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KERATAN SURAT KHABAR

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Nestle (Malaysia) Bhd chief executive officer Juan Aranols and Nestle procurement head Osman Bhatty (left) planting a pokok bakau minyak sapling at the Kuala Selangor Nature Park mangrove forest recently.

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Nestle to accelerate Project RELeaf rollout

KUALA LUMPUR: Nestle (Malaysia) Bhd is accelerating its Project RELeaf and aims to plant 1.3 million trees next year and 1.4 million in 2023.

Chief executive officer Juan Aranols said the Covid-19 lockdown had limited Nestle's access to planting sites and delayed the full rollout of Project RELeaf since it was launched in September last year.

However, he said the company had made good use of the time and Nestle's partner nurseries now had nearly one million seedlings and saplings of various indigenous species growing healthy and strong.

"By year end, some 300,000 will have been transplanted into their final sites. Following the end of the lockdown, we are hitting the ground running and our teams are rapidly ramping up planting activity," he said in a statement yesterday.

"Project RELeaf builds on the pioneering Kinabatangan Rileaf Project, which concluded last year and saw one million trees planted in Sabah.

"We are fully committed to materialising our ambition to achieve zero net carbon emissions by 2050, with at least a 50 per cent reduction by 2030."

To mark the first anniversary of Project RELeaf, Nestle Malaysia teamed up with non-governmental organisation Impact Revolution Enterprise for a mangrove planting activity in Kuala Selangor Nature Park.

Aimed at restoring the area's precious mangrove ecosystem, more than 100 Nestle volunteers planted over 500 *Rhizophora apiculata* (pokok bakau minyak) saplings within the mangrove forest area.