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Sarawak to plant 9,000 saplings on Oct 15

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ON Oct 15, some 9,000 saplings will be planted in Sarawak to mark the nationwide Millennium Tree Planting campaign.

Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Peter Chin said 100,000 saplings were expected to be planted nationwide that day, and if this was achieved, it would be entered into the Malaysia Book of Records.

The campaign is also part of the Housing and Local Government Ministry's Tree Planting Project which aims to plant three million trees in the country within a period of three years (1997-2000).

To date, some 2.4 million trees have been planted nationwide.

However, some States are said to be "rather slow" in taking up the project, thus the need for a nationwide campaign.

"With the campaign, I hope we can achieve the target," Chin said in Miri recently.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to launch the campaign by planting a tree in Bukit Jalil that day.

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