

Swinburne Sarawak Eco Night to raise environmental awareness

'Swinburne Sarawak Eco Night' will be taking place on 28th March from 7 – 10 p.m. to raise awareness about the importance of conservation, sustainable eco-friendly habits and environmental issues in conjunction with worldwide celebrations of Earth Hour and with Swinburne's 20th anniversary of its Sarawak campus.

Hosted by the Swinburne Sarawak Green Club to raise awareness among students, staff and members of the public, the Swinburne Sarawak Eco Night will include environment-themed competitions and presentations by the University's conservation partner, Wildlife Conservation Society, Malaysia.

Professor John Wilson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer will launch the 'Eco Night' activities. "Swinburne is very much a part of the Kuching community and I am delighted that the Swinburne Sarawak Green Club has taken the initiative to invite members of the public to join students and staff to take part in Eco Night activities. It is essential that we all work together to live environmentally-friendly lives as our Earth's resources are finite."

Members of the public are invited to join in the eco-friendly activities at the University's Multi-Purpose Hall. All are welcome to participate in Instagram and Twitter competitions, a team Candle Display competition, to make a pledge to practise eco-friendly habits and to play an environment-themed Kahoot Quiz.

According to Green Club advisor, Christina Yin, "the Swinburne Sarawak Green Club's aim is to reach as many people as possible and to share the urgency of living environmentally-friendly lives from refusing to use plastic straws to reducing consumption of material things, and instead, appreciating nature's wonders."

Students, staff and members of the public will be treated to a video on orang-utans filmed near Batang Ai National Park and an accompanying presentation by the head of the Wildlife Conservation Society's Orang-utan Research team, Joshua Pandong. A second presentation on Sustainable Living will be presented by Dr Melvin Gumal, WCS Malaysia's Director and Whitley Award winner for the Conservation of Ape Habitats.

Another highlight of the Swinburne Sarawak Eco Night will be lighting of candles in the shape of 60+, to commemorate Earth Hour. Prior to the Eco Night activities, students of Swinburne's Green and Running Clubs will be participating in the annual Earth Hour Run.

To attend or participate in Swinburne Sarawak Eco Night activities, students, staff and members of the public can register via this link:

<https://forms.gle/m7UikN21wmjWBGSW7>

Queries with the subject heading "Eco Night Query" can be emailed to the Swinburne Sarawak Green Club at swinburnegreenclub@gmail.com

Participation is free and prizes are courtesy of the Swinburne Sarawak Library and Swinburne's Business Development and Liaison Department.



**The Swinburne Sarawak Earth Hour Run & Swinburne Sarawak Eco Night
Multi-Purpose Hall
28 March 2020**

- 5:00 p.m. Registration for Earth Hour runners
- 5:15 p.m. Welcome Speech by Elwin Chan, Green Club President
- 5:30 p.m. Flag off of the Earth Hour Run
- 6:30 p.m. Runners begin to return
Refreshments and drinks for runners
- 7:00 p.m. Registration for participants of the Eco Night activities
- 7:15 p.m.
 - Swinburne Sarawak Eco Night Instagram Competition starts
 - Swinburne Sarawak Eco Night Twitter Competition starts
 - Swinburne Sarawak Eco Night Best Candle Display
- 8:15 p.m. Judging of competitions
- 8:25 p.m. Speech by Prof John Wilson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer
- 8:30 p.m. Lights are switched off
 - Candles are arranged to display 60+
 - 'Maias' video and talk by Joshua Pandong, Head, Orang-utan Research Team, WCS Malaysia
 - Presentation on *Sustainable Living* by Dr Melvin Gumal, Director, WCS Malaysia
 - Swinburne Sarawak Library Activity
 - Kahoot Quiz
- 9:30 p.m. Lights are switched on.
Announcement of Winners and Prize-Giving Ceremony
- 9:45 p.m. Photograph-taking Session
- 10:00 p.m. Ends