

*Welcome, readers, to yet another issue of InTouch where we will bring you up to speed on the latest happenings of this quarter. First up, we bring you news that UEM Environment has recently purchased yet another recycling machinery that could safely process fluorescent lamps and light bulbs for recycling.*

*In this issue, you'll also learn about UEM Environment's promotion of 3R among its employees where fun-filled activities were the order of the day.*

*Fun was also top of the agenda at the Safety, Health, Environment and Quality (SHEQ) Day 2009. An exciting treasure was held so do read all about it.*

*Lastly, do read about the UEM Environment sponsored Earth Day student excursion to Petrosains KLCC and National Science centre at Bukit Kiara, KL.*

*We certainly have a packed issue and I hope you'll enjoy it.*

*As always, happy reading! - Editor, InTouch*

## UEM Environment Acquires Light Bulb And Lamp Recycling Device



Unveiling of 3R bag by Encik Azmanuddin (left) and Encik Suhaimee.

As ever, with the environment foremost in mind, UEM Environment acquired a machine that literally eats fluorescent lamps and light bulbs, and neutralises its hazardous content while recovering glass and metal for recycling.

This new recycling device was unveiled during UEM Environment's 3R (Reduce, Reuse & Recycle) Day, held at the Integrated Scheduled Waste Management Centre in Bukit Nanas, Negeri Sembilan.

Managing Director of UEM Environment, Encik Azmanuddin Haq Ahmad said, "The acquisition of this latest recycling device is once again a testament of commitment that the

company adopts in its continuous endeavour to attain the latest innovations in waste management."

"We are on a quest to provide a more effective management of fluorescent lamp waste which will significantly cut down on the dumping of such toxic waste into landfills and thereby ensuring cleaner groundwater for the future.

"Fluorescent lamps found in Malaysian homes, offices and factories contain mercury vapour and phosphorus compound which are extremely toxic and are capable of causing nervous system breakdown in humans. This toxic item is currently being mixed with household waste and dumped into landfills, which isn't safe for future generations," he added.



Encik Azmanuddin trying out the Bulb Eater.

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## 3R DAY

In his launch speech at UEM Environment's 3R Day, Encik Azmanuddin Haq Ahmad called on all employees to live the 3R way to promote a better environment.

"The concept of 3R, which promotes Reduce Reuse and Recycle of resources, should be emulated irrespective of the prevailing economic condition. In short, our consumption should be sustainable for the environment to improve our quality of life," he added.

In bringing the 3R concept to life, staff of UEM Environment group contributed various used and old items which were put on sale at the Pasar 3R. Within minutes, these items were snapped up. In an altruistic move, the proceeds of the sale will be channelled to a neighbourhood orphanage.

At the event, some staff members managed to earn cash by selling old newspapers, plastic bottles and aluminium cans to a recycling and recovery operator that was present.

In conjunction with 3R Day, the company also launched its 3R bag which was distributed to all staff in hope of reducing the use of plastic bags. Since early this year, through its 3 offices, UEM Environment collected a total of 1,365 kgs of discarded paper, old newspapers, cardboard boxes, aluminium cans and plastic bottles to recycle. The company hopes to make the 3R Day a monthly affair which will undoubtedly strengthen the ideology of 3R amongst staff.

Also, during 3R Day, prizes of the Earth Hour photography contest were given out to five employees.



*Used items for sale*



*Sales was brisk*



## UEM Environment Group Took 2 Rospa Awards

UEM Environment's Kualiti Alam and Kualiti Khidmat Alam made it a double swoop when the companies won the prestigious RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Gold Awards of United Kingdom for 2009.

For Kualiti Alam, it was the second award from RoSPA while it was a debut win for Kualiti Khidmat Alam.

UEM Environment Managing Director Encik Azmanuddin Haq Ahmad received the awards from Ms. Janice Cave, RoSPA Director of Public Affairs in a ceremony on 14 May 2009 in Birmingham, England.

The ceremony took place alongside the Safety & Health Expo 2009, Europe's leading annual health and safety exhibition.

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# UEM Environment Group Took 2 Rospa Awards

In the award letter sent in earlier, Mr. David Rawlins, RoSPA awards manager said, "The companies have shown a commitment to protecting the health and well-being of their employees and others. Entering the RoSPA Awards reinforces the message that good health and safety is good for business and clearly demonstrates an organisation's dedication to improving performance in this crucial area."

Encik Hamdan Osman, Kualiti Alam Safety, Health & Environment Department Senior Manager said, "Safety is everyone's responsibility and through each and everyone's constant support and commitment towards safety and health in the workplace, we managed to win this prestigious award. We pledge to continuously work together in order to maintain and further improve our performance for the future."

The RoSPA Award is not just about reducing the number of accidents and cases of ill-health at work; they help to ensure that organisations have good health and safety management systems in place.

In the current economic climate, awards are more important than ever because they demonstrate that employers care about their employees and will not let their standards of health and safety practice slip, even in difficult times.

The RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Awards 2009 is sponsored by NEBOSH (The National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health), the leading health and safety professional examining body.



*Encik Azmanuddin represented both Kualiti Alam and Kualiti Khidmat Alam at the award ceremony*



## SHEQ Day 2009

The annual month-long Safety, Health, Environment and Quality (SHEQ) celebrations culminated on 4 June 2009 (one day ahead of the World Environment Day) at the Integrated Scheduled Waste Management Centre, Bukit Nanas, Negeri Sembilan. Without question, the SHEQ day once again brought the messages of safety, health, environment and quality to the fore as employees, contract workers and vendors alike were treated to numerous activities for about a month.

Speaking at the launch, Encik Suhaimee Mahdar, Chief Operating Officer of UEM Environment said that there were many ways of conserving energy so as to reduce our carbon footprint. "It could be as simple as unplugging our electrical appliances every morning before we leave to work. You'll be surprise to see how much it reduces your electrical bill," said Encik Suhaimee.

Encik Hamdan Osman, Kualiti Alam's Safety Health and Environment Senior Manager said, "Although it is a financially challenging year for the company, let us keep on practising the elements of SHEQ at our workplace to maintain the 3.7 million man hours without LTI."

Later at the prize presentation ceremony, the Engineering Department was declared the top Emergency Response Team (ERT) as it successfully completed the competition

in just 31.59 seconds. In the Electricity Saving Campaign, the Environmental Management Services Department and Unit 8 section of Operation were victorious based on the reduction of their electricity bills compared to the previous month.

Employees also had a field day visiting the exhibition put up by Pharmaniaga Marketing, Negeri Sembilan Department of Environmental, Department of Occupational, Safety & Health, Bomba, National Drug Agency, Department of Prison Malaysia, Department of Road Safety Malaysia, Automobile Association of Malaysia (AAM), Bank Rakyat and PUSPAKOM.



*Exhibition by the Prison Department*

## SHEQ HUNT

A fun-filled treasure hunt was held on 3 June within the Integrated Scheduled Waste Management Centre as another highlight of the Safety, Health, Environment and Quality (SHEQ) Day 2009 celebrations.



*Encik Suhaimee (left) with the winners.*

In a run-up to the actual celebration day on 4 June 2009, the hunt attracted participation from 17 teams comprising staff of UEM Environment group. SHEQ Hunt Chairman, Puan Siti Nadzriah said there was overwhelming response to the hunt and it showed the interest of employees to explore more about Kualiti Alam and the waste management centre.

As a mark of its commitment towards the environment, each team had to provide 10 issues of newspapers, 10 plastic bottles, 10 glass bottles and 10 aluminium cans towards the company's 3R programme to earn bonus points for the hunt.

Participants were organised into teams of 3 and were given a safety briefing by Encik Nazri Jamal, of the Safety, Health and Environment Department to ensure that all participants complied with the safety regulations of the Waste Management Centre.

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# SHEQ HUNT



SHEQ Day 2009 Celebration chairman, Encik Hamdan Osman flagged off the race. Participants in full PPEs had to answer 20 questions in the hunt on foot.

The race ended one and half hours later after much excitement of looking for clues and answers. The champion was a ladies group called "Wonderpets", comprising

Hasmiruzza Harun, Normala Md Isa and Norhafizah Fozy.

Runner-up was group "E-One" made of Wan Azree, Wan Jamshid and Azman Yusuf while in the third place was "Viper-On" with members of Faizal, Suraya and Basri.

Prizes were presented at SHEQ Day 2009 on 4th June.

## Blood Donation Drive At WMC

The 2009 SHEQ celebrations kicked off with its annual blood donation drive in aid of the Seremban General Hospital.

The event on 18 May at the Integrated Scheduled Waste Management Centre, Bukit Nanas saw participation of 80 donors comprising staff and contract workers. Assisting the hospital blood donation team was the Sendayan Health Clinic staff.

This blood donation drive was one of the month-long

SHEQ activities which was held to create awareness among employees on Safety, Health, Environment and Quality.



## River Cleaning Programme

It was Saturday morning on 4th April 2009, when Kualiti Alam's Safety, Health and Environment Department held its 2009 first quarterly river cleaning activity at Sungai Unyai near the Waste Management Centre (WMC).

More than 40 volunteers of UEM Environment group chipped in to upkeep the river following the Sungai Unyai adoption on 14 January.

It started at 8.30am, with the clearing of the weeds on the river for a distance of 100 meters, to ease water flow.

Following that, weakened sections of the banks were strengthened with crushed rocks. The spirit of "gotong royong" and fun engaged the team well into lunch time before everyone called it a day.

Back in January, a memorial stone was laid at the river bank to mark the Sungai Unyai adoption programme. The adoption was in support of the main river Sungai Jangling management project by Sime Darby Plantation Sdn Bhd which also owns the land along the flow of Sungai Unyai.



