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A PEEK INTO THE WORLD OF DINOSAURS

"Getting to know prehistoric animals"

By Noor Azlina Zainuddin

"I was thrilled to meet biologist Prof Dr. Ille because I have always been interested in science, and I had the opportunity to ask many questions about long-extinct dinosaurs as well", says Fitriyani Hafzan Mohd Shaari.

For Fitriyani, a career as a biologist is exciting as it involves a lot of research in and outside the laboratory, as well as creates career opportunities in various fields such as medical research, food processing and botany.

The Form 1 student of SMK Tasik Puteri, Rawang, Selangor, was met during a session with the biologist, Prof Dr. Ille C Gebeshuber, who is also the Professor of Physics, Nanotechnology and Biomimetics of the Institute of Microengineering and Nanoelectronics (IMEN) of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

Apart from the opportunity to meet and get to know Dr Ille for 2 hours, the researcher and expert in the field of biomimetics also provided the students with biology-based explanations on the existence of dinosaurs and how world biologists came up with theories about the colour of the prehistoric animals.

The meet-the-biologist session was one of the activities organised as part of the "Dinosaurs Alive!" Festival recently held at the National Science Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

Thousands of visitors, especially children and teenagers who were accompanied by their parents, took the opportunity to attend the festival, which was specially held in conjunction with the World of Dinosaurs Exhibition held from December last year until the coming end of May.

The exhibition displays 32 species of dinosaurs made to scale. The main attractions are the Tyrannosaurus measuring 4.88 metres and the Apatosaurus measuring 7.01 metres

Captions:

1. Schoolchildren fascinated by one of the dinosaur replicas displayed at the National Science Centre.
2. William Choo (right) and his younger sister, Wendy Choo, from SMK Taman Connaught, Selangor, were fascinated by the replica of the Pachycephalosaurus.

3. Some of the students participating in an activity to create dinosaur fossils with the assistance of the National Science Centre facilitator, Encik Mohd Fadli Abd Rashid (on the right).

Insets:

“This exhibition gave schoolchildren the opportunity to learn about the characteristics and dietary habits of the dinosaurs according to their species. This knowledge may be acquired through books or the internet. However, if you were to come to the National Science Centre, the interactive exhibition and side activities make the process of learning about each specie of dinosaur much easier.”

- Phagatleen Singh

Form 1 Student, SMK Bukit Sentosa, Rawang, Selangor.

“The world of dinosaurs is amazing because we cannot guess their sizes or what they look like. With the help of researchers, such as biologists, these extinct animals can be recreated to be viewed by our generation.”

- Farra Zayani Mohd Zaki

Form 3 student, SMK Bandar Tun Hussein Onn, Selangor.