

Green habits begin at home

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TEACHING our children to care for the environment will make a difference in the immediate neighbourhood or township they live in.

Petaling Jaya City deputy mayor Puasa Mohd Taib said children were aware of the need to care for trees and forests.

"Parents must guide them on conservation and inculcate habits that will protect the environment.

"Young children with good habits such as saving water while brushing their teeth or turning off the switch when the computer is not in use will grow up loving the environment, thus reducing the carbon footprint," he said.

Puasa said parents should plant trees with the help of children and enjoy the moment of fun.

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"Let the child choose a fruit tree or a flowering plant that is easy to grow. Talk to the child about how trees support clean air, brighten up the environment and the joy it gives to be able to harvest the fruit," he said after a tree-planting exercise at Urban Park 2 in Damansara Damai.

At the same event in conjunction with Petaling Jaya's sixth anniversary as a city, Puasa witnessed a memorandum of understanding between Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Utara Malaysia and Pulau Banding Foundation to conduct a six-month research into

weather, flora and fauna at the Royal Belum Forest Temengor in Hulu Perak where the findings would be used to nurture the Urban Park 2.

Emkay group chief executive officer Ahmad Khalif Tan Sri Mustapha Kamal said the company was working closely with the PJ City Council to nurture the 7ha Urban Park 2, home to 25 species of trees.

"We have handed Urban Park 2 to the council and we are glad that there are plans to build a cycle path that will link three other parks in the area. It is a good idea as it will encourage people to cycle and appreciate nature.

"Our children are our future and it is a big responsibility to guide them to love the environment," he said.



Starting young:
Teenagers took part in the Enviro Hunt at Urban Park 2 in Damansara Damai, Petaling Jaya

Well done:
Puasa (fifth from left) participated in the tree-planting exercise.

