

'Tree-planting programmes can bring significant positive impact'



Padsakorn flashes the thumbs-up as he waters a tree that he planted, with Shahrul (second right) and others looking on.

BINTULU: Tree-planting programmes can provide a significant positive impact on people's daily lives and the future, said Universiti Putra Malaysia Bintulu Campus (UPMKB) director Prof Dr Shahrul Razid Sarbini.

He said such activity is a step in overcoming the effects of climate change affecting Earth today.

"As we already know, extreme climate change today can no longer return to original conditions. In fact, the way to deal with this issue is to use an adaptation approach, and tree-planting is one of the effective ways of reducing the effects of climate change," he said.

Shahrul was speaking at a tree-planting programme jointly coordinated by PTTEP Malaysia, Bintulu Development Authority (BDA) and Department of Environment (DoE) on Saturday.

He said through tree-planting programmes, temperature changes can be reduced and clean oxygen content can be increased.

"It also helps our country

maintain the sustainability of a clean environment once it conserves and expands the green areas on earth," he added.

A total of 200 fruit tree saplings comprising 10 local species, namely 'mangga chokanan', 'mangga gigi gajah', 'longan hutan', 'kedondong', 'jambu air', 'petai', 'cempedak', 'kasai', 'nyekak' and 'terap' were planted during Saturday's programme.

Shahrul said the programme was one of the strategies in response to the Malaysian government's call to plant 100 million trees by 2025.

"This greening initiative is also planned as one of the strategies for pollution prevention action strategy through a control approach at the source using nature-based solutions," he said.

Also present were PTTEP Malaysia Asset Country manager Padsakorn Suwanruji, BDA Score and Safety and Health senior manager Tang Teck Soon, DoE representative Musin Konsusun and Taman Tumbina acting manager Alissee Sherrylin Bagol.