

Revisit 'Hyde Park' idea to meet need for green lung in KL

THOSE living in and around Kuala Lumpur need a green lung for recreational activities.

The Perdana Botanical Garden (formerly known as Taman Tasik Perdana or Lake Gardens) is inadequate for the current needs of the growing population.

The need for open spaces and parks are far greater now than ever before.

Greater Kuala Lumpur, comprising the city centre and nine municipalities, has a total population of nearly nine million.

Most of the residents live in high-rises and crowded shophouses where recreational facilities are limited.

Occupants are left without adequate open spaces to walk about or do simple exercises.

I remember an announcement from the then housing and local government ministry in 2007 of plans to build a 100ha park in Kuala Lumpur.

The proposed Kuala Lumpur Park was to be modelled after London's world-renowned Hyde Park.

It was refreshing news for all Malaysians.

Nothing was heard thereafter of the proposed Kuala Lumpur Park.

It is hoped that the unity government will implement the Kuala Lumpur Park project with all the features, facilities and amenities of London's Hyde Park including cafes, restaurants and a Speakers' Corner.

The Speakers' Corner will provide an excellent venue for university students, budding politicians and youths to hone their oratory skill.

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