



Upgrading work is ongoing at the football field at Jalan A off Jalan 32/42L in Taman Batu, Kepong. — Photos: LOW LAY PHON/The Star

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DBKL upgrades field, playground in Taman Batu

Much-needed work to be completed in May

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TAMAN Batu residents in Kepong, Kuala Lumpur can rejoice as the football field and playground along Jalan A, off Jalan 32/42L, is receiving a much-needed upgrade by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

The upgrading work includes replacing the playground slide and rusty railing surrounding the field, refurbishing parts of the jogging track, installing a new foot reflexology walkway, and repainting the metal mesh fence behind the goal post.

Residents lauded DBKL's swift action in upgrading the field and playground following complaints about the old and broken equipment there.

Taman Batu resident Ng Chuan Boey, 70, hopes that DBKL will consider providing more exercise equipment near the playground area.

"Many residents go to the playground in the morning to exercise, so new gym equipment will be useful for us.

"DBKL should also consider installing more benches for residents to rest at the playground," he said.

Another resident, Tee Kim San, 65, said DBKL should put up bollards at the two access pathways to prevent vehicles and motorcycles from driving onto the field.

"Some irresponsible residents park their cars on the field, claiming that there is no available space in the area but it is not right," he said.

Kepong Community Service Centre head Yee Poh Ping said the upgrade that started in mid-January was likely to be completed next month.

"The upgrading work was delayed due to the movement control order that was implemented in January.

"This is the only field and



Workers laying out the new pavement next to the playground in Taman Batu.

playground in Taman Batu. It caters to more than 500 households in the area.

"Taman Batu is an old neighbourhood, established about 35 years ago, and this green area has been in a state of neglect," he said during a press conference held at the field regarding the progress of the upgrade.

"DBKL should have allocated more funds for the upgrade and maintenance of parks as city folk need these green spaces for recreational purposes, especially the playgrounds in old neighbourhoods," he stressed.

Separately, Yee said DBKL had added 55 CCTV cameras at Taman Metropolitan Kepong due to complaints of robberies at the park.

"City Hall has also transformed the water fountain into an open space with colourful arches called "Rainbow Tunnel" where visitors can exercise.

"Previously, the water fountain had collected a lot of rubbish



Residents enjoying the newly installed foot reflexology path at the field.

and dried leaves, which became an eyesore.

"DBKL is also upgrading the concrete wall along the pavement next to the pond, to prevent any further soil erosion in the park," he added.