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PUTRAJAYA: Forty per cent of land use in Putrajaya will be retained for forest, parks, lakes and public landscapes to pave the way for the administrative capital to become a model green city, said Putrajaya Corporation president Tan Sri Samsudin Osman.

He said to date, about 650,000 trees had been planted in Putrajaya while one million plants and trees had been targeted to be planted in the next few years.

"The uniqueness of Putrajaya besides building and infrastructure designs is its green belt, for which a huge investment from the government should not be taken lightly," he said at the signing ceremony of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) and Putrajaya Corporation, here yesterday.

The MoU, among others, is aimed at forging a five-year smart partnership years in urban forest, landscape, recreation and environmental education management.

Samsudin said with the launch of the Putrajaya Tree Inventory System Development and Management's pilot project, FRIM would assist Putrajaya Corporation in carrying out a comprehensive tree management on-line, including the botanical, biodiversity and sustainable urban forest management.

Meanwhile, FRIM directorgeneral Datuk Dr Latif Mohmod commended Putrajaya Corporation for striving to ensure that Putrajaya would become a full-fledge green city, thus reducing energy consumption and carbon dioxide emission. - Bernama