*The team hard at work.*



*The river cleaning team*

# Monitor Waste To Final Disposal

The industry has been urged to see through the entire process of waste management so as to help control illegal dumping of scheduled waste in the country.

The Pahang State Exco Local Government and Environment, Dato' Hoh Khai Mun said the industry should adopt the concept of cradle to grave to manage all waste generated as this proactive role would help check proper flow of waste from the industry to recycling and recovery facilities until the residues were disposed of at Kualiti Alam's Secured Landfill.

He called for the continued promotion of awareness among scheduled waste generators and engagement of the various stakeholders to further ensure efficient and effective waste management. "This is even more pertinent as we face the current difficult economic crisis where some

of Scheduled Waste in Pahang was presented by Pahang state DOE officer, Encik Mohd Hisyam Abdullah followed by a briefing on "E-waste and Guidelines on Packaging,



*From the right: Cik Wan Rozina of Kualiti Kitar Alam with Encik Zakaria Bin Admad and Tuan Haji Roslan Mohamad of the Department of Environment.*



*Dato Hassan Mat delivering Dato Hoh's speech.*

irresponsible companies are vying cheaper alternatives of dumping waste – which is needless to say, detriment to our environment," he added.

Dato Hoh's speech at the opening of a Pahang State Scheduled Waste Management and Compliance Seminar was delivered by the State Department of Environment Director, Dato' Hassan.

The seminar at Wisma Belia, Indera Mahkota Pahang on 21 May 2009 was attended by 150 participants from the various manufacturing industries in the East Coast state.

The first paper entitled Management and Compliance

Labeling, Storage and Transportation of Scheduled Waste was by Tuan Haji Roslan Mohamad from the Hazardous Substances Division of the Department Of Environment head office in Putrajaya.

Cik Wan Rozina Wan Yusuf from Kualiti Kitar Alam also gave a talk on waste management services provided by Kualiti Alam, Kualiti Khidmat Alam and Kualiti Kitar Alam. She delved in detail about the cradle to grave concept of waste management at the Integrated Scheduled Waste Management Centre at Bukit Nanas, Negeri Sembilan.

The annual seminar organised by Pahang State Department of Environment Sport and Social Club was supported by Kualiti Alam.



*Full attendance at the seminar*

# Earth Day Student Excursion



*Getting the feel of being an astronaut*

In conjunction with Earth Day on 22 April 2009, UEM Environment organised a field trip to Petrosains at Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) and National Science Centre for Standard Six pupils of five primary schools located within the neighbourhood of Kualiti Alam Waste Management Centre. The participating schools were Sekolah Kebangsaan Sendayan, Sekolah Kebangsaan Gadong Jaya, Sekolah Kebangsaan Jimah, Sekolah Kebangsaan Jimah Baru and Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan (Tamil) Ladang Tanah Merah. Each school was represented by seven students and a teacher.

At Petrosains, the visitors experienced the 'capsule of time' ride and many other games and activities to test their knowledge in science. They were also treated to a science show for children, which explored the wonders of science.



*National Science Centre Entrance*

One of the main attractions for the students was the Space Segment where they learnt how an astronaut lived in a spacecraft. Fahmie Firdaus Izziqrie B. Adnan, a student from Sekolah Kebangsaan Gadong Jaya said, "I'm really glad that I've got a chance to try and experience myself to sleep like an astronaut. I don't think I would have liked it as it is surely not as comfortable as my home!" before he quickly slip out from the astronaut 'bed'.

The students tried a lot of other activities such as Helicopter Simulation, F1 Racing Simulator and Mini Oil Rig, among other things. Upon testing the Oil Rig Simulator, Mohd Naqib Izat B. Rosli, a student from Sekolah Kebangsaan Sendayan said, "It is really hard to dig the sea looking for oil, and now I know how precious oil really is".

"There are still a lot of activities in Petrosains that I haven't tried yet, but I'm still having fun," said Siti Noorashikin Bt. Rosman from Sekolah Kebangsaan Jimah Baru.

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*A Trip for fun and education*

# Earth Day Student Excursion



*Ms Malar giving her views to Ahmad Norhafiz, the excursion coordinator.*

After 2 hours of fun-filled and informative experience, the students headed for the next destination - National Science Centre at Bukit Kiara.

Although the students looked a little bit of exhausted, they still managed to find the energy to participate in the activities at the National Science Centre. Kishok a/l Sunder from Sekolah Kebangsaan Sendayan was amazed by the 'magic' of science as he was left in awe by the staff of National Science Centre who performed magic tricks to the students.

After a short time at National Science Centre, the students and teachers then boarded the bus and went home. Although they had an exhausting day, the satisfaction of the trip was clearly showing on their faces.

"It's a great effort by Kualiti Alam Sdn Bhd to give a chance for students to visit Petrosains and National Science Centre. I hope this will be a yearly event," said Mrs Malar a/p Ramayah, a teacher at Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan (Tamil) Ladang Tanah Merah.



*A picture to remember Earth Day 2009*

## FEEDBACK

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