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TNB president and CEO Datuk Shamsul Ahmad (centre) at the mangrove tree planting programme at the Tanjung Burung Mangrove Forest in Pantai Remis on June 30. BERNAMA PIC

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**MANJUNG:** Tenaga Nasional Bhd on Tuesday launched a programme to plant 25,000 mangrove trees at the Tanjung Burung Mangrove Forest in Pantai Remis, Perak.

TNB president and chief executive officer Datuk Shamsul Ahmad said the plan under the My Brighter Green Initiative (MBGI) aimed to restore mangrove ecosystems, boost coastal conservation awareness and foster community participation in sustainability.

It is also part of TNB's commitment to environmental, social and governance principles.

"Planting mangroves increases carbon sequestration, reduces coastal erosion and restores ecosystems that are habitats for fish and crabs.

"It is also important as several TNB power stations, including the Sultan Azlan Shah power station (Janamanjung), are on the coast, which are protected by healthy mangrove forests," he said during the programme launch.

Present were Perak Forestry Department deputy director (development) Azni Rahman A. Wahid, Malaysian Nature Society executive director I.S. Shanmugaraj and TNB chief sustainability officer Leo Pui Yong.

Seventy students and teachers from four

schools joined the tree-planting programme.

Shamsul said MBGI had fostered environmental awareness among the younger generation.

MBGI 2026 will also be carried out in Kubang Badak in Langkawi, Tanjung Tuan in Melaka, Jimah in Negri Sembilan, Nibong Tebal in Penang and Universiti Tenaga Nasional in Selangor.

TNB will plant 40,000 trees across the six sites, which are expected to absorb the equivalent of 67 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually.

In conjunction with the programme, TNB also contributed RM60,000 to the local community, comprising RM50,000 for five schools and RM10,000 to Masjid Al-Alia in Pantai Remis.

Between 2017 and 2025, TNB planted nearly 200,000 trees nationwide, capable of absorbing around 3,400 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent annually.

Azni said MBGI 2026 complemented the Greening Malaysia Campaign 2.0 under the Forest Landscape Restoration programme, which continues this year after the government met its target of planting 100 million trees under the 12th Malaysia Plan. **Bernama**