



## ASEF Green Action off to good start

**APR. 18:** THE FIRST Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Green Action Initiative was finally launched yesterday at Inspiring Hall at the Universiti Brunei Darussalam's Student Centre.

The Green Action Initiative was a follow-up project led by Nursalwa Baharuddin, a participant of the 18th ASEF University.

The 18th ASEF University that involved 49 participants from around the world has conducted several activities to tackle issues faced worldwide.

"One of the activities was bag exchange where passerbys were invited to exchange their plastic bags with for a more durable green bags such as reusable bags," said Nursalwa. "We hope to increase awareness on the high amount of plastic bags and how it effects the environment."

An estimated 500 billion to one trillion plastic bags were made each year worldwide with one million made each minute and billions ended up as litter. Nursalwa shared that the plastic bags gets blown into the ocean and floats around like jelly-fish. Most sea creatures such as sea turtles, sea lions and dolphins choked and died after eating plastic bags which they mistook for food.

As a marine biology student, Nursalwa was surprised to find out how the ecosystem such as the mangrove and the estuary around the Brunei Bay are filled with many types of plastics products and trash.

Read the full story at

<http://www.bt.com.bn/news-national/2013/04/18/asef-green-action-good-start>