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KL's population to exceed 8.8 million

KUALA LUMPUR: The population of Kuala Lumpur is estimated to exceed 8.8 million this year, with an annual increase of 2.25% compared to last year, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territory) Dr Zaliha Mustafa.

According to Dr Zaliha, Kuala Lumpur's population is also expected to hit 9.8 million by 2030, and this requires the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to be more proactive in planning and providing infrastructure.

"This population growth also involves migration to the city from rural areas," she said.

"This puts pressure on the existing infrastructure and therefore it demands that we provide a better basic service to all city dwellers so that Kuala Lumpur becomes a liveable city.

"Issues such as air pollution and lack of green spaces are also among the main concerns that need to be addressed," said Zaliha in her speech at the launch of the 10 Planning Guidelines for the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur 2024 at Menara 1 DBKL yesterday.

According to Bernama, Dr Zaliha stated that as Kuala

Lumpur grows, it is critical for DBKL to remain sensitive to public needs in order to ensure a good life for all.

"Every development decision needs to be made with due consideration to ensure a balance between development and the well-being of the city's citizens," she said.

Meanwhile, Dr Zaliha said the 10 Planning Guidelines for the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur 2024 aim to ensure good governance practices within DBKL by monitoring development planning, aside from assessing the effectiveness of

implemented policies, among others.

"The guidelines are the result of detailed studies and consultation with various stakeholders. I hope that an inclusive approach like this will have a positive impact on every citizen of the city," she added.

Some of the guidelines include Madani residency planning, Madani hawker space facility, the implementation guide for electric vehicle charging station development planning, and a low-carbon building review.

The public can refer to the guidelines on the DBKL website.