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## **FTKKP Champions Coastal Conservation, Empowering Ecosystems Through BASF Petronas Chemicals' Mangrove Planting Project 2023**

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KUANTAN, 24 June 2023 - A remarkable collaboration took place as the passionate staff and enthusiastic students from the Faculty of Chemical and Process Engineering Technology (FTKKP) at Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) united for an extraordinary cause.

Together, they embarked on a transformative journey at the BASF Petronas Chemicals Mangrove Planting Project, situated amidst the serene surroundings of Mukim Chendor, Pahang.

Under the inspiring guidance of Dr. Aainaa Izyan and her team, this dedicated group actively engaged in various activities, including the crucial task of planting mangroves, the heartwarming release of turtle hatchlings, and the invaluable mission of beach cleanup.

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With unwavering determination, the FTKKP team enthusiastically rolled up their sleeves and successfully planted over 100 resilient mangrove saplings.

These often overlooked yet immensely significant mangroves offer numerous benefits, such as safeguarding coastal areas, purifying water, and serving as vital breeding grounds for abundant fish.

Amidst a backdrop of breathtaking beauty, the team participated in the awe-inspiring release of more than 50 turtle hatchlings into the vast expanse of the sea.

These majestic creatures, classified as endangered, were given a renewed chance at life as they embarked on their arduous journey toward adulthood.

Recognizing the urgent need to protect our precious shores, the FTKKP team tackled the task of beach cleanup with unwavering dedication.

Meticulously, they gathered a substantial amount of litter, including plastic bottles, food wrappers, and cigarette butts, taking a vital step towards safeguarding the delicate marine ecosystem.

The FTKKP team's unwavering commitment and hard work left an indelible mark on the environment and the local community, perfectly aligning with BASF Petronas Chemicals' steadfast dedication to environmental sustainability.

This remarkable project became a reality through the collaborative efforts of BASF Petronas Chemicals and the esteemed Malaysian Nature Society Pahang, garnering overwhelming support from over 400 enthusiastic individuals eager to make a difference.

As a resounding success, the project witnessed the planting of an astounding 4,000 mangrove saplings, the release of over 150 turtle hatchlings, and the removal of litter during the beach cleanup.

The FTKKP team takes immense pride in their involvement in this impactful project, ardently hoping that their endeavors will inspire others, igniting a spark of passion for environmental conservation in the hearts of many.

In an era where our natural world faces numerous challenges, this collaboration stands as a testament to the transformative power of collective action.

Through their unwavering dedication, the FTKKP team has proven that when individuals come together with a shared purpose, they possess the power to effect positive change on a grand scale.

The BASF Petronas Chemicals Mangrove Planting Project has enriched the local environment, leaving an enduring legacy of environmental stewardship.

With their inspiring contributions, the FTKKP team has set a shining example for others to follow, demonstrating that each individual has the potential to shape a brighter, greener future for generations to come.

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