

Rotary
District 3310



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FOR
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35TH
PAN BORNEO
— MEET —

31ST OCT - 2ND NOV

HOSTED BY :

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Club of Kuching Central

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PBM PROGRAMME SUMMARY

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2025		
7.00am – 1.00pm	Golf Fellowship	7 am – Pickup from Pullman Kuching Hotel Lobby
1.00pm – 4.30pm	Registration	Colosseum 2 Foyer
6.30pm – 10.00pm	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Dinner Attire: Rotary Attire / Casual Smart	Colosseum 2
SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2025		
8.00am – 8.45am	Registration	Colosseum 2 Foyer
9.00am – 3.00pm	Partner Programme	Taj Mahal, Pullman Hotel
9.00am – 10.20am	Plenary Session 1 Attire: Formal	Colosseum 2
10.25am – 10.45am	Coffee Break	
10.50am – 12.20pm	Plenary Session 2 Attire: Formal	Colosseum 2
12.25pm – 1.25pm	Lunch	Culina Restaurant (Pullman)
1.30pm – 2.45pm	Borneo Clubs Meet – Unite For Good Brings together all Rotary Clubs across Borneo to share success stories, discuss challenges and explore collaboration. The Meeting aims to strengthen fellowship, exchange best practices and build partnerships that enhance collective impact in serving communities	Petra 1
3.00pm – 3.25pm	Tea Break	
3.30pm – 5.00pm	35th PBM Project MOU Signing & Handover Ceremony	Petra 1
6.30pm – 10.00pm	Governor's Banquet Attire: Formal	Colosseum 2
10.00pm – 12.00am	House of Friendship	Colosseum 2
SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2025		
7.00am – 9.00am	End Polio Walk	Hotel Lobby

Hosted by:



TUAN YANG TERUTAMA
TUN PEHIN SRI DR. HAJI WAN JUNAIDI BIN TUANKU JAAFAR

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YANG DI-PERTUA NEGERI SARAWAK



**YANG AMAT BERHORMAT
DATUK PATINGGI TAN SRI (DR) ABANG HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN
ZOHARI BIN TUN DATUK ABANG HAJI OPENG**

D.P., P.M.N., D.A., P.N.B.S., J.B.S.

PREMIER OF SARAWAK

Detailed Programme

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2025

1:00p.m. - 4:30p.m.	Registration	Colosseum 2 Foyer
Opening Ceremony & Welcome Dinner <i>Attire: Rotary Attire / Smart Casual</i> <i>Venue: Colosseum 2, Pullman Kuching</i>		
Master of Ceremonies: Rtn. Justin Kho of RC Kuching Central		
6:00p.m.	Arrival of Guests	
6:15p.m.	Arrival of Rotary International District 3310 Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed & Guest of Honour PDG Henry Tan, Chairman of the Council of Past District Governors	
6:20p.m.	Emcee's Opening Greetings and Salutations	
6:25p.m.	Presentation of National and Rotary International Flags and Anthems	
6:35p.m.	Toasts • Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong Malaysia XVII Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar by President Pauline Pui, Rotary Club of Kuching Central • Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar by PP Aw Tai Hui, Rotary Club of Kuching Central • Rotary International by AG Michael Kuan, Rotary Club of Kuching Central	

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Dinner

6:45p.m.	Roll call of clubs
6:50p.m.	Welcome Address by Organising Chair PP Jong Kiam Ngee , Rotary Club of Kuching Central
6:55p.m.	Address by Host Club President President Pauline Pui , Rotary Club of Kuching Central
7:00p.m.	Opening Ceremony
7:05p.m.	Address by Rotary International District 3310 Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed
7:20p.m.	Group Photo
7:25p.m.	Opening act by Baby Dream Machine
7:35p.m.	Welcome Dinner Opening Remarks by Emcee
7:40p.m.	Buffet Dinner begins
7:45p.m.	Performance by Valousity
8:05p.m.	Address by Guest of Honour PDG Henry Tan, Chairman of the Council of Past Governors
8:40p.m.	Promotion of the 2025 Genting Rotary Institute PDG Siti Subaidah Mustaffa, Chair
8:45p.m.	Performance by Valousity
10:00p.m.	Dinner ends

SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2025

Plenary Session 1

Venue: Colosseum 2, Pullman Kuching

Convenor: District Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed

Master of Ceremonies: Rtn. Lancelan Pegan of RC Kuching Central

8:00a.m.	Registration
8:45a.m.	Delegates to be seated
9:00a.m.	Welcome by Emcee
9:05a.m.	Sarawak Gas Roadmap: Unlocking the Potential of Natural Gas for a Sustainable Future Lewis Yong <i>Head of Business Development and Strategy, PETROS Sarawak</i>
9:25a.m.	Plenary Session <i>Sarawak Energy Berhad</i>
9:45a.m.	Innovation and its Impact on the Energy Sector and Sustainable Future Leon Liew Chee Ing <i>Executive Director and Group Chief Strategy Officer, Solarvest</i>
10:05a.m.	Q&A Session <i>Moderated by PP Aw Tai Hui, Rotary Club of Kuching Central</i>
10:20a.m.	Presentation of Mementos

10:25a.m. - 10:45a.m.	Coffee Break
Plenary Session 2 <i>Venue: Colosseum 2, Pullman Kuching</i>	
<i>Convenor: District Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed</i> <i>Master of Ceremonies: Rtn. Lancelan Pegan of RC Kuching Central</i>	
10:50a.m.	Advancing SDGs Through Integrated Localised Efforts Edmund Chai Ming Lau <i>Head of Sarawak Programme, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</i>
11:10a.m.	All of Us, for All Children in Malaysia Sze Lyn Poh <i>Leadership Development Manager, Fellowship Programme, Teach for Malaysia</i>
11:30a.m.	Sustainable Innovation: Accelerating Clean Water Access in Rural Borneo Jeffery Jong <i>Managing Director and Founder, Safewater Asia Sdn. Bhd.</i>
11:50a.m.	Q&A Session <i>Moderated by Rtn. Charles Liew, Rotary Club of Kuching Central</i>
12:10p.m.	Presentation of Mementos
12:15p.m.	Vote of Thanks President Pauline Pui <i>Pan Borneo Meet Host Club President</i>
12:25p.m. - 1:25p.m.	Lunch Venue: Culina Restaurant

1:30p.m. - 2:45p.m.	Borneo Clubs Meet - Innovation, Continuity & Partnership <i>Venue: Petra 1, Pullman Kuching</i>
3:00p.m. - 3:25p.m.	Tea Break
Pan Borneo Meet Joint Club Project Handover Ceremony <i>Venue: Petra 1, Pullman Kuching</i>	
3:00p.m.	Arrival of the Mayor of Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara and officials, followed by tea reception
3:30p.m.	Joint Club Project Welcome Speech & Project Brief Joint Club Project Chair PP Aw Tai Hui
3:40p.m.	Signing of Memorandum of Understanding & Handover Ceremony Signed by: • En. Ramzi bin Abdillah, Director of Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara • Ms. Pauline Pui, President of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central Witnessed by: • Dato Haji Hilmy bin Haji Othman, Mayor of Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara Following the signing: • Exchange of MOU • Handing over of the AED
3:55p.m.	Speech by Mayor of Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara
4:05p.m.	Demonstration of AED by Philips representatives
4:20p.m.	End of Project Handover Ceremony

Governor's Banquet

Attire: Formal

Venue: Colosseum 2, Pullman Kuching

Master of Ceremonies: PP Andrea Chan & Rtn. Justin Kho of RC Kuching Central

6:30p.m.	Arrival of Guests
6:40p.m.	All are seated
6:45p.m.	Arrival of Past District Governors
6:50p.m.	Arrival of Rotary District 3310 Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed
7:10p.m.	Roll Call of Clubs
7:15p.m.	Dinner Commences
7:45p.m.	Address by Rotary International District 3310 Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed
8:00p.m.	Dinner Resumes
8:05p.m.	Performance by Time Signature
8:40p.m.	Presentation of Certificates to Participating clubs for PBM project
8:50p.m.	Dinner Resumes
9:05p.m.	Promotion of District Conference 2026 President Pauline Pui <i>DISCON 2026 Committee</i>
9:15p.m.	Vote of Thanks and Close of Pan Borneo Meet Organising Chair PP Jong Kiam Ngee, Rotary Club of Kuching Central
9:25p.m.	Performance by Time Signature / House of Friendship
12:00p.m.	House of Friendship closes

SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2025

7:00a.m.

