

# KERATAN AKHBAR

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Halimaton presenting a grass cutting machine to Rakan Taman chairman Mo'ti Idris (in green shirt) to mark the launch of the Rakan Taman programme at PPR Kota Damansara in Section 8, Petaling Jaya. — Photos: AZHAR MAHFUF/The Star

Residents learning the basics of putting out a fire during a demonstration.

## PPR Kota Damansara folk get free spectacles and recycling cage

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SPONSORSHIP of spectacles for adults and 3R recycling cage for waste separation were among items presented to residents of PPR Kota Damansara in Section 8, Petaling Jaya, last weekend.

Kota Damansara assemblyman Datuk Halimaton Saadiah Bohan handed over the items during the National Blue Ocean Strategy Social Transformation Programme (My Beautiful Neighbourhood).

"The spectacles are for short-sighted adults aged between 40 and 80.

"Each pair costs between RM100 and RM120, but we are giving them for free," she said.

"The 3R recycling cage is to encourage proper separation of domestic waste and promote recycling initiatives.

"Funds collected from the sale of recyclable

materials can also be used for the residents association's activities."

The 3R (reduce, reuse and recycle) cage is part of efforts to help the Government achieve a national recycling rate of 30% by the year 2020.

Activities held at the event included community sports, colouring and floral arrangement contests, health screening, firefighting demonstrations and exhibitions by various government agencies.

The Social Transformation Programme is aimed at creating a sustainable neighbourhood, creating a sense of accountability for the local area in terms of cleanliness, safety and security, nurturing social well-being and good neighbourliness, as well as encouraging residents' participation in neighbourhood and voluntary activities.

Halimaton Saadiah later presented tokens to representatives of the residents to mark the launch of several initiatives under the

programme.

They comprised MyBomba JPE, Safe City, Communication for Behavioural Impact and Park Friend.

Each project focuses on different activities, such as creating awareness of fire safety, reducing crime through omnipresence and patrols, as well as maintaining and monitoring parks and playgrounds.

In her speech, Halimaton urged residents to utilise the newly opened Kota Damansara Health Clinic, which offers services for general health, dental, mothers and children.

"I will also submit an application to the Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry to have the water tanks here replaced.

"I understand the water supply is not clean due to the rusty tanks, so I hope the application to replace water tanks for all four PPR blocks will be approved," she said.

Meanwhile, Halimaton urged the Selangor Housing and Real Estate Board (LPHS) to be more sympathetic and considerate in terms of payment for overdue rent.

"Some of the residents are unable to pay rental due to financial constraints or other circumstances.

"Many of those who stay in PPR flats are from the low-income group. Some have to rely on contributions from the Social Welfare Department or children for monthly income.

"LPHS shouldn't come down too hard on those struggling to pay overdue rent.

"It's not fair to those who can't afford it," she said.

Present at the event were Zone 30 Residents' Representative Committee chairman Ahmad Jaffri Ngah Ali and PPR Kota Damansara Section 8 Residents Association chairman Yuslina Yusuf.