HUTCH advances ESG commitment through Rajawaka Rainforest restoration

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Restoring rainforests, protecting biodiversity, and growing a greener Sri Lanka.

HUTCH Sri Lanka continues its commitment to environmental sustainability by implementing its rainforest restoration initiative at the Rajawaka Forest Reserve in Balangoda. Conducted in partnership with Rainforest Protectors Sri Lanka, the

program ran for the third consecutive year. During this phase, approximately 500 native plants were introduced across half an acre of degraded forest land within the Rajawaka Forest Reserve. The selection of indigenous species is intended to support the regeneration of natural forest structure, enhance habitat quality, and protect local biodiversity. Employee participation remained a key highlight of the program, reflecting HUTCH's approach to embedding sustainability as a habit within its organizational culture.

This initiative aligns with Sri Lanka's broader national sustainability journey, as the country is not yet carbon neutral but has committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. Within this context, CK Hutchison Holdings, the Global Fortune 500 conglomerate, through its subsidiary HUTCH Sri Lanka, plays a significant role in accelerating sustainable development in the country by cascading socio-economic benefits to communities and businesses. Complementing these efforts, Hutch's ESG landscape is steadily evolving through initiatives such as renewable energy use, circular-economy retail shops, e-SIM drive, reforestation programs, environmental sanitation projects, and more, all of which collectively inspire the country's transition toward a sustainable future.

Hamdhy Hassen, Chief Marketing Officer at HUTCH Sri Lanka, said, "Our partnership with Rainforest Protectors Sri Lanka reflects HUTCH's sustained commitment to environmental stewardship and climate resilience, anchored in our group, CK Hutchison Holdings, ESG agenda. We believe the actions we take today are critical to preserving Sri Lanka's ecosystems and ensuring a healthy, vibrant livelihood for the people of Sri Lanka."