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NEW ROOTS: A three-storey tall tree in SS14 is almost ready for its big move

THE trimming of a Ketapang tree in Jalan SS14/1, here, which was delayed for almost a month, has been completed, paving the way for the next step in the relocation plan.

It took workers half a Sunday to trim the tree.

The three-storey tall tree, which a local resident said he

planted in 1977, is the first tree ever to be relocated in Subang Jaya.

The initiative is supported and funded by Syarikat Prasarana Negara Bhd, the Kelana Jaya LRT Extension concessionaire, with the assistance of Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM).

The task of trimming the tree fell on Prasarana's contractor Trans Resources Corporation Sdn Bhd, which engaged a crane to bring the workers up to the crown of the tree.

The next step, according to FRIM officers on the ground to supervise the work, was to leave

the tree to recover from the shock. Once new leaves have sprouted, trenching, or excavating the area around the tree, will be carried out.

Its roots will be trimmed next, and experts will work to wrap the root ball before leaving it to recover once again.

Once new roots appear, the tree will be moved to its new home across the road on the SS18 field.

FRIM officers will also identify a leader branch on the tree to form the new tree trunk when the tree begins to grow back.

A budget of RM15,000 has been set aside by Prasarana for the exercise. **SJ Echo**



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