

Upcoming KL fest to champion green connectors, walkability

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THE second Kuala Lumpur Park Festivals 2025 (KLPF), aimed at raising awareness of maintaining green spaces, will advocate the vital role of green connectors in urban development.

The festival, from Oct 17 to 26, underscores the city's commitment to enhancing sustainability and liveability by integrating its green assets.

Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif said the event was part of wider efforts to promote a healthy city and introduce Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) Green Connectors initiative.

"For example, Kuala Lumpur residents can walk from Taman Botani Perdana to Dataran Merdeka and to Bukit Bintang.

"Similarly, visitors can explore the surrounding attractions in Taman Tasik Titiwangsa like Istana Budaya and National Art Gallery.

"Ultimately, it is my vision for us to conserve and connect our green spaces through the KL Central Park Conservancy flagship project to improve walkability in the city," she said during the KLPF 2025 launch at Taman Tasik Titiwangsa.

Organised by DBKL, the week-

long festival will be held at Taman Tasik Titiwangsa.

Maimunah said several events would take place at The Exchange TRX to build momentum leading up to the festival.

She added that, "There will be pop-up gardens for visitors, and I encourage Kuala Lumpur residents to join."

DBKL is expecting 250,000 visitors for the Taman Tasik Titiwangsa event.

The festival showcases three main segments – Mystical Titiwangsa, Genta Festival and Asean Halal Food Festival 2025.

For Mystical Titiwangsa (an indoor exhibit), visitors will embark on a journey through curated themed gardens based on local folklore such as *Puteri Gunung Ledang*, *Hang Tuah* and *Si Tanggah*.

Guests can find music and dance at Genta Festival, short for "Gendang dan Tari" (drum and dance), while the Asean Halal Food Festival 2025 will feature delicacies from all 10 Asean countries.

Also present at the launch were US Ambassador to Malaysia Edgard D. Kagan, Mexican Ambassador Luis Javier Campuzano, Turkmenistan Ambassador Muhammetryyaz Mashalov, Kingdom of Bahrain Ambassador Dr Waleed Khalifa



Maimunah (middle), flanked by Kagan on her right and Campuzano, hits the drum to launch KLPF 2025. With them are (from left) DBKL executive directors Nor Azlina, Ismadi, Mohamad and Landscape and Recreation Development Department director Puteri Khairul Fathiah Fahimudin.

Al Manea as well as DBKL executive directors Ismadi Sakirin (Socio-economic Development), Mohamad Hamim (Project Management) and Nor Azlina Mohd Saad (Management).

Separately, DBKL urged private companies, government-linked companies (GLCs) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to contribute financially through the Endowment Fund for the upcoming KLPF 2025.

This fund will provide ongoing support for various social, educational and community initiatives, including establishing Taman Botani Perdana as a research and botanical institution.



Visitors to KLPF 2025 will get to see the 'Gendang dan Tari' show.