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Trees-Wrapup

AT LEAST 30 SPECIES OF TREES PLANTED IN NATIONWIDE EVENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- The nationwide simultaneous planting of 100,000 trees in one minute today consisted of at least 30 species.

The "Millennium Tree Planting" event at 9.35am at the national level was led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, at the state level by Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers and for local authorities by municipal and district council heads.

Dr Mahathir led the historic event at the Bukit Jalil Park here by planting the kapur tree (*dryobalanops aromatica*) and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, planted the "khaya senegalensis" tree at the Kompleks Penyayang Bakti grounds in Bandar Sri Damansara near here.

The event, held in conjunction with World Habitat Day, was an attempt to gain entry into the Malaysia Book of Records and a step in making Malaysia a garden nation by 2005.

In PORT DICKSON, Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad led the people in planting some 4,000 trees in the state with each local authority allotted 500 trees.

Mohamed Isa hoped the event will help increase the public's awareness on the need to preserve the environment.

In MELAKA, Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam led the way in the planting of 1,800 "casuarina equisetiplisia" trees in Pantai Puteri, formerly known as Pantai Kundor.

A total of 3,000 trees were planted in the state.

In JOHOR BAHRU, Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman led in planting 1,000 trees of the "Tecoma" species at a reserve area in Stulang Darat here.

A total of 11,500 trees were planted in the state, including 50 trees planted at the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) in Skudai near here.

In KUANTAN, Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob said a total of 203,465 trees have been planted in the state as of September, far exceeding the target of 160,000 trees planted by June.

A total of 6,000 trees were planted in the event today with 900 trees of the "merawan siput jantan", "medang teja" and "kelat paya" species planted in Kuantan.

In KANGAR, Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said some 65,000 trees have been planted in the state and that the tree planting effort will be continued.

More than 1,000 trees of the "jati" and "merawan siput jantan" species were planted today along the banks of the Repoh river in the state.

In ALOR SETAR, Kedah State Housing and Local Government Committee chairman Ahmad Bashah Mohamed Hanipah led efforts in planting more than 8,000 trees such as of the "mahogany", "semarak api" and "banggol" species in the state.

In LANGKAWI, District Officer Ismail Hamid led efforts in planting 667 trees, including of the "saga", "pulai" and "tapak kuda" species in the district.

In TAIPING, Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali planted a tree of the "Samanea" species at the Taiping Lake Garden here and another 11,999 trees of various species were planted in the state.

The effort earned Perak the national record, previously held by Lahad Datu in Sabah when 10,000 trees were simultaneously planted in one minute on Aug 31, 1998.

In KUALA LUMPUR, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali said environment preservation efforts need the involvement of everyone.

Speaking at the tree planting event at the Kompleks Penyayang Bakti in Bandar Sri Damansara near here, she said a well preserved environment is a major factor in attracting tourists to the country.

A total of 105 trees of the "Khaya Senegalensis" species were planted in the Kompleks Penyayang Bakti grounds.

In KOTA BAHARU, some 1,000 trees of various species were planted today in the Kemubu Agricultural Development Authority (Kada) jurisdiction.

In KOTA KINABALU, Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam, in launching the tree planting event in the state in Putatan near here, said development efforts should also incorporate environment preservation programmes.

Some 9,000 trees were simultaneously planted in the state today.

In DENGKIL, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Mohamed Khir Toyo said 12,548 trees of various species were planted in the state today, exceeding the target of 11,500 trees.

Dr Mohamed Khir planted a tree of the "Merawan Siput Jantan" species at the Sekolah Kebangsaan Olak Lempit, Dengkil.

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