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ECRL PROJECT COMMITS TO MANGROVE RESTORATION AT KLANG RIVER

Port Klang, 20 August 2024: More than 70 volunteers from the East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) Project participated in the mangrove restoration programme at Mangrove Point near the Klang River mouth recently in conjunction with the 'International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem'.

Equipped with cleaning tools and equipment, the volunteers spent about three hours picking up garbage that consisted mainly of water bottles, aluminium cans, plastic waste and metal objects. The volunteers then participated in the replanting of mangroves as well as river educational trip on water quality monitoring systems along the Klang River.

Some 100 saplings of *Rhizophora Apiculata* (*Bakau Minyak*) and *Rhizophora Mucronata* (*Bakau Kurap*) trees were successfully planted by the ECRL Project volunteers within the 70-acre Selangor state land and Hutan Simpan Kekal.

The mangrove restoration programme is in line with Malaysia Rail Link's (MRL) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) environmental quadrant, which recognizes all critical efforts to protect the environment and mitigate the destruction of ecosystems caused by various human activities.

MRL's Chief Executive Officer, Dato' Sri Darwis Abdul Razak, said the CSR initiative will complement the Selangor Maritime Gateway (SMG) and the Selangor State Forestry Department's efforts to enhance a distinctive mangrove ecosystem within a biophilic environment that will among others facilitate Mangrove Point to serve as a new destination for eco-tourism.

"The mangrove restoration programme reflects our collective responsibility to protect and preserve the mangrove ecosystem as well as enhance the management of new mangrove sapling growth that will contribute towards a sustainable environment for future generations," he said.

Dato' Sri Darwis noted the ECRL Project will proactively support initiatives that protect the natural environment and habitats as well as natural heritage, adding that the ECRL Project had also taken environmental safeguards into consideration for the design of its alignment from Kota Bharu to Port Klang.

The ECRL rail alignment will feature five stations in Selangor of which *Jalan Kastam (Port Klang)*, *Kapar* and the *Gombak Integrated Terminal* will serve as passenger-only stations while *Puncak Alam* and *Bandar Serendah* will be passenger & freight stations.



MRL, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Minister of Finance (Incorporated) [MOF (Inc.)], is the project owner of the ECRL while China Communications Construction Company Ltd (CCCC) is the engineering, procurement, construction, and commissioning (EPCC) contractor. The 665-km ECRL will traverse the East Coast states of Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang before linking the Klang Valley on the West Coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

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