

Bukit Larut (Maxwell Hill) Leisure Hiking Trip

A 2-day 1-night leisure hike up Bukit Larut (Maxwell Hill) was organised by Texchem Mount Kinabalu Club on 11th and 12th June 2022. 37 Texchemers from Northern, Central and Southern regions signed up for this hike.

At 7.30 am on Saturday, 11 June, Texchemers from Northern and Southern region departed on a private chartered bus from Penang to Taiping. Our destination was the Eco Spritzer Park in Taiping, the meeting point for us to meet up with our colleagues from Central region who drove from Kuala Lumpur that morning. Soon after, we proceeded to the foot of the hiking trail.

The Bukit Larut Hiking Trail is about 13km to the summit and by the time we started the hike it was 11 am. The natural shade along the trail took away the heat, hustle and bustle of our city life. We were greeted by beautiful plants, such as ferns along the way. Taiping is known to be the state which receives the highest precipitation in Malaysia; hence, it is not surprising that rain showered down on us after a 2-hour hike. Every cloud has a silver lining. We enjoyed the beautiful scenery with the mist surrounding us. By 2 pm, participants started to gather around the summit of Bukit Larut. We then took 3 hours to walk down the hill and successfully reached the bottom at 5.30 pm. Mission accomplished, we checked in at the hotel, enjoyed a hot shower and took the rest of day to rest and relax.



The next day, we had a great breakfast at the hotel and a leisure walk around Taiping Lake Gardens. No sweat without sweat, we were fortunate to catch the sight of a Hornbill at the enchanting Taiping Lake Gardens. By 11 am, we checked out from the hotel and had a hearty lunch at the Wan Ikan Bakar Restaurant. Since many of us are coffee lovers, we visited the Antong Coffee Mill after lunch.



Kuala Sepetang was our last destination before we said goodbye to our colleagues from the Central Region. One group of participants visited a traditional charcoal factory at Kuala Sepetang, one of Malaysia's largest charcoal factories. Another group opted to take a 1-hour boat ride on the river. During the boat ride, we learnt about the fisherman village from a tour guide, visited a fish farm and went eagle sighting.



"Good company in a journey makes the way seem shorter." - Izaak Walton

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