



SEB team at the launch of Denai Sungai Kebangsaan (DSK) programme in Kampung Stabut.

# Preventing river pollution

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**SERIAN:** The launch of the Denai Sungai Kebangsaan (DSK) programme in Kampung Stabut here will be a signature event for the state level World Environment Day 2022 celebration as well as the National Environment Day 2022 celebration.

The programme is designed with a pollution prevention action strategy through a nature-based solution-based approach.

State Department of Environment (JAS) director Hamzah Mohamad said among the objectives of the DSK programme is to ensure the sustainability and beauty of the river, thus controlling activities that can cause pollution.

"It will also create a sense of shared responsibility among various parties as well as to encourage nature-based activities among the local community.

"Besides that, it can stimulate

economic activities such as river ecotourism," he said during the launching ceremony of DSK at Kampung Stabut here on Saturday.

His speech was delivered by JAS technologist Mohamad Zaihan Lek.

The programme is a joint venture between JAS and Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB) and the community at Kampung Stabut.

SEB Senior Vice President Marconi Madai said SEB as a responsible corporate body also ensures that aspects of environmental protection are emphasised in their project development activities, operations and activities, in line with legal requirements and based on international best practices.

"We believe that cultivating sustainable and green practices helps to implement environmentally conscious improvements in achieving environmental excellence for Sarawak Energy and its people in Sarawak.

"Thus, the support, effort and energy from various agencies

are essential to build a healthy, green, safe, and live able future for everyone," he said.

An environmental awareness talk was also held involving speakers from the Sarawak Department of Environment, Sarawak Natural Resources and Environment Board, Sarawak Rivers Board and the Department of Agriculture Sarawak.

In the morning, a communal works involving the implementing agency and the local community were done to raise awareness on the importance of maintaining a clean environment.

The Ministry of Water and Environment (KASA) introduced the DSK programme which targets the construction of 1,000 kilometres (km) of trails in 2023 and 10,000 km by 2030.

Through DSK, the river reserve

will be developed as a recreational area which, among others, aims to increase awareness of the local community, in addition to creating a sharing of responsibilities

between all parties.

Also present was Mahyuddin Hafiz Mohamad representing the Serian Division Resident to launch the programme.



MAHYUDDIN (left) officiating the launching of DSK programme at Kampung Stabut, Serian witnessed by Mohamad Zaihan Lek (second left) and Marconi Madai (right).



COMMUNAL work near the river at Kampung Stabut.