

Keeping up with Hama'Lu

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SPORT



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It has been one month since we started the initiative of 'River Cleanup'. Let me tell you, it has been a huge success. People from all over the country are coming together to go canoeing in Hama'Lu's beautiful rivers and mangroves. Young and old enjoy it, and it is also beneficial to Hama'lu's environment. The rivers have never looked this clean, and plants and animals living in and around the water are coming back to life.

Race day

Because of the great success, we wanted to organize something special. So we decided to organize a canoe race. Not a regular one, but a race where your team has to be the fastest at filling a rubbish bag. Everyone had the chance to participate in teams of two. On Saturday, the 27th of November, fifteen teams gathered in their canoe at the starting line. The race attracted more than 100 people who wanted to support the participants.

Expect the unexpected

It was a very exciting competition. All the teams did a fantastic job and were thrilled to get their hands on the first prize. Which was a luxury dinner at Hamptonlu with a private concert of Lady Gaga. The race started at 2.00 PM and the first group had almost a full bag of litter in twenty minutes. But then something unexpected happened, one of the members lost an oar that made it harder for them to move forward. Consequently, it was very exciting to the very end. Finally, team WEloveEarth, the team of Jules and Lilian won the race. We were thrilled by the adrenaline, our hearts were pounding so loudly. We really thought it was over when the other team almost had a full bag of rubbish, and we only had half a bag. 'We didn't expect this to happen but are so pleased to have won the first prize.' – Lilian said.