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STARTING Jan 1, 2018, those in the development sector who are not getting their solid waste picked up by Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) will be required to use contractor panel services registered with MBPJ to dispose of the solid waste.

MBPJ signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Karcher Cleaning System Sdn Bhd at the council's headquarters in Petaling Jaya to improve cleanliness in public areas.

At the event, mayor Datuk Mohd Azizi Mohd Zain presented certificates to 23 companies registered as MBPJ's panel of contractors.

Mohd Azizi said the implementation of this initiative was one of the ways to prevent illegal dumping of solid waste.

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MBPJ steps up efforts to improve cleanliness

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(From left) Petaling Jaya deputy mayor Johary Anuar, Mohd Azizi, Karcher Cleaning Systems general manager Kiew See Wei and professional division manager Shahrul Ridzwan Lazim after the signing of the memorandum.

"They are also required to ensure that waste separation, especially domestic waste, be carried out.

"I hope with this initiative, the level of cleanliness in Petaling Jaya will improve and help MBPJ

achieve the target hygiene index of more than 2.5," he said.

Through this strategic partner programme, MBPJ will also provide two workers and a road sweeper model MC 50 City Road while Karcher will provide two

employees to train the workers to use the machine.

The programme will run for six months and involve areas such as Damansara Utama, and the commercial area in Damansara Jaya and SS2.

Residents object to proposed 47-storey apartment

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RESIDENTS in several housing estates in Cheras fear that a proposed 47-storey serviced apartment project will bring about traffic problems.

The residents from Taman Cheras Hartamas, Taman Bukit Segar, Taman Bukit Segar Jaya 2 and 3 and Taman Danau Mas are objecting to the project, located at Lot Pt 15287, Jalan Cheras Hartamas in Kuala Lumpur.

Pangsapuri Cengal Joint Body Management chairman Selina Yap said Jalan Cheras Hartamas was the only road for residents to enter and exit their apartment.

"We are concerned as it is a high-density project with 960 units on a 1.13ha land. It is not a low-density bungalow project which the land was supposed to be used for," she said after the first objection hearing against the project at Menara DBKL 1 in Jalan

Raja Laut, Kuala Lumpur. "Jalan Cheras Hartamas is the only access road for the proposed serviced apartment as well," she said.

Yap said some residents of Pangsapuri Cengal, which has 208 units, currently park their vehicles along Jalan Cheras Hartamas.

"If this project goes through, can you imagine the number of cars using the road, and parking outside the new apartment if there is insufficient parking bays?" she asked.

Yap also questioned the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) study submitted by the project's developer.

"I think the data is inaccurate. A one-day traffic count on Jan 20 was done in Jalan Cheras Hartamas.

"It was a Friday and a week before Chinese New Year so the amount of cars on the road would not have been as much," she said, adding that a new TIA should

be done. She said residents were not against development but were requesting for a low-density project instead.

Teratal assemblyman Tiew Way Keng, who was at the meeting, said residents were also concerned that the developer had applied to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to change the land status from residential to commercial.

She added that the proposed 1,500 parking bays for residents including visitors was insufficient.

Tiew also said residents were unhappy with the TIA suggestion to install traffic lights at the T-junction of Jalan Cheras Hartamas and Jalan Cemara.

Residents, she said, want DBKL to allow the road reserve from the roundabout of Taman Danau Mas to Taman Bukit Segar to serve as an alternative entry and exit point.

Developer Amber Homes Sdn Bhd director Edward Liao said the project was downsized from 1,130

units to 960 units. "The TIA was done based on the 1,130 units and it passed.

"Also, the project is 50m from the Taman Connaught MRT station and the whole point of it is to utilise the infrastructure that the Government had invested in," he said when met at the hearing.

Liao said the TIA found that Jalan Cheras Hartamas was at "Level A", meaning it was underutilised.

"The survey on Jan 20 this year was done during peak hours, from 7am to 10am and 4pm to 7pm," he said.

Liao said based on the TIA, the road would still be classed as a "Level A" in 2027.

Another director Ryan Mah said an independent traffic management specialist was appointed to conduct the TIA.

"The report is based on their expertise to reflect the proper sample of traffic in the area," he said.

Marine park in PD to protect corals and promote tourism

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NEGRE Sembilan has gazetted an Sba area, off Cape Rachado in Port Dickson, as a marine park, said Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan.

He said the move was necessary to protect corals and other marine life in the area.

