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Donors plant trees in green awareness drive

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TWENTY-NINE trees were planted by donors at the New Green Park in Rawang last Sunday in conjunction with the Larian Hijau and Tree Planting Campaign organised by the Selayang Municipal Council, Rukun Tetangga Rawang "A" and the MCA Green Park branch.

Led by Selangor Executive Councillor and Rawang State Assemblyman Datuk Tang See Hang and MPS president Kasjoo Kadis, the donors planted the trees on an empty plot in the housing estate.

Only those who had donated RM100 and above to the Selayang MCA fund were eligible to have their names placed next to the trees.

Organising chairman Ben Ong said RM22,800 was collected during the campaign.

The money would be used to organise more environmental campaigns in Rawang.

"We hope such campaigns will help create more awareness among the residents," he said.

Ong, who is also the Rawang Town MCA Youth chairman, said everybody must make an effort to make such campaigns successful.

Earlier in the morning, more than 300 residents participated in the Larian Hijau.

Tang, who led the group in an aerobic exercise before they were flagged off, also took part in the run.

Tang praised the organisers for successfully holding the two events.

"Everyone should be encouraged to take part in more campaigns that will benefit us all like cleaning the river and also the neighbourhood," he said.

Tang said as a fast developing town, Rawang is now congested with people.

"More people also means more vehicles and this is the cause of traffic jams in Rawang town."

Tang said he would discuss with MPS on the possibility of enforcing parking rates in the town centre to deter motorists from parking their cars all day long.

He added that another alternative to solve the traffic problem in Rawang town was to build a by-pass road around it.

"This will ensure that only those who have business in the town centre will enter it," said Tang.

Kasjoo commended the organisers for coming up with the Larian Hijau event which was initiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He was confident that the event would create an awareness of the environment among the residents of Rawang.

Kasjoo said besides saving the trees from being chopped off, people can also help green the earth by replanting trees at strategic places around their home.

"When the place we live in are greened, it will then be clean.

"With a clean air and environment, people will also become more healthy.

"In the end everybody will benefit from it and we will all live harmoniously," he added.

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