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9:00a.m.

End Polio Walk

Please gather in the Pullman Kuching hotel lobby



Partner Programme

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2025

6:30p.m. -
10:00p.m.

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Dinner

Attire: Rotary Attire / Smart Casual

Venue: Colosseum 2, Pullman Kuching

SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2025

Venue: Taj Mahal, Pullman Hotel

9:30a.m.

Traditional Sarawak Craft Workshop (Buah Kabo) by **Tanoti House**

10:25a.m. -
10:45a.m.

Coffee Break

10:45a.m.

Traditional Sarawak Craft Workshop (continued)

12:25p.m. -
1:25p.m.

Lunch

Venue: Culina Restaurant

1:30p.m.

The Modern Woman Health Code
SHiNE Pharmacy

3:00p.m.

Coffee Break

6:30p.m. -
10:00p.m.

Governor's Banquet

Attire: Formal

Venue: Colosseum 2, Pullman Kuching

District Governor's Message



Dr. Shahul Hameed
District 3310 District Governor (RY2025/2026)
Rotary Club of Singapore

My warmest greetings to all Rotarians, partners, and friends gathered for this significant Pan Borneo Meet. There is something truly powerful about coming together on this magnificent island, a land of ancient rainforests and diverse cultures, to reaffirm our shared commitment to service. In my journey as District Governor, I have seen the incredible work done by individual clubs, but I have always believed that our greatest potential lies not just in what we do apart, but in what we can achieve together.

This year's Rotary International theme, "Unite for Good" is not merely a slogan; it is a call to action that resonates deeply with the very purpose of this gathering. The Pan Borneo Meet is the theme made manifest. It is here that we transform proximity into partnership, and shared geography into a shared mission. We are bridging connections between Sarawak, Sabah, and Brunei, not for the sake of fellowship alone, but to build a unified force for positive, lasting change across our communities. This is reflected through the Pan Borneo Meet Joint Project where your contributions have resulted in 2 AEDs being installed in high traffic areas along the Kuching Waterfront area.

The sessions and forums planned are more than just items on an agenda; they are catalysts. They are opportunities to move beyond isolated projects and envision collaborative, cross-border initiatives that can amplify our impact. Just as philanthropy aims to solve the root cause of a problem where charity only soothes its symptoms, our united efforts can address systemic challenges in a way that no single club could manage alone. Let the ideas exchanged here be the seeds of transformative action.

An event of this scale and importance does not happen by chance. It is born from vision and built with dedication. I wish to extend my deepest and most sincere gratitude to the Organising Chair, PP Jong Kiam Ngee, and his entire committee. Their tireless effort, meticulous planning, and unwavering stewardship have turned the vision for this meet into the vibrant reality we are all about to experience. They have built the stage upon which we can all unite for good.

I urge every one of you to engage fully. Listen with an open mind, share with a generous heart, and connect with a clear purpose. Let us leave this Pan Borneo Meet not just inspired by words, but armed with new partnerships, bold ideas, and a renewed conviction to serve. Let this be the moment we truly harness our collective strength to create hope in the world.

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President's Message

Pauline Pui
President (RY2025/2026)
Rotary Club of Kuching Central



It is with great pride and joy that I extend my warmest greetings to all Rotarians and distinguished guests gathered for the 35th Pan Borneo Meet 2025. This annual gathering has long stood as a hallmark of Rotary fellowship across our beautiful island of Borneo—bringing together hearts and hands from Sabah, Sarawak, and Brunei in the true spirit of Service Above Self.

As President of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central, I am deeply honoured that my club continues to play an active role in fostering this Bornean bond of friendship, understanding, and collaboration. The Pan Borneo Meet is not merely an event; it is a celebration of unity, shared purpose, and our collective commitment to creating lasting positive change in our communities.

Each year, this gathering reminds us that Rotary is more than just service projects—it is about people coming together to make a difference. Through fellowship, dialogue, and partnership, we learn from one another, and inspire innovative solutions to challenges that transcend borders. This helps to strengthen our ability to serve more effectively.

As we look ahead, let us continue to build bridges of goodwill and understanding among Borneo clubs. Let this meeting spark new ideas, renew our passion for service, and reaffirm our belief that together, we can achieve far greater impact.

