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ABOUT 3,500 fruit trees were planted at the Batu floodwater retention lake in Kepong on Saturday.

Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Ahmad Phesal Talib said about one third of the land around the retention lake which is located in Taman Metropolitan Batu, will become an "Orchard in the City".

"We want to make this an area that the public can enjoy," he said during the launch of the tree sponsorship by private companies, corporations and developers programme.

Ahmad Phesal added 25 companies contributed a total of RM260,000 for the programme.

"Various trees were planted including durian, mangosteens and rambutan," he said.

He added DBKL will work closely with the Drainage and Irrigation Department to maintain the orchard.

"If needed, we will seek the help of the Forest Research Institute Malaysia to ensure the place is well take care of," he said.

Ahmad Phesal said this was the second "Orchard in the City" after the one at Jalan Bellamy.

He added the tree planting activity was included in the *Malaysia Book of Records* for planting the most number of fruit trees in a single event.



Getting down to it: Ahmad Phesal planting a fruit tree near the Batu floodwater retention lake.