

BRUNEI SCHOOLS ARE TREATED TO FUNKY SCIENCE DURING ASPAC 2014 SCIENCE OUTREACH

ASPAC Science Outreach is a special event and one of the highlights of ASPAC 2014 Conference, organised by the Oil & Gas Discovery Centre, a flagship of Brunei Shell Petroleum Co. Sdn Bhd. The Outreach is conducted by ASPAC science centres from around the region and its main objective is to create a two-way communication between the science centres and Brunei schools community to promote students' interest and involvement in the fun learning of Science. A total of 6 institutions went out to schools in Brunei-Muara, Tutong and Temburong Districts today to meet up with the students and their teachers, namely the National Science Museum Thailand, Australian National University, Petrosains Malaysia, Scitech Australia, Pusat Sains Negara, Malaysia and the Oil & Gas Discovery Centre (OGDC), Brunei.

The first ASPAC Science Outreach already took place on 5th May at OGDC, where almost all the schools in Belait District were invited to join the Outreach activity. The selected Schools for the venues of second session of the ASPAC Science Outreach today were:

1. Sekolah Rendah Rimba II, Brunei-Muara



The school is the first model inclusive school in Brunei Darussalam. The School's Vision is "Effective Education Towards School Excellence". Sekolah Rendah Rimba II is striving to provide a conducive learning environment and provide basic skills and knowledge to all students through its effective learning, teaching and leadership.

Shahzari Hussin and Norhanita Abd Hamid from Pusat Sains Negara, Malaysia were the presenters of the ASPAC Science Outreach in this school, with the theme, "Innovation Movement – Ideas! Create! Innovate!". The school's students and teachers had really looked forward to hosting the Science Outreach. Hjh Mariam Hj Hashim, the school's headmistress, believed that the ASPAC Outreach will motivate her students to learn more about and appreciate science subjects. She hoped the hands-on activities and the students' involvement during the outreach sessions would result in the students' better understanding of scientific concepts. 44 other schools from

the Brunei-Muara and Tutong Districts were invited to this outreach, involving nearly 150 students and their teachers.

2. Sekolah Rendah Lambak Kanan II - Jln 49, Brunei-Muara



“A Vibrant and Successful School” is the school’s Vision. In line with the school’s motto, “Smart + Cheerful = Success”, the outreach sessions conducted here were by Dr. Graham Walker from Australian National University, one of ASPAC’s most cheerful and entertaining science presenter. Dr. Walker’s outreach was entitled, “Science Show Spectacular” and featured exciting concepts relating to pressure, energy, motion, polymers and chemical reactions.

50 primary schools from the Brunei-Muara and Tutong Districts were invited to this science outreach activity, totaling 450 students and teachers.

3. Sekolah Rendah Pengiran Dipa Negara Pengiran Jaya (PDNPJ) Sengkarai, Tutong



This school’s Vision is “Excellent Students are our Future Generation” and it is committed to providing quality education for excellent students in every aspect. According to Hj Katijah Hj Idris, Headmistress, it is an honour for the school to be selected as one of the hosting venues for the ASPAC Science Outreach. She hoped the collaboration with the ASPAC members had inspired and motivated her students and teachers to undertake new experiments and communicate science in more innovative, engaging and impactful ways.

Nimi Soraya Hillmee from Petrosains, Malaysia and Chang Yew En from the OGDC were the presenters for this outreach, with their themes, “Cabaran Petrosains” and “Siuknya Sains” respectively. A total of 25 schools attended the outreach sessions here today.

4. Sekolah Rendah Sultan Hashim Batu Apoi, Temburong.



The school is one of the model schools introduced by the Ministry of Education. The school’s Vision is to be an outstanding primary school in Brunei Darussalam. Its Mission is to provide a holistic and high quality of education in nurturing a versatile and competitive future generation. The school’s Headmaster, Cikgu Siasi, considered it an honour to be the sole chosen venue for

the ASPAC Science Outreach for Temburong schools. 8 primary schools in the district convened there to attend the outreach session, with a total of nearly 100 students and teachers. Cikgu Siasi expressed his hope that this kind of activity had exposed the students and their teachers to a new way learning and teaching science.

Amy Boulding and Nick Wood from Scitech, Australia and Yossawee Attasintong from the National Science Museum (NSM) Thailand travelled all the way to Temburong to conduct their science outreach sessions. Scitech's outreach was entitled "Earth and Space Science" while NSM's outreach was on "Air Pressure".

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