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Contribution towards creating conducive environment is needed and appreciated, says sultan

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DEVELOPERS should allocate funding and space towards creating green spaces in developments towards creating a sustainable environment in urban areas, Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah said yesterday.

Officiating the launch of the "Trees To Green" project by developer I&P Group Sdn Bhd in Taman Idaman at Alam Impian, he said developers should prioritise the creation of green spaces as it would serve to increase the quality of environment in urban areas.

"There is also a need to ensure these green spaces are strategic and practical for the ease and safety of residents, for visits and recreation," he said.

"The developers' contribution towards creating a conducive environment is very much needed and appreciated," he added.

The "Trees To Green" project, a corporate social responsibility project of I&P Group set to cost RM3 million, will see the planting of 1,500 forest trees of at least 50 species, in the 12.54ha public park in the area.

The idea is to generate a "mini forest park" in the residential area for public recreation and is a collaborative effort with the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM).

The sultan also reminded local authorities to ensure creating green spaces in Selangor is a main agenda.

"Local authorities and state government must monitor and oversee this initiative and ensure there is continuity to such efforts when the au-

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thorities take over the areas," but also on protected ecology towards the creation of he added. conducive conditions for the

He also said residents should not be absolved from the responsibility of helping to maintain the cleanliness of the areas for future generations.

"I would also like to remind developers or industrialists as well as individuals, to not fell trees arbitrarily especially if the trees have grown and aged with quality," he said.

"These trees are valuable for the stability of the ecology and environment. We have to wait for decades for a tree to grow and mature," the sultan said.

Sharafuddin said he not only hoped to see more green spaces and recreation areas in Selangor, but also for the city of Shah Alam to be a "City Within a Park", whereby its beauty does not only hinge on physical development



**BETTER FUTURE:** Sultan Sharafuddin plants a Tualang tree (*Koompassia Excela*), as Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim (left) looks on — Pic SHAHIR OMAR