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Explore recycling facilities

By Diana Othman



The new Recycling Trail hopes to expand the participants' knowledge of Singapore's environmental strategies and encourage people to adopt an environmentally-friendly lifestyle. --PHOTO: AP

GO BEHIND the scenes and take a first-hand look at Singapore's extensive waste minimisation efforts.

Welcome to the new Recycling Trail developed by the National Environmental Agency's (NEA) and organised by the Singapore Environment Institute (SEI) of NEA.

The trail is an extension of the Programme for Environmental Experiential Learning (PEEL), which first started in September 2007.

Each PEEL Trail is an 'out-of-classroom' learning experience that brings participants to environmental management facilities around Singapore, said NEA.

It hopes to expand the participants' knowledge of Singapore's environmental strategies and encourage people to adopt an environmentally-friendly lifestyle.

The trail includes tours of various recycling facilities, such as NEA's Sarimbun Recycling Park, a wood recycling facility, e-waste recycling facility and household waste sorting centre, allowing participants to witness and learn how waste from industries and households can be given a new lease of life.

This initiative is the latest offering in the development of PEEL, following a series of five existing trails - the Clean Land Trail, Clean Water Trail, Clean Air Trail, Climate Change Trail and Public Health Trail.

Mr Andrew Tan, chief executive officer of NEA, hopes the programme will inspire more people to adopt recycling habits as Singapore strives towards its national recycling goals.

Under the Sustainable Development Blueprint announced by the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Sustainable Development (IMCSD) in April, Singapore has targeted to attain a 70 per cent recycling rate by 2030.

The PEEL trails are also open to foreign professionals working in the environmental field and organisations interested in enhancing their knowledge of environmental management.

A total of 1,769 local and foreign participants have taken part since the first four PEEL trails were launched in 2007.

The full-day programme is from 9 am to 5.30pm. Those who are interested may sign up at www.nea.gov.sg/sei.

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