KUCHING: The UCSI University Sarawak Campus A-Level students recently presented a talk on the importance of green chemistry to the campus community and students from the A-Levels and Foundation Studies.

The talk proved to be a fun-filled and information-packed presentation done in a very professional and successful manner by the students themselves.

Felix Wong and Tai Sing Yee of the July 2011 intake began the session with a general introduction on the importance of green chemistry and its philosophy. Then, David Wong and Angela Lim of the April 2011 intake spoke on the causes and effects of global warming, climate change and ozone layer depletion. This was followed by Allan Tang and Lau Cheng Wai of the April 2010 intake who promoted alternative fuels and renewable resources available in various countries around the world. The session concluded with a sharing by Tiong Nee, who was assisted by Felix Wong and Tai Sing Yee of the July 2011 intake on examples of using polylactic acid (PLA) extracts from plants in producing biodegradable plastics. Both the biodegradable and non-biodegradable plastic bags were then passed around for the audience to feel.

Behind the scene, the team had spent hours rehearsing for a close to perfection presentation. Some of the organizing team members had even diligently prepared door gifts as a welcoming gesture to the audience in the form of a green bookmark printed with the programme of the talk. The bookmark which served as a reminder of the students’ important message to the campus community was also a manifestation of the students’ creativeness and thoughtfulness.

Pleasantly surprised by the unique interactive presentation to heighten their awareness of mother earth, the campus community gave the presenters a warm reception. The talk had ensured the audience were well informed on various aspects of green chemistry.

Not only had the students displayed tremendous talents in handling the technical aspects of the audio and visual aids used, they had also exhibited very good teamwork in taking meticulous care with every aspect of the presentation. Reflecting the students’ efforts, specifically in self-grooming, the overall presentation had truly been a pleasant and memorable event.

UCSI University A-Level and Foundation Studies students rejoice after their successful green chemistry talk.