

She was speaking to reporters after a site-visit to the Bukit Tagar Sanitary Landfill (BTSL), managed by the Berjaya Group.

She said the BTSL can be a model for better solid waste management in the country.

She said this 688ha sanitary landfill has been identified as a possible centre to manage solid waste for the whole of Malaysia.

She said the landfill can accommodate six million tonnes of solid waste. It is capable of managing the 5,000 tonnes of daily waste produced in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor for 65 years.

The BTSL also has a 500-metre buffer zone from nearby developments.

It has proper leachate collection and treatment facilities, together with a landfill gas management system that also generates renewable energy.

The electricity produced is supplied to the national grid by Tenaga Nasional Berhad.

However, Zuraida said there was still a need to look into effective disposal of other solid waste such as scrap metal, clothing materials, electronic appliances and used cars.

"Different technologies are needed to handle the different types of waste. We need to study how we can benefit from this large area that has been identified as a centre to manage solid waste in the country."

She added that the ministry will form a committee in the next two weeks to look into fully utilising the BTSL for this purpose.