We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to all sponsors, partners, and supporters whose generosity has made this event possible. Your unwavering commitment and kindness have helped sustain the spirit of fellowship and service that defines the Pan Borneo Meet. Your support truly exemplifies the Rotary ideal of “Doing Good in the World.”

Lastly, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Organizing Committee for their dedication and hard work making this 35th Pan Borneo Meet a truly inspiring and memorable event.

Let us continue to Unite for Good!

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pauline Pui', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Organising Chair's Message

PP Jong Kiam Ngee
Organising Chair
Pan Borneo Meet 2025



Greetings, Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 35th Pan Borneo Meet, held at the beautifully renovated Pullman Hotel in Kuching. This year's theme, "Unite for Good," perfectly captures the essence of what brings us together — the power of unity and service to create lasting impact in our communities.

Our program this year features a series of insightful plenary sessions with interesting and relevant topics, designed to inspire fresh ideas and strengthen collaboration among clubs across Borneo, and throughout District 3310.

A meaningful highlight of this Meet is our Borneo Clubs Joint Project, "Heart Safe Kuching" — the installation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at the Kuching Waterfront. This initiative symbolizes our shared commitment to community well-being and represents a Rotary project that could one day save lives — a true reflection of our service in action.

Beyond the programs and projects, the true spirit of Pan Borneo shines through our Rotary fellowship — a time to reconnect with familiar faces, welcome new friends, and celebrate the strong bonds that unite our Rotary family.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all Rotarians, clubs, sponsors, and volunteers who have contributed to making this event a success. Your dedication and teamwork truly embody our theme this year.

May this gathering inspire us to continue serving together, hand in hand, as we Unite for Good throughout Borneo and beyond.

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A History of the Pan Borneo Inter-Club Meet

The Pan Borneo Meet first began in 1984 for the Rotary clubs in Kuching, Sibü, and Miri, in Sarawak, East Malaysia, all of whom were under the Group 11 of Rotary International District 3310. Due to the geographical distance between the clubs, the concept of the intercity meet was proposed by the Rotary Club of Kuching, then under the leadership of President Kang Fee Yong as a response to RI President Carlos Canseco's theme of 'Discover A New World of Service'.

Prior to this, clubs were only able to make contact when Rotarians from one of the other clubs visited during Rotary meetings or participating in events organised by another Rotary club. Therefore, this intercity meet would allow the three clubs to gather and exchange ideas, forming closer ties among themselves.

The objectives of the inter-city meet were:

- To provide opportunity for Rotarians in these clubs to meet
- To exchange ideas on all aspects of the Rotary movement
- To identify a project that could be jointly undertaken by the clubs

The proposal was readily accepted by the Rotary Clubs of Sibü and Miri, which were under the leadership of President Clement Tiong and President Kiu Chiong Ming respectively.

The first Pan Borneo Intercity Meet was held in Kuching on 8th December 1984, and was attended by the Presidents of all three clubs, and more than 30 Rotarians. The Intercity Meet expanded to include Rotary Clubs from Sabah and Brunei to become the Pan Borneo Inter-Clubs Meet in 1987.

It was then that the tradition of the Pan Borneo project began, where the host club would carry out the project, which would be funded by a RM1,000.00 contribution from each participating club.

The first Pan Borneo Inter-Clubs Meet was hosted by the Rotary Club of Miri, and the first Pan Borneo project was the donation of medical and sports equipment to the Home for the Aged in Miri. The Rotary Club of Bintulu hosted the second Pan Borneo Inter-Clubs Meet, although there was no Pan Borneo project carried out then. The Pan Borneo Inter-Clubs Meet is now known as Pan Borneo Meet and is annually held and hosted in rotation by a Rotary Club in Borneo.

In the true spirit of Rotary, participation in the Pan Borneo Meet is not confined to Rotary Clubs from Borneo alone. At each Meet, Rotarians from neighboring regions and beyond are welcome to join us in the spirit of fellowship, peace and understanding to further our guiding principle of 'Service Above Self'.



35th Pan Borneo Meet Organising Committee



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35th Pan Borneo Meet Organising Committee



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End Polio Walk

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Plenary Speakers

Sarawak Energy Berhad



Sarawak Energy Berhad (Sarawak Energy) is a state-owned vertically integrated electricity utility and power development company with a vision to achieve sustainable growth and prosperity for Sarawak by meeting the region's need for reliable, renewable energy.

