

SBC to hold annual 'Biodiversity Day' on May 4

KUCHING: The Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC) will hold its annual 'Biodiversity Day' this May 4.

The public event will run from 9am to 5pm daily at SBC premises in Semenggoh along Jalan Borneo Heights. The Biodiversity Day is held in conjunction with the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD), which is observed every May 22.

Various exciting and interesting science-based activities revolving around experiential-learning await members of the public during the one-day event.

These activities are categorised into themes – 'Microalgae', 'Breakthrough to Excellence', 'The Chemistry of Biodiversity', 'Scent and Wellness', 'Science in Your Everyday Life', 'Microbes Around Us', 'Together We Culture for a Greener World', 'Learning Plant's Structures', 'Wisdom of Traditional Knowledge' and 'Experience Native Wellness'.

Each theme is specially designed to create a fun-filled learning experience, and all of them are recommended for students of all ages, and families with children. School-children between the ages seven and nine will also have the opportunity to take part in a colouring contest. Entry forms can be downloaded via www.sbc.org.my.

The event aims to create awareness of Sarawak's local biodiversity, the abundance of related traditional knowledge amongst its indigenous communities, the potential biodiversity holds in leading towards new discoveries, as well as research and development undertaken by Sarawak.

SBC's 'Biodiversity Day' also aims to inculcate in school-children the interest in the fields of science and technology.

Visitors to SBC on May 4 are advised to adhere to directional signage, and park their vehicles at spaces allocated at the nearby Agriculture Research Centre. Shuttle services will be provided at this location, to and from SBC.

Admission to this event is free. To know more, contact Nurulliza Murtadza or Constance Vanessa Victor via 082-610 610, or send emails to biosar@sb.org.my.

Social media users are encouraged to 'Like' SBC's Facebook page www.facebook.com/sarawak.biodiversity.centre, where updates are also available.