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UITM SARAWAK EDUCATIONAL VISIT

KUCHING, 5 January — On 5 January 2026, NREB had the pleasure of hosting 18 students and their lecturer from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak as part of an educational visit under the Collaborative Group Collaborative Teaching (CGCT) initiative for the course Environmental Chemistry (CHM576).

The visit provided students with insights into waste management and environmental sustainability, complementing the theoretical concepts learned in their coursework. They also had the opportunity to engage with NREB's team, gaining first-hand knowledge of environmental practices and sustainable initiatives in action.





DISCOVERY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP FOR GREENHOUSE GAS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (GHG-MS) PHASE 2

KUCHING, 9 January — A total of 30 participants had attended the programme comprises of NREB, SAGC, MEESTy, SAINS, ACCENTURE and PWC (attending online).

The workshop aimed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of Sarawak's carbon management policies, plans and roadmaps including the Study on Carbon Levy and Carbon Pricing of Sarawak, the Sarawak Net Zero Strategy and Carbon Plan and the Carbon Credit Mechanism for Sarawak as presented by the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Sustainability (MEESTy). The workshop also facilitated knowledge sharing on international best practices through presentations on Singapore's EDMA system by Accenture, focusing on carbon levy implementation, carbon credit management and compliance modules. In addition, a needs assessment session was conducted to identify and define the key deliverables and scope for Phase 2 of the Greenhouse Gas Management System (GHG-MS).

The workshop concluded with a final walkthrough of the proposed deliverables including specific system modules as well as a proposed timeline, providing a clear direction for the next phase of GHG-MS development.



MAJLIS AMANAT BY THE CONTROLLER OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SARAWAK, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD (NREB), SARAWAK

KUCHING, 13 February — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak organised a *Majlis Amanat* by YBhg. Datu Jack Anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak, in conjunction with the 32nd Anniversary of NREB. The event was attended by officers and staff from the NREB Headquarters, as well as Heads of NREB Regional Offices from across Sarawak.

During the *amanat*, emphasis was placed on the importance of integrity as the foundation of all duties and responsibilities, as well as the NREB Strategic Plan 2025–2030, which serves as the agency’s roadmap for the future. Participants were also briefed on the implementation of new initiatives for 2026, the use of the SCS Scorecard as a performance evaluation tool and the establishment of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to support organisational transformation and innovation. In addition, the event highlighted NREB’s planned programmes and activities for 2026.

The event also witnessed the recitation of the *Ikrar Integriti Korporat Lembaga Sumber Asli Dan Alam Sekitar Sarawak*, as well as the renewal of the Integrity Pledge and Integrity Pact by NREB officers.





ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT (ECA) PILOT PROJECT LAUNCHING CEREMONY

KUCHING, 25 February — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak organised the Launching Ceremony of the Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA) Pilot Project for the Agriculture, Quarry and Mining Sectors on 25 February 2026 at the Auditorium TEGAS Digital Village.

The ceremony was officiated by Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh, Deputy Minister for Urban Planning, Land Administration and Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and Urban Development, Sarawak. This pilot project represents the second phase of ECA implementation following the successful pilot in the forestry sector. The initiative is designed to prepare the Agriculture, Quarry and Mining sectors for the full implementation of the Natural Resources and Environment (Audit) Rules, 2008 by January 2027.

Objectives of the Pilot Project:

- i. Officially introduce the Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA) Pilot Project
- ii. Communicate the purpose, scope and expected outcomes of the pilot
- iii. Strengthen collaboration between NREB and participating stakeholders
- iv. Promote awareness of environmental compliance responsibilities and self-regulation
- v. Demonstrate leadership commitment towards sustainable environmental management

The programme commenced with a Pilot Project briefing by Mr. Mathew Losey, followed by a sharing session on ECA implementation in the forestry sector by Mr. Nelson Bijack James Chas.

