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GUESTS and visitors at the Swiss-Garden Beach Resort Damai Laut in Perak were treated to a memorable experience to release sea turtle hatchlings along the beach front.

The unique programme held with the support from OSK Foundation saw more than 50 hatchlings making their way into the open waters.

Located along the southern reaches of Lumut, the resort with its pristine white sandy beach near the only turtle sanctuary on the west coast, is one of the natural places identified to be suitable for the release of these endangered species.

Leading the management team were Swiss-Garden International chief operating officer Peter Gan, its newly-appointed resort general manager Christoph Weidemann and sales and marketing director Linda Evelyn Wong.

Staff from several organisations also collaborated at the event, which saw guests and visitors

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The sea turtles hatchlings making their way into the open sea.

gathering in line before releasing the hatchlings, provided by Segari Turtle Sanctuary, a local turtle conservation organisation in Lumut.

Perak Fisheries Department director Zaki Mokri was the guest-of-honour.

Gan said as part of its

commitment to support social responsibility and wildlife, they worked closely with the sanctuary to ensure the success of the programme.

"It is a privilege for us to participate and play our part in the care and protection of these endangered species.

"As these baby turtles face threats from land predators, they are released in the late evening.

"It was an amazing sight for all, especially children, witnessing them finding their way slowly into the waters," he said.

He added that the resort would continue to work with the

sanctuary to raise awareness and share information about the marine reptiles that are in danger of extinction.

A mini exhibition and a colouring event were also held at its main lobby.

After releasing the hatchlings, guests were invited to enjoy refreshments at the Garden Terrace coffee house.

Set against a backdrop of lush tropical forest with a panoramic view of the Straits of Malacca, the resort offers guests an unspoilt nature hideout away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

It is also one of the gateways to the surrounding islands including Pangkor Island.

Among the recreational and leisure facilities are the award-winning 18-hole golf course, free-form swimming pools, a private beach, recreation centre, a gymnasium, kids club, a water sports centre and team-building courses.