

7 join plot to tend herb garden



Datuk Seri Ahmad Phesal Talib plants a tree after launching the World Environmental Health Day healthy lifestyle programme at PPR Raya Permai. Pic by Asman Ibrahim

GROWING ENTHUSIASM: Non-governmental and government agencies sign on as keepers of herb garden near PPR Raya Permai

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SEVEN non-governmental and government agencies signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with City Hall to manage a herb garden near PPR Raya Permai, Sungai Midah, in Cheras.

The seven are Universiti Putra Malaysia, Department of Town and Country Planning Peninsular, Department of Agriculture Peninsular, Association of Customer Experience Industry of Malaysia, Eijau Millennium Explorer, Association of Welfare Recipients and Homeless Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, and Fast Track Resources Sdn Bhd.

Mayor Datuk Seri Ahmad Phesal Talib who witnessed the signing, said under the MoU, each party would play a role in the planning and maintenance of the herb garden.

“The partnership is important to ensure that the project runs smoothly. The herb garden will have four phases in which various types of herbs and plants will be planted.

“So far, about 35 herbs have been planted in phase one. Each plant is tagged with its com-

mon and scientific names.

“The garden will be an educational experience for schoolchildren as well as those living nearby,” he said after launching the healthy lifestyle programme held in conjunction with World Environmental Health Day at PPR Raya Permai.

The mayor said the purpose of the project was to heighten awareness of the importance of plants and trees.

During a visit two years ago, he had found the herb garden in a sorry state, he said.

“However, today I find the situation, including the water quality of the river, much improved,” he said.

Phesal will also be discussing ways to improve the nearby recreational park with PPR Raya Permai residents and the organisations involved in the herb garden project

He suggested that the park be used as a venue for weddings.

Also present were Agriculture Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohd Hashim Abdullah, Federal Territories Ministry (Planning and Development) deputy secretary-general Datuk Mohd Jamal Mahussin and City Hall advisory board member Datuk Rizalman Mokhtar. *