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Young photographers meet a special person

THIRTY excited children met the Prime Minister yesterday in the scenic surroundings of the Paya Indah Wetlands.

They were participants at the first ever Young Photographers Workshop, organised by the New Straits Times-In-Education (NIE) and Paya Indah.

Dr Mahathir launched the programme with the symbolic presentation of cameras and film from sponsor Fujifilm to the children.

The workshop is a pilot programme designed to promote and cultivate an awareness of nature among children as seen behind the lens.

The first workshop will be held on Nov 3, to be conducted by photographer Eric Peris.

The children, aged between 10 and 12, will be given disposable cameras and allowed absolute freedom to capture nature as they like, allowing them to document the spectacular landscape of the wetlands and at the same time, take a peep into the exciting world of nature photography.

The children will also take part in one-day workshops which will teach them the basic elements of photography. The finished works will be exhibited and also published in the New Straits Times.

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