

First Guide on Urban River Rehabilitation Launched

SELANGOR, April 7, 2011: A guide on Urban River Rehabilitation is now available to help Malaysians safeguard the key source of drinking water. Launched by GAB Foundation, in collaboration with Global Environment Centre (GEC), the Handbook serves as a reference for industry experts, government agencies, private sector and those who are interested in river rehabilitation.

Titled '*A Handbook On Urban River Management Through Local Community Participation*', this 90-page guide highlights key learning and best practices developed during the three-year urban river rehabilitation project spearheaded by GAB Foundation and Global Environment Centre (GEC)

YB Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Joseph Kurup, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, was on hand to launch the Handbook. Also present during the event were YBhg Tan Sri Saw Huat Lye, Chairman of GAB Foundation, En. Zainuddin Ismail, Chairman of GEC and Mr. Charles Ireland, Managing Director of Guinness Anchor Berhad and Trustee of GAB Foundation.

YBhg Tan Sri Saw Huat Lye, said, "This Handbook is a culmination of three years of hard work, dedication and mutual cooperation between government agencies, corporations, NGOs and members of the communities to rehabilitate Sungai Way."

Tan Sri Saw adds that this book is unique because that it showcases how GAB Foundation and GEC have successfully engaged the community, government and private sector to be involved in the process of urban river rehabilitation.

With this guide, Tan Sri Saw hopes that more will make the choice to take ownership of urban river rehabilitation and management.

His view is seconded by Encik Zainuddin Ismail, Chairman of GEC, as he is quick to point out that "I hope with this Handbook, urban rehabilitation will be a priority in the hearts and minds of Malaysians."

The '*Handbook On Urban River Management Through Local Community Participation*' is available free of charge at public libraries, relevant Government agencies and departments, as well as the head offices of GAB Foundation and GEC. An online version as well as a Bahasa Malaysia edition will be introduced soon.

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About GAB Foundation:

GAB Foundation was established in 2007 to carry out Guinness Anchor Berhad's (GAB) corporate social responsibility initiatives in three core areas – environmental conservation, education and community. Within these three key areas, the Foundation strives to identify causes that not only contribute significantly to empowering and enriching the lives of deserving Malaysian individuals and communities, but also resonate with GAB's corporate values of striving for excellence, acting with integrity and having a genuine respect for people, society and its diversity.

The management and administration of the Foundation is governed by a board of trustees made up of senior members of GAB's management team and independent nominees.

For more information on the GAB Foundation please visit www.gabfoundation.org .