

Friendship Forest Project for Forest Landscape Restoration in Sarawak since 1995



Japan-Malaysia Association

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Introduction of Japan-Malaysia Association

ESTABLISHMENT

1957

HISTORY

Japan Malaysia Association (JMA) was established to serve the public interest by fostering the friendship between the two countries as an affiliated organization of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1957. The organization was later turned into a public interest corporation by the Cabinet Office of Japan in 2012. JMA is a non-profit organization fully supported by the private donation.

For its achievements, JMA received the Foreign Minister's commendation in July 2013 and Environment Minister's commendation in December 2013. JMA was awarded the Emperor's commendation in November 2017.

ORGANIZATION

Chairman: Mr. Keiji Furuya, President: Mr. Takakazu Ogawa.

JMA has membership of 20 companies and 100 individuals.

ACTIVITIES

(1) Exchange Program

- Organize study tours and eco tours to Malaysia
- Promote study program in Malaysia
- Support exchange program in Japan and Malaysia

(2) Forest Landscape Restoration Program

- Conduct forest landscape restoration program in Sarawak since 1995, and in Kedah since 2018
- Joint activities with local community, Japanese and Malaysian universities and volunteers

(3) Publication and Providing Information

- Publish "JMA Malaysia Magazine" bimonthly
- Translate and publish Malaysian books in Japan in collaborating with Malaysian national universities and institutions and Kinokuniya Company Limited.

(4) Seminar and Event

- Hold seminar and symposium
- Hold Malay language speech contest for Japanese students

(5) Study and Training Program

- Study and internship program for Japanese and Malaysian university students in Japan and Malaysia
- Study program for school children in Japan and Malaysia
- Support Japanese language education at universities and schools in Malaysia

(6) Others

We initiate other activities related to the objectives of JMA

Forest Landscape Restoration Program in Sarawak

Since year 1995,

JMA has been conducting tree planting activities for reforestation purpose through the Forest Landscape Restoration Program in Sarawak in collaborating with the State Government of Sarawak and local communities.

Since year 2010,

JMA has been conducting research and educational activities in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Sarawak and local schools in the project area.

Our project is

To regenerate tropical rainforest in Sarawak.

To restore degraded forest ecosystem, not for economic returns.

To plant indigenous species (mainly of Dipterocarpaceae family).

1995～2021 (27 years)

Total Number of Trees Planted

750,000 seedlings in 1,700 hectares



Activities

- Tree planting and maintenance activities conducted by local communities.
- Nursery for raising seedlings for tree planting conducted by local communities.
- Silvicultural advice and training by experts from the Forestry Department the Sarawak Forestry Corporation and UNIMAS.
- Environmental education activities with students and teachers from schools in the project area, university students from UNIMAS and Japanese universities.
- Community development program such as raising fruit tree seedlings by village ladies, improving community water supply system, homestay program etc.

**This project has been supported by
Japanese government, foundations, companies
and private donations and volunteers.**

Approx. number of persons joined tree planting activities

- Local communities: 6,000 (since 1995)
- Japanese volunteers: 1,000 (since 1995)
- School and university students: 500 (since 2015)

Access road upgrading: about 5km

Nursery upgrading and building: 4 places



Project Locations

Buntal Coastal Forest
(since 2020)

UNIMAS Campus
(since 2018)

Bakam F.R.
(since 2011)



Sampadi F.R.
(since 2010)

Gunung Apeng N.P.
(since 2005)
Gazetted as N.P.
from F.R. in 2016

Balai Ringin F.R.
(since 1995)

Sabal N.P.
(since 2013)
Gazetted as N.P. from
F.R. in 2018

Species and Planting Methods



Plant indigenous species such as *Dyobalanops beccarii* and *Shorea macrophylla*



Line planting method in the secondary forests



Dense and mixed planting method (Miyawaki method) at severely degraded area

Working Together with the Sarawak State Government



FLR Program MoU signing ceremony at Sabal F.R. in June 2019



Tree Planting Ceremony at Gunung Apeng F.R. in November 2008

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Tree Planting Ceremony at UNIMAS in October 2018



Director of Forest visited Gunung Apeng N.P. in March 2019



MoU signing with SFC in November 2020

Tree Planting and Community Project

Supported by Japanese Companies and Organizations

● Kinoshita Group Co., Ltd.

Planted 60,000 trees in 300ha at Gunung Apeng N.P. in 2007-2016. Conducting educational program for local youth at Gunung Apeng N.P. since 2017.

● Mitsubishi Corporation

Conducting tree planting and maintenance project at Gunung Apeng N.P., Balai Rinign F.R. and Sabal N.P. since 2008. Over 400,000 trees has been planted at project area.

● Dunlop Home Products Co., Ltd.

Planting 2,400 trees every year at Sampadi F.R. since 2010.

● JAC Recruitment Group

Giving donation and sending volunteers for tree planting every year at Gunung Apeng N.P. and Sabal F.R. since 2008.

