

# KL Mayor aspires to upgrade business, hawker centres

KUALA LUMPUR: Upgrading the level and quality of business and hawker centres to create a more sustainable environment for the city dwellers' citizens is one of the aspirations of the newly-appointed Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Dr Maimunah Mohd Sharif (pic).



She was appointed to the position last Thursday, making her the first woman to hold the post.

Maimunah, 63, expressed her desire to

improve facilities at business and hawker centres under the jurisdiction of Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) in line with the wishes of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who aims to elevate the status of small-income earners, particularly traders.

"The city dwellers need economic activities that can generate income and we want them and traders to get world-class services, including in terms of cleanliness.

"I strongly agree that progress is not only measured by the construction of tall buildings, but we need to also look at

what is 'below' (the population)," she told Bernama.

The former Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), who is from Negeri Sembilan, is also committed to promoting and enhancing the image of Kuala Lumpur, which will be chairing Asean next year.

The former mayor of the Penang Island City Council (MBPP) also aims to empower the community and make the city vibrant with activities centred around culture and heritage.- Bernama