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MARCH 3 TO BE "NATIONAL LANDSCAPE DAY"

KUALA LUMPUR, March 3 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will observe "National Landscape Day" on March 3 every year, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting said today.

However this year's "National Landscape Day" celebrations would be officially launched tomorrow by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Dataran Putra, Putrajaya, he said.

"The Prime Minister will hand over prizes to winners of the state and private sector level landscaping competitions," Ong said after launching the "Love Our Landscape" campaign in conjunction with the National Landscape Day at the Neighbourhood Park at Damansara Jaya here.

The "Neighbourhood Park" at SS 22/36 Damansara Jaya is a public park which has been upgraded under the Upgrading of Public Park Programme of the National Landscape Department.

Under the programme public parks are provided with a reflexology path (path with smooth pebbles where one walks barefooted), walkways lined with shade trees a multipurpose court and other facilities.

Ong said the theme "Love our Landscape" was chosen for this year to remind the people of the importance of appreciating the scenic beauty and serenity of the landscape.

Having such a love for the landscape, the people would be more sensitive to the environment and strive to preserve its natural beauty, he said.

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