


KUALA LUMPUR

City News

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DRAFT KL STRUCTURE PLAN 2020 - PUBLIC OBJECTION INVITED

The Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, Datuk Mohamad Shaid bin Mohd Taufek will unveil the Draft KLSP 2020 at the City Hall Auditorium on 10 March 2003 followed by an exhibition at the lobby which will be held daily (9.00 a.m – 6.00p.m) for a month until 9 April 2003.

The preparation of the Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan 2020 is undertaken in the conviction that most of the policies of the 1984 Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan (KLSP, 1984) have been rendered obsolete by developments in recent years. Besides that, it is also timely to prepare a new structure plan for Kuala Lumpur to make the city ready for a competitive international role in the globalised village of the 21st Century.

The Draft Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan 2020 (KLSP 2020) contains the visions, goals, policies and proposals to guide the development of Kuala Lumpur over the next 20 years. It does not contain proposals for detailed physical planning for any specific area. Detailed physical proposals shall be relegated to a subsequent stage of the development plan.

A mobile version will also be exhibited for a one week duration only at four major shopping centres/complexes namely the Suria KLCC, Mid Valley Mega Mall, Alpha Angle Wangsa Maju and Kompleks Desa Kepong. In addition, another mobile exhibition will be put up at three City Hall branch offices in Sri Petaling, Setapak, Jalan Klang Lama and Kompleks Sukan Bandar Tun Razak.

Public objection forms will be available at these exhibitions. The public can also inspect the Draft Plan and submit their objections at the website <http://pskl2020.dbkl.gov.my>.

The Minister has appointed a Public Hearing Committee to hear, consider and report objections to the Draft Plan. The Chairman of the Committee is Dato(Dr) Mohammad Ishak

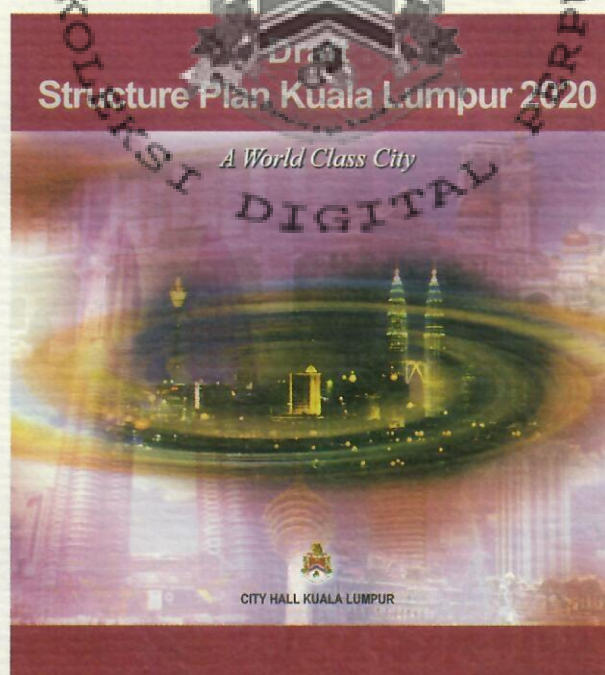
bin Haji Mohamad Arif, who is also a City Hall Advisory Board Member.

The 20 committee members of the Hearing Committee (who were appointed by the Prime Minister) will divide themselves into three groups and conduct parallel hearings daily from 9.00 a.m-12.00p.m for one month, Monday to Friday. They will only deal with written objections. The committee

is anticipated to start hearing sessions from 24 April 2003.

Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Committee shall submit a report to the Mayor. Subsequently, the Mayor shall consider the report, make any amendments necessary and submit the revised Draft Plan together with the report of the Committee to the Minister. The Minister shall then either approve it or approve it with modifications or return it to the Mayor for further consideration or reject the revised Draft Plan. When the Minister has approved the revised Draft Plan, the Mayor shall give public notice of the approval in the Gazette and in local newspapers.

A good plan is less meaningful unless it is successfully implemented and the implementation of the Plan will not be successful without the support of the citizens. Thus, City Hall appeals to all individuals, government agencies, private sector, educational institutions, professional bodies and other organizations to participate by giving views and comments on the Draft KLSP 2020. The public may inspect and purchase the Draft Plan at the exhibition. The cost for the English version is RM100 while the Bahasa Malaysia version RM80.



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Over the last 146 years (1857-2003) starting as a small mining village at the confluence of the Gombak and Batu Rivers, Kuala Lumpur has developed steadily in terms of population and infrastructure. From a rural mining outpost of 80 people (1857), the city today boasts of a population of 1.4 million (Census 2001).

From bullock and horse carts, bicycles and gharries we have now a system of transport networks that have replaced this outdated mode of transportation. From thatched roofs to tiled roofs made of reinforced concrete and steel.

Today, the city is a modern, fast growing megapolis, equipped with the state of the art technology, having the tallest edifice in the world- the Kuala Lumpur Petronas Twin Towers (451.9 metres tall).

Some of the relics of the past are the 22 old heritage buildings and mining lakes which have been converted into recreational parks and water retention ponds to prevent floods in the city.

In the past orderly planning of the city was not possible due to various reasons. However, in 1984 the Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan (KLSP 1984) was put into place to ensure orderly growth of the city to establish it as the premier city and the nation's capital.

