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NOTICE OF THE 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 47th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Malaysian Society of Soil Science (MSSS) will be held as follows:

Time : 12.30 pm
Venue : Palm Garden Hotel 101 Resort, Putrajaya
Date : 25th June 2018



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Workshop on guide to healthy soils

A workshop entitled, “Guide to Healthy Soils” was held on 3 and 4 Feb 2018 at the Department of Land Management, Faculty of Agriculture, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Serdang. This workshop was developed specifically for urban gardeners, farming hobbyists, farmers, or land owners with little or no background in soil science. The only criteria is they must have a keen interest in urban gardening or farming! This workshop was organized by the Faculty of Agriculture, the Malaysian Soil Science Society, and Eats, Shoots and Roots Sdn, Bhd. A total of 28 participants had registered for this workshop. During this two-day workshop, participants were taught on a wide range of topics, so that at the end of the workshop, they were able to answer questions such as what makes a healthy soil, the importance of organic matter, how much to water the plants and how much fertilizer to apply. The participants also received hands-on experience on: 1) preparing soil media, 2) making compost, 3) interpreting soil test results, 4) fertilizer calculations, and 5) preparing a wick irrigation system. Lecturers involved in the workshop instruction were Dr. Christopher Teh Boon Sung, Dr. Tan Ngai Paing, and Dr. Ali Tan. These three lecturers are from UPM. We are happy to report that at the end of the workshop, participants provided written as well as verbal feedbacks that they enjoyed the workshop and found it very helpful, and some even asking for a sequel workshop!

By *Dr. Christopher Teh Boon Sung, Senior Lecturer UPM*



Participants trying their hand on aerobic compost making



Participants, lecturers, and assistants of the workshop