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### Tree-planting goal exceeded

IPOH, Wed. - Perak has planted more than 90,000 trees last year under the National Tree Planting campaign, and is confident that it can plant 360,000 trees before 2000.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said the State Government was committed towards greening the State and would continue to plant suitable species.

"Trees are important to create a healthy environment and we will plant them to achieve our target," he said after chairing the State Executive Council meeting today.

Perak is among several States which had achieved their targets for last year under the campaign to plant three million trees nationwide by 2000 and 20 million by 2020.

The tree-planting campaign, jointly organised by the Housing and Local Government Ministry and local authorities, was launched in March last year with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad planting the first tree.

The first year targets is Perak (90,000 trees); Johor and Selangor (80,000 each); Sabah and Sarawak (70,000 each); Federal Territory (65,000); Penang and Kelantan (50,000 each); Pahang (40,000); Negri Sembilan (30,000); Malacca (20,000); Perlis (10,000); and Labuan (5,000).

The Menteri Besar also said that 44 investment projects or 79.6 per cent of approved projects were carried out last year, compared to 75.5 per cent achieved annually since 1989.

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