



Tai (left) with MPSJ Health Department officers taking water samples from a large puddle at one of the hotspots during the operation.

# Combatting a lethal killer

MPSJ holds large-scale anti-dengue operation in five hotspots in Seri Kembangan

SEVERAL areas in Serdang Perdana, Seri Kembangan, have been blacklisted as dengue hotspots by the Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ).

The top five hotspots were South City Condominium, SP 5 shophouses, Skyvilla Apartment, Kesidang Apartment and One South Apartment.

To help tackle the problem, MPSJ organised a large-scale anti-dengue operation at the five hotspots starting at Block C, South City Condo in Serdang Perdana.

The operation was led by MPSJ Health Department in collaboration with Petaling District Health Office, Zone 23 councillor Tai Cheng Heng, MPSJ Commissioner of Building (COB) Department and the joint management bodies (JMB) of the apartments.

"The government is doing all it can to increase awareness on how to prevent dengue but it is up to the residents to keep their areas free of mosquitoes," he said.

They looked for mosquito-

breeding grounds, took water samples to look for larvae, sprayed larvicide and then fogged the areas.

MPSJ senior assistant health and environment officer Nordin Harun said 376 cases had been recorded at Serdang Perdana from January until November.

"Residents must ensure that there is no chance for Aedes mosquitoes to breed," said Nordin.

"They must get rid of all water-retaining items such as

discarded containers from the compound and maintain the cleanliness of their homes," he added.

Nordin also advised local residents to spend at least 10 minutes every week to clean their compounds.

He added that a notice would be issued to homeowners or management bodies if aedes larvae was found.

"They would then be issued a compound that carries a maximum fine of RM500," he added. — By SYUHADA SHEFEE