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Nationwide count on number of trees

THE Town and Country Planning Department will do a nationwide count of the exact number of trees in urban areas.

Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Ong Ka Ting said he was sure the number of trees had exceeded the initial target of three million trees by year end.

Ong said the Prime Minister informed him recently that more than one million trees had been planted in Putrajaya.

On Sunday, Dr Mahathir had led thousands of Malaysians in a "New Millennium Tree Planting" event towards making the nation green. As many as 100,000 trees were planted simultaneously.

Dr Mahathir had earlier launched a tree planting campaign in 1997, with a target of having three million trees planted by this year and 20 million trees planted by 2020.

Until last June, 2,387,725 trees had been planted.

The Ministry was still counting the number of trees planted yesterday would inform the public as soon as the figure was finalised.

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