

Recycling campaign gains from efforts of 17 schools

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SEVENTEEN schools in Ampang Jaya have successfully collected 44,979.5kg of recyclable items in seven months.

They participated in the second recycling campaign by Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) and Fraser&Neave Holdings Bhd, which promotes the 4R practice — rethink, reduce, reuse and recycle.

MPAJ deputy president Hasrolnizam Shaari said Ampang Jaya produced 150,000 tonnes of waste a year, of which 30% was recyclable.

"We hope more campaigns will be conducted to raise awareness of recycling," he said.

Primary and secondary schools in the municipality competed for cash prizes totalling RM17,200.

SJK(T) Taman Melawati and SMK Dato' Ahmad Razali won first place in the primary and secondary school categories respectively, taking home RM1,400 each.

SMK Dato' Ahmad Razali Recycling Club adviser Nazihah Idris said a counter was set up for students to send the recyclables



Representatives from MPAJ, F&N and Tetra Pak with participating school students and teachers during the closing ceremony of the recycling programme.

after the morning school assembly.

"We also gave a monthly award called 'Anugerah Adiwira Cakna Kitar Semula'," she added.

Four special awards were also given to schools for the most number of aluminium, plastic, beverage cartons and e-waste recyclable

items collected.

SMK Taman Melawati won three awards for the most aluminium, plastic and beverage cartons collected in the secondary school category.

The students collected 134kg of aluminium, 1,750kg of plastic and

457kg of beverage cartons, winning a cash prize of RM2,907.

For the primary school category, SJK(C) Kg Baru Ampang took first place, collecting 52.5kg of aluminium.

SK Cheras Indah and Sk Ampang won RM700 each for collecting the

highest amount of plastic and beverage cartons respectively.

In the e-waste category, SK Tasik Permai and SMK Dato' Ahmad Razali won first place collecting 365kg and 49.3kg respectively.

"We applied a merit system for the programme, whereby students were gifted items such as pens or pencil cases when they dropped off their recyclables," said SK Tasik Permai headmaster Zulkifli Hassan.

Teacher Teo Hun Boon of SK Ampang won the exemplary teacher award that was introduced this year.

F&N corporate affairs manager Cariessa Goh said the act of recycling looked simple but had a positive impact.

"We are committed to educating pupils to recycle to preserve the environment.

"Through this campaign, we hope to instil in the children a love for the environment," Goh added.

Also present at the event were Solid Waste Management Department (NSWMD) director Ghazali Ab Wahab and Tetra Pak environment director (Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines and Indonesia) Terryzn Tan.