

'Forest Eco Park can be huge'

Nik Nazmi: Green lung in KL should be made tourism draw

KUALA LUMPUR: The Kuala Lumpur Forest Eco Park in Bukit Nanas has the potential to be developed and promoted as a prominent attraction in the federal capital, says Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad.

The Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Minister said that besides having historical significance, the park is strategically located and easily accessible to everyone, including foreign tourists.

"When people hear Bukit Nanas, they might think of a school or the KL Tower, without realising that there is a Forest Eco Park here with its own history.

"The reception has been very positive, but I believe it can go further because not many cities in the world can offer a rainforest right in the middle of the city.

"This is the uniqueness of the KL Forest Eco Park," he said during a visit to the park yesterday, Bernama reported.

Nik Nazmi added that his ministry has made several requests to the Economy Ministry and the Finance Ministry to enhance promotional activities and upgrade facilities at the park.

Earlier, Nik Nazmi and Megat Hashirat Hassan, who is Perlis health, welfare and disaster management, science, technology, innovation and green technology, environment and unity committee chairman, flagged off participants of the Visit Perlis and Green Fun Ride and Run as well as the "Jelajah Perpaduan Kayuhan Hijau" programmes at the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) Square here.

The programmes, organised by the Perlis government in collabo-



Some fresh air: Visitors walking on the canopy bridge overlooking the foliage at the KL Forest Eco Park in Bukit Nanas, Kuala Lumpur. — Bernama

ration with the state Forestry Department and the Nadi Sihat Organisation, was held in conjunction with the upcoming state-level International Day of Forests 2024 celebration.

The Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia, in a statement, said the programme aims to foster a healthy lifestyle and love for nature among the community while raising public awareness about the importance of forest conservation.

"It also aims to promote Perlis in conjunction with Visit Perlis Year and strengthen national unity and integration by organising unity-related activities for the public," it said.

The Perlis-level International Day of Forests 2024 celebration will be held at the Sungai Batu Pahat Ecotourism Complex from May 24 to 26.

Various activities have been lined up, including herb, orchid and bonsai plant exhibitions, a

Biodiversity Camp, the "Kenali dan Sayang Hutan" workshop, art workshops, performances at the Nakawan Rainforest Festival Night, a cooking competition as well as a colouring contest for children.

