

## River Care Education Centre (RCEC)

### Penchala River Information Centre

The centre continues to be a one-stop platform for visitors to experience the adjacent downstream Penchala River and river education with the cabin equipped with WATER Project information and facilities.

Apart from the Sungai Way Clean-Up initiative with MSU students that involves visiting the centre, two more activities in the remainder of 2016 were carried out with the centre visit.

Both were educational visits with the first being Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) staffs from 12 states during their RIVER Ranger training on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, while the second visit was by Komuniti Island Ranger Sri Pangkor (KIRSP) on 19<sup>th</sup> December, an active waste management community group from Pangkor Island.



### Open Classroom

Since the establishment of the hands-on practical learning site at the source of Penchala River, the Open Classroom has held activities for several target groups ranging from communities to schools. The river walk activity continues to expose participants to the four main aspects: (i) source of the river; (ii) voice of the stream; (iii) meandering and (iv) biological monitoring.

Only one River Walk activity was carried out in the Open Classroom apart from activities of other target groups. Yayasan Chow Kit was engaged for the second time albeit this time with younger kids and was exposed to the Young River Scientist concept.



### Ongoing Sungai Way Initiatives

Ongoing initiatives from the Sungai Way Project are carried out by trained communities in the Sungai Way Information Centre, which also provides information on the project and act as an outreach for nearby communities to follow.



### Mobile River Care Unit (MRCU)

#### List of 2016 MRCU outreach:

- (a) 30th July: SMK Sg Pelek
- (b) 13th August: MSU Clean-Up
- (c) 29th & 30th November: MyWP Forum (Ampang)
- (d) 19th December: Pangkor Community Visit



# w.a.t.e.r project

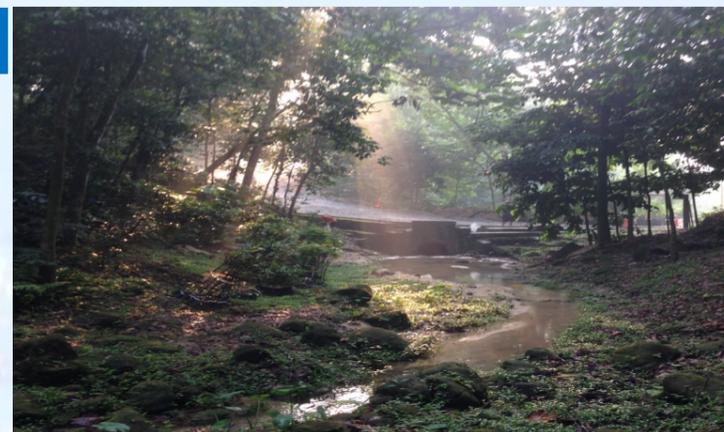
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# SUNGAI PENCHALA RIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMME



### River Care with the W.A.T.E.R Project

The W.A.T.E.R (Working Actively Through Education and Rehabilitation) Project is initiated by G.A.B Foundation in December 2007, in partnership with Global Environment Centre (GEC) and close collaboration among key stakeholders comprising of government agencies, corporate sector, non-governmental organisations and communities to educate the public about the importance of water and how we should conserve and protect its source: **our rivers.**



### Penchala River Education Programme (2015-2017)

The Penchala River Education Programme is an expansion from the **Sungai Way Rehabilitation Programme** with the project now independent and ongoing initiatives being sustained by all targeted groups. Using the same successful model of the parent programme, the Sungai Penchala Education Programme is a three-year project (2015-2017) which entered its second phase in 2016.

The project aims to protect and enhance Sungai Penchala through engagement of **four (4)** main target groups: **local community, business community, youth groups** and **education institutions**. The project prominently adopts the "**Civic Science**" concept by GEC to educate target groups about caring for their own environment.



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## Educating Local Communities

Three more activities were carried out in the remainder of 2016 after a fruitful first-half of the year that included the Sungai Way River Clean-Up Activity with Desa Mentari communities back in mid-April.

Residential Association (R.A.) of TTDI established Water Care Community in their neighbourhood which organizes regular river monitoring activities, forums and educational talks.

The highlight for communities was the nomination of R.A. of Block 3, Desa Mentari for the "Program Pertandingan Pantai dan Sungai Angkat Negeri Selangor 2016" competition organized by Selangor Water Management Authority (LUAS). They have been nominated by MBPJ through their outstanding and remarkable river care initiatives and currently hold the honour as the community representing whole Petaling Jaya district in the competition.

As we enter Phase 3 of the project, the R.A. of Block 3 Desa Mentari and TTDI were chosen as communities to be supported on big scale initiatives.



## Business Community Programme

Following the small-scale waste audit for four (4) days in 2015 and Training of Trainers (TOT) for the food operators, two further waste audits were planned before and after implementation of BMP initiatives to measure the effectiveness.

The highlight was the first big-scale waste audit conducted from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 (7 days) involving 68 operators. The audit was conducted in two methods: within the stalls (individual waste) and outside the stalls (common shared waste).

The outcome of the audit yielded several proposed initiatives that include (i) Oil & Grease Trap; (ii) Waste Segregation – food waste and recycle bins; (iii) Awareness – signboards and posters.



## Youth Groups

The successful Environmental Youth Camp with E.W.R.F. back in May 2016 continued with involvement of youth groups in further activities elsewhere.



## Education Institutions – Shaping the future generation



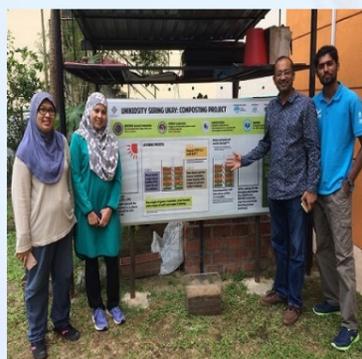
Following the Training of Trainers for Sunway and Monash University in July 2016, 40 students from Management and Science University (MSU) participated in the Sungai Way Clean-Up Initiatives on 13<sup>th</sup> August, with involvement of Desa Mentari communities.

## KL Krashpad (KLKP)

KL Krashpad is a youth group from Yayasan Chow Kit (YCK), an organization working closely with WATER Project on Environmental Best Management Practices. The group consists mainly of Rohingya refugee aged 12-18 years old. Since they were trained on monitoring river water quality, the youths focused more on waste management programmes to outreach their peers and the public.

Their activities so far are as below:

- Educational Awareness (Theory) for KLKP students, staff and parents
- Recycling Programme



A river and waste management training in partnership with MBPJ was held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 for around 20 kindergarten teachers. Apart from the customary river monitoring training, the teachers were brought to visit an ongoing school composting project in Unikidsity Sering Ukay as an exposure on similar initiatives that can be conducted in their respective kindergartens.



Students and teachers from The International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL), Ampang was also outreached by W.A.T.E.R Project on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 through their annual symposium, as was in 2015.

## Care2Run

Care2Run is a physical literacy programme conducted by a group of volunteers using sports and psychology to build character and inspire youngsters from diverse backgrounds to lead an active and healthier lifestyle. Care2Run invited W.A.T.E.R Project for their environment-themed programme involving youth and children of special needs from different schools.

It was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 at the Rimba Ilmu Botanical Gardens within the vicinity of University Malaya. Participants were exposed to river monitoring activities as well as listening to the voice of the stream and river education. A 'Trash to Treasure' section featuring soap and candle making using used cooking oil was also exhibited for teachers and parents.

