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SARAWAK STATE LIBRARY HERBAL GARDEN

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The Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology was involved in the rehabilitation project of the Sarawak State Library Herbal Garden in 2012. The garden was redesigned based on a theme that takes into consideration the herbal properties for culinary, medicinal, aromatic and pharmaceutical purposes. Some components were arranged in formal designs laid out as a series of beds creating some geometric forms like squares, circles or semicircles and other components in the form of an island. Hardscaping elements pulled all the components together with paths between the beds paved with circular cement blocks. After two years, the garden has matured under the tender care of the library staff and the occasional gotong royong activities by the students. 60 herbal plants are in the record list.



At the beginning in 2012



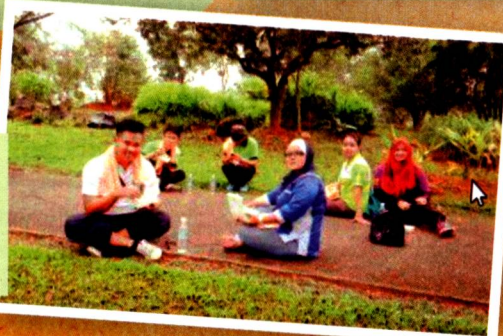
Six months later in 2013



Gotong royong activities



Having a break with the herbal garden in the background



Signage installed in 2013

Then in 2012

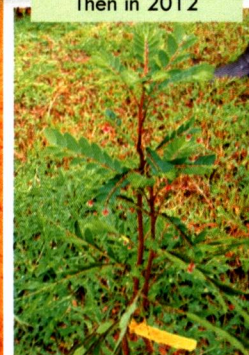
Now in 2014



Mengkudu
(*Morinda citrifolia* L.)

Then in 2012

Now in 2014



Naga Buana
(*Phyllanthus pulcher*)



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