

Urban transformation boost ahead of Asean Summit

KUALA LUMPUR: The capital city has been ramping up its urban transformation initiatives ahead of the Asean Summit 2025 to strengthen its image as a progressive, clean, safe and competitive global city.

In a statement, Kuala Lumpur City Hall said a wide range of cleaning, beautification, infrastructure and landscape upgrading initiatives have been aggressively implemented throughout the city.

The measures include more frequent rubbish collection and street sweeping, along with the replacement of 224 old rubbish bins with modern ones.

To create more sustainable spaces, 40 rubbish collection centres have been upgraded and decorated with murals, while daily "litter picker" teams are deployed to clean green areas along main routes.

Community initiatives are also encouraged through "plogging" (jogging while picking up litter), held on the third Sunday of every month, involving residents, non-governmental organisations, students and local communities.

According to City Hall, the upgrading and beautification of over 30 key areas in the capital is being carried out in phases, including the construction of walkways and road resurfacing, and is expected to be completed by the middle of the year.

Key locations include Jalan Stesen Sentral, Jalan Tun Razak, Jalan P. Ramlee, Jalan Conlay and Jalan Bangsar, while greener elements are being introduced along Lebuhraya Mahameru, Jalan Parlimen and Dataran Merdeka with the planting of ornamental trees, evergreen tropical landscaping and

seasonal flowers.

A maintenance and building-cleaning campaign has also been launched, urging owners of premises in high-traffic areas to repaint their buildings and maintain cleanliness.

In line with the smart city approach, City Hall has established a Public Incident Operations Room that functions as a central emergency response and monitoring coordination hub, supported by more than 5,000 closed-circuit television cameras across the city.

"We are confident these efforts will not only enhance Kuala Lumpur's profile as the host of Asean 2025, but also elevate the capital's image as a progressive, sustainable and inclusive city, in line with Malaysia's aspiration to be an exemplary Asean host." – Bernama