

Local authorities encouraged to employ arborists

SHAH ALAM: Local authorities are encouraged to employ arborists to improve landscape management in municipal areas, said Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming.

He said for this purpose, all local authority landscape employees

should attend arborist courses organised by the National Landscape Department.

While acknowledging that some local authorities face financial challenges when it comes to tree maintenance, he said the initiative to employ

arborists should be accompanied by efforts to streamline tree inventory in their respective administrative areas.

“For instance, Kuala Lumpur City Hall already has an inventory. So, they know which trees, what type and whether they are healthy

or need to be pruned according to schedule.

“Tree health care, maintenance and inventory are crucial, especially for older trees,” he said at the Green Urban Forum in conjunction with National Landscape Day on Sunday. – Bernama