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36.8 million trees planted under greening campaign

SHAH ALAM: A total of 36.8 million trees have been planted nationwide under the 100 Million Tree-Planting Campaign, says Energy and Natural Resources Minister Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan.

He said the trees, planted under the Greening Malaysia programme launched on Jan 5 last year, comprised more than 1,000 species.

"The campaign successfully surpassed the target set for last year, and for this year we aim to plant another 20 million trees," he said at the launch of the Penghijauan Malaysia: Koperasi Prihatin Sejuta Pokok programme held in conjunction with the National Cooperative Month and 100 Years of Cooperative Movement at Taman Botani Negara here yesterday. He told Bernama that information on the campaign could be obtained through the Penghijauan Malaysia website at www.100jutapokok.gov.my or the mobile application.

Takiyuddin said the programme was also in line with the second target of the National Policy on Biological Diversity (2016-2025), which is to boost the private sector's involvement in the conservation and preservation of biodiversity resources.

"I am confident that with the involvement of 14,834 cooperatives and their 7.08 million members nationwide, the campaign will achieve its target and become a catalyst for environmental conservation and preservation efforts in Malaysia," he said.



Let it grow: Takiyuddin (fourth from left) planting a sapling with Noh Omar (to his left) at Taman Botani in Shah Alam. – Bernama

Earlier, Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar launched the Sejuta Pokok Segunung Harapan education and learning module that could benefit 2,460 school cooperatives which have a total membership of 1.97 million nationwide.

The module was published to raise awareness on the importance of forest and environmental conservation.