However, the KLSP 1984 has been rendered obsolete by developments in recent years and it can no longer cope with future needs. Unprecedented economic boom and changes such as the development of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), the transfer of government administrative functions to Putrajaya and the introduction of mass transit railway nodes and systems has altered the facade and landscape of the City.

With urban renewal and relocation of squatters and creation of various precincts, careful urban planning is vital to ensure development is balanced without sacrificing the quality of the environment.

In line with democratic principles of 'a government of the people, by the people, for the people and with the people' the new revised draft Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan 2020 (KLSP 2020) will be open for public scrutiny for objections, comments, suggestions and criticism.

The draft KLSP 2020 will be exhibited at various public places for public inspection. This is in conformity with the Federal Territory (Planning) Act 1982 (Act 267) and provides the legal basis for the Review.

It is my hope that the general public and all stakeholders will give their inputs to further refine the KLSP 2020 although it has gone through a very lengthy tedious process of dialogues and discussions with various bodies including NGO's in the drafting stages.

I expect the public to play their role. The nation's capital should be ready for a competitive role in the globalised world of the 21st century. All objections, comments, suggestions and proposals are welcome.

'Jangan jangan rumah sudah pahat berbunyi....'

Let not criticisms surface after the draft structure plan is displayed and public objections invited and received. Only one month is given for public objections.

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ASSESSMENT NOTICES – PAY UP SAYS CITY HALL

332, 905 assessment bills have been sent out to premise owners to pay up their half yearly assessment rates for the first half of the year.

The bills sent out since early February 2003 must be settled by end February 2003. Late settlement of the bills will incur an interest of 2%.

As at 31 October 2002, ratepayers in the City owed City Hall RM255.14 million involving a total of 108,014 premise owners out of 343, 117 accounts.

The corporate sector are the worst defaulters. A total of 225 bodies not settled

their dues. Most of them owe City Hall RM100, 000 and above individually.

City Hall's problems in collecting its assessment dues are caused by various factors. For corporate bodies, the problems of winding-up, restructuring and recession in 1997 delay them in settling the assessment. Change of ownership is the main reason for individuals in paying the assessment late.

City Hall has decided to take serious and affirmative action including auctioning the properties or seizing moveable property from

the premises. Court action will also be instituted.

For the year 2003, City Hall has presented a balanced budget of RM1, 815, 924, 690 without raising the assessment rates.

On their part, all City premise and property owners should settle the assessment rates without jeopardizing City Hall's management of the City.

Those who have problems in settling their assessment can come and discuss with respective City Hall Assessment Officers.



Public settle their assessment bills. - Photo DBKL

PANGGUNG BANDARAYA TO OPEN SOON

The 104 year old Panggung Bandaraya which was totally destroyed by a major fire on March 16 1992 is finally ready to stage its first maiden show soon.

The Panggung, classified as one of the 22 public buildings gazetted as heritage building under the Antiquities Act is one of the oldest theatres in the country.

Major renovations were carried out by City Hall in the 1980's. After the fire, City Hall's building team under the leadership and guidance of Mr. Hassan Hamzah, Director of Architect and Special Projects Department had a tough and challenging time reconstructing, renovating and refurbishing the Old Theatre to its former glory. The facilities provided here are dressing rooms, public toilet, foyer, audience seating gallery, royal/VVIP Gallery and many more.

Restoration work was tedious and laborious taking into consideration preservation of the original architectural heritage. A theatre consultant was

on hand to advise the team. The theatre is equipped with the latest state of the art technology suited for play and theatre performance. This new auditorium will supplement and complement the existing theatre venues in the city.

A meeting will soon be called comprising of all theatre production companies in Kuala Lumpur to discuss ways and means to fully utilize the theatre (panggung) and make it the happening place for theatre.



Such performance to be held at Panggung Bandaraya. - Photo DBKL

CITY MUSEUM FOR KL

City Hall will set up a museum for the City where the history, growth and development of the City will be chronicled, archived and kept for public information and knowledge.

Stating this at a press-conference held immediately after the sneak preview of 'Percaturan Damai' – A play for Peace' to be staged on 20-25 February 2003 at the Cultural Square in Bukit Bintang in conjunction with the 13th NAM Summit, the Mayor, Datuk Mohamad Shaid bin Mohd Taufek said, 'most big cities have a museum of their own where historical records, articles, instruments, pictures and other exhibits are kept for public view'.

He said, "The general public, tourists, students, researchers and historians can visit the museum and understand how Kuala Lumpur developed over the years".

Researchers can also carry out studies at this museum. The

museum will also act as an archival repository where historical artifacts, manuscripts and other exhibits can be kept for posterity.

"Currently, there is no one place in the City where one can go to find out more about the city or carry out research activities. This becomes more crucial as new findings and research reveal that the founder of Kuala Lumpur is not Kapitan Yap Ah Loy but another gentleman. All this is intriguing and exciting for all of us as the history of Kuala Lumpur may have to be rewritten", said the Mayor.

The mayor said that this proposal was in the conceptual stage and a well known leading historian is in dialogue with City Hall to explore the idea and feasibility of setting up the museum.

Details will be announced later after various parties including City Hall Advisory Board and officials have deliberated on this proposal.