



Tan (centre) showing the extended railing on the pedestrian bridge. With her are Lee (left) and Lai.

DBKL upgrades pedestrian bridge in Jalan Gombak

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A PEDESTRIAN bridge in poor condition over Jalan Gombak has been repaired by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), much to the delight of SMK Chong Hwa students and teachers.

School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) chairman Datuk Lee Jii Fung said some of the tiles at the bridge had been damaged while others had come off, making it a safety risk.

“We highlighted the matter to DBKL about three months ago, as we received complaints from parents that their children had tripped on the broken tiles.

“The school PTA checked the bridge’s condition and found that besides broken tiles, the railings were also rusty.

“Students frequently use the bridge to get to the other side of the road for their parents to pick them up or drop them off,” he said during a site visit.

Also present at the site visit was school principal Tan Siew Choo.

Kuala Lumpur advisory board member Andre Lai said the bridge upgrading project, which started in May and concluded in mid-September, involved cleaning the bridge and replacing the broken tiles.

“The railing was repainted and raised for the safety of secondary school students.

“Maintenance work for the bridge was carried out by a sub-contractor appointed by DBKL.

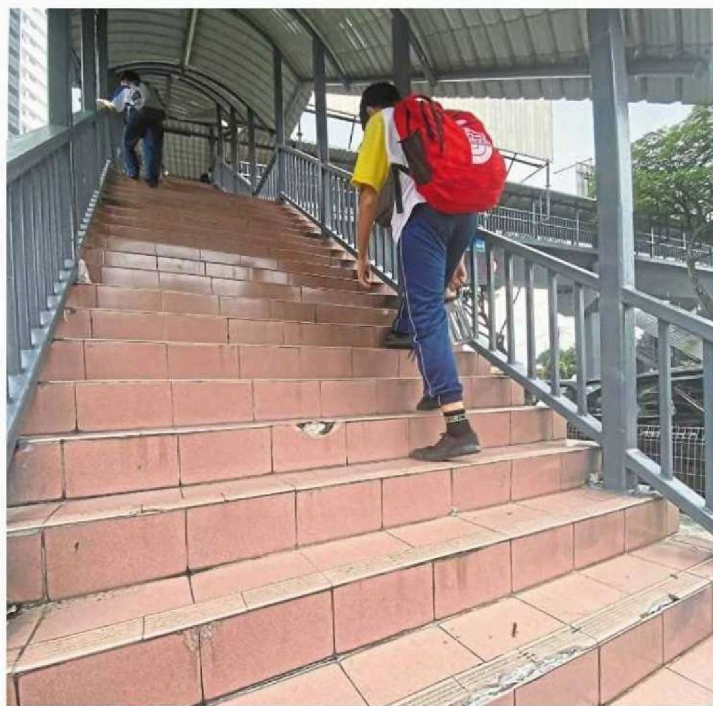
“Although it took some time to complete, the bridge is now in good condition.

“The school has also voiced concern about vagrants sleeping on the bridge, so I will highlight the matter to DBKL,” he said.

Lee also said the school needed a sheltered walkway to be built from the school entrance gate to the pedestrian bridge.

“Vehicles queue up at the slip road off Jalan Gombak to pick up or drop off students.

“Now there is no shelter and it is an inconvenience for parents and students. We will apply for the sheltered walkway to be built by the relevant authorities.”



Students frequently use the pedestrian bridge to cross the road to get to and from school.