Building on a strong foundation of 100 years as the primary provider of electricity in the state, Sarawak Energy is taking bold steps to support the transformation of Sarawak in its vision to become a developed state by the year 2030.

Sarawak Energy is focused on the generation, transmission, distribution and retail of electricity. We generate power through hydro, coal and gas—capitalising on Sarawak's abundant indigenous resources—and supply to our customers throughout the state through an extensive network.

As Malaysia's largest producer of renewable energy, Sarawak Energy is a catalyst for Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE), through its hydropower development to drive investments from energy intensive industries to create a stronger economy for Sarawak and its people.

Plenary Speakers

Lewis Yong

Head of Business Development and Planning
PETROS



Lewis has over a decade of experience in the energy industry. He began his career in technical and project roles at Shell and Repsol, delivering deepwater megaprojects across Malaysia, the U.S. and Vietnam – including Malaysia's first Semi-submersible Floating Production System and Tension-Leg Platform.

As one of the architects of the Sarawak Gas Roadmap, Lewis now leads Business Development at PETROS, where he oversees the identification, maturation and realisation of opportunities across the value chain. He has been instrumental in building PETROS' businesses today – including LPG, gas-to-power and small-scale LNG – from concept to commercialisation.

He also oversees the development of the Kuching Low-Carbon Hub, a flagship initiative under the SGR that integrates infrastructure, energy and sustainability to drive Sarawak's next phase of economic growth.

Topic: Sarawak Gas Roadmap: Unlocking the Potential of Natural Gas for a Sustainable Future

Abstract: Sarawak is redefining how energy drives sustainable growth across Southeast Asia. Through the Sarawak Gas Roadmap (SGR) and the development of the Kuching Low-Carbon Hub (KLCH), the State is creating a new model for balanced, low-carbon industrialisation – one that turns energy into economy and opportunity.

In this session, Lewis Yong, Head of Business Development, Petroleum Sarawak Berhad (PETROS), will share how Sarawak is leveraging its abundant natural gas, renewable potential, and carbon storage capacity to attract quality investments and build long-term competitiveness.

The presentation will outline PETROS' role as enabler of Sarawak's gas ecosystem, the development of four strategic industrial hubs – Bintulu, Samalaju, Miri, and Kuching – and the transformation of Kuching into a low-carbon gateway for the region. The Kuching Low-Carbon Hub represents the next phase of Sarawak's journey – linking clean energy supply with high-value industries and regional connectivity.

The session calls on partners and investors to be part of Sarawak's next chapter – building a sustainable, resilient energy economy for the region.

Plenary Speakers

Leon Liew Chee Ing

Executive Director and Group Chief Strategy Officer
Solarvest



Mr. Leon is the Executive Director and Group Chief Strategy Officer of Solarvest Holdings Berhad ("Solarvest"), a leading clean energy company established in 2012 with a vision to create a world powered by renewable energy. Since its founding, Solarvest has expanded beyond Malaysia into Taiwan, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, the Philippines, and Brunei, with plans to further penetrate Southeast Asia and the wider Asia-Pacific region. Joining Solarvest in 2021, Mr. Leon brings over 12 years of diverse experience in the energy sector. He began his career with Schlumberger in oil and gas exploration before moving to Sarawak Energy Berhad, where he contributed to power generation, transmission, distribution, retail, and policy development. His strategic insights draw from both industry players and regulatory bodies. Beyond his corporate role, Mr. Leon serves as Adjunct Professor at Taylor's University and as Industry Advisor for Renewable Energy under ESG Malaysia's Industry Advisory Panel (IAP).

Topic: Innovation and its Impact on the Energy Sector and Sustainable Future

Abstract: Fossil fuels—coal, petroleum (oil), and natural gas (concentrated organic compounds found in the Earth's crust) make modern life possible. These huge sources of energy work to generate power and they make the manufacturing of tens of thousands of commercial goods possible.

Fossil fuels have become synonymous with modern industrial society, their potential to solve some of the challenges of everyday existence has been understood throughout history.

Going forward, Technology with Innovation, in its many forms, is the key to a decarbonised energy future. In particular, advances in electric storage and renewable energy are key areas that have the potential to dictate the pace and the scale of the energy transition. Their impact is growing as renewable energy displaces hydrocarbons, particularly oil and coal, in power generation.