The ceremony also featured the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signing Ceremony involving 14 participating companies, which included Grand Mutual Sdn Bhd, Palmcol Oil Palm Plantation, Ta Ann Pelita Durin Plantation Sdn Bhd, Eastern Eden Sdn Bhd, Linau Mewah Sdn Bhd, Rinwood Pelita (Mukah) Plantation Sdn Bhd, Kumpulan Kris Jati Sdn Bhd, SALCRA Kedup I Oil Palm Estate, Timrest Sdn Bhd, PJP Pelita Biawak Plantation Sdn Bhd, Nescaya Palma Sdn Bhd, Sarawak Plantation Berhad (Peninjau Estate), Cahya Mata Cement Sdn Bhd and Hollystone Quarry Sdn Bhd.

Through the MoU, participating companies formalised their commitment to collaborate closely with NREB in ensuring smooth implementation of the environmental compliance audit, enhancing understanding of audit requirements and strengthening compliance management systems across the sectors.





CARBON MARKET & REGISTRY READINESS PROGRAM

KUCHING, 2-3 March — NREB in partnership with Bursa Carbon Exchange (BCX) has successfully conducted the Carbon Market & Registry Readiness Program on 2 and 3 March 2026. This program held in Borneo Convention Centre Kuching was attended by about 45 NREB staffs from all the Divisions at Headquarters and Divisional Offices together with representatives from Ministry of Energy and Environmental Sustainability Sarawak and the Ministry of Natural Resources of Urban Development. The program is held to build a foundational understanding of the carbon market and lay the groundwork for the eventual framework design leveraging the industry expertise and knowledge in fulfilment of the Memorandum of Collaboration (MOC) signed between NREB and Bursa Carbon Exchange (BCX) on 8 October 2025.

Day 1 of the program started with an opening remark by Mdm. Rahmah Biak, Head of Policy & Planning Division NREB. Dr. Wei-nee Chen, Head of Carbon Market, Bursa Malaysia provided an overview of the status and trends in the carbon market with expert insights on carbon projects in Malaysia. The technical presentations were delivered by:

1. Ms. Chen Saw Ling, Chief Technical Officer, Eco-Ideal Consulting Sdn. Bhd.
Carbon Credit Project Development and Potential in Sarawak
2. Dr. Malcom Demies, Head of Forest Carbon Unit and Research Officer, Forest Department Sarawak
Forest Carbon Initiatives in Sarawak
3. Ms. Ivy Wong Abdullah, Chief Executive Officer, Permian Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.
Kuamut Rainforest Conservation Project (KRCP) Experience
4. Ms. Endela Anak Tipot, Chief Operating Officer, Worldview Climate Solutions (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.
Mangrove Project Development – A Case Study: Sarawak Blue Carbon Initiative

Day 2 of the program introduced carbon registries and BCX to participants, with an additional live demonstration of the BCX platform to aid their understanding, with presentations from:

1. Ms. Teoh Shu Woan, Carbon Analyst, Bursa Malaysia

Understanding Carbon Registries

2. En. Muhammad Rizal Azmi, Vice President, Business and Product Development, Carbon Market, Bursa Malaysia

Introduction to BCX

3. En. Hazril Izan bin Bahari, Vice President, Alternative Product Operations, Bursa Malaysia

Demo on BCX

With Sarawak's vast forests, biodiversity and renewable energy potential, the State is well-positioned to lead Malaysia in nature-based and technology-based carbon solutions. The program reinforced the importance of FPIC, transparent benefit-sharing, additionality, permanence and market integrity towards supporting Sarawak's PCDS 2030 and net-zero ambitions by 2050.

This program marks an important step in strengthening Sarawak's readiness for carbon market infrastructure, projects and registries. Sarawak continues to advance toward a robust carbon market ecosystem, strengthening its role as a national leader in climate governance and sustainable development.





OIL AND GAS PROCESS ENGINEERING COURSE

KUCHING, 16-17 March — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak has organised a two-day workshop on Oil and Gas Process Engineering for Non-Process Auditors, held from 16 to 17 March 2026 at Imperial Hotel Kuching. The workshop brings together 34 officers from NREB's headquarters and divisional offices across Sarawak, reflecting the agency's strong commitment to building its regulatory capacity in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions monitoring and oversight.

The workshop is organized in support of the implementation of the Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Ordinance 2023, which represents a pivotal step in Sarawak's journey towards achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. Under this Ordinance, business entities operating within scheduled economic sectors from the energy and oil and gas sectors are required to submit verified carbon emission reports to NREB.

These reports must incorporate emission sources and activities in accordance with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHGP) Standard, which covers direct emissions from own or controlled sources (Scope 1) and indirect emissions from the consumption of purchased electricity, heat or steam (Scope 2), which is quantified in metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO_2e).

The two-day programme was designed to provide a practical learning experience and equip participants with a better understanding of offshore oil and gas processing operations. The participants enhanced their ability to interpret key technical documents such as Process Flow Diagrams (PFDs) and Piping and Instrumentation Diagrams (P&IDs), while strengthening their capacity to identify major greenhouse gas (GHG) emission sources and key emission drivers within upstream facilities. The training also highlighted common sources of emissions, including fugitive emissions and loss of process containment such as vents, drains, purges, and blowdowns.

In his opening remarks, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak Datu Jack anak Liam, emphasized the critical role of NREB officers as regulators in ensuring that greenhouse gas emissions are accurately quantified and properly reported.

"Emission sources are not always clearly visible in operator reports, equipment lists, or standard documentation. Identifying these sources requires both knowledge and practical skills, as well as a deeper understanding of how a facility operates," said Datu Jack. He also expressed hope that participants would gain greater confidence in identifying potential emission sources, verifying reported information, and enhancing the overall quality of environmental inspections and regulatory decision-making.

Overall, the training is expected to support the NREB officers in assessing the completeness and accuracy of the Carbon Emission Report submissions.





NREB BUILD CAPACITY IN REVIEWING OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FLARING & VENTING MANAGEMENT PLAN

KUCHING, 1 April — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak today organised a Workshop on Understanding and Reviewing of Oil and Gas Development Plans (OGDP) and Flaring and Venting Management Plans (FVMP) at Pullman Hotel Kuching.

The one-day workshop brought together twenty (20) NREB officers, with the objective of enhancing their technical knowledge and strengthening regulatory capacity in evaluating applications related to flaring and venting activities within the oil and gas sector.

The programme commenced with opening remarks by Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak, which was read by Head of the Policy and Planning Division Madam Rahmah Biak. who emphasised the importance of robust technical understanding in ensuring effective environmental oversight. “Every consent we issue carries the weight of law and the trust of the people of Sarawak. A poorly informed approval can lead to years of excess emissions. A well-informed review can prevent environmental harm before it happens,” she said. Sarawak has taken significant steps in strengthening environmental governance. The Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Ordinance, 2023 provides the legal framework for controlling greenhouse gas emissions and regulating the release of hydrocarbons into the atmosphere.

Under the Flaring and Venting Rules 2025, no business entity or operator may flare or vent hydrocarbon without a written consent from the Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak. This consent is conditional upon a rigorous review of the FVMP and, where applicable, the OGDP.

Training sessions were conducted by experts from Bureau Veritas (M) Sdn. Bhd., providing practical insights and industry perspectives on OGDP and FVMP assessments.



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME WITH COMMUNITY FROM DALAT & OYA DISTRICT

MUKAH, 9 April — NREB Sarawak successfully conducted the Environmental Awareness Programme with the Community, which brought together 250 participants comprising residents from the Dalat District and Oya Sub-District, including community leaders and local residents. The programme aimed to enhance public awareness and understanding of the importance of environmental protection and conservation, while promoting sustainable practices in daily life.

The event commenced with a welcoming address by Mr. Timothy Abet Anak Isik, Head of the NREB Mukah Division Office, representing the Controller of Environmental Quality, Sarawak.

The officiating ceremony was conducted by Mr. Mathew Bin Hubert, Dalat District Officer, representing YB Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah, Minister for Women, Early Childhood and Community Wellbeing Development Sarawak and Member of ADUN for N.56 Dalat.

Throughout the programme, various comprehensive and interactive activities were carried out, including:

Agency Exhibitions

The exhibitions featured participation from NREB Sarawak, Sarawak Energy Berhad, the Mukah Divisional Health Office, the Dalat and Mukah District Council and the Department of Environment Sibu Branch. These exhibitions provided participants with insights into the roles of the respective agencies in environmental management, best environmental practices for daily living, as well as information on health and environmental hygiene.

Awareness Talks

Talks were delivered by NREB officers on topics including Air Pollution and the Prohibition of Open Burning, as well as the Circular Economy. The Dalat District Agriculture Department also highlighted the importance of proper land clearing practices for agricultural purposes.

Firefighting Demonstration

A firefighting demonstration conducted by the Mukah Fire and Rescue Department provided participants with exposure to basic firefighting techniques and essential safety measures during emergencies.

Health Screening

Health screening services provided by the Mukah Divisional Health Department offered participants the opportunity to undergo basic health examinations and receive health-related advice.

Lucky Draw

A lucky draw sponsored by Sarawak Energy Berhad added excitement to the programme and encouraged active participation throughout the event.

The active involvement of the community alongside government agencies reflects a shared commitment towards building a more environmentally conscious and responsible society, while fostering long-term environmental sustainability.





MALAYSIA TECHNOLOGY EXPO 2026: NREB SARAWAK WINS THREE AWARDS

Kuala Lumpur, 10 April — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak achieved a remarkable milestone by securing three awards at the Malaysia Technology Expo (MTE) 2026, held at the World Trade Centre Kuala Lumpur.

The awards received were Petrosains Special Award and Public Service Innovation Asia (PSIA) Award 2026 (Bronze Award for the innovation “PALS Club (Kelab Pencinta Alam Sekitar): Enhancing Environmental Education through Digital Data Management and Engagement.” Also, Public Service Innovation Asia (PSIA) Award 2026 (Silver Award) for the project “Advancing Environmental Management Through the Greenhouse Gas Management System (GHG-MS).”

NREB Sarawak’s success at MTE 2026 demonstrates its unwavering commitment to leveraging technology and innovation to enhance environmental management and promote sustainable development. The recognition received reflects the organisation’s continuous efforts to strengthen environmental governance while embracing digital transformation in support of a greener future.



WWF-MALAYSIA COURTESY VISIT TO NREB SARAWAK

Kuching, 21 April — On 21 April 2026, WWF-Malaysia paid a courtesy visit to the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak at NREB Headquarters. The session was chaired by Deputy Controller (Management) Mr. Kenny Poon. The visit was held to introduce WWF-Malaysia's team and share updates on its ongoing conservation initiatives in Sarawak.

The agenda of the session covered About WWF-Malaysia (SCP), Current WWF-Malaysia Work in Sarawak, Current Collaboration, and Way Forward. During the presentation, WWF-Malaysia shared its work across key landscapes in Sarawak, including the Ulu Ai-Sedilu Orangutan Landscape, Rajang Freshwater Protection Landscape, and Northern Sarawak Connectivity Landscape.

Among the initiatives presented were orangutan conservation in Ulu Sungai Menyang, rehabilitation work at SALCRA Lemanak OPE, Jagoi Heritage Forest, Gunung Lesong-Ulu Sebuyau, mangrove conservation and marine mammals in Rajang-Belawai-Paloh, sustainable pepper planting in Katibas, Pasin Project FMU HCV Enhancement, and sustainable paddy cultivation in Ba' Kelalan. WWF-Malaysia also highlighted its current collaboration through EIA engagement, policy input, and technical sharing, and outlined the way forward through continuous EIA engagement, green infrastructure, and open discussion for future collaboration.





NREB, EDF AND SDI DISCUSS POTENTIAL COLLABORATION ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION AND DECARBONISATION

Kuching, 23 April — A meeting session between NREB and representatives from the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and the Sarawak Development Institute (SDI) was held as a platform to discuss potential collaboration in support of greenhouse gas emission reduction and decarbonisation efforts in Sarawak, particularly in relation to the implementation of the Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Ordinance, 2023.

EDF shared its experience in methane emission reduction, including international practices, measurement approaches and capacity building initiatives, while SDI highlighted its potential role in policy and governance review, research support, benchmarking and providing a platform for further stakeholder engagement.

The discussion also touched on the importance of strengthening regulatory readiness, improving technical understanding on methane measurement and verification, and exploring suitable technologies for monitoring emissions from relevant sectors.



ENVIRONMENTAL DNA (EDNA) TRAINING AND WORKSHOP

Miri, 29 April — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak, in collaboration with Curtin University Malaysia, successfully conducted the Environmental DNA (eDNA) Training and Workshop on 29 April 2026 at Pullman Waterfront Hotel, Miri.

The programme aimed to strengthen the technical understanding of NREB officers in applying environmental DNA (eDNA) as a modern scientific tool to support environmental monitoring, biodiversity assessment and riverine ecosystem management.

The workshop featured knowledge sharing and hands-on training by invited experts, including Prof. Paul Nevill from Curtin University, Perth, Australia, whose expertise spans molecular ecology, conservation genetics, and eDNA-based biomonitoring. Dr. Ahmad Kamal Ghazali from Apical Scientific Sdn. Bhd. provided insights into eDNA data interpretation and species detection. Prof. Prasanna Mohan Viswanathan from Curtin University Malaysia introduced CHIDAM, a free software for water quality and geochemical data interpretation. Dr. Lee Yih Nin, also from Curtin University Malaysia, shared practical applications of eDNA for biodiversity monitoring from sampling to species detection.

Participants were also exposed to hands-on guidance on eDNA sample collection and were given a questionnaire to assess their understanding of the importance of eDNA in environmental monitoring.

This training is highly relevant to NREB's environmental management functions, particularly in strengthening the biodiversity component of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), ecological monitoring and river health assessment. The application of eDNA can complement conventional field surveys by helping to detect species presence, support biodiversity baseline information, and provide stronger scientific input for environmental review and decision-making.





ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME WITH JEPAK, BINTULU COMMUNITY

Bintulu, 30 April — NREB Sarawak conducted the Environmental Awareness Programme with the Jepak, Bintulu Community on 30 April 2026. The programme served as a platform to enhance knowledge, foster environmental awareness and strengthen collaboration among government agencies, educational institutions, local communities and other relevant stakeholders.

The officiating ceremony was conducted by YB Encik Iskandar Bin Turkee, ADUN N.67 Jepak. Also in attendance was YBhg. Datu Jack Anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak.

Throughout the programme, a variety of activities were carried out. NREB delivered awareness talks highlighting the shared responsibility of addressing environmental issues such as open burning, peatland fires and the principles of the circular economy. The Bintulu Fire and Rescue Department shared practical approaches to extinguishing bush fires, while Universiti Putra Malaysia Bintulu Campus presented a talk entitled “Kitar Now.” This was followed by a presentation from Sarawak Energy Berhad on “Fire and Line Transmission.”

The programme also featured the Jualan Rahmah initiative organised by the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living (KPDN), as well as a used cooking oil collection programme conducted by Green Town Eco Sdn. Bhd. A lucky draw was also held, adding excitement and encouraging active participation among attendees.

The programme received strong support from the Ministry of Urban Development and Natural Resources (MUDENR) and the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Sustainability Sarawak (MEESTy), with the cooperation of the Bintulu Resident's Office, Bintulu District Office, KPDN Bintulu, and the Bintulu Fire and Rescue Department. Strategic partners involved in the programme included HHA Associates, Sarawak Energy Berhad, Green Town Eco Sdn. Bhd., and Universiti Putra Malaysia Bintulu Campus.





ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME WITH DEBAK, BETONG COMMUNITY

Betong, 7 May — NREB Sarawak successfully conducted the Environmental Awareness Programme with the Community in Debak, Betong on 7 May 2026. The programme served as a platform to enhance knowledge, foster environmental awareness, and strengthen collaboration among government agencies, educational institutions, local communities, and other stakeholders in efforts to protect and conserve the environment.

The officiating ceremony was conducted by Mr. Ts. Jefrin Johnny Gutuk @ Mohd. Jefrin Azlan Abdullah, Head of the NREB Betong Division Office, representing YBhg. Datu Jack Anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak. Also present was Mr. Mohammad Khairurani bin Mohammad Ibrahim, *Penolong Pegawai Tadbir Menguasa Pejabat Daerah Kecil Debak*.

