

Media Title : The Star
Headline : Lake garden goes green
Date : 10 January 2023
Section : Events
Page : 6



Lake garden goes green

Addition of trees, recycle bins, solar lights at Taiping park will benefit community

A COMMUNITY sustainability programme has been initiated by the Rotary Club of Taiping in partnership with OCBC Bank and Taiping Municipal Council.

The programme's objective is to promote sustainability with tree planting, and by providing recycle bins and solar-powered lighting at the Taiping Lake Garden.

Rotary Club of Taiping community service director Thivananthan Thambypillai said the programme would benefit the park visitors.

"The planting of trees will increase the resilience of ecosystems and help minimise climate change effects.

"Additionally, the planting of

native seedlings in ecologically appropriate areas can counteract soil and biodiversity loss at Taiping Lake Garden," he said.

The introduction of recycle bins will encourage visitors to separate their waste accordingly, he added.

Solar lighting will be used to light up a small part of the park, said Thivananthan, noting that this would reduce the electricity cost for the council and ensure public safety at night.

The club has two more projects in the pipeline, he said.

In cooperation with Perak AED Save a Life Society, the club will be sponsoring an automated external defibrillator AED unit



(Front row, from left) Yeap, Sim, Musnarizal (fourth left), Ong, Steining, Ooi and Thivananthan (second right) with other attendees at the soft launch of the community sustainability programme at Taiping Lake Garden.

which is used in emergency cases of sudden cardiac arrest.

The unit will be placed at the Taiping New Club.

The second project will involve setting up a multi-sensory classroom for special children, among whom are slow learners, dyslexic, autistic, with attention deficit/

hyperactivity disorder and Down Syndrome.

This is made possible through a grant from the Rotary Foundation and is part of the Education Ministry's Integrated Special Education Programme.

Joining in the soft launch were Rotary Club of Taiping president

Johannes Steining, secretary Yeap Thean Eng while OCBC was represented by Ooi Poh Aik and Sim Siew Khuan.

Also present were Pokok Assam assemblyman Ong Seng Guan while Musnarizal Abdul Manap represented Taiping Municipal Council.