

Green envoys leave for S'pore



Three environmental youth envoys along with two officers from Ministry of Education and two officers from Department of Environment, Parks and Recreation (DEPR), Ministry of Development, at the Departure Hall of Brunei International Airport. Picture: BT/Sharleen Othman

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BRUNEI'S environmental youth envoys revealed their hopes last night before their flight to Singapore to instil more pro-activeness in the youths of the country with regards to protecting the environment.

Accompanied by two officers from Ministry of Education and two officers from Department of Environment, Parks and Recreation (DEPR), Ministry of Development, the group left for Singapore last night to participate in a four-day Youth Environment Envoys (YEE) programme organised by the National Environment Agency (NEA).

Nur Syamimi Suhaimi, one of the three youth envoys, said she wants the youths of Brunei to be more aware of environmental concerns and to be more proactive. "We shouldn't expect the government to do all the work for us. As youths, we should have the will to make a difference," she said.

The participants of YEE programme will be trained in public speaking, establishing network, facilitation of a successful project, effective and efficient project management and motivational skills.

Nur Syamimi hopes to encourage more youth participation after the trip.

The 22 year-old Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) student said she hopes to be able to lead the Bruneian community in environmental sustainability. "We, as environmental youth envoys, want to organise more activities within the country."

Md Azim Seruji, 24, who is similarly a student at UBD, said that he wants to learn how to manage their organisation through this visit.

"I notice that youths in other countries are very proactive in all areas including, environmental awareness and I want to bring that enthusiasm back to Brunei," he said.

The trip will last for four days, including a day trip to Tuas Incineration Plant, a waste disposal plant in Singapore.

Keen on learning ways to battle global warming, Hj Md Ruzaimi Hj Rosli, 27, who works at the DEPR, said, "I've been sent on this trip to further my knowledge in the field and to spread what I've learnt to the youths of Brunei."

"There are many things to learn with regards to global warming, it would be especially helpful to learn from Singapore which experiences the same climate as we do here in Brunei."The Brunei Times