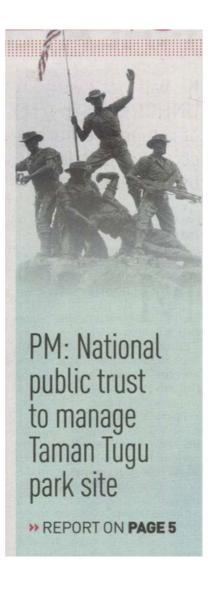
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ATIONAL public trust Amanah Warisan Negara (Awan) will be the custodian of Taman Tugu.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who announced this yesterday, said the 26.7ha site in the heart of the capital city here would be placed under the trust in perpetuity, as an urban forest park.

Najib said the government had approved an additional 10.12ha of adjacent land to be allocated for the Taman Tugu project, bringing the total land area to 36.8ha.

"Together with the nearby Perdana Botanical Garden, the total land area will be 133.9ha.

"This will make Taman Tugu comparable to Hyde Park in London and other green lungs in major first-world cities, such as New York City," he said during a treeplanting ceremony at Taman Tugu yesterday afternoon in conjunction with Hari Hasanah, an event by strategic investment fund Khazanah Nasional Bhd on Sept 3, to promote and foster unity and patriotism among Malaysians, in line with the Negaraku campaign. Najib said the project was close to his heart as it was a Transformasi Nasional 2050 (TN50) project meant for the future generation.

He noted that from the many TN50 dialogues, one of the recurring themes was that people wanted a clean environment and to live in a liveable city.

"This project has the underlined support of Malaysians despite initial opposition by some.

"But, after Khazanah engaged them, they understood and supported the project," he said.

He said 1,000 species of trees would be planted amidst camping, running and hiking sites in the park, adding that the species would be chosen to reflect the nation's heritage.

"People will no longer have to go far to appreciate nature's diversity."

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He said the project, alongside the River of Life project which sought to transform Sungai Klang and Sungai Gombak, were testament to Malaysia being ranked as among the best places in the world to retire.

In the world to retire. In March, Malaysia was ranked sixth in the Annual Global Re-tirement Index, compiled by ex-perts at International Living,

edging out the likes of Portugal,

Nicaragua and Spain. Najib also announced a design competition for gazebos and benches to be placed in Taman Tugu. The competition is being organised in collaboration with Institute of Landscape Archi-tects Malaysia and will be open to Malaysians. The Taman Tugu project was

launched by Najib a year ago, as a corporate social responsibility

project by Khazanah in conjunc-tion with its 25th anniversary cel-ebration in 2019.

Present were former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife, Tun Jeanne Abdullah; Khazanah managing director Tan Sri Azman Mokhtar; Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Mohd Amin Nordin Abd Aziz; and CIMB Group chairman Datuk Seri Nazir Razak

The transformation of Tugu

Negara is a collaboration between Khazanah and Kuala Lumpur City Hall, supported by other agencies, including the Federal Territories Ministry, Economic Planning Unit, Public-Pri-vate Partnership Unit, Forest Re-search Institute of Malaysia and search Institute of Malaysia and non-governmental organisation Malaysian Nature Society. The first phase of the RM650

million project is expected to be ready by mid-2018.

Upon completion, it will pro-vide additional publicly accessi-ble green space for the community between Taman Tugu and its surrounding areas.

The project complements the 11th Malaysia Plan as well as Greater Kuala Lumpur and Klang Valley initiatives to transform Kuala Lumpur into a world-class city by 2020, by, among others, enhancing its pedestrian network.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in Taman Tugu yesterday. BERNAMA PIC