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IPOH: About 13,000 trees and shrubs of 30 species were planted around Aeon Klebang Mall here yesterday in preparation for its opening next month.

"We hope to nurture the future through this move and bond with the local community," said Aeon (M) Bhd managing director Nur Qamarina Chew Abdullah.

Forest Research Institute Malaysia director-general Datuk Dr Abd Latif Mohmod and other guests joined 800 participants in the exercise.

Trees and shrubs planted included *gaharu*, *katong laut*, *kenanga*, *cengal*, *sepetir daun lebai*, fruit trees and herb.

"I will return to the mall and check on the tree that I planted today," said SK Haji Mahmud pupil Karti Moghan, 12.

SK Seri Kelebang pupil Nur Syafizah Shamsul Baharin, also 12, said the trees would benefit future generations.

Chew said the Aeon Hometown Forest programme was launched at the opening of Aeon Bandaraya Melaka Store & Shopping Centre in 1991.

"We have been keeping with the tradition since then, where we plant trees at the opening of every Aeon store or mall."

She said more than half a million saplings had been planted.



Pupils of SK Haji Mahmud, SK Seri Kelebang, SK Klebang Jaya, SJK (T) Klebang, SJK (C) Poi Lam and other schools taking part in the tree-planting exercise in Ipoh yesterday. Pic by Muhaizan Yahya