

Friends of Bukit Gasing clean up the hill

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Over 100 take part in the walk and gotong royong at Bukit Gasing.

PETALING JAYA: More than 100 members of the Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (ISM) and their family attended the Family Walk & Gotong-Royong at Bukit Gasing, here, recently.

Students from the Faculty of Built Environment of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) also participated in the walk.

The walk was organised by Friends of Bukit Gasing (FOBG), a club that was established to ensure the conservation of the Bukit Gasing forest and the surrounding areas.

The club had been fighting for many years to get the government-owned green areas to be gazetted as protected areas.

Club president Dr Khoo Boo Khean said environmental conservation was every individual's responsibility.

"Environmental conservation has been talked about for ages. There are a many activities conducted by the NGOs to preserve mother nature and wildlife but the feedback from the general public and the authorities is little," said Khoo.

He said the state government had the power to do the right thing, such as gazetting the Bukit Gasing Forest Reserve as the protected area.

"The environment and the eco-system is closely linked to our habitat and survival and if neither of this is protected then we will lose everything that we've got," he said.

He said it would make a big difference if the community played a role in protecting the environment and the eco-system. The forest plays a major role in balancing the food chains and natural habitats.

ISM president Elvin Fernandez said: "Bukit Gasing is one of the treasures in the Klang Valley that is accessible to everyone. They enjoy the greenery and learn about the various species of trees, plants and flowers.

"Many may not know that Bukit Gasing was originally a rubber plantation which, over the course of some 50 years ago, has evolved into a regenerated secondary forest resplendent with a diversity of plant and animal species."

After the walk, the participants were treated to breakfast and given goodie bags and T-shirts.

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