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A facilitator using a thermometer to show students the water temperature.

Teaching children about water and its conservation

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TWENTY-SEVEN students from SMJK Yu Hua aimed to learn about water conservation through Salcon Smart Water Programme (SSWP) at Taman Persekutuan Bukit Kiara, Taman Tun Dr Ismail, Kuala Lumpur.

The bi-monthly programme, in its ninth year, is organised by Salcon Berhad in collaboration with non-government organisation, Water Watch Penang (WWP).

The purpose is to raise awareness on water conservation among students through interactive and hands-on activities.

WWP facilitator Lim Han Khim said most of the water in Malaysia was sourced from rivers.

“We want to make sure the younger generation knows that water does not come from the tap. We also want to stress on the con-

cept of conservation at source,” said Lim.

Schoolteacher Nor Aini Mohamad Ali said this was the first time the school was participating in the programme. With the guidance of facilitators, students conducted water quality testing by using physical, chemical and biological monitoring techniques.

Salcon Bhd corporate general manager Chern Meng Gaik said collective effort was needed to bring about change and growth.

She revealed that another programme known as Training of Trainers (TOT) that started in 2013 had seen an increase in participation.

TOT is to train schoolteachers and the public to conduct similar river programmes while encouraging the public to help as volunteers.

“We want to expand but we have limited manpower. That is the reason we have TOT,” she added. To date, the programme has benefited over 40 schools and 2,900 children.