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NREB INTEGRITY & INNOVATION DAY 2025

KUCHING, July 9 — Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak has organised the NREB Integrity and Innovation Day 2025 at Dewan Jamilah, Yayasan Sarawak. The event was officiated by YB Dato' Murshid Diraja Dr. Juanda Jaya, Sate Deputy Minister in the Premier's Department of Sarawak (Integrity and Ombudsman).

The programme aimed to enhance awareness among NREB staff and stakeholders on the importance of integrity, while strengthening work ethics grounded in honesty, transparency and accountability. As part of the event, the integrity poster titled "Break the Chain of Corruption" was launched to reinforce a corruption-free and ethical workplace culture.

In his welcoming remarks, YBhg Datu Jack Anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality, expressed hope that the Integrity and Innovation Day would serve as a continuous platform to ensure integrity remains a core value of the organisation while innovation acts as a catalyst for delivering sustainable environmental services.

The programme featured three insightful talks, including "Rasuah dan Salah Guna Kuasa di Kalangan Penjawat Awam" by Mr. Hamer Bin Sarkawi from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), "Bebas Dadah Hidup Bermaruah, Penjawat Awam Berintegriti" by Ms. Norliya Binti Darus from the National Anti-Drugs Agency (AADK) and "Transformasi dan Inovasi Dalam Perkhidmatan Awam Negeri Sarawak" by Mr. Abdul Malik Syafuan Bin Adam Malek from the Sarawak Transformation and Innovation Unit (STIU).

The event also witnessed nine registered Environmental Consultants with NREB signing the Integrity Pledge, symbolising their collective commitment to transparent, accountable and ethical governance.



Representatives from 9 environmental consulting firms registered with NREB during the Integrity Pledge signing ceremony.



Highlights from the programme



Datuk Len Talif Salleh officiating the Stakeholder Engagement Programme Series 1/2025

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME SERIES 1/2025

MIRI, July 16 — Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak have organised the Stakeholder Engagement Programme Series 1/2025 at Pullman Hotel Miri officiated by The Honourable Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh, Deputy Minister for Urban Planning Land Administration and Environment Sarawak.

Attendees included project proponents, developers, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) consultants and representatives from various government agencies. Carrying the theme “Empowering Development Through Environmental Awareness and Compliance”, the programme aimed to enhance stakeholders’ understanding of new environmental legislation, provide updates on NREB’s enforcement and monitoring initiatives and foster stronger partnerships in promoting environmental stewardship.

The programme also underscored NREB’s broader strategic initiatives, including organisational restructuring, the development of the Environmental Information System Sarawak (EnvISS), strengthened enforcement collaboration and continuous capacity building among its officers. Emphasis was placed on data-driven environmental monitoring and the importance of strategic partnerships in advancing sustainable environmental governance.

At the same event, Datuk Len Talif Salleh witnessed the exchange of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between NREB and Curtin University Malaysia, marking another milestone in fostering collaboration between regulatory bodies and academic institutions.



YB Datuk Len Talif (fifth left) witnesses the exchange of MoU between Datu Jack (fourth left), representing NREB and Sharon Chong Pau Fang, the Chief Operating Officer of Curtin University Malaysia.



Highlights from the programme



Datu Jack Anak Liam (centre) in a group photo with Chemsain representatives and the residents of Kampung Badul

GRAVITY FEED WATER SUPPLY (GFS)

BAU, July 26 — Residents of Kampung Atas and Kampung Badul in Singai will now have improved access to clean water following the refurbishment of its Gravity Feed Water Supply (GFS) system.

The initiative is part a corporate social responsibility (CSR) project led by Chemsain Konsultant Sdn Bhd in collaboration with the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak.

The long-overdue upgrade involved replacing nearly 2,000 metres of aging and damaged PVC piping with high-quality HDPE piping, improving both water quality and reliability. The dam structure feeding the system also underwent concrete repairs, formwork reconstruction, and an overhaul of the outlet point to enhance water flow and increase capacity. The initiative, which also included extending the supply line to the community centre, was jointly supported by the Bau District Office, which facilitated local coordination and community engagement.

As part of the collaboration, NREB provided strategic collaboration and community engagement efforts to ensure the project met local needs, while Chemsain provided the technical expertise, manpower, and resources required to complete the refurbishment and fully restore the GFS system.

Datu Jack Anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak, said the system not only provides clean water to Kampung Atas and Kampung Badul but also enhances quality of life in an environmentally responsible and socially inclusive way.

