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MAIL's Spring Campaign: More than 2.5 million trees distributed and planted so far

[Kabul: 1 April 2009] Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock's spring tree-plantation campaign has entered its final phase, by the plantation and distribution of more than 2.5 million out of the total 3,488,435 trees grown in Ministry's nurseries this year.

MAIL's yearly spring tree-plantation campaign is held between 15th hoot to 15th Hamal (Feb-March), through which, millions of trees grown in ministry's nurseries are distributed to the different government and non-government agencies, local councils, private sector companies, and individuals in accordance to ministry's distribution policy.

According to the statistics provided by MAIL, 1,591,510 of these trees are distributed to the local councils, while 855,341 to the government agencies, all over the country.

In addition to that, more than 250,000 trees are planted during the spring campaign by the ministry departments in the capital as well as in the 34 provinces.

Government of Balkh has grabbed the first position by receiving and planting the largest number of trees from the government nurseries, in Mazar City.

Herat province is in the second, while Ningarhar is in third position, by planting 107,632 and 103,632 trees each.

MAIL's spring tree-plantation campaign in Kabul covered the areas of Badambagh, Television hill(Tapa talwezon), Kulola Poshta hill-side, Tangi Gharo, Maranjan hill-side, and the Qargha dam hill-side, and the Green Ring of the Kabul city.



The eleven provinces of Panjsheer, Badakhshan, Kapisa, Parwan, Kabul, Paktia, Nooristan, Kunar, and Ghoor Provinces are covered under Ministry's Work for Food Program supported by the World Food Program (WFP).

Ministry of Agriculture has launched many parallel spring campaigns, covering the areas of horticulture, herbal protection, disaster encountering, tree-plantation, and land-preparation activities.

Hundreds of new gardens has been created, and rehabilitated in many provinces including Panjsheer, Parwan, Kapisa, Ningarhar, Samangan, Badakhshan, and other parts of country.

MAILs disaster encountering campaign across the country is another spring-time activity that is to be extended to the next 30 days.

According to the estimation provided by the ministry, around 15,000,000 trees have been planted by the private sector companies, associations, and individuals this year.

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