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Lee (right) says SJK(C) Lick Hung pupils began practising waste separation three years ago and are continuing to do so under MPSJ's Sekolah Sejahtera programme. — Photos: FAIHAN GHANI/The Star.

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ON AVERAGE, the food that goes to waste daily from 21 school canteens in the Subang Jaya municipality weighs almost that of a compact car.

In a week, at least 5.2 tonnes of food scraps and leftovers from the canteens end up in landfills. This costs the Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) an annual tipping fee of RM9,072.

To be more sustainable, the local council introduced the concept of food waste separation at these schools in a move to reduce waste at landfills.

MPSJ solid Waste Management and Public Cleansing Department senior assistant director Mohd Hafiz Sharif said the municipality stepped up its ongoing school composting programme by collecting food waste.

"Composting was the first initiative as an orientation towards a greener environment.

"Our audits showed encouraging results, as it raised awareness among students on the amount of food that goes into the rubbish bins.

"Now, MPSJ has decided to take this green project up a notch by collecting food waste and sending it to the municipality's Biomass Centre in Bukit Puchong to be turned into compost," he said.

Mohd Hafiz said the collection of food waste from schools was part of the Sekolah Sejahtera MPSJ Award Programme, which is in line with the municipality's Green City 2030 action plan.

MPSJ acting council president Mohd Zulkarnain Che Ali said the green programme for schools involved teachers and students separating recyclables and non-recyclables into designated bins.

"We want to mirror Japan's success in managing its domestic waste in an efficient and effective manner.

"Their waste separation initiative began 35 years ago and it is more stringent compared to our three categories of waste separation.

## No food goes to waste at these schools

MPSJ aims to emulate Japan by instilling green habits in children through programme



Mohd Zulkarnain (right) interacting with pupils during a ceremony to present compost bins to schools in MPSJ's jurisdiction. — filepic

"Our efforts to achieve a green township has to be done strategically to ensure long-term sustainability. Separation of waste is conforming to a habit. It must become second nature.

"We have chosen to implement this programme in schools as it is easier to instill good habits in children," he said.

Mohd Zulkarnain added that the council planned to get all 72 schools in Subang Jaya under the

Sekolah Sejahtera programme to recycle their food waste before mid-2020.

SJK(C) Lick Hung in SS19 was among the first to get its students to separate food leftovers.

Headmistress Lee Pek Hua said she wanted the pupils to develop good green habits from a young age.

"Our separation programme started about three years ago but we did not have an avenue to

compost the food scraps and leftovers.

"We are glad that MPSJ's Sekolah Sejahtera project helps collect the food waste now," she said.

Canteen operator Ken Yip said the food separation programme instilled discipline in the students.

SK Puchong Utama 2 on the other hand, has been composting food leftovers from its canteen to be turned into plant fertiliser for

# Pupils well versed on benefits of composting

WHEN SK Puchong Utama 2 pupils are done with recess at 10.15am, leftovers such as banana peels go into a designated bin while the milk boxes go into another.

The school, located in Taman Puchong Utama, has been active in composting leftovers and food scraps under Subang Jaya Municipal Council's (MPSJ) composting programme.

The compost is used as fertiliser for the school's garden, where various herbs and vegetables are grown.

Under the Sekolah Sejahtera MPSJ Award Programme, the municipality also collects the food waste for its biomass centre in Bukit Puchong.

The school's project coordinator Farah A. Rahman is excited "as it will help the environment".

Farah, who has been a teacher for 28 years, said MPSJ's green move to reduce waste at landfills was on the right track.

"Children pick up the habit of sorting out food leftovers in school and communicate this message to their parents at home.

"Parents tell us that the children want to practise the same thing at home.

"As a teacher who loves the environment and growing herbs, I believe Sekolah Sejahtera will bring about a new generation that cares for the environment," she said.

Nur Dahiyah Kirana Mohd Nazri, 10, said it was good that the food scraps she dumped in the designated bin would be sent to the biomass centre to be made into plant fertiliser instead of rotting in the landfill.

Her friend Divyasri Viknesvaran Krishansamy, also 10, said: "We are happy because we are saving our planet and there will be less amount of methane gas, which thins the ozone layer, released into the atmosphere."

Their schoolmate Sabryna Chen Ying En said she became more conscious of how much food she put on



(From left) Awaludin guiding Sabryna, Divyasri and Nur Dahiyah on how to mix the soil with plant fertiliser at the SK Puchong Utama 2 garden.

her plate in order not to waste it.

All three girls are part of the school's Eco Team and are serious about their task to ensure fellow pupils sort waste into the correct bins.

Nur Dahiyah, Divyasri and Sabryna, all in Year Four, said they became more aware of global warming, waste separation as well as the importance of reducing waste that could emit methane gas.

"Our teacher Farah taught us that organic waste restores the nutrients in the depleted soil. "We are happy MPSJ will provide us with plant fertiliser for our school garden."

"We understand that the compost will create nitrogen and carbon, thus creating a nutrient-rich soil in which we can grow the herbs," said the three friends.

Among the herbs grown in SK Puchong Utama 2's garden patch are basil, oregano, rosemary and pegaga (Indian pennywort).

School headmaster Awaludin Nawi said the Sekolah Sejahtera programme helped to close the loop in the food cycle where the pupils learn about composting.

"We want the children to have fun with some outdoor activity through gardening.

"Our pupils are not only learning to make an environmental impact, they are actually practising it and as a result, are able to enjoy the harvest of the herbs in the school garden," he said.

