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The philosophy of Japanese and Sakura!

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SEA CAMP

Plan your next family vacation on an island you will never forget.
One of my fondest childhood memories growing up is family vacations to tropical island destinations. Nothing spells a great vacation better than an island holiday with the ones you love. If there was one island that outdid them all, it was Sipadan Island in Borneo, located off the east coast of Sabah, East Malaysia.

Nestled at the heart of the Indo Pacific Basin, the epicenter of one of the richest marine habitats in the world, Sipadan remains one of the best underwater adventure spots one can experience growing up.

So when I heard kids these days had the chance to go to Scuba Camp, I was seamed green with envy!

Kids Scuba is a pioneer in training kids in the sport of scuba diving in Malaysia and was even involved in training the first and youngest PADI Seal Team’s kid scuba diver at the age of eight, way back in September 2002.

Since then, Kids Scuba has trained over 500 children from ages eight to 12 years old, and remains the largest training centre for children in Asia. In 2005, Kids Scuba organised its first ever Kids Scuba Camp in Malaysia at the lovely island of Tioman. Parents, take note: Scuba camps are now conducted on every Malaysian school term break!

To date, camps have been held at various Marine Parks Islands in Malaysia, such as Tioman Island – Pahang, Lang Tengah Island, Perhentian Island – Terengganu, Langkawi Island – Kedah, Matakong, Mabul & Sipadan Island in Sabah. However more recently, it is broadening its horizons by opening its doors to Denmark.

Kids Scuba Malaysia has recently been officially appointed as a PADI Dive Centre facility at the MIDE (Malaysia International Dive Expo) show in Kuala Lumpur. The camp was even recognised with a Special Award Presentation from Tourism Malaysia for its contribution towards promoting underwater diving in Malaysia.

I recently had a chat with the PADI Seal Team’s Master, Scuba Instructor - Adrian Van Dooren, a New Zealander with over 25 years of experience as a PADI member.

Van Dooren says; “The rationale behind concentrating on teaching Scuba diving to children is that, it instills in young divers the need to be responsible, to obey orders, to look after each other and the importance of team spirit. But most importantly, it gives the young the awareness to look after and protect our marine environment.”

I guess it’s safe to say that the underlying message to all the young and up-coming PADI Instructors is not to ignore the youngsters. Look after the little fish and the big fish will follow!