

## THE ORGANISERS

# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SOCIETY MALAYSIA (EPSM)

www.epsm.org.my

EPSM was formed in 1974. Its objectives are:

- To prevent the deterioration of our environment as a result of human activities;
- To control activities that contribute towards the deterioration of our environment;
- To initiate measures for the improvement of our environment;
- To stimulate public concern for the state of our environment.

A non-profit organisation run by volunteers, EPSM has been active in highlighting pressing environmental issues, undertaking studies and proposing solutions based on research. Since its formation it has introduced various holistic environmental concepts in Malaysia including Local Agenda 21 in 1997 and Global Reporting Initiative in 2002. In 2007, EPSM introduced Ecological Footprint Analysis as the basis of its SLiM (Sustainable Living in Malaysia) campaign.

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## ENSEARCH – Environmental Management and Research Association of Malaysia – Sabah

www.ensearch.org

ENSEARCH Sabah was formed in 2012. We are a non profit association of organisations, professionals, students and people with interest in learning and promoting effective ways to manage the impacts of human activities on the environment. The motto of the association is “ENSEARCH for a Better Environment”. Our activities include trainings, tea talks and projects on environmental management.

## DEWAN BANDARAYA KOTA KINABALU (DBKK)

www.dbkk.sabah.gov.my

DBKK's functions are governed by Section 49 of the Local Government Ordinance 1961 which include responsibility for ensuring and providing Cleanliness, Beautification, Public Facilities, Public Health and Licensing.

DBKK's Vision is to make Kota Kinabalu a nature resort city with sustainable development, as well as a friendly and prosperous city by the year 2020. DBKK's Mission is to administer Kota Kinabalu City with a professional, transparent and efficient delivery service, with balanced development, for the well being of the community.

## Who Should ATTEND

The Seminar would be interest and concern to every individual and organisation who consider themselves stakeholders in ensuring a sustainable future for all Malaysians. It would also be especially relevant to decision-makers at every level who hold the key to making positive changes happen for a sustainable future.

They include:

- Legislators; Policy makers; Government officers; Professionals; Representatives of Non-governmental organisations and Community-based organisations; Corporate executives; Academics; and Concerned individuals

## REGISTRATION

Registration for the Seminar is **free** and limited to 60 persons. It will be on first-come-first-served basis and will close on **30 October 2013**.

The organisers would appreciate your genuine commitment to attend the full programme.

Please complete the accompanying registration form and send to:

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# EPSM

Environmental Protection Society Malaysia

## SUSTAINABLE LIVING IN MALAYSIA

LIVING WITHIN THE ECOLOGICAL LIMITS OF ONE PLANET

### A CAPACITY BUILDING SEMINAR IN SABAH FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES



**Tuesday, 26 November 2013**  
**Novotel Hotel, 1 Borneo Hypermall,**  
**Kota Kinabalu, Sabah**

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Dewan Bandaraya Kota Kinabalu

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# BACKGROUND

It is already four decades since the world community first acknowledged that the human environment was indeed threatened by the nature of human activity. This happened in 1972 when the United Nations convened the first ever conference relating to the environment – the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment – in Stockholm in 1972.

After almost 40 years of advocating environmental protection and conservation from the negative aspects of development, EPSM is convinced that in order to maximise all efforts of government, civil society and the private sector towards ecological sustainability, there needs to be shift in the institutional framework to enable its effective implementation. (This is based on the Lestari Public Lecture No. 6 presented by Professor F. Dovers on 'Implementing Sustainable Development: Long Term Policy and Institutional Challenges' on 12 February 2009.)

Sustainable Living in Malaysia – with its most appropriate acronym SLiM – is an overall concept adopted by EPSM in 2007. It aims to embrace a holistic approach to ecological sustainability governed by the ecological footprint analysis (EFA) – a tool and concept that should be central to every aspect of human endeavour in Malaysia, and on this planet, if life is to survive.

Since 2007, EPSM's campaign to promote SLiM and EFA has encompassed a Workshop and Conference in 2007, a SLiM Roundtable in 2010 and 2011 respectively and the SLiM Symposium in 2012. EPSM has also, in partnership with UKM, embarked on a nationwide survey on SLiM since 2011 to measure the carbon, water and food footprints of urban Malaysian households.

