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# Green start for Subang Jaya

WITH the aid of 250 volunteers, the Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) planted 1,111 forest trees on a 3.16ha land in USJ 3C, Subang Jaya, recently in its efforts to achieve "Low Carbon City" status.

MPSJ president Datuk Asmawi Kasbi said the council's ultimate plan was to plant 10,000 trees under its Urban Community Forest Project 2011.

"It is pertinent to get the younger generation to be involved in such projects to create environmental awareness.

"This is a change that the government is taking and it is a first-of-its-kind in the state.

"Our plan is to reduce the carbon intensity level as part of our measures to tackle global warming and urban heat islands in the country," said Asmawi after signing a plaque to commemorate the pre-launch ceremony of Urban Community Forest Project.

Also present were Subang Jaya assemblyman Hannah Yeoh, councillor Rajiv Rishyakaran and Kelana Jaya MP Loh Gwo Burne.

Rajiv, who is also the Zone 3 community committee chairman, said the residents were glad MPSJ realised the community's efforts in preserving the land as an urban forest.

"We were concerned that USJ 3C

will be developed like other areas in Subang Jaya.

"MPSJ has agreed that this area will be gazetted as an urban forest and it will be the 'green lung' in Subang Jaya," he said.

Rajiv said MPSJ had planned to build gazebos, a walkway, proper fencing and carpark in the plot of land.

The 1,111 tree species were contributed by various developers, banks, NGOs.

Under the project, the council has appointed Forest Research Institute Malaysia, Malaysian Institute of Planners and Selangor Forestry Department as project advisers.