

Tree Planting Community Project by IEM and ENSEARCH



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THE Young Engineers Section (YES) of The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM) recently organised a tree planting community project at Taman Botani Negara, Shah Alam. This project which is a continuation of various community projects had been organised by YES with the aim of "Giving Back to Society and Nature". The project was jointly organised by Environmental Management & Research Association of Malaysia (ENSEARCH), which is also a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that serves as a platform to raise awareness about the environment and to strive in making environmental management as a way of life in Malaysia.



Ir. Choo Kok Beng having a word with the Organising Committee before the opening ceremony

The opening ceremony was performed by Ir. Choo Kok Beng, Deputy President of IEM together with Ir. Elias Saidin, Vice President of ENSEARCH, by planting the first tree as a symbolic gesture. This project received a favourable response with the participation of about 60 people, including Senior Members of IEM, Committee Members of YES, graduate engineers, lawyers from the KL bar and students of Universiti Tenaga Nasional and Universiti Teknologi Mara. A total of 190 trees were successfully planted along the hilly route at Taman Botani Negara, Shah Alam. The trees planted comprised various local fruit species native to our country.

Not only has this activity increased the number of trees in our country, but it has also increased the income of natives, since all seedlings were purchased from the indigenous community through ENSEARCH. Each of the seedlings was taken as "adopted seedlings" by various organisations and individuals. This project will increase awareness amongst young professionals in our country about the importance of an individual's responsibility towards society and the environment. ■