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## MPOGCF AND PERHILITAN ORGANIZE HABITAT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR MALAYAN TIGER REWILDING

**PETALING JAYA –** The Malaysian Palm Oil Green Conservation Foundation (MPOGCF), in collaboration with the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) Peninsular Malaysia, successfully hosted the Malayan Tiger Habitat Enrichment Program at the Malayan Tiger Conservation Center (MTCC) in Lanchang, Pahang on 21st January 2025.

The event was officiated by the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities, YBhg. Dato' Yusran Shah Mohd Yusof, who also serves as Chairman of MPOGCF. The ceremony saw the presence of other notable figures, including PERHILITAN Director-General YBhg. Dato' Fakhrul Hatta bin Musa, MPOGCF General Manager Hairulazim Mahmud, and senior officials from the Sago and Palm Industry Division (BISS) of the ministry.

A highlight of the program was the planting of 95 trees from species such as Jelutong, Pulai, Meranti Tembaga, and Tembusu. This initiative is a significant step in enhancing the tiger enclosures at MTCC, creating a habitat that closely resembles their natural environment.

The Habitat Enrichment Program aims to boost the effectiveness of rehabilitation and rewilding processes, ensuring that tigers are better prepared for a resilient return to their original habitats. This initiative is part of the broader Malayan Tiger Conservation Program, which seeks to conserve and bolster the population of this endangered species through ex-situ efforts.

To date, RM1.7 million has been spent from a total allocation of RM3.18 million for the conservation program, which runs from 2021 to 2026. The funds have supported key conservation activities, including providing food and medicine, conducting research, and implementing capacity-building programs to develop skilled personnel at conservation centers.

The Habitat Enrichment Program underscores the importance of collaborative efforts in protecting and conserving Malaysia's natural heritage, ensuring a brighter future for the Malayan tiger.

## **About MPOGCF**

The Malaysian Palm Oil Green Conservation Foundation (MPOGCF) is an initiative spearheaded by the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities (MPC) aimed at supporting conservation efforts within the palm oil industry, demonstrating Malaysia's dedication to environmental preservation.

Through various initiatives, MPOGCF endeavors to enhance the Malaysian palm oil industry's global reputation, facilitating its attainment of sustainable practice certifications. MPOGCF diligently monitors key conservation areas within the palm oil sector, striving to safeguard and sustainably manage the nation's natural heritage over the short, intermediate, and long term.

We are steadfast in communicating to the world that Malaysia's palm oil industry operates with environmental responsibility at its core. Our funding initiatives stand as a testament to the industry's unwavering commitment to environmental conservation and the promotion of a green landscape.

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