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## 30,000 more trees for Klang Valley

TO make the Klang Valley, especially the greater Kuala Lumpur area, more green, a total of 30,000 trees will be planted starting March next year.

Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin said a task force had been set up to implement the Greener Kuala Lumpur project under a 10-year integrated project.

The task force, which will consist of representatives from City Hall and Forestry Research Institute of Malaysia, will execute four initiatives, namely tree planting, landscape master plans, events in parks and tree fundraising exercises.

"A variety of trees will be planted. The task force will also conduct a study to determine where to plant the trees.

"This is important so as to determine the suitability of the tree to its surroundings. For instance, trees with large canopies or root networks cannot be planted near buildings and structures," he said at Putrajaya recently.

"Quite a number of trees have been planted by private companies in Taman Tasik Perdana since last year," he said, adding that Putrajaya had a role to play as a model liveable green city.