

On path of creativity and teamwork

Walkway at Padang Merbok rebuilt and adorned with murals

LAFARGE Malaysia Berhad and the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) recently opened the ARCASIA Walk at Padang Merbok, Kuala Lumpur.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) director general Datuk Mohd Amin Nordin Abd Aziz officially opened the walkway, which was sponsored by Lafarge using its materials and solutions.

Lafarge president and chief executive officer Bradley Mulroney said, "We chose to rebuild this 100m walkway at Padang Merbok as it is frequently used by the public for sporting activities.

"We used Hydromedia, our porous concrete, which is perfect for walkways as it prevents pooling of water, making it safe and pleasant for all users."

The walkway featured murals by 366 architectural students from 19

countries who participated in the Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) Student Jamboree 2014 held in Kuala Lumpur from June 23 to 29.

The students were in Malaysia for a week-long jamboree, which was held in conjunction with the 16th Asian Congress of Architects (ACA16) conference.

The mural imprint activity was to commemorate the jamboree and it allowed the students to explore their creativity and inculcate teamwork among the participants.

ARCASIA 2013-2014 president Tan Pei Ing said, "PAM and Lafarge worked together on this activity as we are committed to architectural design excellence and this is one of the platforms to let students think out of the box, to explore new canvases and materials and have fun.

"We are also appreciative of

DBKL for giving us the location and support during the planning of the activity," she added.

This is the second major collaboration between Lafarge and PAM.

Last year, the two organisations held the inaugural PAM-Lafarge Architecture Student Competition with the aim of inspiring the architects of tomorrow to come up with innovative and sustainable designs for affordable housing.

1 (From left) PAM deputy president Zulhemlee An, Tan, Mohd Amin, and Mulroney at the official opening of the new walkway.

2 Participants of ARCASIA Student Jamboree 2014 busy imprinting their portion of the walkway.

