

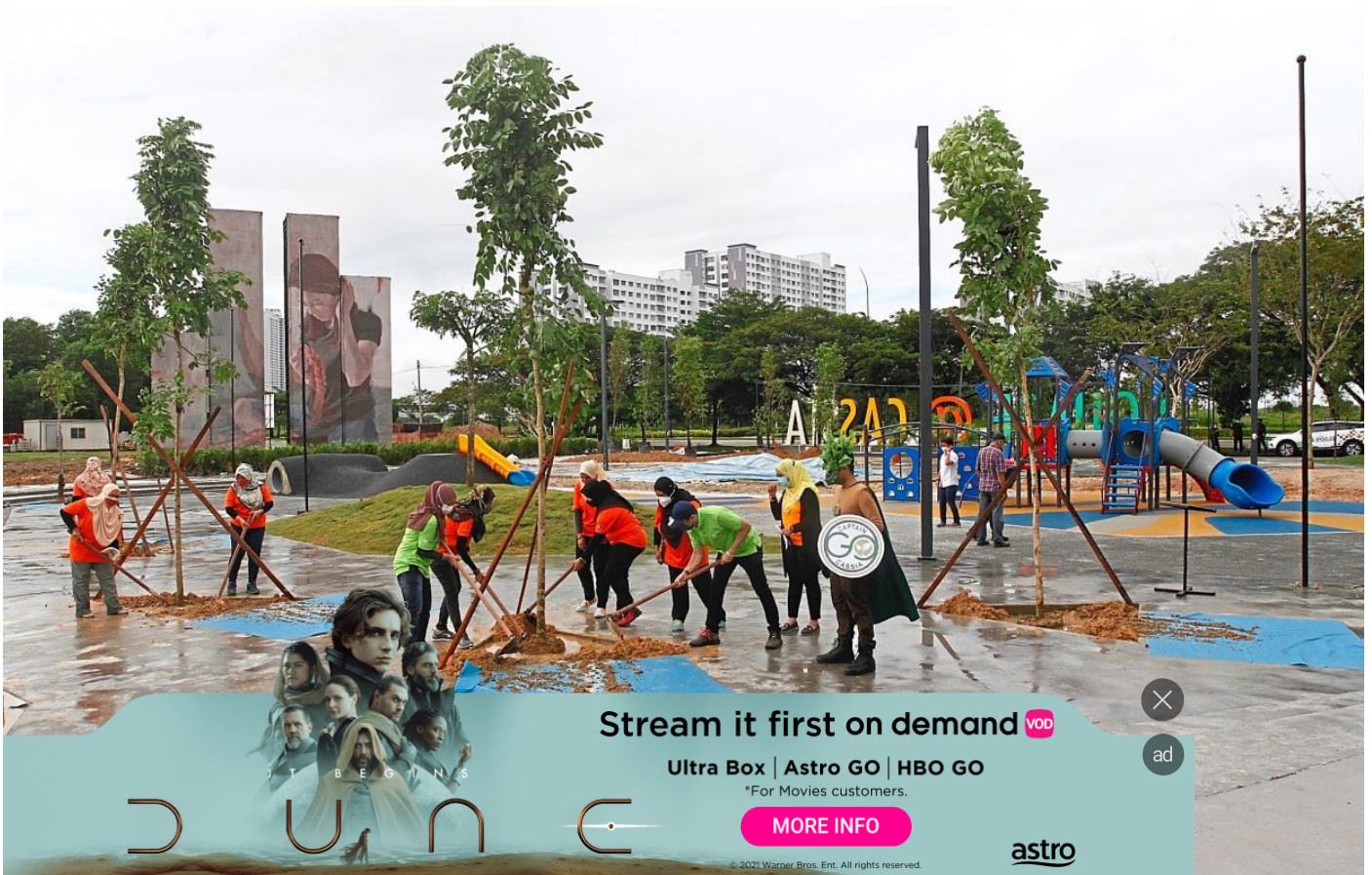
More trees sprouting up at Bandar Cassia



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PDC staff planting the Cassia Siamea trees at Square@Cassia in Batu Kawan. – ZHAFARAN NASIB/The Star



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PENANG Development Corporation (PDC) has spent RM1.8mil on the landscaping work at Square@Cassia and the upgrading of the road shoulder from the Dedaun junction to the PDC Gallery in Batu Kawan.

Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow said the landscape work involved the planting of 51 shady trees and 5,870 shrubs comprising Cassia Siamea, Samanea Saman, Dalbergia Oliveri, Fragrea Fragrans and Bucida Molineti.

The components involved were landscaping at the Dedaun junction, reconstruction of bicycle and pedestrian walkways as well as upgrading of the car park and driveway at PDC Gallery which will be used as a food truck site.

The work also included the construction of the Square@Cassia area which has children's play equipment and garden chairs to transform it into a focal area for recreation.

"Today, we will plant six trees which are the original species in this area, Cassia Siamea, which is also the namesake of Bandar Cassia," said Chow, who is PDC chairman, before helping to plant the trees at Square@Cassia near Nibong Tebal.

Also present were Bukit Tambun assemblyman Goh Choon Aik, PDC chief executive officer Datuk Mohd Bazid Abd Kahar, senior deputy chief executive officer Datuk Jamil Ibrahim and deputy chief executive officer Aziz Bakar.

Chow said Cassia flowers from this type of tree are used as the Bandar Cassia logo.

"Square@Cassia is now open to the public for family activities and photography.

"This is part of our corporate social responsibility to improve the quality of life and make Bandar Cassia a green area," he said.

Chow stressed that Bandar Cassia, which was planned as a smart eco-city, would see careful

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