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Wanita MCA to launch tree planting drive

THE Wanita MCA will launch a tree planting campaign on Dec 13 in support of the "Love the Environment - Malaysia a Garden Country" campaign which kicked off early last year.

The campaign was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad with the aim of turning the country into a "garden country" by 2005.

MCA Federal Territory chairman Datuk Tan Chai Ho said the launch will be carried out at Bandar Tun Razak, Cheras and Lukut in Negri Sembilan on Dec 20.

He said the Housing and Local Government Ministry's Landscape Department will be providing some 1,000 trees for the campaign with 500 to be planted on Dec 13 at Bandar Tun Razak and Cheras.

He said the launching ceremony will be officiated at the Leisure Mall, Cheras, by Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh.

"It is organised with the objective of creating awareness on the importance of cleanliness and environment among the public, especially children."

He was speaking to reporters at the MCA Federal Territory office in Taman Maluri, Cheras yesterday. Also present was MCA Cheras chairman Datuk Micheal Chen and tree-planting organising committee chairman Chew Mei Fan of Wanita MCA.

The campaign was organised in co-operation with Chinese daily Sin Chew Jit Poh, RediFM98.8, Malaysia Health Action Centre, MCA Bandar Tun Razak, MCA Cheras and MCA Negri Sembilan divisions, Green Country Farm, Rock Records and Tapes (M) Sdn Bhd and Leisure Mall.

Tan said the trees will be planted in parks, roadsides and school compounds identified by residents associations and non-Governmental organisations.

He said the planters were also encouraged to put their names on the trees they planted so that they would be more responsible towards the trees.

Besides tree planting, other activities including children's colouring and drawing contests and games will be held.

A concert featuring local artists like A Gu Tan, BM Boys and RediFM98.8 deejays - Sim Siew Lan and Oh Chin Wee - will also be held.

Those interested in taking part in the tree planting and the drawing and colouring contests can contact Yap at 03-9855168.

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