

IN LIMBO FOR A DECADE

Efforts underway to complete Pasar Jalan Raja Bot upgrade

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EFFORTS are underway to complete the upgrading of Pasar Jalan Raja Bot, which has been in limbo for a decade.

Titiwangsa member of parliament Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani said he was informed by the contractor that the gradual relocation of traders at the market, which is also known as Pasar Chow Kit, was being finalised.

However, he said two issues have surfaced, requiring the intervention of Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

"There is the likelihood of a prolonged water supply problems at the market due to low water pressure in the Jalan Raja Alang area.

"The contractor, however, has taken the initiative to supply water to address the issue," he said after a visit to check the progress of the market upgrade in Kampung Baru yesterday.

Johari, who is plantation and commodities minister, said there were also issues with the sewerage system, where the current outflow level was higher than the inflow, requiring the use of a pump.

He said the upgrading project has been ongoing for 10 years, with DBKL having changed contractors five times, and the delay had badly affected the traders' income.

"If we can resolve these issues, it will be more convenient for people to visit the market compared with the (current) temporary location."

Johari hoped that the project would be completed in the near future.

Previously, DBKL had said that the first phase of the upgrade comprised an open-air building with a high roof, while the second phase would comprise a market complex housing a wet market, sundry shops and a food court.

DBKL had also said that the market complex was 95 per cent complete with construction to be completed this year.



Titiwangsa member of parliament Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani (left) checking on the progress of the upgrading work at Pasar Jalan Raja Bot in Chow Kit, yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF TITIWANGSA

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