In turn, the anticipated improvement in electric storage, notably batteries, has the potential to revolutionise the transport sector as the electric vehicles (EVs) become a viable alternative to petrol and diesel fuelled cars.

A record 700 gigawatts of renewable power were commissioned in 2024 alone, up from 135GW in 2014 ten years ago, and far out-stripping the 50GW of net fossil fuel generating capacity added last year.

Global economic growth that both drives energy demand and is directly impacted by energy price volatility remains high on the global agenda. Recent history has shown that falling oil prices have largely failed to boost economic growth in consuming countries but they have had a dramatic impact on the fiscal balances of hydrocarbon-producing countries. Falling energy prices might not boost economic growth but the inverse is true: economic growth does boost energy demand.

Plenary Speakers

Edmund Chai Ming Lau

Head of Sarawak Programme
United Nations Development Programme



Lau Chai Ming (or professionally known as Edmund) is the current Head of the Sarawak Programme at the UNDP Malaysia Office, overseeing diverse projects in Sarawak, spanning nature conservation, urban development, sustainable tourism and youth engagement. A coral reef ecologist with a BSc and MSc from Universiti Malaya, he has over 20 years of experience in marine and environmental conservation. He co-founded Reef Stakes®, an educational card game on marine conservation, and is an alumnus of Young South East Asia Leadership Initiative (YSEALI). Recognized as the 2019 ASEAN Youth Eco-Champion, he was also named a Coral Champion in 2022 and a Wiki Impact 100 Changemaker in 2023.

Topic: Advancing SDGs Through Integrated Localised Efforts

Abstract: The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a roadmap for tackling global challenges by 2030, but their success relies on translating global commitments into action on the ground. This talk will highlight some of Malaysia's SDG progress from the Voluntary National Review (VNR) while spotlighting how the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is supporting sustainable development across Borneo.

Focusing on Sarawak, this talk will share on UNDP's growing portfolio driven by government leadership and priorities, ensuring solutions are locally relevant and region-specific. From engagement with communities to policy development, we will showcase how partnerships are addressing interconnected challenges, aligning local efforts with national development goals and the global SDG agenda. Looking beyond Sarawak, the talk will also touch on UNDP's ongoing work in Sabah on communities and commodities, and the early stages of youth engagement in Brunei, illustrating UNDP's broadening presence across Borneo's diverse contexts.

This talk will showcase some of the examples on how UNDP bridges global expertise with locally contextualized solutions to deliver meaningful change with elements of innovation. Whether it's addressing environmental sustainability, fostering inclusive growth, or promoting social development, the discussion will highlight holistic strategies designed to create a better and more equitable future for all, including the people and ecosystems of Borneo.

Plenary Speakers

Sze Lyn Poh

Leadership Development Manager, Fellowship Programme
Teach for Malaysia



With nearly 18 years of teaching experience across Singapore and Sarawak, Sze-Lyn is also a dedicated advocate for literacy and storytelling, serving as the Chairperson of the Sarawak Storytellers Association. She is currently a Leadership Development Manager at Teach For Malaysia, overseeing TFM teacher coaches and Fellows in Sarawak while supporting their growth as impactful educators and leaders.

Topic: All of Us, for All Children in Malaysia

Abstract: Teach For Malaysia is a non-profit movement working to end education inequity so that all children in Malaysia can have the opportunity to realise their potential, regardless of their background. Join us for a brief sharing to learn how young leaders are working alongside communities to empower every child's potential through quality education and to build a movement of leaders for a brighter Malaysia.

Plenary Speakers

Jeffery Jong

Managing Director and Founder
Safewater Asia



Jeffery Jong is the Managing Director and founder of Safewater Asia Sdn Bhd, a mission-driven Malaysian company based in Kuching, Sarawak, delivering sustainable clean water solutions to remote communities. His journey began in 2005, inspired by a village with electricity for air-conditioners but no clean water. With over two decades of experience, Jeffery has led the development of patented, user-friendly filtration systems that provide long-term water security without power or chemicals. His work supports government programs that extend clean water access and is strengthened through partnerships with humanitarian organizations. His expertise and track record have earned him invitations as a guest presenter at government and industry events on clean water solutions for rural development.

