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USJ goes a-planting

SUBANG JAYA: In efforts to reach its goal towards "Low Carbon City", the Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ), with the help of various non-governmental organisations, recently planted 1,111 trees on a 3.2ha land at Persiaran Setia, USJ 3C.

About 200 volunteers and residents of USJ 3C were involved in the tree-planting exercise. They are from the Subang Jaya Rotary Club, Kingsley International School Putra Heights, Zone 3 Residents' Committee (JKP Zon 3) and members of fire brigade from SS17 fire station.

MPSJ president Datuk Asmawi Kasbi said the council's aim is to plant 10,000 trees by 2020, under the Urban Community Forest project.

"This is our first big-scale project and it is just the beginning. Now that the lot has been gazetted as a public recreation park, we hope the trees will ensure that the carbon emission is reduced," said Asmawi.

Also present were MPSJ deputy president Abdullah Marjunid, Subang Jaya assemblyman Hannah Yeoh, councillor Rajiv Rishyakaran and Kelana Jaya MP Loh Gwo Burne.

Among the tree species planted were Cengal, Kasai and Keruing.

Rajiv who is also the president for JKP Zon 3, said the project will be conducted in stages until the completion by 2020.

While waiting for the trees to grow, the next step is to build a gazebo, put up a proper fencing, a walking trail and a car park by next

To ensure that the project goes smoothly, the council has appointed the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), Forestry Department of Selangor and Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP) as the project's advisers. C. Premananthini



Volunteers and residents of USJ 3C planting trees under light rain. Pic by Khairull Azry Bidin