"Even fishermen will not be allowed to go into the area," he said at the official opening of the

Lexis Hibiscus resort near Pasir Panjang.

Mohamad said his administration was also looking at ways to promote the area as a new tourist attraction.

"We need to offer more tourism by-products to promote Port Dickson as a premier tourist destination. Port Dickson should be a destination favoured not only during weekends and school holidays, but on weekdays as well," he said.

Mohamad also urged larger

hotels and resorts in the state to work with industry players to promote tourism.

"You can always adopt other tourism products such as the fireflies in Sungai Timun or the many ecotourism products we have and promote them with existing attractions. This will also boost tourist arrivals to the state," he said.

Mohamad said his administration was in the midst of preparing a blueprint for Port Dickson's redevelopment.

"We have plans to carry out some land reclamation work in Lukut where we intend to, among others, build an international convention and exhibition centre.

"We will also upgrade the stretch from Batu 1 to Batu 13 to accommodate the higher traffic volume," he said, adding that more development was expected in Port Dickson once the Port Dickson-KL International Airport expressway as well as the Seremban-PD rail route projects were completed.



ROAD CLOSURE

MBSA will close part of Jalan Persiaran Bandaraya from 6pm today until Aug 6, for the Selangor Food Mega Festival 2017. For details, call 03-5522 2734.

WATER DISRUPTION

Several areas in Hulu Langat will experience temporary water disruption from 8am on Aug 8 until noon on Aug 9 because of equipment replacement works at Bukit Mahkota Bangi. For details, visit www.syabas.com.my, or download mySyabas smart phone application for status update on the upgrade works.

TAMIL TOASTMASTERS

PJ Tamil Toastmasters Club will conduct a showcase meeting titled "Science in Tamil Literature" at University Malaya Academic Club, No 1, Jln 12/5, PJ today at 7pm. Admission is free. Pre-notification is required. Call 010-2623966 (Siva).

FREE TALK

Ventrix Management Sdn Bhd, a training and consultancy company, is organising a free talk on "The Science of Productivity: How to Get More Done In a Day?" today at 6pm until 8pm at Banker's Club Kuala Lumpur in Amoda Building in Jalan Imbi, Kuala Lumpur. For details, call 03-8062 1133 or email sales@ventrix.com.my

MBSA EXTENDED SERVICES

● MBSA mobile office - Shah Alam on Wheels will operate from the carpark of Aeon Bukit Rimau Seksyen 32 on Aug 5 from 11am until 5pm. Services like checking and payment of assessment tax, as well as parking compound will be available.

● MBSA will have tax collection counters at Wisma MBSA, and its branch offices at Sungai Buloh, Kota Kemuning, and Setia Alam, for the public to pay their assessment taxes every weekend of this month, including Aug 31 from 9am until 1pm. For details, call 03-5522 2724 /03-55 22 2897.

BOOK EXCHANGE

KL Book Exchange is having a session on Aug 6, from 8.45am to 10.45am, at the Wisma TM open carpark along Jalan Desa Utama in Taman Desa. Just bring a book to exchange for another one for free. There will also be a sale with books sold at RM5 each. For details, visit www.facebook.com/klbookexchange

SECOND-HAND BOOK FAIR

Xim Phou Moon welfare society will hold a second-hand charity book fair at the ground floor of Cheras Leisure Mall today until Aug 6 from 10am until 9.30pm. For details, call 012-3779304.

FREE FERTILITY FORUM

KL Fertility Centre is organising a free fertility forum on Aug 21. The forum is titled "Towards Parenthood: IUI or IVF?" at its centre in Bukit Damansara, Kuala Lumpur, from 2pm until 4pm. For reservation, call 012-524 6280/03 27804288 (Claire/Nurul) or email agil@klfertility.com

BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

MBO Cinemas and the National Blood Bank will hold a blood donation campaign nationwide from Aug 4 to 6. The campaign in the Klang Valley will be on Aug 5 and 6 from noon until 6pm. MBO will provide donors with a goodie bag.

SCHOOL CARNIVAL

The Parent-Teacher Association of SMK Taman SEA in Section 21, PJ, is organising a carnival at the school on Aug 13 from 8am to 5pm. There will be a talk for senior citizens, drum circle performance and stalls set up by the students to display their entrepreneurial skills. All are invited. The organiser is also looking for sponsors. To be a sponsor, call 012-295 0265 (Quek).