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## Students create urban garden within school

*Penang, 12 November 2016* – An urban garden has taken shape at SK Tanjong Tokong, thanks to a group of enthusiastic and eco-conscious students.

More than 15 types of vegetables and herbs such as oregano, green chiretta, mulberry, lemongrass, turmeric, ladies' finger, spinach, chilli and brinjal were grown in the 93sq m garden within the school compound. It also has a compost pit.

The students had earlier picked up gardening skills and composting knowledge from Eastern & Oriental Berhad (E&O) through its Think Green long-term community education programme.

The programme's partner, the Consumers Association of Penang (CAP), guided the students in creating the garden and selecting suitable herbs for planting.

E&O Property (Penang) Sdn Bhd general manager Zawawi Yusop said it was heartening to see the students benefiting from the Think Green programme and putting their green finger-skills to good use.

"E&O started off with a small food garden at the Straits Green public park of Seri Tanjung Pinang, which serves as an outdoor classroom for the local community to connect with nature.

"It is wonderful to see how our budding effort at the Think Green garden has flourished to our partner schools. In August, SJK (T) Azad set up its own mini herb garden and now, it is SK Tanjong Tokong's turn," he said.

SK Tanjong Tokong headmaster Rosli Ahmad expressed his gratitude to E&O for helping the students and teachers set up their very first green space within the school compound.

"The *Laman Mesra Botani* is definitely a great platform for the students to put what they have learnt from the Think Green programme into practice.

"We hope to nurture a sense of eco-awareness among the students and that they will eventually share the knowledge with their family by creating their own urban garden at home," he said.

After starting the Think Green programme in 2013, E&O has continued to work closely with CAP and schools in the vicinity of Seri Tanjung Pinang, namely SK Tanjung Tokong, SJK(C) Hun Bin, SJK (T) Azad, Tadis Ar-Rasyidin and later with SMK Tanjung Bungah and SK Pendidikan Khas Persekutuan Pulau Pinang.

Over the years, participating students learned compost making, garden design and care, building raised beds, growing food, herb appreciation, natural farming, and making DIY planters.

Meanwhile, with the new school year just around the corner, E&O also contributed school necessities to 175 deserving students from SK Tanjung Tokong, SJK (C) Hun Bin, SJK (T) Azad, Tadis Ar Rasyidin and children of the local fishermen community.

The annual initiative saw each student receiving a brand new school bag, a set of school uniform, a pair of school shoes and socks amounting to RM150.

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### **Think Green**

Think Green is a long-term community education programme by Eastern & Oriental Berhad aimed at nurturing and inculcating eco-consciousness, healthy living and community spirit through a food garden sited at Straits Green, a 4-acre public park developed and maintained by E&O at Seri Tanjung Pinang, Penang. Initiated in June 2013, the Think Green programme presents an outdoor classroom for local communities to reconnect with nature, with a focus on nurturing the younger generation. Together with its partner, the Consumers' Association of Penang (CAP), E&O has reached out to students from Tadis Ar-Rasyidin, SK Tanjung Tokong, SJK (C) Hun Bin and SJK (T) Azad through regular educational activities. In 2015, the programme expanded to include activities with secondary school students from SMK Tanjung Bungah and special children from SK Pendidikan Khas Persekutuan Pulau Pinang. The Think Green programme continues to evolve to ensure long-term, focused and meaningful community engagement.

### **The E&O Group**

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In Kuala Lumpur, E&O's landmark properties include **The Mews**, **St Mary Residences**, **Dua Residency**, **Idamansara** and **Seventy Damansara**, all located in the most prime and prestigious neighbourhoods of the capital city.

In Penang, **Seri Tanjung Pinang** is the island's first masterplanned seafront development that is now a highly sought-after and thriving community to locals as well as expatriates from over 20 nationalities.

In Johor's southern development corridor of Iskandar Malaysia, E&O has embarked on **Avira**, a 207-acre wellness-themed development within Medini that has easy accessibility to the Second Link connection to Singapore.

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