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Hotel workers volunteer in their 'adopted forest'

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Kyuin Yi (left, in red) and Nicha Attawut (right, in blue) were among hotel volunteers who cleared fallen trees in the Fleming Arboretum on Oct. 15, opening up trails and clearing space for new plantings.

Employees from the Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa and the Wailea Beach Marriott Resort & Spa volunteered to clear fallen trees in the Fleming Arboretum in South Maui on Oct. 15, opening up trails and clearing space for new plantings in their adopted forest. Volunteers will plant the forest, returning seasonally to weed, fertilize, add new plants and apply mulch, replacing nonnative plants with a complete cover of upper-, middle- and lower-story native forest.

The workday was organized by Jack Stone, cultural adviser for Sheraton Maui. Stone shared Hawaiian culture and music. Sheraton Maui caterers provided lunch.

Arboretum volunteer programs involve the community in preservation and restoration efforts.