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Down and dirty for Mother Nature

ARMED with garbage bags and mosquito repellent, a team of 26 Berjaya Times Square Hotel Kuala Lumpur (BTSHKL) associates took to the hiking trails of **Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM)** in Kepong recently.

The “gotong-royong” mission was championed by the Kitchen Department of BTSHKL, with executive chef Chef Keong in the lead.

The group was separated into two teams. The first, hiked up the trails with garbage bags at their belts, picking up “rubbish” while some swept away fallen leaves and tree branches along the way.

The second team were assigned to repaint the huts located at the entrance and exit to the 200m-long rainforest canopy walkway. This effort will protect the vantage platforms that give visitors a panoramic view of the forest and distant Kuala Lumpur.

The “gotong-royong” ended with FRIM head of corporate

management unit Norhayati Nordin presenting BTSHKL general manager Mondi Mecja with a certificate of appreciation.

“Your commitment in preserving and sustaining the jungle trails and rainforest canopy walkway is reflected in our progress for sustainable forest

management; at the same time, giving the next jungle trekkers a safe trekking environment. We are extremely grateful for your contribution today,” said Norhayati.

FRIM was founded in 1929. Until today it remains one of leading institutions in tropical forestry research in the world. A top eco-tourism destination, FRIM offers visitors various attractions and activities such as natural trails, waterfalls, a nature education centre, camping, picnic sites, botanic gardens and a canopy walkway.

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Clockwise, from left: Norhayati and Mecja; Sprucing up FRIM; and Berjaya Times Square Hotel KL associates group photo.

