

Be a pianist from scratch in 18 months!
- Using formula and step by step methods.

EASIER, EASIER Way to be a pianist!



Course Starts :
March 2019

Age :
9 - 75 years old

Special Discount for those who wish to serve in Church!!!

Come for a

FREE Course Preview

Date / Time: 24th February 2019 (Sun), 3-5pm
Venue: CCM (Oikoumene) No.26,
Jalan Universiti, PJ (directly opposite of the
emergency Entrance of Hospital Universiti)

New Intake. Don't Miss Out.

You are also invited to our
Students Graduation concert to witness
the performance of our students who have
completed the 18 months course.

Date / Time: 23rd February 2019 (Sat), 7.30pm
Venue: CCM (Oikoumene)
No.26, Jalan Universiti, PJ (directly opposite of the
emergency Entrance of Hospital Universiti)

Praise Music International



Registration for Preview please call
Ps Steven 016-830 8785,
Ps Irene 016-833 7631, Jenny 012-808 9396

Peat fire in Johan Setia still a concern

By **BRENDA CHING**
brenda@thestar.com.my

RESIDENTS living around the peat soil area in Kampung Johan Setia, Klang, are calling for a long-term solution to put an end to the decade-long problem.

Among the areas affected are Kota Kemuning, Bandar Bukit Rimau, Bandar Puteri, Taman Sentosa, Bandar Bukit Tinggi, Bandar Botanic and Bandar Parklands.

"The burning happened again in January and I could smell it from where I live so I immediately made a report to the Environment Department (DOE).

"Officers there were really efficient as they sent a team down on the same day and confirmed that there was burning going on," said Kota Kemuning resident Lim Teck Wyn.

He added that the burning happened around barn, adding that residents expected the problem to get worse during the current hot spell.

Lim added that most of the farmers who burn the peat or agricultural waste, would usually do so on weekends and public holidays and in the wee hours of the morning to avoid being caught.

"Once, I visited the site and saw a guy sitting in the car watching a big bonfire which I believed was agricultural waste."

Last year, Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change Minister Yeo Bee Yin initiated an inter-agency standard operating procedure (SOP).

The SOP will see a task force formed and bring together various government agencies to tackle the persistent peat fire in Johan Setia.

Lim questioned when the task force and SOP by the ministry would be ready.



Notices have been put up to warn against open burning in Kampung Johan Setia. —
Filepic

"There is uncertainty among many residents on who to call when the burning happens.

Resident Mohd Kamli Abdul Rahman also asked about the formation of the task force. "Every time there is open burning we do not really know who to call because there are many different agencies involved," said the Bandar Puteri 2 Residents Association chairman.

He said in the middle of last year, more than 10 children and babies were warned for respiratory issues due to open burning. "Some residents have moved out due to this unresolved problem but for others like

me, we do not have the means to buy a new house," said Mohd Kamli.

There are eight phases in his neighbourhood, each with about 400 houses.

"We want a long-term solution immediately."

"I hope that action will be taken against the irresponsible farmers," he said.

Mohd Kamli proposed that the ministry consider turning the peat land into either a new development or a recreational space for residents.

When contacted, a spokesman from the ministry said the task force had not been formed yet as they were restructuring the Environment and Climate Change Division.

"Also, a comprehensive land ownership map of the area is still being developed and the last update received was that there were about 2,000 land owners," he said.

The mapping is crucial to determine who owns which portion of land.

He added that the ministry had tasked the relevant national and local authorities to compile a comprehensive map of the area which is scheduled for completion in the first quarter of this year.

"We need this information to see how the land can be best managed to optimise its use and benefit the surrounding community."

With the map, the ministry and state government can also see how much of the land can be used for recreational purposes like community farming or even a fishing pond. Once the map is completed, enforcement officers will be able to take action against landowners whenever there is open burning.

The ministry would then be able to enforce the zero-burning clause where farmers will have to put out any fire themselves.