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Greening efforts get full support of private sector

KOTA KINABALU, Fri. - The Kota Kinabalu Municipal Council has received full support from the private sector in its effort to make the State capital environmentally clean and green.

And to further ensure the success of its on-going "Love K K Campaign", eight sub-committees have been formed to implement activities focussed on cleanliness, trees planting, playground beautification and maintenance, adoption of roads and roundabouts, public awareness education and publicity.

"Each sub-committee is headed by the council's respective committee chairman," KKMC president Datuk Dayang Adeline Leong said in her speech at the council's meeting yesterday.

She added that the council also plans to plant 100,000 trees in the municipality over the next two years.

She said the tree planting programme was in line with the call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to have three million trees planted by the year 2005.

Leong, who was appointed the new KKMC president two months ago, announced that 14 firms had pledged to adopt and landscape 20 roundabouts and major roads in Kota Kinabalu.

She said the council had also identified 40 playgrounds in the Kota Kinabalu municipality which need to be improved.

She said non-governmental organisations would be invited to adopt, maintain and upgrade the facilities at the playgrounds.

Leong added that the council had also received complaints about drains in housing estates which were clogged.

She said since they were completely covered at entrances of houses, which were rather wide, cleaning was difficult.

She added that according to regulations the entrance should not be more than 12 feet wide and in the case of two houses linked, an inspection chamber measuring two feet by two feet should be provided.

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