“Beyond the immediate benefits, I hope this project raises awareness on the importance of conserving our water resources,” he said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Chemsain Konsultant Sdn Bhd director Brian Chong said the effort reflects the company’s values of delivering sustainable, community-focused solutions.

“We’re proud to support initiatives that make a real difference in people’s lives, especially when they also strengthen environmental resilience,” said Chong.

A simple handover ceremony was held on 26 July 2026 at the Kampung Atas Community Centre to mark the project’s completion,





The programme was officiated by Deputy Minister for Infrastructure and Port Development Sarawak and Samalaju assemblyman (ADUN) Dato Majang Renggi.

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT KAMPUNG KUALA NYALAU, BINTULU

BINTULU, August 17 — Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak continues to strengthen its environmental conservation efforts through the organisation of the Community Environmental Awareness Programme held at Kampung Kuala Nyalau here.

The programme successfully attracted the participation of more than 200 local residents who turned up in support of the green initiative and to enhance awareness of the importance of environmental protection. The closing ceremony was officiated by Deputy Minister for Infrastructure and Port Development Sarawak and Samalaju assemblyman (ADUN) Dato Majang Renggi. In his speech, he emphasised the important role of the community in supporting government policies related to environmental conservation and called for sustainability values to be embedded in daily life.

Also present to enliven the programme were Deputy Controller (Management) Mr Kenny Poon and other invited guests. The presence of these leaders reflects strong support for efforts to empower rural communities on environmental issues



A variety of engaging activities were held throughout the programme, including a beach clean-up gotong-royong, a colouring contest for children, and a used cooking oil collection campaign.

These activities not only provided the community with exposure to sustainable practices but also encouraged active participation in maintaining the cleanliness and health of their environment.





Datuk Len Talif officiated the symbolic launch of PSEA 2025/2026.

THE 12TH PREMIER OF SARAWAK ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD (PSEA) 2025/2026 LAUNCHING CEREMONY

BINTULU, September 11 — The Premier Environmental Award (PSEA) 2025/2026 was officially launched on Thursday at the Imperial Hotel, Bintulu by the Deputy Minister for Urban Planning, Land Administration and Environment, Datuk Len Talif Salleh, as the state's highest recognition of excellence in environmental management and sustainable development.

In his officiating speech, Datuk Len emphasised that the PSEA is not merely an award but a movement that inspires change.

“Since its introduction in 2001, the PSEA has served as a platform to celebrate innovation, responsibility and leadership in sustainable development.”

He also highlighted Sarawak's leadership in the national agenda through the enactment of the Natural Resources and Environment Ordinance 2024 and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Ordinance 2023, making the state the first in Malaysia to introduce dedicated climate legislation.

Sarawak is also implementing a range of green initiatives, including the Sustainability Blueprint 2030 and the Net Zero 2050 Vision, the development of renewable energy and green hydrogen, carbon capture efforts, as well as waste management measures such as modern incinerator plants, the biomass project in Lubok Antu, and studies on hydrogen production from livestock waste. He stressed that the success of the green agenda requires broad participation from the industrial sector through ESG practices, to communities through community-based initiatives, and individuals adopting sustainable lifestyles



The symbolic launch of the PSEA 2025/2026 was officiated by YB Datuk Len Talif Salleh and received thunderous applause from the audience, signalling a collective commitment to realising the vision of a “Green, Clean and Healthy Sarawak.”

Meanwhile, Sarawak Environmental Quality Controller Datu Jack anak Liam described the PSEA as a prestigious platform that recognises excellence across multiple sectors, including industry, local authorities, communities and individuals. He noted that the rise in participation — from 99 entries in 2017/2018 to 212 in 2023/2024 — reflects the growing sustainability awareness among Sarawakians.

The theme of the 12th edition, “Strengthening Environmental Endeavours for a Resilient Sarawak,” calls for stronger environmental policies, the promotion of green innovation, and multi-stakeholder collaboration to build a more resilient state.

This edition also introduces new award categories, including the fisheries and aquaculture sector, with rigorous evaluation conducted through independent audits to ensure credibility.





NREB in collaboration with the JKKK of Rumah Bujang Empayang Baruh, Kabong, organised a two-day Community Environmental Awareness Programme from Sept 12 until 14th.

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME RH. BUJANG EMPAYANG BARUH COMMUNITY, KABONG

KABONG, September 14 — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak, in collaboration with the JKKK of Rumah Bujang Empayang Baruh here, organised a two-day Community Environmental Awareness Programme from Sept 12 until yesterday.

