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EARTH DAY INITIATIVE: Project aims to help protect endangered ecosystem, offset carbon footprints

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ROTARY Malaysia celebrated Earth Day recently by planting 250 trees at the Bukit Hari Forest Plantation plot (Field 47) located within the grounds of the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) in Kepong, here.

This was a project by the organisation that was aimed at helping protect the endangered ecosystem and offset the area's carbon footprints.

Rotary Malaysia engaged more than 500 people to actively participate in its I Planted A Tree project to provide a hands-on demonstration of how carbon offset projects can be designed and implanted effectively.

"The project is the first in a series planned at the location that will not only achieve great

sustainability outcomes, but also create a growth environment," said District Governor of Rotary Malaysia, Mansoor Saat.

"The main difference with this project is our commitment to maintain the trees planted as part of ground and landscape maintenance for 30 years."

The I Planted A Tree project is sponsored by UPS, in line with Rotary Malaysia's goal of adopting a greener lifestyle. Rotary Malaysia plans to plant 500 more trees in Field 47 by this year.

"A single tree can absorb one tonne of carbon dioxide in its lifetime," said UPS Malaysia managing director, Naeem Butt.

"The UPS Foundation was set up to meet the

changing needs of communities. We have been actively involved in empowering different groups of people, by giving them the tools to conserve the environment, such as through this project."

Mansoor added that the planting would enable FRIM to generate carbon-offset credits for the organisation to use in reducing its carbon footprints.

"On a larger scale, this project aims to deliver a field site for researchers seeking to understand how to better restore biodiversity, or the way carbon dioxide is sequestered in a landscape."

The I Planted A Tree project was officiated by FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Abdul Latif Mohmod, with Butt, Mansoor and organising chairman S. Kulasegaran.

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