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**All for trees:** Students from various schools and institutions helping to plant trees during the Rivers & Trees For Life Programme on the banks of Sungai Damansara, Shah Alam.

# Towards a greener Shah Alam

## Good response to MBSA's tree-planting programme

**A**S PART of its commitment to further green the city, the Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) held a Rivers & Trees For Life Programme on the banks of Sungai Damansara (near Management Science University) in Section 13, Shah Alam recently.

The programme underscores the council's commitment in

making Shah Alam a city surrounded by lush parks and gardens, and making it a beautiful place for the present community and future generations.

The event marked the culmination of a series of massive tree-planting programmes that were carried out by the council for four consecutive weeks.

The tree-planting programme was a joint collaboration with NGOs that have the same goals and mission with the MBSA to ensure that urban areas, especially public places, are always green and have the right trees

planted.

Among the 1,800 participants who responded to the programme were volunteers from Sathya Sai Baba, USJ Rotary Club, Eco Warriors and Buddhist associations.

The programme also received considerable support from tertiary-level students such as those from Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Taylor's College, Sunway College, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Tun

Abdul Razak and Management Science University (MSU).

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The programme has received cooperation from the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID), State Forestry Department, and Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), and was supervised by the MBSA's Parks and Recreation Department.

Corporations like DHL Malaysia and Petronas Gas Berhad showed

their support for the environmental preservation initiative by donating tree-planting equipment like hoes, wheelbarrows, gloves, and food and drinks for participants.

A total of 6,417 trees were planted throughout the programme, comprising more than 20 plant species such as cherry,

clove, cinnamon, *tembusu* and *merbau*.

The MBSA in a statement said it believed its target to plant 80,000 trees in 2010 and its aim to make Shah Alam a "city in a park" that was clean, green and beautifully landscaped would be achieved.

"The MBSA's Parks and Recreation Department will con-

tinue the tree-planting and beautification efforts in other open spaces, playgrounds and public parks under the MBSA's administration," it said.

The MBSA noted that its greening efforts were also supported by developers who planted trees in residential areas that were being developed.