



Realising the importance of rivers, the government, through its agencies such as DID Malaysia, has conducted conservation efforts and cleanliness campaigns

UMP, DID SOUGHT KOREAN EXPERTISE ON RIVER MANAGEMENT

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP)'s Centre of Earth Resources & Research Management (CERRM) and Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) jointly organised a seminar on managing river health at Seri Pacific Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on March 1, 2012.

The seminar, held for the first time, was to ensure sustainability of rivers in the country and for the natural resources be well-managed.

It served as a platform where experiences of foreign researchers

especially from University of Seoul in managing rivers in Korea could be shared and adapted in Malaysia.

Among the topics discussed were the effectiveness of Water Quality Monitoring Policy and their success in dealing with a water project in Cheongaechun, South Korea.

Rivers and humans have a dynamic relationship with rivers having an impact on humans and, conversely, the impact of humans on rivers.

History had shown that human

settlements started in river valleys as the place would facilitate their daily activities.

It was a source for water and food for humans as well as a transportation means and this function has not changed.

In fact, the role of rivers has increased when it is also a source of power to generate hydro electric.

According to DID director general Dato' Ir. Haji Ahmad Husaini Sulaiman, the government allocated billions of ringgit to protect and conserve rivers.