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KUALA LUMPUR: More than 73.2 million trees have been planted nationwide through the “100 Million Tree Planting Campaign” by the Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change Ministry.

Forest Research Institute Malaysia (Frim) deputy director-general (Research) Dr Norwati Muhammad said the campaign was a greening programme aimed at maintaining and increasing green cover in the country.

“The five-year campaign, which started in 2021, also aims to increase public awareness on the importance of maintaining green cover and forests, and to encourage them to be actively involved in increasing the number of trees,” she said yesterday.

She added that the campaign was also to support the government’s commitment to protect and maintain 50% of forest areas in the country, thus preserving the balance of the forest ecosystem in Malaysia.

To make the campaign a success, Norwati said Frim is organising various courses, seminars and talks with experts on topics related to forestry science to increase public awareness on the importance of forests and environmental protection. - Bernama
