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MMHE LAUNCHES 'MHB KNIGHTS OF NATURE' AN ENVIRONMENTAL CSR PROGRAMME

Malaysia Marine and Heavy Engineering Sdn Bhd (MHHE), a subsidiary of Malaysia Marine and Heavy Engineering Holdings Berhad (MHB) today launched its flagship environmental Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme called 'MHB Knights of Nature'.

Designed to raise awareness among youths on environmental issues in their local communities, this CSR programme is a collaboration between MMHE and EcoKnights, an environmental NGO; with the involvement and participation of two higher learning institutions in Johor - namely University Technology Malaysia (UTM) and Politeknik Ibrahim Sultan (PIS). In the pipeline are two programmes scheduled with PIS in April and UTM in September, each programme will involve some 50 students from each institution.

The 'MHB Knights of Nature' will help undergraduate students understand sustainable lifestyle decisions that can contribute to correcting environmental degradation in their communities. MHHE and EcoKnights have prepared a programme that will build an ecoconscious youth nation by preparing them with responsibilities to manage environmental conservation.

At the 'MHB Knights of Nature' launch which was commemorated with the planting of 40 trees to mark the Company's 40 years of operations and evolution; Mr Dominique de Soras, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of MHB said, "Our natural environments and developed landscapes now co-exist by design and necessity. It is Man's moral responsibility and Industry's social obligation to harmonise and sustain this co-existence. As a corporate citizen, MHB continues contributing to the improvement of the quality of life of the regional and local communities in which we have been operating for almost 40 years."



Yasmin Rasyid, President and Founder of EcoKnights shared, "We hope that MHB together with EcoKnights will work closely to engage youths in Johor in this programme to further enhance their understanding and appreciation for sustainability. "This marks a good start to raise the youths' consciousness about individual and collective responsibility for better management of the environment. And we hope to benefit as many youths as possible to help identify and nurture future leaders – the knights of nature - who are more ecologically conscious."

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nur Naha Abu Mansor Deputy Director Corporate Planning & Community Engagement, UTM said, "UTM strongly encourage university-industry community engagement and is thankful for MMHE and Ecoknights to invite our students in such collaborative projects. This is an initial step ahead for 2013 in the journey to increase impactful collaboration in environmental awareness in sustaining our national ecosystem"

Note to Editor:

Located in Pasir Gudang, Johor, Malaysia Marine and Heavy Engineering Sdn Bhd (MMHE) is Malaysia's largest offshore fabrication, conversion and marine repair yard. The yards can accommodate the fabrication of large marine structures with a total tonnage of 129,700 MT; and are also equipped with two dry-docks accommodating vessels up to 450,000 deadweight tonnes (dwt).

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