

Covered basketball court for Taman Jinjang Baru park

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TAMAN Jinjang Baru residents can rejoice as a covered basketball court is being constructed at the neighbourhood park along Jalan 20/32 in Kuala Lumpur.

Kepong MP Lim Lip Eng said the project was approved in the middle of last year but construction was delayed.

"It is expected to be completed on April 28.

"The RM500,000 project falls under the sports development initiative of Kepong and Segambut Youth and Sports Department," he during a press conference at the site.

Lim said the facility would be the first covered basketball court managed by Kuala Lumpur City

Hall (DBKL).

"This is because the project is built on DBKL land and had gotten prior approval from City Hall."

Lim warned surrounding residents that encroaching into the park was an offence.

"Some tend to park their vehicles inside the park.

"Some residents had covered the drains and placed their own flower pots and built structures in the park.

"This caused the drains in the area to be clogged and contributing to flash floods.

"Illegal structures found in the park can be seized or demolished by DBKL," he said.

Lim said he planned to apply to fence up the area once the basketball court is completed.

"This is to prevent people from misusing the park," he said.

"We also plan to apply for construction of public toilets in the park," he added.

Kepong and Segambut Youth and Sports Department (under the Youth and Sports Ministry) Youth officer Halman Salleh said the court would be surrounded by a wall.

"Six metal stilts will be used to support the roof.

"There will also be sufficient lighting so users can play at night," he said.

Lim's special assistant Dic Lai urged residents to take care of the park.

"Once the project is completed, we will also apply for gym sets and playground facilities to be built at the park," he said.



Lim (fourth from left) checking the condition of the basketball court with stakeholders. — ONG SOON HIN/The Star