

# Birds of a feather **flock** to KKB

## UPM students display keen eye in bird-watching competition

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**T**HE team members of 3 Harriers, comprising Ong Kang Woei, Mohd Azri Ahmad and Mohd Shahril Ab Razak from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Serdang won in the open category in the second "Wings of KKB" bird-watching competition that ended at Resorts World, Genting Highlands last Sunday.

The 3 Harriers found 58 species of birds within 24 hours, at 10 checkpoints in Kuala Kubu Baru (KKB) and Genting Highlands during the event.

Burung Hantu group comprising Aizam Othman, Jayasilan Maniam dan NorAliah Mohd Yusof from Genting Highlands found 51 species of bird to finish second while Laughing Thrush Group

comprising Pamela Lim and Aziz Cumming found 30 species of birds to finish third.

Sanoka Birders from SMK Dato Hj Kamaruddin, KKB won in the school category while The Eagle Girl from Sekolah Menengah Kalumpang and NAS Birders, also from SMK Dato Hj Kamaruddin, finished second and third respectively.

Participants had to find bird species in areas such as KKB, Taman Milenium in KKB, Hulu Tamu hot springs in Batang Kali, Sungai Kedondong forest in Batang Kali and the surrounding Genting Highlands.

Hulu Selangor District Council (MDHS) president Tukiman Nail said the event was made more meaningful as Resorts World Genting was the main sponsor



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**We did it:** The winners in the open category with officials at the gala dinner in Resorts World Genting Highlands.





**Comparing notes:** Students recording their findings during the open category competition.

# Competition to put KKB on the map

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this year.  
 "This programme aims to instil public awareness among the public, especially schoolchildren, to help preserve the environment through activities like bird-watching competitions.  
 "We held it in KKB to promote the town and put it on the tourism map. The town has a lot to offer with its historical buildings, culture and flora and fauna.  
 "Resorts World Genting's involvement is also a boost for the programme," said Tukiman.  
 Malaysian Nature Society vice-president Professor Ahmad Ismail, Fraser's Hill bird expert K.S. Durai and Jerry Looi from Infinity Focus

conducted a seminar for the participants. MDHS secretary Azman Dahlan launched the competition later.  
 Besides the bird race, other activities included Explorace, colouring competitions, lucky draws and an exhibition at KKB Sports Complex.  
 Tourism Malaysia director-general Datuk Mirza Mohammad Taiyab gave away the prizes at the gala dinner held at Resorts World Genting.  
 Also present were Tourism Selangor general manager Noorul Ashikin Mohd Din, Tukiman, Azman and Resorts World Genting senior vice-president of public relations and communications Datuk Anthony Yeo.



**Over there:** This group seems to have spotted a bird during their walk in Kuala Kubu Baru town.



**Must-have tool:** The students (above and below) using binoculars during the bird-watching competition.