The programme aimed to enhance local community understanding of the importance of environmental sustainability through various activities such as *gotong-royong*, colouring contests for school and preschool students, used cooking oil collection campaign and exhibitions by government agencies.

Among the participating agencies were the Department of Irrigation and Drainage Betong Division, Saratok District Health Office, Sarawak Infectious Disease Centre (SIDC), the Malaysian Drug Prevention Association (PEMADAM) and the Kabong District Office.

A talk on solid waste management was also delivered by NREB officers together with speakers from the Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), the Department of Irrigation and Drainage Betong Division, and the Saratok Civil Defence Force.

Ybhg. Dato Mohd Chee Kadir, who officiated the programme, said such efforts are in line with the state's development direction under the Post-COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030.

"Sarawak has formulated a clear development direction through the Post-COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030, which emphasises three key pillars: economic prosperity, social inclusivity and environmental sustainability.

"At the same time, Sarawak is committed to achieving Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050 through renewable energy such as green hydrogen, carbon trading and the circular economy," he said.

He stressed that environmental awareness programmes not only provide exposure to the community but also strengthen collaboration between the government, relevant agencies and the local community.

Meanwhile, Datu Jack Anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak, in a speech text read by NREB Deputy Controller (Operations) ChM. Penny Sumok, said the board remains committed to ensuring the state's environment continues to be preserved for the well-being of the people





Programme officiated by Tuan Hajis Japar Labaw, Political Secretary to the Premier of Sarawak.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME WITH THE COMMUNITY AT RUMAH JOHNSON JANGGU, SELOI TENGAH, SIBUTI, BEKENU, MIRI

BEKENU, September 27 — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak, in collaboration with Sarawak Plantation Berhad, organised the Environmental Awareness Programme with the Community of Rumah Johnson Janggu, Selo Tengah, Sibuti, Bekenu, Miri on 27 September 2025.

The programme was officiated by Tuan Hajis Japar Labaw, Political Secretary to the Premier of Sarawak.

The awareness programme featured a range of environmental activities involving the children of the Rumah Johnson Janggu community. A compost making demonstration was conducted by the General Manager of the Sarawak Rubber Industry Board (SARIB). In addition, exhibition booths were set up by Sarawak Plantation Berhad, Majlis Daerah Subis, Land and Survey Department, Department of Agriculture (Miri Division) and NREB.

NREB also delivered an environmental awareness talk to the community, alongside speakers from Majlis Daerah Subis, Sarawak River Board and Sarawak Rubber Industry Board, further strengthening efforts to promote environmental responsibility and sustainable practices within the local community.



Datuk Dr Hazland Abang Hipni officiated the SEP Series 2/2025 at Imperial Hotel Kuching

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME SERIES 2/2025

KUCHING, October 14 — Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak, organised the second series of the Stakeholder Engagement Programme, officiated by the Honourable Deputy Minister for Energy and Environmental Sustainability, YB Datuk Dr. Hazland Abang Hipni.

Following the first session held in Miri this second series held at Imperial Hotel Kuching brought together approximately 220 stakeholders, including project proponents, developers, EIA consultants and representatives from various government agencies. The strong participation reflects a shared commitment towards enhancing environmental management in Sarawak.

Carrying the theme “Empowering Development Through Environmental Awareness and Compliance”, the programme aimed to:

- Enhance understanding of new environmental legislation and requirements
- Update stakeholders on NREB’s initiatives in strengthening enforcement and monitoring
- Foster partnerships and promote environmental stewardship

A total of five insightful papers were presented, covering key areas such as:

- Briefing on the Natural Resources and Environment Ordinance, 2024
- The Importance of Screening Process under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulatory Framework
- Strengthening Enforcement for Better Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Compliance
- River Water Quality Status and Way Forward
- Empowering Change Through Environmental Education



The programme also highlighted NREB's ongoing efforts to strengthen the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process through improved guidelines, the establishment of evaluation and screening committees, enhancement of the EIA Consultant Star Rating system, and the development of an online submission platform in line with the State's digitalisation goals.

In addition, NREB shared updates on its strategic initiatives including organisational restructuring, the development of the Environmental Information System Sarawak (EnvISS), strengthened enforcement collaboration and continuous capacity building among its officers. Emphasis was also placed on data-driven environmental monitoring as well as strategic partnerships through MoU and MoA to advance sustainable environmental governance.





