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# Schools rewarded for collection of recyclables

Cash prizes given out to those that gathered the most items

THIRTY-SIX schools in Shah Alam have successfully raised 121,321.20kg recyclable waste under a campaign organised by Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd (F&N HB) and the Shah Alam City Council (MBSA).

The inter-school recycling campaign, now in its 10th year, required schools to collect the largest haul of recyclables to win RM24,900 cash prize.

It was organised together with the Selangor Education Department and Tetra Pak (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd.

The five-month-long campaign, came to a close recently during an award ceremony that saw the unveiling of top schools that had rounded up the most recyclable waste in the kindergarten, primary and secondary school categories.

Three special awards were also up for grabs for schools with the highest accumulated aluminium, plastic as well as food and drink cartons collected.

To mark its 10th anniversary, an additional award was also given out to primary and secondary schools with the best and most creative recycling corners.

Coming out tops in the kindergarten category and retaining their crown was Pra Sekolah SK Seksyen 20 with a total collection of 4,096kg of recyclable items.

The preschoolers who took home RM500 cash prize also demonstrated that recyclables could be used to make musical instruments and costumes during their singing performance of *Jom Kitar Semula* during the award ceremony at Wisma MBSA.

SJK(C) Chung Hwa was the clear winner in their category with an exceptional 15,304.3kg recyclable items, beating their peers by a large margin while two-time winner SMK Bukit Jelutong took first place in its category having collected 10,826.6kg.

Both primary and secondary schools were awarded RM2,000 each.

SK Seksyen 6 and SMK Seksyen 16 won RM1,000 each for having the best recycling corners.

The recycling campaign, which empowered schools to take a proactive approach to promote environmental preservation, had recorded 1.07 million kilogrammes of recyclables since it began in 2007.

The cash prizes were handed out by Shah Alam mayor Datuk Ahmad Zaharin Mohd Saad and F&N HB corporate affairs manager Cariessa Goh.

In his speech, Ahmad Zaharin said he was glad that the campaign had been well supported by schools in the city.

"Students and teachers have worked hard together and even got the public's help in their collection of recyclable items.

"I hear that some schools even organised in-house recyclable waste collection competitions to encourage participation among students," he said.

He added that MBSA had spoken to F&N HB about introducing more categories and incentives to draw participation from more schools in the city next year.

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Children from preschools as well as primary and secondary schools in Shah Alam have collectively gathered 1.07 million kilogrammes of recyclables through the Kempen Kitar Semula by F&N and MBSA since its launch in 2007.

Goh said a new milestone had been set in the campaign by surpassing a million kilogramme in recyclable waste in the 10 years.

"This year, the collection has risen and the children continue to do us proud and are proof that the younger generation is capable of so much more.

Goh said through the campaign, F&N HB hoped to instil the 5R philosophy – reduce, reuse, recycle, rethink and recreate – beyond classroom lessons, as well as do their bit to nurture children into future environmental stewards

"We want to help schools realise that environmental awareness and recycling should be instilled at an early age.

"Education is pivotal in raising awareness on environmental challenges and shaping positive attitudes that can truly make a difference.

"Together with our partners, we hope to expand this green initiative and inculcate a recycling culture among children," she said.