

Green task for schools

Awards challenge students to devise holistic conservation programmes

REGISTRATION is now open for the Green School Awards 2010, a project under the 'Cleaner, Greener Penang' initiative.

The awards challenge schools on Penang island to come up with the most holistic programme for environmental conservation in schools.

Penang Municipal Council (MPPP) management services director Patrick Khoo said the project, that was launched on Wednesday, was aimed at reaching out to the younger generation to conserve and protect the environment.

"Awareness in creating a cleaner and greener Penang should be inculcated to the younger generation from a schooling age.

"With an emphasis on several core green practices, we hope this programme will encourage students to come up with holistic systems to manage and conserve the environment on a continuous basis," Khoo said in a speech during the launching of the awards at Penang Times Square.

He said 10 basic green practices had been

identified to help schools create green programmes.

Among them are finding ways to recycle and reuse excess food and cooking oil, using environmentally friendly cleaning products, cutting down the usage of plastic bags and polystyrene, planting trees, conserving water and saving electricity.

The competition is open to all primary and secondary schools on Penang island. Registration is open until July 30.

Schools will be judged on three criteria — a prepared report on the green programme (30%), a presentation (20%) and the project evaluation by the judging panel (50%).

The prepared report, that needs to be submitted to the competition organisers by Aug 30, will determine the list of shortlisted schools that will be visited by the judging panel.

Cash prizes of RM400, RM600 and RM1,000 are up for grabs for the top three winning schools in both the primary and secondary school categories.

Registration forms can be obtained from



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