

# Public told to stay vigilant

MPSJ: Decreasing dengue cases not an excuse to dial back efforts

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SUBANG Jaya residents should not be complacent with the lower number of dengue cases being recorded there and they need to continue with efforts to keep their surroundings clean, the local council said.

This is because the vector-borne disease may rise again in view of the current warm weather and intermittent rainfall.

According to Subang Jaya Municipal Council's (MPSJ) figures recorded from January to Aug 12, the total number of dengue cases stands at 3,992.

MPSJ public relations senior assistant director Asfarizal Abdul Rashid said this was a 40% drop from the same period last year.

There were 8,608 cases recorded in the whole municipality for the entire 2016.

While the general drop in cases so far is welcome, a pocket of Subang Jaya faces the bad news of having just been declared a hot-spot.

Subang Jaya assemblyman Hannah Yeoh said SS19/6 recorded 11 dengue cases in a week, involving Jalan 19/6A, 6B, 6C, 6F, 6G, 6H, and 6M.

She said this after a search-and-destroy walkabout with councillor Ken Chia. MPSJ representatives, the dengue squad, state Health Department and the police.

During their site check, the group saw abandoned cars in the neighbourhood.

"The back lanes were okay but we noticed on the streets in front that there were bottles and recyclable waste," said Yeoh.

She added that the search-and-destroy activity was the way to root out dengue at the source and urged the public to spend time checking the premises of their homes for potential mosquito-breeding spots and destroy them.

Asfarizal said that regardless commercial or residential areas, the public must keep their surroundings clean.

Property owners are reminded to remove mosquito breeding grounds, which is stagnant water, from inside their premises as well as outside.

Asfarizal said that to strengthen



An MPSJ worker carrying out fogging activities in the municipality. Concerted efforts by the council and the public have managed to greatly reduce cases. — filepic

the efforts for better vigilance, MPSJ set up a Dengue Prevention Squad (DPS) under the *Sekolah Sejahtera* programme where students were taught methods to identify and eliminate mosquitoes' breeding grounds.

MPSJ public relations assistant director Nor Najihah Sukor said students from 53 schools in Subang Jaya would participate in the DPS programme at Sunway Lagoon in Bandar Sunway.

"We will have four students and one teacher from each school to go through the DPS programme where dengue kits will be distributed. The kit consists of an aerosol can, sachets of Abate, insect repellent and a pipette (a slender tube for drawing out a small quantity of liquid) to check for larvae," she said.

The council's administration assistant officer Mohd Azrin Abd Aziz said the DPS programme was a collaboration with the Selangor Education Department, Petaling District Health Department, the schools and MPSJ.

"We want to see a concerted effort by all to bring about change for better control and eliminate dengue breeding grounds to stem the disease," he said.



Nor Najihah (left) discussing a point with Mohd Azrin Abd Aziz on the DPS programme.

Asfarizal emphasised that community-led efforts were important in helping to reduce the mosquito population.

"DPS, which focuses on source eradication of potential mosquito-breeding habitats and indoor spraying of insecticides where adult mosquitoes are detected, remains the key to dengue preven-

tion," he reiterated.

"All it takes is a spoonful of water for the mosquitoes to breed," said Yeoh.

"People still think fogging is the solution but it is bad for children and people with asthma.

"If you are going out in the morning or evening, be sure to use insect repellent," she added.



### LANE CLOSURE

There will be intermittent lane closures along Jalan Putra Permai (Serdang-bound and 16 Sierra-bound) after the Maju Expressway Sri Kembangan interchange until the slip road to Jalan Pinggiran 1/3 from now until Nov 18, 11pm to 6am. Only one closure will be implemented at any one time and the remaining lanes will not be affected. For details, call 1-800-82-6868, visit [www.mymrt.com.my](http://www.mymrt.com.my) or [www.mymrt-underground.com.my](http://www.mymrt-underground.com.my), Twitter @MRTMalaysia or @MyMRTUnderground or MRT Malaysia on Facebook.

