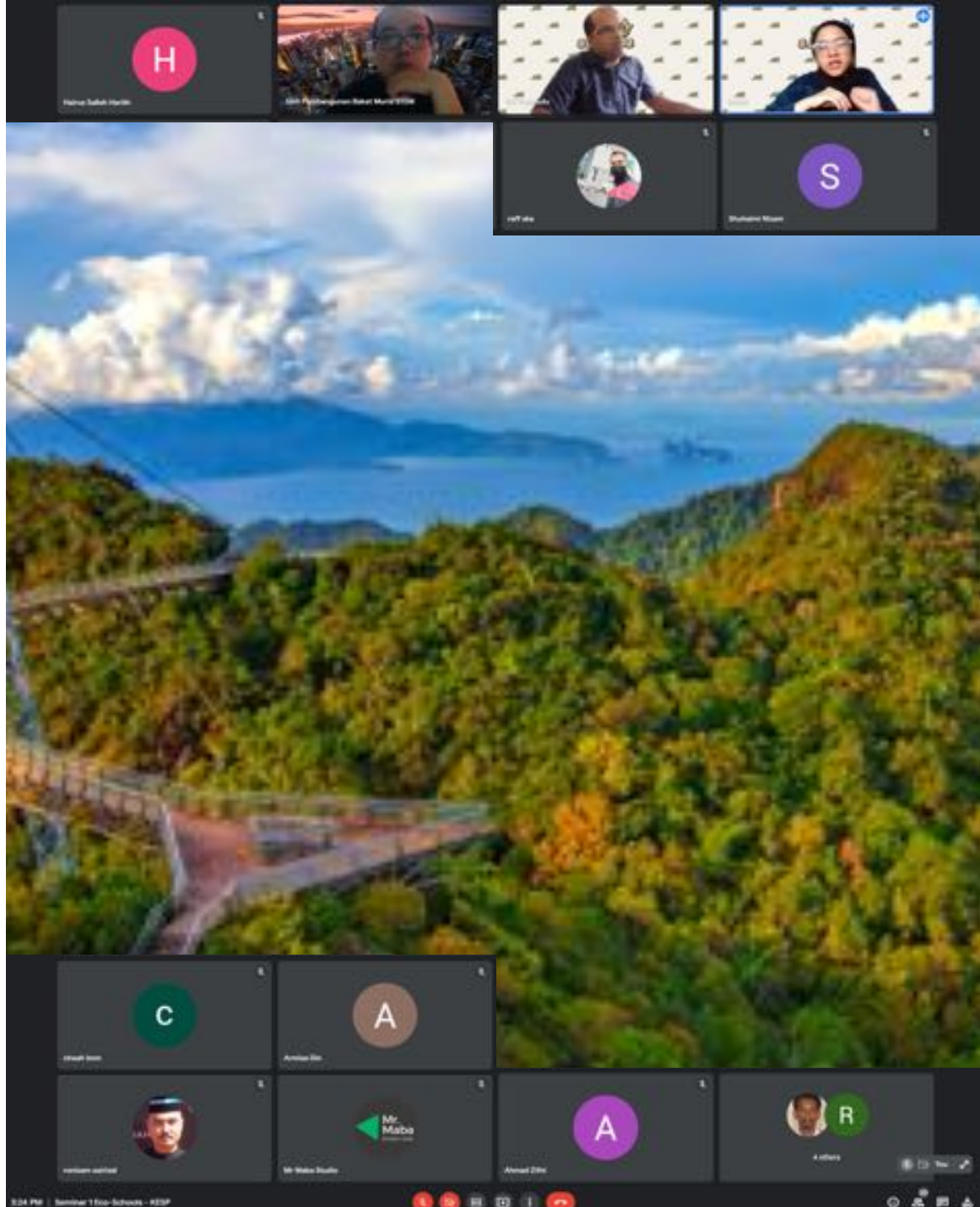


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PROGRAMME REPORT

KEDAH ECO-SCHOOLS PROGRAMME (KESP) 2021 SEMINAR 1

29 JUNE 2021



Programme Overview

On **29 June 2021**, the **Kedah Eco-Schools** Programme successfully hosted **Seminar 1** virtually with representatives from the Kedah State Education Department, Langkawi District Education Office and representatives of ten Eco-Schools and two schools under the patronage of Yayasan Sime Darby and The Datai Langkawi respectively. The first seminar provides an overview of the programme, touching on six unique topics: **Introduction to Eco-Schools**, the **Programme Implementation Plan**, **Kedah Eco-Schools' Calendar**, **Intervention Scheme**, **Awarding Criteria** and **Eco-Schools Preliminary Audit Form**. The Eco-Schools Programme leverages whole school engagement for its success. While the selected Eco-Schools Committee drives the programme and activities, the schools' administrator that includes the Principal, Headmaster and their assistants, must be in the know and render their support and assistance whenever possible to propel their schools' sustainability journey. Our programme has been meticulously crafted to achieve just that, with three seminars targeting the schools' administrators throughout the three-year cycle.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. Introduction to Eco-Schools

Participants are briefly introduced to the origin, programme structure and impact of the Eco-Schools Programme. Under the same topic, participants are given a glimpse of what their journey entails, such as bringing positive impact to their surrounding community, international networking and personal growth.

2. Kedah Eco-Schools Implementation Plan

The ongoing health emergencies invite uncertainties; the weight it has on environmental education interventions complicates the Eco-Schools Programme implementation plan. In this topic, participants are briefed to prepare for any eventuality, together with a few programme proposals by Green Growth Asia Foundation to adapt to the ever-changing world, such as introducing more online events to compensate for the physical limitation.

3. Kedah Eco-Schools' Calendar

In this topic, participants are given a projection of their three-year calendar, emphasising the first year. The proposed date for the second and third years are flexible and will be adjusted accordingly. We acknowledge the health concerns exposed to our stakeholders; we are eyeing the virtual hosting of this year's remaining activities.

4. Intervention Scheme

We understand that no school is alike, be it in their curriculum participation, student-teacher-parent linkages or infrastructure. In adhering to the spirit of inclusivity, participants are briefed on multiple Eco-Schools intervention schemes available for them. The organiser will determine the best intervention scheme for individual schools based on the Eco-Schools Preliminary Audit Form data.

5. Awarding Criteria

Towards the end of their Eco-Schools journey, a panel of independent auditors will evaluate the impact of the schools' eco-projects on the community before being awarded one of the three internationally recognised Eco-Schools awards. In this topic, participants are briefed on the awarding criteria and encouraged to set for the Green Flag award.

6. Eco-Schools Preliminary Audit Form

In preparation for the **Eco-Schools Workshop 1** on **14 July 2021**, participants are instructed to collect their schools' preliminary environmental data to help the organiser assess the suitable intervention scheme and provide necessary guidance in future events. The data collected will provide a baseline, marking the start of the schools' environmental journey.

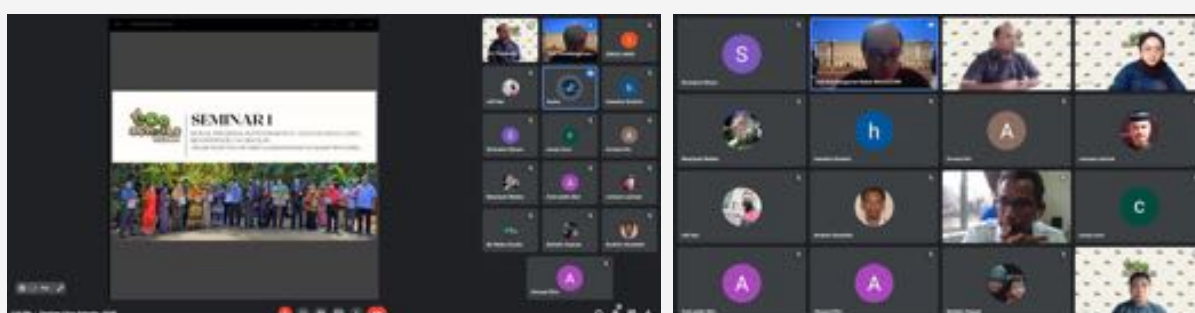
RECEPTION OF PARTICIPANTS

All twelve registered schools under Eco-Schools Kedah were represented. The attendance list could be found on **page 3** of this programme report. Overall, the programme received a positive reception from the schools' administrator, providing insights and responding when probed. It has been observed that almost all registered schools are involved to some degree in environment-related activities in the last three years. With their active participation in the Eco-Schools Programme, we believe their journey will be a success. The newly launched Eco-Schools website **paradigmakelestarian.com** serves as a platform for the dissemination of eco-schools related information.

MOVING FORWARD

This seminar provides invaluable insights into how future Eco-Schools events will run. Despite the success, Green Growth Asia Foundation will continue innovating ways to enhance our service delivery further. We have been looking into appointing teachers as trainers for future Eco-Schools activities; more details will be made available once it has been finalised. We would like to thank the Yayasan Sime Darby, The Datai Langkawi, Kedah State Education Department and Langkawi District Education Office for their continuous support in our Kedah Eco-Schools Programme. It will not be possible without each and every one of you. The next activity, **Eco-Schools Workshop 1**, will resume on **14 July 2021**.

MEDIA REPOSITORY



List of Attendance

NO	NAMES	POSITION	ORGANISATION
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5	ISMAIL BIN MAN	Deputy District Education Officer (Student Development)	Pejabat Pendidikan Daerah (PPD) Langkawi
6	RONIZAM SAIRIZAL BIN MOHAMAD SANI	Assistant Director (Student Development)	Pejabat Pendidikan Daerah (PPD) Langkawi
7	MOHAMAD ASYRAF BIN IBRAHIM	School representative	SMK Tunku Putra
8	CHEAH GAIK IMM	School representative	SJKC Chung Hwa
9	HAIRUS SALLEH B HARITH	School representative	SK Padang Matsirat
10	IBRAHIM BIN ABDULLAH	School representative	SK Langkawi
11	ARMIZA BINTI DIN	School representative	SK Sungai Menghulu
12	MOHAMAD RADZAI SULAIMAN	School representative	SMK Kedawang
13	MOHAMAD ASHRAF BIN AZMI	School representative	SK Seri Negeri
14	AMIRUDDIN BIN MAT	School representative	SK Kedawang
15	RAFIDAH BINTI YAAKOB	School representative	SMK Kelibang
16	HASELINA BINTI IBRAHIM	School representative	SMK Mahsuri
17	MASRIPAH BINTI MAILAN	School representative	SK Penghulu Ahmad