

Jalan Sultan back lanes open to traffic

Beautification efforts in Chinatown will continue, says KL Advisory Board member

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THE back lanes of Jalan Sultan, which was blocked by food traders, is now accessible to traffic following enforcement action.

After *StarMetro* highlighted the matter in July and August, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) evicted the traders and demolished illegal structures in the back lanes.

Subsequently, City Hall cleaned and upgraded the drains that had been filled with food waste.

Solid Waste Management and Public Cleansing Corporation (SWCorp) also removed rubbish that had been strewn along the back lanes.

“The back lanes have been restored to their original state, allowing motorists to use them to access Jalan Pudu and Jalan Sultan,” said Kuala Lumpur Advisory Board member Andre Lai, adding the traders had marred the image of Chinatown.

He said SWCorp had also provided rubbish bins to Jalan Sultan shop owners and waste

collection would take place twice daily.

“This will address the piles of rubbish that used to overflow from centralised bins placed at the back lanes,” he said.

On Oct 30, SWCorp, DBKL and Alam Flora Sdn Bhd personnel were seen distributing the bins to business owners.

Lai said that besides the back lanes of Jalan Sultan, DBKL had also beautified Lorong Petaling, which was the former location of the flea market known as Pasar Karat.

“DBKL also collaborated with Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) students in Shah Alam to create an art installation featuring silhouettes cut out from metal plates to illustrate traditional dances representing Malaysia’s diverse ethnic groups,” said Lai.

The installation is located at the junction of Lorong Petaling and Jalan Sultan, while the wall art at the former location of Pasar Karat has been retained.

According to Lai, the next phase of the project will include



KL Advisory Board member Carmen Leong (left) and Lai (second right) speaking to an SWCorp employee about the bin distribution at Jalan Sultan in Kuala Lumpur’s Chinatown. — Photos: LOW BOON TAT/The Star



The art installation featuring silhouettes cut from metal plates illustrating traditional dances.

resurfacing the road with interlocking imprint concrete, upgrading drainage and repainting buildings.

On a separate matter, Lai said the Petaling Street roof project has been delayed.

“The tender process for the project has yet to begin. I will follow up with DBKL’s executive director on this matter,” he said.

In February, *StarMetro* reported that meetings between stakeholders and authorities had

begun for the beautification of Petaling Street.

Initially scheduled to begin in early September, the project has faced repeated delays and may now be postponed until early next year.