Selangor Education Department Student Affairs Unit senior supervisor (Health) Zulkifli Ahmad said the Sekolah Sejahtera programme taught children to be stewards for environmental responsibility.

"We live in such a throwaway world and the education department supports this initiative to get the next generation to be environment conscious," he said.

MPSJ public relations senior assistant director Asfarizal Abdul Rashid said the Sekolah Sejahtera programme had an element of competition where participating schools stand to win cash prizes.

Judging and evaluation of the programme will be done in January next year.

Under the primary school category, the winner will get RM1,500, while the second and third placing will receive RM1,000 and RM800 respectively.

For secondary schools, the top three schools will receive cash prizes of RM2,000, RM1,500, and RM1,000.



## LANE CLOSURE

There will be intermittent lane closures along Jalan Putra Permai (Serdang-bound and 16 Sierra-bound) after the Maju Expressway Sri Kembangan interchange until the slip road to Jalan Pinggiran 1/3 from today until Nov 18, 11pm to 6am. Only one closure will be implemented at any one time and the remaining lanes will not be affected. For details, call 1-800-82-6868, visit www.mymrt.com.my or www.mymrt-underground.com.my, Twitter @MRTMalaysia or @MyMRTUnderground or MRT Malaysia on Facebook.

## TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR KL2017

There will be road closures in the Bukit Jalil National Stadium area to control the traffic situation during the 29th SEA Games from Aug 19 to 31.

● Only vehicles with designated KL2017 stickers are permitted entry through the Bukit Jalil Sports School and are allowed to park their vehicles at parking D and E until Aug 18. The full road closure is from Aug 20-29.

● There will be full road closures around Kuala Lumpur Sports City (KLSC) for the opening ceremony on Aug 19 and for the closing ceremony on Aug 30. For details, call 03-8071 2017 or visit www.kualalumpur2017.com.my.

## TAX COLLECTION COUNTERS

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is setting up counters at Wisma MBSA as well as at Sungai Buloh, Kota Kemuning, and Setia Alam branch offices, for the public to pay their assessment taxes every weekend of this month, including Aug 31, from 9am to 1pm. For details, call 03-5522 2724 / 03-5522 2897.

## WATER SUPPLY RESTORED

Water supply in parts of Gombak affected by the burst pipe in Lot 416, Lorong Ikan Emas 12, Kampung Ampang Campuran has been restored except for few premises in the higher grounds and the end of the distribution system due to low water pressure. For details, visit www.syabas.com.my or download 'mySyabas' application.

## BLOOD DONATION DRIVES

● Bandar Country Homes Residents Association (BCHRA) is organising its 16th annual blood donation campaign on Aug 20 from 9am until 4.30pm at BCHRA Building in Rawang. For details, call 016-238 7299 (Peter Chong) or 012-396 6373 (Soong).  
● Kinrara Metta Buddhist Society at B-G-02, Jin Bangau 11, Bandar Puchong Jaya, Selangor, is organising a family wellness and blood donation campaign on Aug 31 from 10am to 4pm. There will be consultation services on health and organ donation. Free lunch will be provided. For details, call 012-238 0631 (Eric) or visit www.kinraramettabo.org.

## AUDITION FOR MUSICAL

There will be an open casting call for the upcoming production of 'OlaBola The Musical' on from 1pm to 6pm on Aug 20 at Infiniti HQ, 28, Ground Floor, The Strand, Jalan PJU 5/22, Kota Damansara, Petaling Jaya. Registration begins at noon on the third floor. It is open to all residing in Malaysia aged 17 and above. Acting, singing and dancing skills are required while rapping is an added advantage. Participants are advised to bring their own minus-one tracks (USB or CD) and their portfolio if available. For details, call 012-377 0739 (Caryn) or email caryn@madhat.asia.

## FUNDRAISING EVENT

National Stroke Association Of Malaysia is having its annual fundraising event on Aug 27, from 9am to 2pm at Taman Jaya, Petaling Jaya. There will be food, stalls and games. All funds raised will be used for the operations for all its centres. Participation in the event is by coupons only. Booklets are sold at RM10 each. For details, call 03-7956 1876 (Nancy/Alice) or email info@nasam.org



The bins provided by MPSJ are placed in the schools for waste separation purposes.

their school garden under MPSJ's pilot school composting project.

"MPSJ provided us with special buckets to compost leftover food.

"Aiming for zero waste has not been easy but we have managed to guide the pupils to place leftovers in designated buckets," said teacher Farah A. Rahman, who is also the school's Sekolah

Sejahtera coordinator.

"MPSJ's effort towards a zero waste initiative at schools across Subang Jaya has motivated our students to reduce wastage of food and avoid non-biodegradable items.

"As a teacher, I feel the pupils are learning a new value and that is to love Mother Earth," she said.

### Recycling food waste in 21 Subang Jaya schools

Daily  
50kg x 21 schools  
= **1,050kg or 1.05 tonnes**  
(Equivalent to the weight of a compact car)

Weekly	One month	One year
<b>5.2 tonnes</b>	<b>21 tonnes</b>	<b>252 tonnes</b>

Landfill tipping fee for 21 schools - **RM9,072 annually**  
Student population in 21 schools - **33,500**  
Plant fertiliser to be generated annually - **125 tonnes**  
Collection of food waste - Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm

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A compost container given by MPSJ to SK Puchong Utama 2.