● Dydo Drinco Co., Ltd. and Partner Companies

Giving donation for tree planting every year at Sampadi F.R. since 2012.

● Takasago Thermal Engineering Co., Ltd.

Conducting Takasago-UNIMAS Educational Forest Project at UNIMAS campus since 2018.

● Toyota Motor Corporation Environmental Activities Grant

Supported program for raising fruit tree seedling by village ladies in Serian since 2018-2019.

● National Land Afforestation Promotion Organization

Supported afforestation program by local community at Kuching Wetland National Park since 2017-2019.

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Kinoshita Group Co., Ltd.



Educational program for youth at Gunung Apeng N.P. in March 2019

Mitsubishi Corporation



Tree planting program in 2008 (left) Observation visit by KL branch in 2022 (right)

Dunlop Home Products Co., Ltd.



Tree planting program in 2010 (left) 10th anniversary tree planting (right)

Takasago Thermal Engineering Co., Ltd.



Tree planting program in 2019 (left) Planted trees growing well (right)

JCA Recruitment Group



Group company staff regularly visit the tree planting site (left) Plant trees with school children(right)

Toyota Motor Corporation Environmental Activities Grant



Fruit tree seedling raising workshop for village ladies by experts (left)
We purchase seedlings for planting (right)

Joint Research and Youth Exchange Program in Cooperation with Universities, Schools and Local Communities

● Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)

Conducting joint research program in the project area since 2010. Signed MoU for reforestation and environmental education program in 2014.

● Japanese Universities

Since 2011, teachers and students from Japanese universities visit to Sarawak regularly to join the program with UNIMAS students.

● Schools in Serian District

Since 2011, SK and SMK in the area take part in educational program.

● Local Communities in Serian District

Community program such as homevisit and homestay have been conducting in villages since 2011.



Raising seedlings at local schools (left) Cultural exchange program (right)



Students exchange at UNIMAS (left) Village stay experience for Japanese students (right)

Project for improving life and water environment at indigenous people living area in Sarawak

Supported by the Japanese Government's Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Project

Outline

In this project we will conduct programs to improve the life of villagers with implementing an effective water supply by upgrading "Community Gravity Water System", planting trees to preserve water catchment area, organizing life improvement program such as vegetable and fruits cultivation and traditional snack making at villages, organizing cooperatives for sustainability, and holding educational programs about environment and sanitation at villages and schools in surrounding area.

Location

Kg. Sabal Kruin Baru, Kg. Sabal Kruin Lama, Kg. Sabal Keruin Tengah, Kg. Nyaritak, Serian District, Sarawak

Project Summary

1st Year (April 2021 – March 2022)

- Making Consensus Building with Stakeholders and Preliminary Survey
- Upgrading Community Gravity Water System (for Kg Sabal Kruin Baru, Lama, Tengah)

2nd Year (April 2022-March 2023)

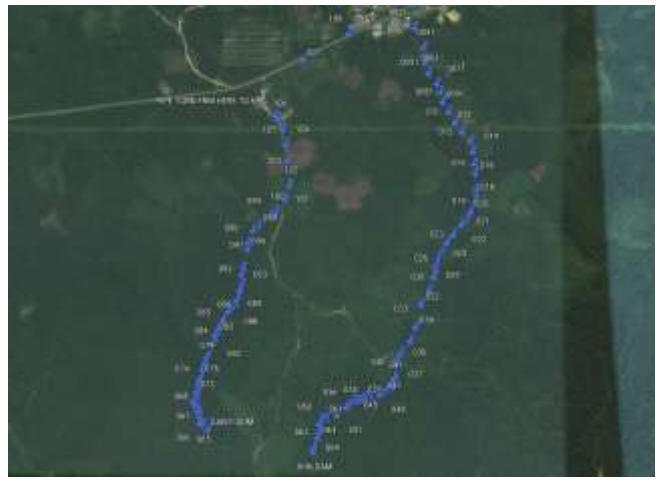
- Upgrading Community Gravity Water System (for Kg Nyaritak)
- Building Nursery, Raising Seedlings, Planting Trees at Water Catchment Area for Preservation

3rd Year (April 2023 – March 2024)

- Planting Trees and Maintenance at Water Catchment Area
- Conducting Life Improvement Program (Building a Station for Selling Village Products)
- Educational Program on Environment and Sanitation at Villages and Schools



Dialogue session with villagers



Water catchment area and pipe route survey



Transport materials for construction and small dam construction at water catchment area



Small dam construction completed



Pipe line laying



Clear water arrived at village houses

Seminars and Sport Exchanges



Sarawak Halal Hub Seminar in Tokyo in 2012
Co-organized by Sarawak State Government and Mitsubishi Corporation
supported by JMA



Japanese Judo instructors visit Sarawak regularly to hold training session with local players
London Olympic Silver Medalist Mr. Hiraoka visited Sarawak
as a volunteer in December 2019

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