Projek Lintasan Sungai Besi-Ulu Klang Sdn Bhd is carrying out a right-lane closure at the Middle Ring Road 2, located near Terminal Bersepadu Selatan. The right-lane closure will affect both bounds from 10pm to 5am daily and is expected to be completed on Sept 13. The closure is to facilitate soil investigation works being conducted over 1.8km stretch at the median section of the Middle Ring Road 2. For details, visit [www.mysuke.com.my](http://www.mysuke.com.my) or call 1-300 88 9922.

### SHAH ALAM ON WHEELS

Shah Alam Municipal Council will set up a mobile office at the parking lot of Plaza Shah Alam in Seksyen 9 on Aug 26 from 11am until 5pm. Among the services provided are checking and collection of assessment tax, parking compound as well as receiving complaints and the sale of parking coupons.

### ACS OLD BOYS

Klang ACS Old Boys' Association will hold its 56th Annual Reunion Dinner 2017 at 7:30pm on Aug 26, at the Hai Thiam Lo Restaurant, No. 157, Jalan Lima Gadong, Klang. For details, call 019-324 5733 or 03-3341 2289.

### GROCERIES FOR POOR

Sunway Group is inviting the public to help end hunger in Malaysia in conjunction with Malaysia's National Day. Donate groceries to urban poor from now until Aug 31 at #sunwayforgood Grocery Collection points in Sunway Velocity Mall (B1 near Aeon Max/Value Prime), Sunway Pyramid (LG2 near Orange Concourse & Aeon), Sunway Putra Mall (LG near Cold Storage) and Sunway Giza Mall (Ground Floor near Village Grocer). For details, visit [www.sunwayforgood.com/stories/join-us-in-helping-the-urban-poor/](http://www.sunwayforgood.com/stories/join-us-in-helping-the-urban-poor/)

### FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS

The Nobel Laureate Talk with Professor Dr David Gross - Frontiers of Fundamental Physics will be held at 9am on Aug 24 at the Utar Sungai Long Campus (Multipurpose Hall). He is the Chancellor's Chair professor of Theoretical Physics, and former director of the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics at UCSB. Free admission, registration required. For details, call 03-9086 0288 (ext: 852).

### SUNWAY ILABS CHALLENGE

Join the Sunway iLabs Start It Challenge and be in the running to win cash prizes, mentored to launch your own startup or land an interview with your dream company. Submit proposals by Sept 1. Attend the launch of the Start It Challenge and the Innovation Career Fair to meet representatives from Malaysia's leading companies at Sunway iLabs, Level 1, Menara Sunway on Aug 25 at 3pm. Students and recent graduates from universities in Selangor are invited. For details, visit [www.sunwaystart-it.com.my](http://www.sunwaystart-it.com.my)

### SEA GAMES CARNIVAL

Fun activities for the whole family at 10 McDonald's outlets nationwide, on Aug 26, 2pm-6pm. In conjunction with Kuala Lumpur 2017, sponsors McDonald's, 100PLUS, Prudential, and Telekom Malaysia have teamed up to organise 'Karnival Bangkit Bersama' to bring Malaysian communities together in unity and support for the Malaysian SEA Games and Para Games contingent.

## School gets funds to repair its walkway

SJK(C) Lick Hung in Subang Jaya has finally got half of its damaged walkway repaired.

Its Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) chairman Lim Kok Sang said students kept tripping over broken pieces of the concrete pavement in the past and it badly needed repairs.

He said the school received RM20,000 from Subang Jaya assemblyman Hannah Yeoh and would get another RM50,000 from the state government.

The RM20,000, he said, was used to repair half of the damaged

walkway which was about a 162 sq m area while the other half would be repaired with the state government allocation later.

"The state's allocation will also be used to fix the roof of the school building," he said during Yeoh's visit to inspect the newly paved walkway at the school that had 2,060 students.

Yeoh said she allocated the funds on receiving a request from the school earlier this year.

She later visited the school to see the newly paved part of the walkway.

The partially repaired walkway of SJK(C) Lick Hung in Subang Jaya. Lim says the remainder would be repaired once the school receives the funds from the state.

