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How residents can help desludge lake

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THE Taman Aman lake waters may look a serene green, but it is so polluted with E-coli bacteria that merely touching it is dangerous.

The Department of Drainage and Irrigation (DID) has not turned a blind eye to the problem and has chosen the Taman Aman Lake as the pilot test for an environmental solution called EM (Effective Micro-organism).

“We want the public to understand the process rather than just have the solution be applied to the lake so that they can appreciate and maybe take part in the process as well,” said Global Environment Centre senior programme officer Dr K. Kalithasan.

For this purpose, residents from the surrounding neighbourhoods gathered and listened to the EM concept that would help break down sludge at the bottom of the lake and clean it.

EM Technology Consultant Jay Rahman said the process would be even more effective if residents bought the EM solution (a liquid product) and apply it in their daily washing chores from clothes to utensils.

The product is not toxic and helps treat the water and when it ultimately reaches the river and into the lake, the contribution from each household would help keep the water clean.

“Japan is presently using this method to keep their water clean,” said Jay.

Also present was Kampung Tunku assemblyman Datuk Dr Wong Sai Hou.