YAB Premier Sarawak Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg at NREB Excellence And Service Awards Night

NREB EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE AWARDS NIGHT 2025

KUCHING, October 9 — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) hosted their Excellence and Service Awards Night in a meaningful ceremony officiated by YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier of Sarawak.

The evening celebrated the dedication and achievements of NREB officers through the presentation of awards. A total of 33 officers were honoured with the Pingat Bakti NREB in recognition of their and over 20 years of service. In addition, 18 officers received the Anugerah Perkhidmatan Cemerlang (APC) for their outstanding performance and exemplary contributions in 2024. These recognitions underscore NREB's commitment to fostering excellence, integrity, and professionalism within the organisation.

Beyond the awards presentation, the event also served as a platform to reflect on NREB's organisational growth and achievements. Continuous efforts have been made to strengthen stakeholder engagement through briefings on new regulations, standard operating procedures, and key initiatives. At the same time, a culture of innovation has been actively promoted through Quality Control Circle (KIK) teams, with notable achievements including a 3-star recognition at SCSICA 2024 and a Silver Award at the Malaysia Technology Expo 2024. NREB also recorded significant accomplishments in organisational performance and governance. The Board received recognition for Best Data Cataloguing and Best Webmaster in the Sarawak Civil Service.

Looking ahead, NREB remains committed to enhancing environmental governance and enforcement, embracing digitalisation, and advancing the circular and green economy. NREB will continue to align its strategies with Sarawak's Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030, while mobilising collective efforts towards achieving net zero emissions by 2050 and safeguarding the environment for future generations.





Datu Jack anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak, together with participants from government agencies, industry representatives and strategic partners

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ON FORMULATING FLARING AND VENTING GUIDELINES

KUCHING, October 22 — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) recently held an engagement session at Raia Hotel and Convention Centre here to support the Restrictions on Flaring and Venting Rules 2025 and introducing the new 'Guidelines for the Flaring and Venting Rules, 2025' to stakeholders.

Under these rules, which came into effect Nov 1, operators are required to obtain prior consent from the Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak before undertaking any such activities in accordance with Section 5 of the Ordinance.

In the session, YBhg. Datu Jack Anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak, said that to date, a total of 18 business entities from the oil and gas sector and one from the energy sector had registered with NREB, which reflected the strong commitment and proactive compliance of key industry players in aligning their operations with Sarawak's regulatory framework and climate objectives. The session served a dual purpose: to clarify key requirements and to proactively engage stakeholders by gathering feedback, addressing concerns and integrating their valuable insights.

The engagement marks another step forward in Sarawak's environmental leadership, reinforcing the State's proactive stance in achieving a sustainable, low-carbon future. NREB said this aligns with the World Bank's 'Zero Routine Flaring by 2030' initiative, and builds upon the legal foundation for Sarawak's transition towards achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 through the Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Ordinance 2023.

Among those present were Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak Datu Jack Liam; Khairul Kabir Abdul Kadir from the State Attorney-General's Chambers; Elizabeth Dato Nyomek from the state Ministry of Energy and Environmental Sustainability; and 20 representatives from various business entities.



The Premier of Sarawak officiated the Sarawak-level National Environment Day 2025.

HARI ALAM SEKITAR NEGARA 2025

KUCHING, Oktober 29 — The Sarawak level celebration of Hari Alam Sekitar Negara (HASN) 2025 was successfully held on 29 October 2025 at Roxy Beach Resort, Sematan, under the theme “Driving Sustainability, Achieving Net Zero.” The event highlighted Sarawak’s continued commitment to strengthening environmental governance and advancing sustainable development.

The celebration was graced by The Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier of Sarawak, who reaffirmed the State’s strategic direction towards expanding advanced recycling and waste-to-wealth initiatives. Key focus areas include palm oil biomass utilisation, electronic waste processing, solar panel recycling and the development of sustainable aviation fuel all aligned with Sarawak’s net-zero aspirations.

More than 450 participants attended the event including representatives from government agencies, local communities and schools across Sarawak. The programme featured an environmental exhibition showcasing sustainability initiatives, the launch of the Guidance Document on Interpreting ECA Terms and Conditions for Forestry Sector Projects in Sarawak and the Exchange of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NREB and DNS Waste Management Sdn. Bhd.

