

CCTV cameras at KL Wholesale Market to curb trade by illegal immigrants

KUALA LUMPUR: Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) will instal more than 100 closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras around the Kuala Lumpur Wholesale Market here in a bid to step up enforcement and curb the activities of illegal immigrants carrying out businesses in the area.

Federal Territories Minister Tan Sri Annuar Musa said the CCTVs, which will be equipped with Artificial Intelligence features with facial recognition technology, would enable work to monitor and control activities inside and outside the wholesale market to be carried out in a more orderly fashion.

"We still find some traders, involving illegal immigrants, carrying out businesses outside the wholesale market's fence and along the walkways, which affects traffic flow in the area.

"The CCTVs will be installed

inside and outside the market for enforcement monitoring by DBKL.

"We will upgrade it from time to time," he said at the Mural and Graffiti Competition prize-presentation ceremony at the market yesterday.

Annuar also said that construction of the hostel facility with over 200 beds for the wholesale market workers was completed and ready to be used from next month.

"We will consult the market traders to distribute the quota among the workers who need this facility, either due to not having a place to stay or having to pay a high rental."

He said the rental would be as



Tan Sri Annuar Musa

low as RM150 per month.

Apart from making it easier for the workers to commute to work, it would also attract more local workers, including those from outside the capital.

Earlier, Annuar spent almost an hour surveying the transformation of the wholesale market,

which is now more comfortable, cleaner, brighter and free of illegal foreign workers following improvements in terms of management and governance.

Among the upgrades are the addition of control room workstations, passes using QR code scans for wholesalers and their workers, fences and motorcycle parking areas. **Bernama**



A foreign worker delivering produce to a stall at the Kuala Lumpur Wholesale Market in Selayang earlier this year. PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH