



(From right) Hasrolnizam, Housing and Local Government Ministry deputy secretary-general Datuk Azhar Ahmad, Zuraida and Hulu Kelang assemblyman Shaari Sungib at the launch of the guidelines.

MPAJ is the first local council to implement the guidelines which have been in use at Pasar Malam Keramat Permal since March this year.

# For better experience at the market

## MPAJ first to implement standardised guidelines to improve conditions

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ALL markets under the jurisdiction of the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) will have to adhere to new guidelines that will be implemented in stages.

"I want to thank the Housing and Local Government Ministry for choosing MPAJ as the first local council to implement these guidelines," said MPAJ deputy president Hasrolnizam Shaari during the launch of the guidelines at Pasar Malam Keramat Permal.

"The guidelines encompass the suitability of a market site's, uniformity of lots, categorisation of goods as well as cleanliness and safety, among other things.

"Markets will no longer have to use generator sets for electricity as

supply will be provided by MPAJ. "All markets will also use LED lights to reduce heat.

"The most important change is in waste management as all waste will be sorted before being transported to waste collection sites.

"Any produce that cannot be sold will be collected by the Malaysia Save Food Initiative or MySaveFood.

"It will be distributed to the needy such as orphanages and welfare homes to eliminate waste," said Hasrolnizam.

He thanked the ministry for providing MPAJ with RM110,640 to upgrade the electricity and water supply at the Keramat Permal market.

Hasrolnizam added that MPAJ would also work with the Smart

Selangor Delivery Unit to introduce electronic wallets in markets in line with efforts to promote a cashless society.

Housing and Local Government minister Zuraida Kamaruddin, who launched the guidelines, said MPAJ was chosen to implement them for easier monitoring.

Zuraida, who is also Ampang MP, hoped MPAJ would become a role model for other local councils.

"The Keramat Permal night market has been implementing the guidelines under a pilot project since March this year.

"Currently, there are different by-laws for different aspects with each local authority having its own rules," she said, adding the guidelines were important to ensure uniformity."



Waste management has been improved with the introduction of the new guidelines.