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Nestle and Sime to jointly plant one million trees

PETALING JAYA: Nestle (M) Bhd has partnered with Sime Darby Plantation Bhd to plant over one million trees within the latter's oil palm operation areas.

This is part of Nestle's Project RELeaf, which aims to accelerate reforestation efforts to fight climate change.

Nestle said it has signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with Sime Darby Plantation for the reforestation initiative across 1,200 ha of riparian zones and steep slope areas.

Under the MoA, Nestle will be producing and supplying over one million seedlings as well as conducting planting activities at the sites.

Planting sites will be located at selected Sime Darby Plantation estates in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

Sime Darby Plantation, which is the world's largest producer of certified sustainable palm oil, is Nestle's main supplier of certified sustainable palm oil.

Nestle chief executive officer Juan Aranols said the joint effort would help to reduce total emissions along both companies' value chain while preserving natural ecosystems.

"Safeguarding the environment is a key priority for Nestle.

"This is why we have initiatives in place to help preserve and conserve the country's natural biodiversity and these include our reforestation efforts such as Project RELeaf, aiming to plant three million trees by 2023," he said in a statement yesterday.

Meanwhile, Sime Darby Plantation group managing director Mohamad Helmy Othman Basha said restoring forests and planting trees on a large scale are important nature-based solutions to increase carbon sinks.

"Over the last 12 years, we have planted over 1.5 million trees through various tree-planting projects, including our involvement in a previous project with Nestle.