Green School Bali for sustainable living

Education in school means more than a classroom study, with the innovative approach focusing on holistic and student-centered education at Green School in Bali, Indonesia.

Having been awarded "2012 Greenest School on Earth" by the U.S. Green Building Council's Center for Green Schools, Green School Bali creates educational environment that gives motivation for natural and low carbon living. Students ranging from primary to high-school levels are inspired to be creative, innovative and green leaders.

Green School Bali was established in 2008 by John Hardy who moved from England to live in Bali. He believes that education should not only be narrowed to the classroom, but also interacts with outside environment. There are more than a hundred international students here, accompanied with some local students from poor communities nearby. These local students are financially supported using tuition fee collected from international students and other donations.

Students at Green School Bali are mainly educated through their participation in school's activities, especially the activities related to natural study. In addition, the school's environment also contributes to their learning. Most electricity utilized in the school is generated from solar panels. Vegetables and herb plants growing around the school are fertilized by organic fertilizer to use for food.

The school structure, including the building, restroom, warehouse, bridge, and furnishings is made from bamboo trees. It also locates near a river and forest of Bali.

Green camp is an activity that is popular among students at Green School Bali. Students are taught to make kite, drawing and create various products from natural resources. Some outdoor activities in the school are open for children in Bali communities to join and learn.

Green School Bali is thus a practical example of sustainable living. It gives important inspiration for people near the school to greener their house and expands to become a green community.

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