

Govt to adopt drainage master plan to curb floods

SINGAPORE: The Works Ministry will focus on the adoption of the Environmentally Friendly Drainage Master Plan to address issues in flood-prone urban areas as part of an ongoing effort by the government to create disaster-resilient cities.

In his address at the World Cities Summit (WCS) opening plenary, its minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi said the land-use planning in state structure and local plans will be aligned with the master plan towards improving the drainage system in urban areas to curb major floods.

"Disaster-resilient cities are a vital aspect of urban development, especially in countries prone to natural disasters such as Malaysia.

➤ Move part of ongoing effort to build disaster-resilient cities that are vital aspects of urban development, says works minister

"Investments in resilient infrastructure and early warning systems, including community engagement, are key to building the capacity of a city to withstand and recover from disasters."

Alexander said the government has also implemented various initiatives and policies to enhance resilience, including the Disaster Risk Reduction Strategic Plan developed by Kuala Lumpur City Hall, that entails

upgrading crucial infrastructure to withstand potential disasters, Bernama reported.

He said under the purview of the ministry, the National Construction Plan 2030 (NCP 2030) was introduced as a 10-year policy formulated to mirror its full commitment in facilitating sector players to become more agile and competitive in developing a sustainable infrastructure.

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NCP 2030, one of the four strategies highlighted the development of quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, that is fundamental to establishing a resilient city.

Alexander is in Singapore to lead the Malaysian delegation at the WCS and Asia Infrastructure Forum 2024, to be held for three days starting Monday.

The biennial WCS is an exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships.

He is scheduled to meet Singapore National Development Minister Desmond Lee.