Topic: Sustainable Innovation: Accelerating Clean Water Access in Rural Borneo

Abstract: For many rural communities across Borneo, clean water remains out of reach. Conventional filtration systems often fail in remote settings, unable to cope with local conditions or limited maintenance capacity. This challenge inspired a mission that began in 2005: to develop sustainable, user-friendly filtration systems from within Sarawak.

This talk shares our dual-pronged approach. We first developed a robust community-scale system — the Safewater® Genie — now part of government rural water supply programs, providing long-term water security without electricity or chemicals. Recognizing the urgent need for faster solutions, we adapted the design into a household-scale version — the SiMPLE® Water Filtration System — serving as a vital stop-gap measure. Together, these innovations provide clean water today while long-term infrastructure is being built for tomorrow.

Through case studies—including collaborations with Yayasan Hasanah, the Rotary Club of Kuching Central, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—this presentation highlights how local innovation, community ownership, and appropriate technology bridge the clean water gap. Having reached over 5,700 beneficiaries across 57 rural schools in Sarawak—from Sematan to Limbang—in just over a year, the SiMPLE® system demonstrates a scalable model for advancing UN SDG 6 and building a sustainable future for rural communities. This work was recently recognized as the winner of the JCI Malaysia 2025 Sustainable Development Award in the SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation category.

Pan Borneo Meet Joint Project 2025

A longstanding tradition of the Pan Borneo Inter Club Meet is the Rotary Pan Borneo Joint Club Project as organised by the host club. This year is no exception as the host club Rotary Club of Kuching Central has decided to focus on making Kuching a Heart Safe City. Heart and cardiac issues remain a major concern in Sarawak, especially with the increasing prevalence of cardiovascular diseases driven by risk factors such as hypertension, diabetes, and high cholesterol. This project is in line with Rotary's disease prevention and treatment area of focus, and will help to improve public safety and save lives during cardiac emergencies.

The seed funding of RM1000.00 per club in Pan Borneo (Sarawak, Sabah, Brunei) has provided the purchase of 2 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) which will be installed at two strategic locations along the Kuching Waterfront with high pedestrian traffic:

- Kuching Waterfront Management Office
- Pengkalan Sapi

This project is also in collaboration with Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara (DBKU) whereby a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be signed during the Pan Borneo Meet on 1 November 2025. Through this understanding, Rotary will not only procure and donate the AED units which meet international health and safety standards, training and awareness training sessions will also be provided for the DBKU staff manning the areas where the AEDs are to be installed. In addition to learning how to use the AEDs, basic life-saving techniques will also be taught during this session. Awareness and education of cardiovascular health and emergency preparedness will also be promoted to the public through various channels and community outreach efforts.

Meanwhile, DBKU will implement appropriate security measures to safeguard the AED units against theft and vandalism. Besides that, DBKU will oversee the coordination of installation, and take responsibility for the ongoing management and routine maintenance of the devices to ensure they remain in optimal working condition. They will also conduct periodic training sessions for staff assigned to the AEDs, ensuring proper usage and readiness in emergency situations.

Through these collaborative efforts, the deployment of AEDs aims not only to save lives during cardiac emergencies but also to raise public awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness. This initiative is part of a broader vision to expand AED coverage across Kuching, ensuring greater accessibility to life-saving equipment for all residents.



*AED installed at
Kuching Waterfront
Management Office*



*AED installed at
Pengkalan Sapi*



Sights to See

Darul Hana Bridge & the State Assembly Building

Enjoy the picturesque views of the Sarawak River in the shadow of two of Kuching's modern architectural marvels, the Darul Hana Bridge, and the State Assembly Building.

Tip: come here at 8:30, 9:30 or 10:30pm to witness the Musical Fountain show!



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Borneo Cultures Museum

Explore the artifacts and dioramas in the newly built Borneo Cultural Museum - gain valuable insight into the diversity of lived experiences and cultural richness of the people of Sarawak!

