

Beautifying lift lobbies

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PPR Kampung Muhibbah residents gathering at a beautified lift lobby on one of the floors in Block A.

(Left) Maimunah (in pink headscarf) and Kok (in red top) speaking with children in PPR Kampung Muhibbah who are using their lift lobby as a play area. — Photos: IZZRAFIQ ALIAS/The Star

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RESIDENTS at People's Housing Programme (PPR) and Public Housing (PA) schemes can apply for a RM300 grant to help them spruce up the lift lobby on their floor.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) is allocating funds to help residents beautify at least 1,028 floors, or 30%, of lift lobbies in all the 64 PPR and PA schemes under its jurisdiction this year.

Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif said the effort was part of the public housing lift lobby beautification programme.

The programme was introduced to foster unity along with promoting a clean, healthy and creative lifestyle among residents in low-cost housing.

"DBKL will provide RM300 to every floor that participates in this programme to help residents buy materials needed for cleaning and decorating the lobbies," she said during a visit to PPR Kampung Muhibbah in Bukit Jalil.

She said the programme could

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RM300 grant for residents to beautify spaces under DBKL initiative

also foster unity among neighbours and spur them to take care of the lifts.

"This is not just to reduce DBKL's cost of maintaining the lifts, which is very high.

"It is to promote a sense of belonging among residents as the lifts do not belong to DBKL.

"They belong to everyone living in the PPRs."

PPR Kampung Muhibbah is one of three PPRs selected for the pilot phase of the beautification programme, according to a statement from DBKL.

The other two are PPR Beringin and PPR Sungai Bonus.

Beautification efforts have started in 14 blocks, or 238 floors,

in these PPRs.

Maimunah said the programme would be implemented in three phases, with planning preparations and logistics work to be carried out in the first quarter of the year.

"The lift lobby beautification activities will take place in the second quarter," she said.

"After that, at the end of this year, the levels of cleanliness and cheerfulness as well as the practical results yielded from this programme will be assessed.

"We do not want the lift lobbies to merely be cheerful."

She said City Hall would like to see the impact of the project on improving quality of life.

"It is hoped that this programme can change the negative perception of PPR/PA having poor cleanliness and management," she added.

"PPR/PA under DBKL's jurisdiction can be the best in Malaysia."

She also wanted to hold a competition on the most attractive lift lobby among PPR/PA in Kuala Lumpur.

During the visit, Maimunah viewed the lift lobbies of several floors in Block A of PPR Kampung Muhibbah.

She also helped paint the wall in the lift lobby on the fifth floor.

The lift lobbies at the PPR were filled with chairs, tables, board games, books and snacks, allow-

ing residents to spend some quality time with their families and neighbours outside their flats.

Also present were Seputeh MP Teresa Kok, PPR Kampung Muhibbah residents' association president Atar Haja as well as representatives from Seputeh Residents Representative Council (MPP) sub zone 6.

Kok said the beautified lift lobbies could become a space to promote family togetherness.

"These are some good spaces for the residents to gather and mingle with each other.

"I will continue supporting efforts to beautify lift lobbies in other blocks as well as other PPRs," she said.