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MORE than 1,000 species of plants and animals were photographed in Putrajaya as part of a biodiversity hunt in the Malaysian administrative capital.

The Putrajaya Urban Biodiversity Challenge 2023 (PUBC2023), which took place from May 2 to June 1, involved 62 participants.

A total of 9,600 photos of flora and fauna were shot and uploaded to the iNaturalist app.

Putrajaya Corporation (PPj) vice-president (urban planning) Shamsul Baharin Rahmat said the challenge was one way to enhance awareness about biodiversity.

It is part of the Putrajaya Green City initiative, which is in line with Putrajaya Climate Action Plan 2030.

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The photos will be collated by PPj’s Landscape and Park Department for inventory purposes.

They were also put on display during the prize-giving ceremony at PPj headquarters.

The challenge was split into three categories, namely Most Observation Capture, Most Flora Capture and Most Fauna Capture.

Each category offered 10 prizes. The top three prizes are RM500, RM400 and RM300, while seven consolation winners received RM100 each.

Shamsul said that in view of the encouraging response, PPj planned to run the event again in the future.

PUBC2023 was jointly organised with Forest Research Institute Malaysia and Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan).

Also present were PPj president Datuk Fadhlun Mak Ujud and Urban Planning Department (Holistic Development and Housing) director Noor Sita Abbas.

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Visitors admiring the photos taken during the Putrajaya Urban Biodiversity Challenge 2023 being exhibited during the prize-giving ceremony in Putrajaya. — Photos: LOW LAY PHON/The Star



Top, from left: Winner of the Most Observation Capture category Sim Ee Chai receiving his prize from Fadhlun, Shamsul Baharin and Noor Sita. Left photo: Winners of the Putrajaya Urban Biodiversity Challenge 2023.