

Yeoh urges City Hall to empower slope unit for site checks

KUALA LUMPUR: Kuala Lumpur City Hall has been urged to empower its engineering and Urban Transportation Department's slope unit following cases of landslides in the city recently.

Segambut member of parliament Hannah Yeoh said last year alone, she received more than 100 complaints about soil erosion in the city from various parties.

She said it was vital for the unit to be empowered to ensure that more effective and swift action was taken to avert more serious effects stemming from land-

slides.

"As we know, there are many slope areas in Segambut and Lembah Pantai.

"We cannot ascertain where else (soil erosion) would happen, but as Segambut MP, I hope the engineering department that monitors slope areas will be empowered.

"We have highlighted the matter of strengthening the unit in the Dewan Rakyat recently.

"But, I am aware of the challenges in City Hall. They may lack resources and staff to conduct

checks at each slope area."

Yeoh, who is also youth and sports minister, said this after visiting the landslide site at the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Academy (MACA) in Bukit Tunku.

The major landslide struck a slope at the grounds of MACA on Tuesday and caused a guard post at the academy to col-



Hannah Yeoh

lapse. involved.

"I was informed that the mayor

The incident was said to have happened due to water retention following several days of rainfall, which also caused underground pipes to burst.

Yeoh said she was satisfied with the swift action taken in the case of the MACA landslide, as well as the multi-agency cooperation

had also come to see the situation. We are lucky that it did not involve human lives.

"The forensic report is underway and we will wait for it before commenting further."

Checks at the scene showed that forensic works were in progress to identify the cause of the landslide.

It involved several agencies such as the Minerals and Geoscience Department, Public Works Department, Fire and Rescue Department, City Hall and Air Selangor.