Throughout the programme, various activities were carried out, including awareness talks by NREB that highlighted the shared responsibility of addressing issues related to open burning, domestic waste management and circular economy practices. In addition, CENTEXS Betong shared practical methods for producing compost fertilizer, while the Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) delivered a briefing entitled “3M Buaya”. This was followed by a fire safety briefing and demonstration conducted by the Betong Fire and Rescue Department.

The programme also featured health screening services provided by the Debak District Health Department, a used cooking oil collection initiative by Timuran Kembangan Sdn. Bhd. and interactive exhibitions by NREB, the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID), and the Sarawak Information Systems Division Corporation (SIDC). A lucky draw was also held, adding excitement and encouraging active participation among attendees.





NREB EXCELLENCE IN SACSES

Kuching, 9 May — On 9 May 2026, the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak successfully obtained the Sarawak Civil Service Environmental Standard (SACSES) Certification with an Excellent Rating for the certification period from 6 May 2026 to 5 May 2029. The certification was awarded during the Innovative and Creative Circle (ICC) 2026 Mini Convention Awards Ceremony at the Premier of Sarawak Department level, organised by the Sarawak Transformation and Innovation Unit (STIU) and held at the UNIFOR Complex.

The accomplishment reflects the dedication, teamwork, and continuous commitment of all NREB personnel in ensuring that every SACSES requirement and standard was implemented effectively and to the highest level of excellence.

The transition from the implementation of EKSA (Public Sector Conducive Ecosystem) to SACSES further illustrates NREB's ongoing commitment to strengthening a work culture that is systematic, efficient, sustainable and aligned with the organisation's pursuit of excellence.

NREB extends its sincere appreciation and congratulations to all staff members whose dedication and collective efforts contributed to this outstanding achievement. May this culture of excellence continue to be strengthened and enhanced in support of delivering higher-quality, more efficient and sustainable services for the benefit of the community and the State of Sarawak.



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT: ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR PALS CLUB TEACHERS ADVISOR WORKSHOP *PERINGKAT SARAWAK TAHUN 2026*

Sibu, 21 May — The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak organised the Stakeholder Engagement: Environmental Education Module for PALS Club Teacher Advisor Workshop 2026 from 19 to 21 May 2026 at Kingwood Hotel, Sibu. The programme was attended by 114 PALS Club teacher advisors representing 24 districts across Sarawak.

The workshop was designed to gather views, insights, and feedback from teacher advisors regarding the development of an environmental education module under the 13th Malaysia Plan initiative, (Institutionalization of a Comprehensive Environmental Education & Outreach Module for Sarawak). In addition, the programme aimed to strengthen participants' knowledge, skills, and delivery approaches in environmental education to further enhance the effectiveness of environmental awareness programmes in schools.

The closing ceremony was officiated by YBhg. Datu Haji Abdullah bin Julaihi, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Urban Development Sarawak. Also present was YBhg. Datu Jack anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak.

In his remarks, Datu Haji Abdullah highlighted the significance of the PALS Club network, which has been established in 1,460 schools throughout Sarawak and expressed hope that the initiative would nurture a generation of environmentally conscious young people who appreciate the importance of environmental protection and sustainability. He also emphasised the vital role of teachers as key drivers of environmental education, linking their contribution to the achievement of Kuching being recognised among the ten cities with the cleanest air in the world.

The programme received strong support from strategic partners including the Sarawak State Education Department (JPNS), OCI TerraSus Sdn. Bhd., Sarawak Energy Berhad, Press Metal Bintulu Sdn. Bhd., Jaya Tiasa Holdings Berhad, Trienekens (Sarawak) Sdn. Bhd., Petronas Sarawak, and Fraser and Neave (F&N) Holdings Berhad.





OFFICE VEHICLE HANDOVER TO NREB DIVISIONAL OFFICES

Kuching, 29 May — Vehicle handover ceremony was held at the lobby of Menara Pelita, Kuching, for the official handover of eight (8) Toyota Hilux four wheel drive vehicles to NREB divisional offices.

The ceremony was attended by Division Heads, Head of Units and Head of NREB Divisional Offices throughout Sarawak. The provision of these vehicles is intended to strengthen the logistical and operational capabilities of the divisional offices, particularly in enhancing the efficiency of enforcement activities, environmental monitoring and service delivery across the state.

