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## BASF PETRONAS Chemicals Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Green the Coastline and Free Market

**Kuantan, September 9: 2017** BASF PETRONAS Chemicals celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary today by planting mangrove saplings and cleaning the beach at Taman Gelora as well as Free Market benefiting the surrounding community. Sundry contributions were also handed to 100 underprivileged families by En. Zairul Alwi, Human Resource Director of BASF PETRONAS Chemicals.

A total of 300 mangrove saplings species - *Rhizophora Apiculata* (*bakau minyak*) and *Rhizophora Mucnorata* (*bakau kurap*) were planted by employees of BASF PETRONAS Chemicals together with the event's co-organizer, BASF Group in Malaysia followed by sprucing up the coastlines. This is in line with the company's commitment towards United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) number 15 "Life on Land". Mangroves serves as barriers to prevent erosion and reduce the impact of waves on the island's shoreline. This also help protect the ecosystem while preserving the natural habitat of the flora and fauna there.

At the same time, BASF PETRONAS Chemicals organized its first Free Market offering everything from household goods, clothing to electrical times worth thousands of ringgits for free to visitors who are mainly residents of the surrounding three villages and community at large. Free Market is a concept which instils the value of giving in a sincere way, and receiving in the most grateful manner. The market also offered health screening services by the Kuantan Health District as well from the company's in- house paramedics.

Malaysian Nature Society and MERCY Malaysia are the NGO partners for this event.

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