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Wanted: Young Wetlands shutterbugs

CHILDREN in the Klang Valley between the ages of 10 and 12 are invited to become part of the first group of 30 young Malaysians who will document on film the Paya Indah Wetlands on Nov 3.

It will be a record of the wetlands ecosystems and their flora and fauna seen through the eyes of these young Malaysians.

This is the task of the participants of the Young Photographers Workshop, a pilot programme between New Straits Times In Education and Paya Indah Wetlands.

The one-day workshop will be held at the Paya Indah Wetlands, near Dengkil, Selangor. An exhibition of their works will be held at a later date.

Selected photographs will also be published in the New Straits Times.

The aim of the workshop is to promote an awareness of the importance of conserving the natural environment, in particular the wetlands.

At the same time, participants will be taught the basic elements of photography by renowned photographer Eric Peris.

Fujifilm will be providing cameras and films. Transport and meals will also be provided.

The budding photographers will catch their first glimpse of the wonders of the Paya Indah Wetlands - and get a chance to meet the Prime Minister - when they attend its official opening by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Oct 13.

It does not matter if you have not handled a camera before. If you have a love for nature, a keen sense of observation, an appetite for learning new skills, and live in the Klang Valley, then you fit the bill.

Places are limited to 30 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register, call Hazlina or Hanna at 03-20569692, or fax 03-22871272.

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