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New Mukim Petaling PFR

The over 20ha gazetted forest replaces a de-gazetted 7.48ha area

PUTRAJAYA: As from last Friday, an area of 23.83ha in Mukim Petaling, Kuala Lumpur is officially a new Permanent Forest Reserve (PFR) under the National Forestry Act 1984 (Act 313).

Energy and Natural Resources Minister Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan said the PFR – to be known as the Sungai Besi (Additional) Forest Reserve – replaces the 7.48ha Bukit Sungai Puteh Forest Reserve in Mukim Cheras, Kuala Lumpur which was de-gazetted for the development of the Sungai Besi-Ulu Kelang Elevated Expressway (SUKE) on the same date.

He said the PFR is gazetted as a protected forest and classified as a research, amenity and education forest under subsection 10(1) of Act 313 and declared a closed forest under Section 45 of the same Act.

"The process of de-gazetting and replacing the PFR simultaneously is in line with the intention and proposed amendments to Act 313 that the government is working on.

"This process is a manifestation of our commitment to maintaining at least 50% of the country's land area as forest and tree-covered," he told reporters after participating in the Greening Malaysia Cycling Programme in conjunction with the National Sports Day here yesterday.

According to Takiyuddin, the Sungai Besi (Additional) Forest Reserve is larger than the Bukit Sungai Puteh Forest Reserve that was de-gazetted and is a lowland dipterocarp forest.

He said the simultaneous replacement of the PFR also increased the size of the forest area in Kuala Lumpur by 0.35%.

"The ministry hopes that state authorities can emulate this move to gazette more forest area as PFRs in their states, to preserve the country's treasures," he said.

On the Greening Malaysia Cycling Programme, he said it was organised in collaboration with the Forestry Department and Putrajaya Corporation, and encompasses cycling and tree planting activities.

Takiyuddin said the tree planting activity is in line with the 100 Million Tree-Planting Campaign 2021-2025 led by the ministry.

A total of seven *cempaka* trees were planted at the lakeside in Precinct 19 and the area given the name 'Dirian Hijau Putrajaya'.

So far, 16.5 million trees have been planted, with a target of 20 million trees per year. — Bernama



Leading the campaign: Takiyuddin taking part in the Greening Malaysia Cycling Programme in Putrajaya. — Bernama