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## DID holds river ranger programme

A TRAINING of Trainers (TOT) River Ranger Programme was successfully held by the Global Environment Centre (GEC) recently.

An initiative by the Malaysian Water Partnership (MyWP) in collaboration with the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) and GEC, it involved DID officers from 12 states.

The River Ranger Programme was developed 15 years ago by GEC and was aimed at empowering DID staff on community engagement towards rivers that are free from pollution and are in vibrant condition.

After 10 years, MyWP initiated the TOT to rekindle and re-empower DID officer on sustainable river management through local community participation.

DID Malaysia deputy director-general II Dr Md Nasir Md Noh who launched the TOT, said in his speech that the River Ranger programme focused on pollution, water resources, biodiversity of the river, and its usability, value and importance to human.

GEC's coordinator for the River Care

Programme Dr Kalithasan Kailasam hoped the officers involved would implement and apply the theoretical and practical knowledge earned during the training, to conduct a better initiative in community engagement for upcoming DID programmes.

During the two-day programme, the participants were given chances to explore the River Resource Centre which was also known as the River Ranger Open Classroom in Taman Warisan.

The participants were trained to do water quality testing by using physical, biological and chemical monitoring methods.

They later visited the river monitoring area at AU2 in Taman Keramat in Kuala Lumpur to witness the local community's riverbank garden that had a variety of plants including corn, cucumber and chilli.

There was also a site visit to DID's water treatment plant to witness the water treatment process where the participants were taught to manage a wetland nursery initiated by the local community.