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Roles of Pustaka Negeri Sarawak in Sustainable Partnership Towards SDG 2030

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Abstract:

Plastic has become a way of life and it seems almost impossible to avoid its usage. Unfortunately, people do not use plastic responsibly and plastic problem has created one of the biggest environment threats to our planet. Since the beginning of the plastics industry, the use of this materials has expanded worldwide and would always end up in the land fills, oceans, waterways and even in our foods. Plastic waste imposes devastating effects on our health, water, tourism, fishing and overall ecosystem. The current environment crisis continuous due to collective blindness and irresponsibility towards environment matters. Therefore, it is the collective responsibility of every human to clean the environment and protect the planet from further environmental degradation. It is a collective responsibility of every citizens in sustainably maintaining the waste practices such as recycling, reusing and reducing waste wherever possible. Several initiatives towards sustainable environment has been implemented such as beach cleaning, community talk and no plastics bag campaign with aims to boost the awareness on shared responsibility towards environment. A strong collaboration lead by the local authority with the involvement of smart partners from the government agencies, universities, schools, NGOs, villages, volunteers and community created a sustainable shared responsibility to cope with this environment issue. This paper will share the involvement, responsibility and contribution of the library as a hub of information in keeping Miri City a clean and livable city. There were also challenges in order to ensure longevity of the initiatives and change people's minds. It will not be successful without cooperation of all parties.

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