

Students Engage in ‘Feel Good’ Projects

Students giving dogs at the shelter an anti-tick medicated bath. – Pic courtesy of Dr Nina Toh (TAR UC, Johor Branch Campus)



PETALING JAYA: Last month, students from Tunku Abdul Rahman University College at its Johor Branch Campus were put through various activities to instill civic consciousness and volunteerism (CCV) values in them.

HOPE Pets Shelter cleaning project manager Ong Lay Hong described the sessions as “meaningful and useful”.

“There were over 3,000 dogs and more than 200 cats at HOPE and our job was to clean up and wash various supplies and utensils.

“First, we cleaned out the cages, leashes and toys. Then, we replenished their food and water, giving them a comfortable stay. After that, we fed and bathed them,” he said.

“We also understood that the shelter faced financial problems due to high expenses. Medical treatment for the animals does not come cheap and neither do the food and living expenses.”

He added that an estimated 80 15kg bags of dog food is required per day, making that 2,400 bags per month. The shelter also spends more than RM140,000 per month on food expenses and between RM20,000 and RM30,000 on medical bills.

Another student, Bekok Tzu Chi recycling project manager Tan Yean Yin said: “We participated in a lot of activities like donating usable clothes for old folk homes, organising a fundraiser for the disabled, visiting old folk and spending time chatting with them.

“Also, we helped clean the living area of the homes and orphanages and donated daily necessities to lighten their burden.”

Tan said her team learned many moral values, such as generosity and responsibility through their projects. Meanwhile, volunteer project manager Tan Dickson said: “We prepared a lot of daily necessities, books and some toys for the children at an orphanage. We played games with them and helped them clean the premises. “Volunteering not only brings me happiness but also makes me useful. I chose volunteerism because I can participate in meaningful activities that would make my university life more colourful and fun,” he said. – by Shivani Supramani



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