This capacity building seminar in Kota Kinabalu is a continuation of the SLiM campaign with the objectives of promoting a greater understanding of sustainable development, as well as presenting practical case studies on implementing sustainable living. The seminar will also be the first public event in which EPSM will release the results of its SLiM survey.

# OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Seminar are to

- Emphasise the vital importance of sustainable living
- Re-introduce Agenda 21 as an action blueprint to implement sustainable development
- Highlight core aspects of Agenda 21 such as Local Agenda 21 (Chapter 28) and Changing Consumption Patterns (Chapter 4)
- Introduce ecological footprint analysis as a tool for measuring society's consumption of natural resources
- Share original data on consumption patterns of urban Malaysian households
- Provide case studies of positive initiatives to reduce the ecological footprint in different sectors
- Offer practical tips to reduce the consumption patterns of individuals and communities

# DESIRED OUTCOMES

By attending this Seminar, each participant will:

- Gain an understanding of sustainable development and its key principles
- Become acquainted with the ways and means Agenda 21, Local Agenda 21 and Sustainable Production and Consumption can be used for implementing sustainable development
- Learn about the link between ecological footprint analysis and measuring sustainable living
- Get an overview of consumption patterns in Malaysia
- Be motivated to take initiatives and steps to reduce your personal as well as collective ecological footprints in support of Sustainable Living in Malaysia (SLiM)

## PROGRAMME



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8.00am: Registration

### Opening Session

9.00am: Welcome Remarks

- Nithi Nesadurai, President, Environmental Protection Society Malaysia (EPSM)
- Datuk Adeline Leong, Chairperson, ENSEARCH Sabah
- David Lee, National Coordinator, GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) (TBC)

9.25am: Opening Address by Datuk Abidin Madingkir, Mayor, Dewan Bandaraya Kota Kinabalu

9.50am: **Session 1: Understanding the concept – 'Sustainable'**

- Introduction to Rio Declaration and Agenda 21, and Beyond (1992 – 2012)  
*Randolph Jeremiah, Vice President, EPSM and Datin Susheila McCoy, Chair, SLiM Working Group, EPSM*
- Local Agenda 21: Framework for Implementing Agenda 21 at the Local Level  
*Professor Dr Phang Siew Nooi, Universiti Utara Malaysia*

10.40am: Tea break

11.00am: **Session 2: Implementing the concept – 'Sustainable'**

- Experience of Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) in Implementing Local Agenda 21: Successes, Challenges and Opportunities  
*Lee Lih-Shyan, Head, One Stop Centre Unit, and Secretariat, Petaling Jaya Low Carbon Green City Task Force, MBPJ*

11.30am **Session 3: Tools for measuring sustainability and steps for achieving sustainable living**

- The Ecological Footprint Analysis &  
• Sustainable Production and Consumption  
*Randolph Jeremiah, Vice President, EPSM*



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11.55am: **Session 4: A sampling of Malaysia's sustainability status**

- Malaysian Lifestyle Behaviour – EPSM's SGP Project on Measuring the Carbon, Water and Food Footprints of Malaysian Households  
*Nithi Nesadurai, President, EPSM*

12.20pm: **Session 5: Living within ecological limits**

- Reducing the Carbon Footprint: Addressing Climate Change  
*Anthony Tan, Executive Director, Centre for Environment, Technology and Development Malaysia (CETDEM)*
- Reducing the Food Footprint  
*Nithi Nesadurai, President, EPSM*

1.00pm: Lunch

2.15pm: **Session 5: Living within ecological limits (continued)**

- Reducing the Water Footprint  
*Anthony Tan, Executive Director, CETDEM*
- Shift towards Green Procurement: Status of Green Products and Green Labelling in Malaysia  
*Joann Lim, Hon. Secretary, EPSM*

3.05pm: Tea break

3.25pm: **Session 6: Case studies at the local authority, community, household and individual levels**

- Greening a Local Authority – Managing Waste Effectively  
*Representative, DBKK*
- Greening a Condominium Complex  
*Joann Lim, Hon. Secretary, EPSM*
- Greening an Individual and Household  
*Anthony Tan, Executive Director, CETDEM*

4.50pm: **Closing Session**

- Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks by Nithi Nesadurai, President, EPSM



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