

Minister's visit to check on school's environmental conservation activities



Development Minister Pehin Dato Hj Suyoi (2nd L), looking at posters displayed by EYE members at Datu Ahmad Primary School. Picture: BT/Nurhamiza Roslan

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THE Minister of Development was at Datu Ahmad Primary School in Kampung Lurong Dalam, Kampong Ayer yesterday to get a closer look at the environmental awareness activities carried out by the Brunei Environment Youth Envoy (EYE), under the Department of Environment, Parks and Recreation, (Jastre)

At the school, Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Hj Suyoi Hj Osman witnessed members of the EYE group conducting a colouring competition and a recycling game for the school's pupils.

The aim of the activities were to help the student understand the concept of the 3R's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Additionally, the activities were to promote to the use of recycling bags and

reduce the use of plastics.

Members of EYE also conducted interactive presentations for the pupils in how to use water wisely and explaining the importance of keeping water from natural sources such as rivers clean by disposing garbage properly and not into the water.

During the visit Pehin Dato Hj Suyoi handed over three recycling bins to the school principal school, Azlan Hj Adam.

In an interview with the media, the minister said that the purpose of the activities were to create awareness among school pupils on proper waste disposal as well as recycling.

"We begin at (primary) school level so that when the children grow up there wouldn't be a problem of littering," said Pehin Dato Hj Suyoi.

He also said that the activities were to go in line with the Ministry of Development's efforts to clean up the environment in Kampong Ayer.

He expressed hopes that through the activities children would learn and practice proper waste disposal.

"Alhamdulillah with the help of the Environment Youth Envoy volunteers and university students, the project is receiving positive feedback from schools," he said.

The principal of Datu Ahmad Primary School expressed hopes that the activities and efforts to raise awareness on the importance of conserving the environment would be extended to other schools in the area.

Azlan pointed out that one of the main focus at the moment is to protect Brunei waters from pollution. "We have seen garbage floating on the surface of the waters in Brunei and we hope through awareness programmes (for children), this can be prevented in the future," Azlan said. The Brunei Times