

# KK City Hall redoubles efforts to implement environmental programmes

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KOTA KINABALU: The Kota Kinabalu City Hall will redouble its efforts in the implementation of environmental programmes to ensure that Kota Kinabalu remains a nature city resort that is neat, clean, safe and beautiful.

Kota Kinabalu City Mayor Datuk Abidin Madingkir said among the ongoing programmes undertaken by the City Hall was the Anti-Litter Bug Campaign and the Reduction in the Use of Plastic Bag Campaign.

In addition, he said City Hall was also actively implementing environmental activities in collaboration with various organisations including the Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), schools and government departments and agencies.

"Among the activities being implemented are the activation of recycling centres, composting programme, Separation of Food Waste Programme in Tanjung Aru, Tree Planting Programme Around the City and the making of mud ball to be thrown into contaminated ditch or drain," he said.

Abidin said this in his speech at the launching of the "Love Kota Kinabalu City: Care for Our Environment Programme" at the Lintasan Deasoka here, yesterday.

His speech was delivered by Kota Kinabalu City Hall director-general and chairman of the

Kota Kinabalu Environmental Action Committee (EAC), Datuk Yeo Boon Hai.

Also present were City Hall's Research and Co-ordination director Junainah Abbie, Advisory Board member Lo Su Yin, City Traffic and Public Order chief DSP Peter Anak Umbuas, Kota Kinabalu EAC committee members, City Hall departmental heads, teachers and students.

Abidin said the "Love Kota Kinabalu City: Care for Our Environment Programme" was a follow up to the "Love our Beach Programme" jointly organised by the Kota Kinabalu City Hall and EAC which aimed to protect and preserve the cleanliness and beauty of the city.

"In the "Love our Beach Programme" launched several months ago, seven schools, namely SRK Sacred Heart, SRK St. Francis Convent, SK Sembulan, SJK (C) Chung Hwa, SM Stella Maris, SM La Salle and SK Tanjung Aru 1 took part to clean up four major drains near Tanjung Aru Beach area.

"As a result of programme, the water in the drains become clear and no longer produces an unpleasant smell," he said.

In this regard, Abidin urged the people to give their cooperation to ensure the success of the "Love Kota Kinabalu City: Care for Our Environment Programme"

"Without the cooperation and support of all parties, the City Hall will not be able to make the city clean and beautiful all the time," he said.

Newspaper reports on La Salle's involvement in helping Kota Kinabalu City Hall to make mud balls and rice-rinsed water to get rid of sludge and foul smell in the drains around Tanjung Aru and the beach area under 'Love Our Beach Programme'

According to the newspaper report, the polluted drains are now neat, clean and safe.

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