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- Key questions and current activities
- Gap of UNESCO with focus on local community
  - Empowerment of local community problem
    - Independency of the project: when to know when to stop and the community can be independent rather than dependent
  - FELDA projects
  - try to promote low carbon emmission at rural areas
  - - local composting
  - rural tourism (3<sup>rd</sup> year)





# Key questions and current activities

- Ecotourism village can promote
  - Biodiversity
  - Local guides, English translater for tourists
- Kopel Bhd best ecotourism in Batu Kuti, Sabah
  - Tourism activity: homestay, go to forest to see wild life; tree planting project, etc.
  - Main issue is how to get community to involve in the project
  - now try to promote widely of the project with NGOs, local university, government, schools, etc.





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#### Discussions

- How to coordinate community to ensure sustainability of the project; e.g. Local ecopark
- Strong government support is needed to ensure project success
- It is good to have a methodology that can be used by the community so that they can come up with their own action plan
- Need to have a local system and/or handbook to guide the community
- Felda's success comes from the understanding on the importance of the issues (12 actions mentioned);
- To improve local's knowledge, need to involve universities, government (globalization)





### Discussions

- Change agent can be ONE person but the rest help to implement it.
  - Collect the recyclables, then weigh them, get points, and use the points to buy goods for their community
- In Korea, only 1<sup>st</sup> year get support from the government coz after that they have to come up with their own initiatives.
  - The women passed on the message to their children that their mum can be entrepreneurs; vision – our product must be no. 1 and of good quality. Managed to earn USD20,000 per month.





### Discussions

RM1.3 million is earned for 300 people in Sabah;
thus they will protect the environment around
them as these are considered income for the community.





- Conclusion
- Common things amongst community projects:
  - How to coordinate projects with community; how to get involved, more networks, the need to continue projects, get their feedbacks,
  - Ecotourism projects; the need to share info on the projects,





## Future plans

- To get feedback from community on projects
- Need policy, to reduce dependency of government's funding but to approach private sectors e.g. Banks, etc. To support the programs/projects
- Need bottoms-up planning by the community/village – what they want to do? Need to discuss
- Change agents RCE can play this role.





## Future plans

- After 2014:
  - Share information e.g. Complete projects, communities, and collaboration
  - Go and visit the communities and learn from one another
  - Report the activities to RCEs in FBs
  - Communicate with one another to motivate
  - Start collaboration with all entities

