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FORGING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE WITH IWK

Kuala Lumpur, 22 April 2015 – In conjunction with Earth Day 2015, Indah Water Konsortium (IWK) today organised an Earth Greening Program at Bunus Regional Sewage Treatment Plant. The event saw several IWK staff and fifty students planting trees on the compound of the sewage treatment plant.

The program is in line with the Earth Day global campaign and epitomises IWK's commitment to create awareness on the importance of forging a sustainable future by investing into Research & Development (R&D) programmes and practices. IWK's R&D develops environmentally sustainable initiatives that focus on sewage treatment by-products and operational efficiencies. At IWK, sustainability is not merely a catchword but a responsibility thus today's programme is just a part of the company's effort in encouraging the public to learn more on what IWK does, also to share and participate in the preservation of our environment.

During the program, IWK's Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Ir Abdul Kadir Mohd Zin with 20 students from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and 30 students from Sekolah Menengah Sri Ampang, planted 10 *Podocarpus* trees in the compound of Bunus Regional Sewage Treatment Plant. The trees were planted in soil, which has been treated with bio-solids and irrigated with bio-effluent to enhance fertility and productivity. After the tree planting ceremony, the students were taken on a tour of the facility whereby they were shown how sewage treatment process works, witnessing for themselves how wastewater is treated and finally released as treated effluent.

As Malaysia's national sewerage company, IWK has endeavoured to create marketable green products from the by-products of its core services. The products bio-solids (compost fertiliser), bio-effluent (treated water) & biogas will support sustainable development by reducing human impact on the environment.

The event was also attended by Dr Syazwani Idrus, Senior Lecturer in Faculty of Civil Engineering of UPM, Puan Wan Azhani Wan Abdullah accompanying teacher from Sekolah Menengah Sri Ampang and Puan Azza Pawanchik, Head of Corporate Communications at Indah Water.

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About Indah Water Konsortium

Indah Water Konsortium Sdn Bhd (Indah Water), is a sewerage services company owned by Minister of Finance Incorporated, Malaysia. Indah Water is responsible for providing sewerage services, operating and maintaining over 6,260 sewage treatment plants and 17,187 km networks of sewerage pipelines serving 21 million Connected Population Equivalent (PE). Our expertise include Operations and Maintenance, Refurbishment, Planning & Policy Strategy, Engineering & Process Review, Project Planning, Project Management, EIA and HAZOP Studies, Training Services & Module Development, Research & Development, Capacity Building and Community Awareness & Education Program.

The Indah Water Centre of Excellence for Research & Innovation in Wastewater (ICERIW) was established to promote R&D activities and sewerage industries innovations; and support research initiatives with public institutions of higher learning. Among ICERIW's achievements is the development of green products from the by-products of wastewater treatment: bio-effluent and biosolids.

Bio-effluent is produced at the end cycle of sewage treatment and can be used for non-potable application such as urban, agricultural, environmental, industrial and construction industry reuse to reduce overall water footprint. Bio-solids are produced as a dry end-product from a sewage treatment plant that contain high proportions of organic matter and nutrients essential for plant growth.

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