The celebration also recognised young environmental advocates through the prize giving ceremony for the Young Environmental Storytellers (YES) Digital Competition. In addition, mock cheques contributed by Thian Sheng Automobile and Services Sdn. Bhd., DNS Waste Management Sdn. Bhd., Trienekens Sarawak Sdn. Bhd., Tectonic & Sons Holdings Sdn Bhd. and Press Metal Bintulu Sdn. Bhd. were presented under the Environmental Education Fund to support ongoing environmental awareness and education initiatives.





YB Dato Palu @ Paulus Palu Anak Gumbang, ADUN Batu Danau, officiated the closing ceremony on Nov 8, 2025.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME WITH THE RH. TOM TANAH MERAH COMMUNITY

LIMBANG, November 8 — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak, in collaboration with the Sarawak Rivers Board, organised the Environmental, River Safety and Cleanliness Awareness Programme with the community of Rh. Tom Tanah Merah, Nanga Medamit.

The two-day programme, held from Nov 7 to 8, 2025, emphasised active community participation in efforts to protect and preserve the environment.

The closing ceremony on Nov 8 was officiated by YB Dato Palu @ Paulus Palu Anak Gumbang, ADUN N.80 Batu Danau, who expressed appreciation to all participating agencies and local residents for their strong commitment in ensuring the programme's success.

The initiative formed part of ongoing efforts to enhance public awareness on the importance of environmental conservation and river cleanliness among local communities.

A key focus of the programme was the direct and active involvement of community members working hand-in-hand with government agencies to monitor, report and curb activities that could harm or degrade the environment.

In addition to residents of Rh. Tom, the programme drew participation from communities representing 15 surrounding villages, reflecting strong grassroots support for environmental protection efforts in the Limbang area.

Through initiatives such as this, NREB Sarawak continues to strengthen community-based environmental stewardship in line with the state's vision of a Green, Clean and Healthy Sarawak.

A wide range of educational, awareness and public participation activities were conducted throughout the two-day programme. These included a fire extinguisher usage demonstration by the Limbang Division Fire and Rescue Department, colouring contests for community children and pupils of SK Nanga Medamit, as well as a gotong-royong clean-up around the longhouse vicinity. The programme was further enlivened by community sukaneka activities that fostered interaction and teamwork among residents.

Several informative talks were also delivered, including an Environmental Management talk by NREB Sarawak, a River Safety and Cleanliness Awareness talk by the Sarawak Rivers Board, and a Domestic Waste Management talk by the Limbang District Council. These sessions aimed to strengthen public knowledge and awareness on sustainability and river safety.

The programme also featured interactive exhibitions involving various agencies, including NREB, the Limbang Divisional Health Office, the Limbang Fire and Rescue Department, the Limbang Division Department of Agriculture, the Limbang District National Anti-Drugs Agency, Sarawak Forestry Corporation, the Limbang Iban Association, and Maltimur Aktif Unggul JV, further enriching community engagement throughout the event.





Group photo with Datuk Abdullah bin Haji Saidol

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME IN BINTANGOR MERADONG

BINTANGOR, November 13 — The Environmental Awareness Programme in Bintangor, Meradong, organised by the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) in collaboration with the Majlis Daerah Meradong & Julau and the Land Custody and Development Authority (LCDA), was successfully held on Thursday, 13 November 2025, at Dewan Masyarakat Bintangor.

The programme featured a series of engaging and informative activities aimed at strengthening environmental awareness among the local community. These included awareness talks delivered by NREB, Majlis Daerah Meradong & Julau, the Sarawak Rivers Board, and the Pejabat Pertanian Daerah Meradong. A fire safety briefing, along with a live fire extinguishing demonstration, was also conducted by the Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (Meradong District).

Exhibition booths by participating agencies provided further opportunities for public engagement and learning. Adding a lively touch to the event, a colouring competition themed “Love Our Earth” was organised for primary school students from the Bintangor area.

In addition, a Used Cooking Oil Collection Campaign was held in collaboration with Timuran Kembangan Sdn. Bhd., from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the Dewan Masyarakat Bintangor compound, reinforcing ongoing efforts to promote sustainable environmental practices within the community.

The programme was officiated by YB Datuk Abdullah bin Haji Saidol and attended by YB Datuk Ding Kuong Hiing. Also present was Datu Jack anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak.





The ceremony was officiated by Datu Jack Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak.

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME 2025 UNDER THE RIVER RECOVERY (R2) SUNGAI PLAN PROJECT

BINTULU, December 5 — The Community Awareness Programme under the River Recovery (R2) Sungai Plan 2025, themed “Kelestarian Sungai Plan, Tanggungjawab Bersama,” was successfully held at Kemena Plaza Hotel, Bintulu.

