

River Care Education Centre (RCEC)

Sungai Penchala 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.

On 17th April 2017, A total of 100 students from SMK(P) Seri Aman were given a River Management Training at the centre focusing on river monitoring, water conservation as well as soap and candle making from used cooking oil .

Two more trainings will be carried out at the centre during the second-half of 2017.



Sungai Penchala 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 expose participants to the four main aspects: (i) source of the river; (ii) voice of the stream; (iii) meandering and (iv) biological monitoring.

Following the RIVER Ranger Training for Universities/ Colleges in July 2016, another 29 students from Sunway University joined river walk session on 4th February 2017 to experience on river monitoring for less disturbed river environments.



Ongoing Sungai Way Initiatives



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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. The centre includes a rainwater harvesting system, composting site, wetlands and herbs nursery as well as a community garden.



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SUNGAI PENCHALA RIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMME (2015-2017)

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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 sectors, 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)

- ♦ Three-year project (2015-2017) which entered its third phase in 2017
- ♦ Expanded from the successful model of **Sungai Way Rehabilitation Programme** which began in 2007
- ♦ Aims to protect and enhance Sungai Penchala through engagement of **three (3)** main target groups: **local community**, **business community**, and **youth groups** .
- ♦ Prominently adopts the “**Civic Science**” concept by GEC to educate target groups about caring for their own environment



Local Communities

The activities for local communities in 2017 so far include:

- ♦ **14 January 2017:** RIVER & SMART Ranger Practical Training for Block 3 Desa Mentari Community
- ♦ **18 March 2017:** River Monitoring Training with Transition TTDI
- ♦ **23 April 2017:** Sg Way River Clean-Up Activity with Block 1 Desa Mentari Community
- ♦ **21 May 2017:** TTDI Earth Day Taman Rimba Kiara Exhibition



The Penchala Community Training of Trainers (TOT) was held on 29 July 2017 involving communities from Resident Associations of Seksyen 14, SS20 as well as the existing TTDI community. They were given exposure to water quality monitoring, soap and candle making from used cooking oil and river address.

The attending communities also visited the award-winning Block 3 Community Garden and the Sungai Way Community Information Centre.

The event was also supported by the presence of Indah Water Konsortium (IWK) and Department of Environment (DOE) Selangor who held their exhibitions.

Achievement SPOTLIGHT: Persatuan Penduduk Blok 3 (PPB3)

Another highlight for the local communities group was R.A. of Block 3, Desa Mentari for winning 3rd place in 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.

Awards won by PPB3, Desa Mentari

- ♦ **PJ Kita: Sustainable Community Award 2016—Environmental Initiative Award**
- ♦ **Program Pantai & Sungai Angkat Negeri Selangor 2016—3rd Place**



Food Court Operators

Launching of Recycling Initiative and Oil & Grease Trap at SS2 Food Court, Petaling Jaya

The event was held on 27th March 2017 at the SS2 Basketball Court adjacent to the SS2 Food Court to celebrate the 2017 World Water Day. A WATER Project recycle bin is distributed to the food operators for collecting recyclable materials. Bins distribution for recyclables storage is one of the two centralized initiatives planned for this year. Oil & grease trap launching ceremony was held at the No. 5 stall which was the first trap installed at the food court. Exhibitions by MRCU as well as oil & grease trap demonstration by Kitaran Potensi Sdn Bhd also took place and were well received by the attending food operators and visitors.



Mobile River Care Unit (MRCU)



The Mobile River Care Unit (MRCU) is used for WATER Project related activities and is provided upon special request as well as the need of the programmes. Inform us if you have an environment-related event that requires our outreach!

List of 2017 MRCU outreach:

- **26th March:** Ecohunt @ Ipoh Car Free Day
- **27th March:** Launching of Recycling Initiative and FOG Trap for SS2 Food Court
- **4th April:** RCEC Ipoh Exhibition for DID Directors and Officers

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. A training/capacity building was planned for youths with infusion of river and waste management practical exercises and activities.



Urban Hijau

Urban Hijau is a planned sustainable social enterprise that uses permaculture to promote urban farming. They were further consulted on 21st June 2017 at their farming garden, in which they are interested in the potential between urban farming and river rehabilitation through their engagement of youths in their project collaborations. More potential youth groups will be engaged and trained together with Urban Hijau in the second half of the year.