In addition, the availability of these official vehicles is expected to facilitate field operations, expedite monitoring and inspection activities and improve the overall effectiveness of official duties within their respective divisions.

The ceremony concluded with a symbolic key handover session, followed by a group photo session involving all officers in attendance with YBhg. Datu Jack anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak.



NREB AT THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT KIK CONVENTION 2026

Kuching, 8 - 11 June — NREB is proud to have participated in the MUDeNR Innovation and Creative Group (KIK) Convention 2026, showcasing our commitment to innovation, creativity and continuous improvement.

This year, NREB recorded an increase in participation compared to 2024 by fielding five teams: TerraHaz, Greenova, PALS Rangers, Enforcer and NexGen United.

The convention brought together 31 teams from agencies under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Urban Development (MUDeNR), including the Land Custody and Development Authority (LCDA), Land and Survey Department (L&SD), Sarawak Forestry Department (SFD), Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), Natural Resources and Environment Board Sarawak (NREB), and Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC).

We are pleased to celebrate the following achievement:
Greenova – Promising Group Award

The award was presented during the convention dinner by YB Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, Deputy Premier of Sarawak, Second Minister for Natural Resources and Urban Development, and Minister for International Trade, Industry and Investment Sarawak.

Congratulations to TerraHaz, Greenova, PALS Rangers, Enforcer and NexGen United for representing NREB with distinction and dedication.





CITIZEN SCIENCE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME FOR ECOLOGICAL FISCAL TRANSFER (EFT) PROJECT

Miri, 15 June — NREB organized the Citizen Science & Community Outreach Programme for Ecological Fiscal Transfer (EFT) Project on 15 June 2026 at Pullman Miri Waterfront Hotel. The programme was initiated to enhance environmental awareness and encourage active public participation in the conservation and preservation of river ecosystems. In addition, it served as a platform for sharing research findings with stakeholders and local communities in a manner that is easy to understand, relevant, and practical for application.

The closing ceremony of the programme was officiated by The Honourable Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh, Deputy Minister for Urban Planning, Land Administration and Environment Sarawak.

The programme was a continuation of the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed between NREB Sarawak and Curtin University Malaysia in 2025 for the implementation of the Ecological Fiscal Transfer (EFT) Project entitled “Ecological Studies of Miri River in Establishing Potential Conservation Areas Along Riverine for the Benefits of Miri Communities.” The project aims to identify potential conservation areas along the Miri River ecosystem while enhancing scientific understanding of environmental conditions for the benefit of local communities.

Through the Citizen Science component, participants were introduced to simple, practical and science-based methods of environmental observation and data collection. This approach provided community members with the opportunity to become directly involved in environmental monitoring and conservation activities. The initiative is expected to foster a shared sense of responsibility for the protection and conservation of river ecosystems, while strengthening collaboration among government agencies, academic institutions and local communities towards more sustainable environmental management.





NREB EXCELLENCE & SERVICE AWARDS NIGHT 2026

Kuching, 19 June — The NREB Excellence & Service Awards Night was held to honour the remarkable dedication, commitment and achievements of NREB officers and staff. During the event, recipients were presented with Anugerah Pingat Bakti NREB, Anugerah Pekerja Cemerlang 2025 and the newly introduced Anugerah Pegawai Contoh 2025, which was established to recognise exemplary performance and dedication contributions.

The ceremony was officiated by The Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Abdul Rahman Johari Abang Openg, Premier of Sarawak. Also in attendance were YB Datuk Amar Professor Dr. Sim Kui Hian, Deputy Premier of Sarawak together with distinguished guests and members of the NREB family.

The evening also witnessed the exchange of two Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs). The first was between NREB Sarawak and Sarawak Infectious Disease Centre (SIDC) on the establishment of a framework for research collaboration in areas of mutual interest, particularly environmental health monitoring and disease-risk surveillance. The second MoU was between Natural Resources and Environment Board Sarawak and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) to strengthen and promote cooperation in environmental research, development, sustainability and capacity building based on equality and mutual benefit.



