

Cleaner 'pasar pagi' for Brickfields

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ALTHOUGH there are no plans to move the morning market located in the back lanes between Jalan Padang Belia and Jalan Sultan Abdul Samad in Brickfields to a more appropriate location, its patrons can look forward to marketing in a healthier environment.

A visit to the site recently showed that the market was not only an eyesore but also had a foul smell.

Bukit Bintang MP Fong Kui Lun, who visited the area, said work to upgrade the drains in the area would start in two weeks.

"This is the only market for residents in this area. The market, popularly referred to as *pasar pagi*, has been around for more than 20 years and it is open every day.

"The drains around the market are in a bad shape. The upgrade is expected to ensure water flows freely, the environment clean and free of rubbish," said Fong.

Also present were Kuala Lumpur City Hall engineer Kamarol Hisham Talib, Alam Flora administrator (operations) Mohd Nor Yaman @ Abdul Rahman and its supervisor (operations), Bahanuddin Alang Pahai.



FONG: Happy with City Hall's quick response.

On whether the market would be moved, Fong said there was no vacant land available to relocate it.

"However, I will write to the Datuk Bandar and propose a new market," said Fong, adding that the upgrading work was expected to be completed in a month's time.

Fong also praised City Hall for its swift response.

"I must thank City Hall for its quick approval of this upgrading proposal. It will definitely benefit residents," said Fong, adding that the infrastructure upgrade in three other places — Jalan Brunei, Jalan Choo Cheng Khay and Razak Mansion — was 90 per cent completed.

BRICKFIELDS FIXTURE: The morning market has been around for more than 20 years.



STUCK: One of the many clogged drains in the area.