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Wanita MCA organises tree-planting programme

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - The 23-year national greening campaign launched early last year received a boost today with a tree-planting programme by Wanita MCA.

MCA Federal Territory chairman Datuk Tan Chai Ho, who is also Bandar Tun Razak MP, jointly officiated the tree-planting programme at the Cheras Leisure Mall, near Bandar Tun Razak today.

"It is important to create awareness and love of cleanliness and the environment among the public, especially children," said Tan, who is also Parliamentary Secretary to the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry.

Wanita MCA chief Datuk Teng Gaik Kwan, who also officiated at the event, said the programme was in support of the "Love the Environment - Malaysia a Garden Country" campaign launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last year.

The national greening campaign aims to see three million trees planted by 2000 and 20 million by 2020.

The Housing and Local Government Ministry's Landscape Department will be providing some 1,000 trees of various species for Wanita MCA's tree-planting campaign, 500 of which will be planted around Bandar Tun Razak and Cheras, and the rest in Lukut, Negri Sembilan.

Also present today were MCA Cheras chairman Datuk Michael Chen, Rawang MCA State Assemblyman Datuk Tang See Hang and campaign organising committee chairman Chew Mei Fan of Wanita MCA.

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

The trees will be planted in parks, by roadsides and school compounds identified by residents' associations and non-governmental organisations.

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