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"Develop, Sustain & Conserve"
Sallyanne Atkinson AO
Ms Sallyanne Atkinson AO is the Special Representative for Queensland in South East Asia. She is former Lord Mayor of Brisbane, former chairman of Queensland tourism, and was the foundation Chairman of Sustainable Development Australia and on Foundation Committee of International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives at the UN. She is the Immediate Past President of Bianna Burra Mountain Lodge in Lamington National Park Queensland, and on the Board of the Waltzing Matilda Museum among other activities...she has been actively involved in ecotourism for many years.

Faizal Parish
Faizal Parish is an internationally recognized expert with nearly 25 years of experience in assessment and management coastal, wetland, and forest resources, primarily in the Asia Pacific Region. He is originally from the UK but has been based in Malaysia for the past 22 years. He has established and managed leading environmental NGOs including Wetlands International - Asia Pacific and the Global Environment Centre. He has played an important role in the establishment of various conservation and ecotourism sites in different countries in the region and has been active in forging partnerships involving government, private sector, NGOs and local community to protect natural resources and promote sustainable use including ecotourism.

Hj Hashim Bin Hj Yusoff
A former teacher and a certified polygraph examiner. Hj Hashim currently the Director of Johor National Park Corporation with a mission to deal with conservation, protection and ecotourism of the park. Johor National park were established with the objectives of promoting the preservation and protection of wild life, plant life and objects of geological, archaeological, historical, ethnological and other scientific and scenic interest, and through their conservation and utilization, to promote the education, health, aesthetics and recreation of the people. His vision is to develop Johor National Park as an International centre of biodiversity conservation, through the establishment of research, nature education and ecotourism activities, with the ultimate aim of achieving World Heritage Site Status.

Dr Amran Hamzah
Dr Amran Hamzah is an associate professor and Course Co-ordinator of Tourism Planning Programme at Faculty of Built Environment, University Teknologi Malaysia, Skudai, Johor. Besides teaching, he has been involved in research and consultancy in the field of tourism planning since the late 1980s and has produced more than 40 papers on the subject. Dr Amran has carried out consultancy jobs for the Ministry of Tourism, other tourism related Federal and State government agencies, UNESCO, JICA and WWF. His research interest are sustainable tourism, pro poor tourism, rural tourism and tourism in protected areas.

Dr Vikneswaran Nair
Dr Vicky Nair (as he likes to be called) has published extensively and has a monthly column in Business Today, a leading in Malaysian business circles. He developed a system of rating ecotourism that he has presented in forums in Malaysia and abroad. A certified Environmental Auditor (Environment Management system), Dr Vicky is the sole Malaysian representative in the International Ecotourism club in Greece. He is also a member of Ensersch (the Environmental Management & Research Association of Malaysia), CETEC (the Centre for Environmental Technologies, TIES (The International Ecotourism Society), KAWAN WWF, SDI (The Sarawak Development Institute), MERA (The Malaysian Educational Research Association), and is a committee member of TEAM (The Tourism Educators Association of Malaysia). Dr Vicky’s areas of specialization include information and communication technology in education, and hospitality and tourism. His areas of interest are expert systems, ecotourism management and accreditation and environmental management.

Dr Sundari Ramakrishna
Dr Sundari is currently working with Wetlands International, a company which monitors our Malaysian Wetlands and ecosystems. She graduated from University of Panjab in Bachelor of Science (Botany) and Diploma in Education from University of London, United Kingdom. She is accredited with Doctorate of Philosophy (PHD) and Marine Microbiology (Mycology) with her thesis title “The Biology of Anamalous Fungi” from University of Malaya. Dr Sundari has vast experience in Environment Conservation and Natural Resource Management which includes Wetlands ecology, research and assessment, Ecotourism for Local Communities and other related fields. She had also done research in Marine Mycology which helps to identify and isolate of sand and mangrove marine fungi.