

# YEOH PASSES COURT CASE TO DBKL

Kuala Lumpur City Hall  
to repair decrepit  
Titiwangsa Sports  
Complex courts

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**Y**OUTH and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh will leave it to facility owners Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to restore the tennis courts at the Titiwangsa Sports Complex.

Yeoh said her ministry does not have the funds to fix the courts, many of which are currently in a sad and barely usable state.

Many of the courts have cracks and are covered in slippery moss which makes them dangerous for the young players who continue to use.

"We have checked and confirmed that this facility is not owned by the Youth and Sports Ministry, it is owned by DBKL," said Yeoh yesterday.

"The Youth and Sports Department will forward this information to DBKL. But since this issue has already been covered by the media, I am sure they are already

aware.

"We channel RM1 million to states (for facility maintenance and upgrading annually). The states, however, have a priority list (of facilities) which they go through each year. They have to pick and choose which facilities to upgrade.

"The states cannot solely rely on funding from the Youth and Sports Ministry because we don't have a big budget. In fact, DBKL has a bigger budget than us.

"DBKL has been very proactive when it comes to sports. For example, they saw that there is a need for pickleball courts and they built more of them."

The Kuala Lumpur Lawn Tennis Association (KLLTA) first raised the issue to the media last week.

KLLTA depend on the Titiwangsa courts to run their weekly youth development programme. Roughly 60 to 70 young players take part in the non-profit programme every week.

The courts at the Titiwangsa Sports

Complex, located just five kilometres away from the Kuala Lumpur City Centre, were built in the late 1970s and hosted numerous competitions prior to the opening of the National Tennis Centre at Jalan Tunanku Abdul Halim (formerly Jalan Duta) in the 1980s.



Many of the tennis courts at the Titiwangsa Sports Complex have deep cracks and are covered in slippery moss. PIC COURTESY OF KUALA LUMPUR LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION