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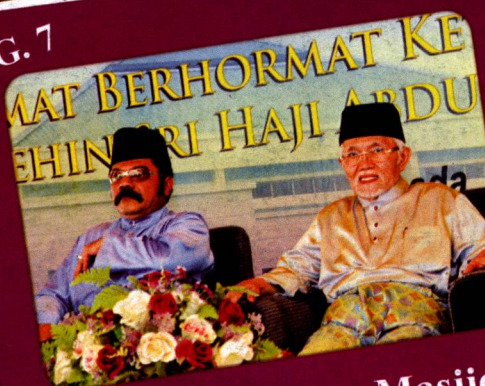
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# EARTH HOUR

AT BAKO NATIONAL PARK BY JOHANNA ADLIN AHMAD



On the 28th & 29th March 2009, 26 students from Diploma in Tourism Management and three lecturers, Johanna Adlin Ahmad, Silverina Kibat and Ranees Atlas, went for an educational trip at Bako National Park. The trip was organized as a part of Tour-Guiding Skills (HTT 257) course. The students were required to observe, analyze and do discussion sessions with national park guide.

The visitation at the national park was managed by the Park Guide, Mr. Auby Elias. On the first day, the students were given a tour to see the exotic lime stone formations around the park. Later, there was a briefing by Encik Auby regarding the history and information on Bako National Park. The activities continued with a discussion and story-telling session with the park guide regarding the roles and functions of a tour guide. Some of the topics discussed were the responsibilities of a tour guide towards the tourists, the importance of customer service, risk management and even of survival tips in the forest.

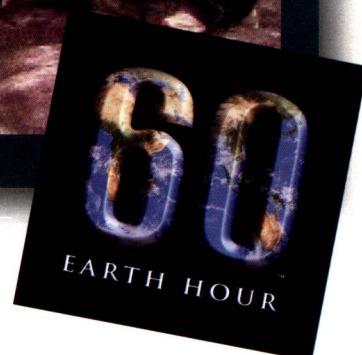
At 8.00 pm, the world celebrated the "Earth Hour" by switching off the lights around major cities for one hour. In response, the Bako National Park was also plunged into darkness. The students experienced *staying-in-the-dark* at the park.

In the pitch black of the night, the students sat quietly in a circle at in the outdoor while the park guide directed the students on how to spot constellation of stars in the sky such as Ursa Minor, Ursa Major and Orion. The night's activities concluded with a night-walk session to spot firefly, in the forest.

In the morning of the final day, the students were given educational tour on the types of medicinal trees found in the vicinity. It was followed by jungle trekking activities at the nearby hills where the students were able to witness the flora and fauna available at Bako National Park including the proboscis

monkey, plants such as the *Kacip Fatimah* and *nepenthes*, the seven types of forest and others. The students and lecturers returned to UiTM in the afternoon.

The trip to Bako National Park provided a great opportunity for the students to learn more about tour guiding from experienced tour guides. The trip also exposed them to the wonderful treasures of Sarawak—the rainforest. It is hoped that, in addition, they have learnt the importance of being responsible towards preservation and conservation of natural heritage—as it is the only way that our natural forest can be sustained for our future generations...





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