YEARS TO HELP WITH REFORESTATION ALONG THE CORRIDOR OF LIFE, SHARED IDEAS ON CONSERVATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND LEARNED HOW TO EAT THE LOCAL WAY!

**"Our guides have been the best! Professional, friendly, knowledgeable and very nice persons. Thank you for the best week ever!"**  
*(Asa Elfstrom, Sweden)*

**"Its the best way to see the most and learn at the same time"**  
*(Cecilia Byshon, Sweden)*

