



KERATAN AKHBAR

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TARIKH	:	1/1/2017	MUKA SURAT	:	14
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Tree-planting record broken in Ledang

TANGKAK: A total of 3,144 *aquilaria* saplings, known locally as *pokok karas*, have been planted in the Ledang constituency, thus making their way into the *Malaysia Book of Records*.

This edged out the previous record of 1,500 of the same tree planted in Dungun, Terengganu, in 2013.

Malaysia Book of Records special officer Nurasyikin Ramli handed the record certificate yesterday to Deputy Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Hamim Samuri, who is the Ledang MP.

Pokok karas, scientifically known as *aquilaria malaccensis*, is a species of plant in the *Thymelaeaceae* family.

It is a source of highly valuable aromatic agarwood or *gaharu*, and due to overharvesting, is ranked as a vulnerable species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

It is found throughout South-East Asia and in Bangladesh, Bhutan and India.

A book which documented the flora found on Mount Ledang was also launched during the event.



Leaf-ing a mark: Hamim giving the 'OK' sign after planting one of the trees in Tangkak, Johor.