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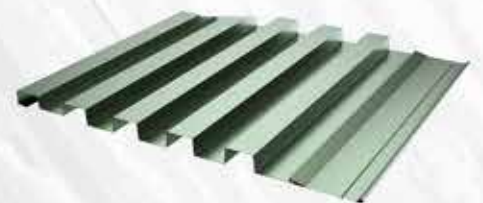
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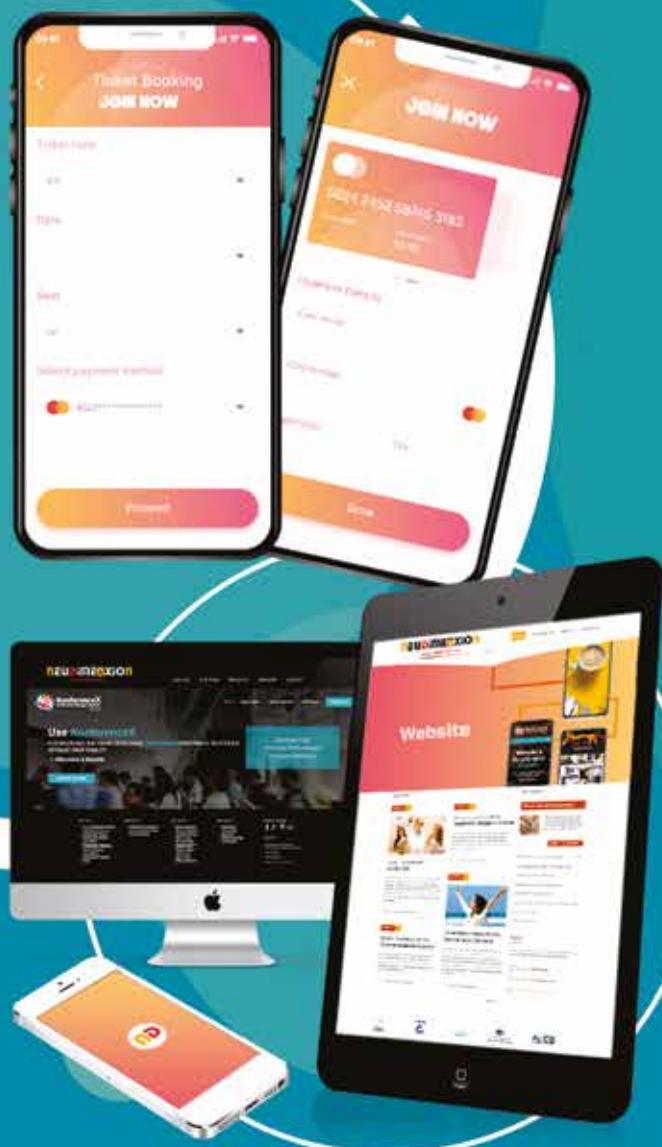
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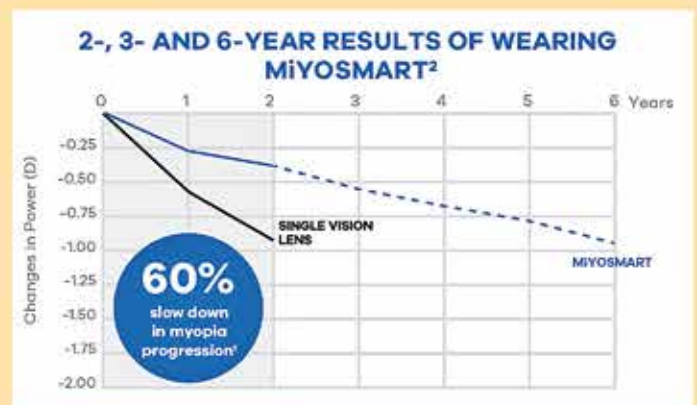
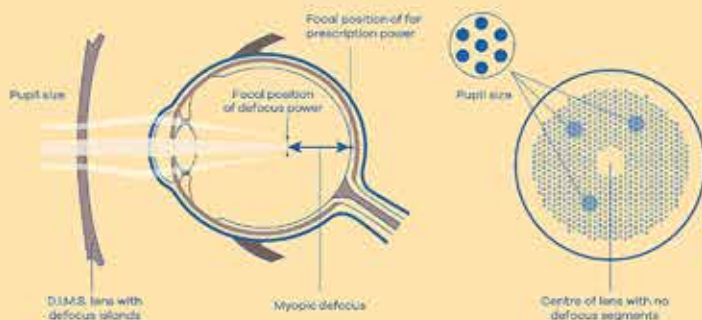
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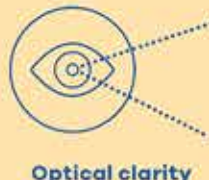
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