



BUMIARMADA

Turtle Conservation Programme

Bumi Armada (BA) continued its sustainability initiatives by paying a visit to the turtle sanctuary located in Cherating, Pahang. This is the third year BA is contributing to the hatchery but the first time forty volunteering employees visited and participated in a turtle conservation and awareness programme on a two days one night trip.

On 29th July 2016, the participants registered themselves at the Turtle Conservation and Information Centre (TCIC), where a presentation was carried out by Department of Fisheries Malaysia personnel to brief the participants on turtle conservation, awareness and turtle migration. YB. Dato' Haji Shafik Fauzan - Pahang State EXCO and Dato' Adnan bin Hussain - Director of Pahang Fisheries Department joined the launch ceremony to warmly welcome Tengku Hassanal-Ibrahim Alam Shah the son of the Crown Prince of Pahang.



Everyone then proceeded to the beach to release turtle hatchlings which were attached with satellite tracking devices. Participants were delighted as they got a chance to hold the turtles and capture a picture prior to releasing them.

Later that evening, the participants gathered again at the TCIC where they were given an opportunity to witness turtles laying eggs. The participants enthusiastically assisted to transfer the eggs from the beach to the turtle hatchery where they will incubate for approximately 50 to 60 days.

It was indeed a wonderful and positive experience whereby everyone was excited and energized to save our turtles! Most importantly, each participant was grateful for the knowledge and awareness obtained and to be able to contribute to this activity.

“A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children.”

(John James Audubon)

