

Dear Members,

The past 12 months was a very quiet period because of Covid-19. No talks and indoor meetings were held. As usual, trips and outings were very limited and mostly carried out by the Bird Group coordinator, Dr. Chan Kai Soon.

The TKCBMF, has two applications, one by MNS HQ for RM10,000 to hold the 'Nation-wide Waterbirds Census Training Monitoring and Seminar for Asian Waterbirds Census 2021'. This is still going on. The other one is by See Choon Min for RM3, 000, for presenting 'Habitat Selection of Great Egret in Subcoastal Agricultural Land of North Selangor Coast, Malaysia' at 2nd Heron of the World Symposium in Pan-African Ornithological Congress (PAOCI 15). This has been approved but not paid as waiting for the green lights from the organiser. This was delayed due to the current pandemic situation.

Royal Perak Golf Club (RPGC) in Ipoh also as a bird sanctuary is an on- going works with the branch's involvement. Other than surveying and recording bird nesting etc., almost every single out of several thousands of plants in the golf club is being identified and integrating into Geographical Information System (GIS). Both the bird nesting etc. and flora integration into GIS would be useful for medium and long-term monitoring at RPGC. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and curfew, works had been slow.

The Branch has prepared two information sign boards on the Kinta Weed Orchard at Kampung Seri Rahmat, but was delayed due to restriction in movement this was not put up. Waiting for situation to improve and activities allowed before putting up the signages.

The Branch is financially stable.

This is an election year. I would like to sincerely thank my committee for the hard work put in during these difficult times and once again thank you and stay safe.

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Branch Chairman