The programme was implemented as part of the River Recovery (R2) Sungai Plan 2025 initiative through strategic collaboration between the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak, Malaysia LNG Sdn. Bhd. (MLNG), Bintulu Development Authority (BDA), the Department of Environment (JAS), and Universiti Putra Malaysia Sarawak (UPMS).

The opening ceremony was officiated by Sarawak Environmental Quality Controller YBhg. Datu Jack Anak Liam. The programme aimed to strengthen public awareness on the importance of protecting and rehabilitating Sungai Plan while encouraging local communities to play a more active role in maintaining environmental cleanliness and sustainability.

The programme saw participation from community leaders representing the Sungai Plan area. It was further enlivened by the presence of students from SK Tanjung Batu and SMK Asyakin, reflecting strong youth engagement in environmental education initiatives and ongoing efforts to nurture awareness from the school level.

A range of informative sessions and practical activities were conducted throughout the programme. NREB delivered a talk titled “River Water Quality Balance and the Role of Local Communities,” while Bintulu Development Authority (BDA) presented on “Solid Waste Management from Home to Landfill.” Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) also shared insights through its session “Crocodile Population Growth in Relation to Increasing Waste.”

UPMS conducted an environmental awareness module through a compost-making workshop to promote the reuse of organic waste. NREB further organised an Eco Brick Workshop, providing participants with hands-on exposure to recycling plastic waste into construction materials.

In addition, a Used Cooking Oil Buy-Back Campaign was held from 9.00am to 4.00pm at the Kemena Plaza parking area in collaboration with Green Town Eco Sdn. Bhd., encouraging responsible waste management practices among the public.





NREB SENIOR OFFICERS' RETREAT

BINTULU — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak organised the NREB Senior Officers' Retreat from Dec 7 to 10, 2025, bringing together 150 officers from the headquarters and divisional offices under the theme “Revisit, Rethink, Recharge.”

The four-day retreat served as a strategic platform to review NREB's achievements for 2025, deliberate on key organisational challenges and set the strategic direction and work plans for 2026. The programme placed strong emphasis on strengthening teamwork, governance and cross-divisional alignment.

The retreat commenced with a Motivational Talk delivered by Mr Zukernain Wook. It was officially opened by Sarawak Environmental Quality Controller YBhg. Datu Jack Anak Liam, who underscored the importance of continuous improvement and strategic foresight in addressing increasingly complex environmental challenges.

Participants were also briefed on updated standard operating procedures (SOPs) and guidelines, including the Star Rating Assessment Framework for EIA Consultants, Revised EIA Report Evaluation Framework, and the Revised Post-EIA Monitoring Guidelines for EMR Submission.

Throughout the retreat, heads of divisions and units presented their performance updates, highlighted key issues and proposed targeted interventions to enhance NREB's operational efficiency and environmental governance.

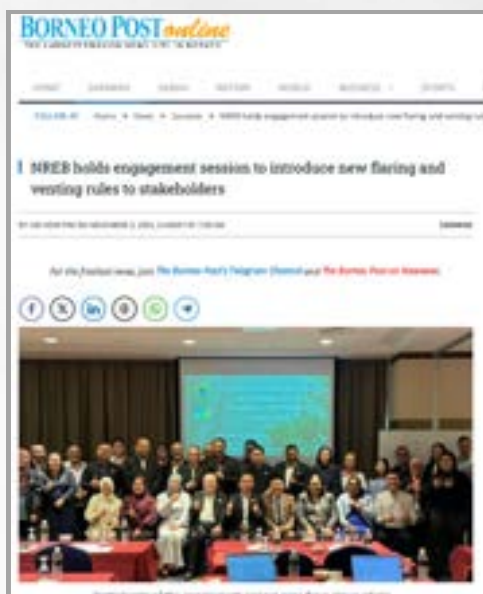
The presentation of the NREB Annual Programme and Activity Calendar 2026 by the Corporate Relations Unit further highlighted efforts to ensure coordinated implementation across all divisions.

Open dialogue and leadership alignment

An Open Dialogue Session chaired by Datu Jack Anak Liam provided a platform for officers to discuss performance gaps, operational issues and opportunities to strengthen collaboration.

The retreat concluded with a comprehensive review of 2025 performance, the setting of strategic priorities for 2026, and renewed leadership alignment across NREB — reinforcing the organisation's readiness to advance Sarawak's environmental sustainability agenda





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