

New park in Lembah Pantai

MORE GREEN AREAS: The Bukit Kerinchi Park will be the second biggest park in the city

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THE Bukit Kerinchi Park, which is another of City Hall's endeavour to green more areas in the city, will be ready for the public in five years.

Construction on the 34ha park in Lembah Pantai near Jalan Kubur, began in July last year.

Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin, who visited the site on Saturday, said phase one of the project will be completed in April.

"So far, 58 per cent of phase one is completed. Once the entire project is completed, this will become the second biggest park in the city after the Bukit Nenas Park. We hope that this place will not only serve the people of Lembah Pantai but all city folk," he said.

Raja Nong Chik said the development of the park will involve three phases. He said the cost of phase one is RM3.5 million and the total cost is expected to reach RM20 million.

"We will have to request for more funds from the Federal government, but we are not sure how fast we will get it," he said.

Raja Nong Chik said City Hall will look into engaging private developers to form a joint venture in developing the park.

He said the developers stand to benefit a lot once the park is completed.

"The developers will benefit because property prices here will soar once the park is complet-

ed," he said.

Raja Nong Chik also said City Hall will be constructing another access road to the park, which will be located next to the Lembah Pantai community centre.

Present at the site were Mayor Tan Sri Ahmad Fuad Ismail and City Hall director-general Datuk Salleh Yusup.

Raja Nong Chik said City Hall will take stern action against those who have defaced certain areas in Pantai Dalam with obscene graffiti.

"We will first clean up the area. Then with the help of the police, we will take action

against those who are breaking the law," he said.

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Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin,
Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Minister



Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin (right) dips his hands into a small stream that runs through the park. On his right is Tan Sri Ahmad Fuad Ismail. Pic by Nurul Shafina Jemenon