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Kedaaan jambatan di Taman Rimba Ampang yang tidak diselenggara.

Kawasan rekreasi ini tidak lagi menjadi pilihan pengunjung berkelah.

Taman Rimba Ampang perlu dinaiktaraf untuk menjadi destinasi perolehan pilihan terbaik warga kota.

Bukit Belacan makin sepi

Kawasan rekreasi ini dahulunya meriah dengan kunjungan orang ramai kini suram

AHMAD ISMADI ISMAIL

AMPANG - Taman Rimba Ampang atau lebih dikenali sebagai Bukit Belacan merupakan kawasan rekreasi yang sering kali menjadi tumpuan warga kota untuk berkelah dan mandi manda pada suatu ketika dahulu.

Taman rekreasi yang menawarkan suasana istirahat flora dan fauna untuk pengunjung itu kini seolah-olah tidak terjaga.

Tidak hairanlah jika kini ia mulai sepi kerana tidak ramai lagi pengunjung luar kecuali golongan remaja dan penduduk di kawasan berhampiran sahaja yang datang untuk riadah serta mencuci kenderaan.

Seorang pesara, Mustafa Mohd Salleh, 56, berkata, keadaan di taman rekreasi itu sudah berubah dan tidak lagi meriah seperti dahulu.

"Sejak kebelakangan ini, saya lihat kawasan ini tak terjaga dan makin tak terurus macam dulu.

"Kalau 10 tahun lalu kawasan persekitaran ini cantik dan selesa



Longgokan sampah yang dibuang oleh segelintir pengunjung mencemarkan pemandangan di Taman Rimba Ampang.

untuk kunjungan orang ramai...tapi sekarang ni dah makin suram," katanya.

Mustafa berkata, dia kadangkala datang ke kawasan rekreasi itu hanya untuk mencuci kereta.

"Walaupun kawasan ini hampir dengan rumah saya, kini saya jarang pergi ke sana berbanding sebelum ini," katanya.

Perlu naik taraf
 Seorang kontraktor, Jamari Abdullah, 61,

keadaan di kawasan riadah ini menimbulkan tanda tanya dalam kalangan penduduk tentang kerja-kerja baik pulih di kawasan itu.

Bakal musnah jika tak jaga

Sementara itu, Presiden Pertubuhan Pelindung Khazanah Alam Malaysia (Peka), Puan Sri Shariffa Sabrina Syed Akl berkata, pembangunan semula kawasan rekreasi itu dilihat mungkin akan mengambil tempoh masa yang lama.

"Saya tidak tahu bagaimana pihak berkenaan akan membuat pembaharuan semula kerana ia akan mengambil masa yang lama, mungkin berpuh tahun," katanya ketika dihubungi Sinar Harian.

Beliau berkata, kawasan itu menjadi kawasan rekreasi paling popular pada satu ketika dahulu serta paling hampir dengan ibu kota.

Sementara itu, Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya, Abd Hamid Hussain berkata, Taman Rimba Ampang terletak di bawah tanggungjawab Jabatan Hutan Negeri Selangor.

"Saya pernah lihat cadangan pihak pemaaju Lebuhraya Lembah Klang Timur (EKVE) untuk membangunkan taman rekreasi tersebut.

"Tetapi oleh kerana ada bantahan yang dibuat oleh pihak lain sebelum ini, saya tidak pasti sama ada pihak EKVE berminat lagi untuk menjalankan tanggungjawab sosial korporat bagi membangunkan kawasan itu," katanya.

EKVE ketika dihubungi Sinar Harian memaklumkan EKVE masih dalam proses perbincangan dengan Kerajaan Selangor berhubung pembangunan semula Taman Rimba Ampang.

Kalau 10 tahun lalu kawasan persekitaran ini cantik dan selesa untuk kunjungan orang ramai...tapi sekarang ni dah makin suram. - Mustafa



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Subsidised visits to the clinic

Households in Selangor earning less than RM3,000 can apply for medical card to cover treatment cost up to RM500 annually

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FAMILIES and married couples that earn a monthly household income of less than RM3,000 and have lived in Selangor for more than a decade will be given a card for subsidised treatment at clinics under the state's *Peduli Sihat* Scheme.

Selangor Health, Welfare, Women and Family Affairs committee chairman Dr Daroyah Alwi said the subsidised healthcare scheme is expected to benefit up to a million people in the state.

Gombak will be the first district to implement the scheme.

"Once a family is registered, a *Peduli Sihat* card is issued to the main account holder with an annual RM500 allocation," she explained.

The dependents including the spouse and children below 21 will be entitled to treatments at registered clinics under the scheme.

"We have 1,001 clinics in Selangor and Klang Valley.

"During a visit to any of the respective clinics, patients can enjoy a maximum of RM50 subsidy. If the total for consultation, treatment and medication exceed RM50, the person has to top-up from their own pocket," he said.

Dr Daroyah added that the scheme would be offered to 250,000 families - about a million Selangor citizens.

Households with the lowest 40% income, or Bottom 40 (B40), who are feeling the economic squeeze

due to higher living costs, will find the scheme a blessing.

"Our aim is to improve the health of people who do not even have the means to get medication for flu, cough and cold because a minimum visit to the clinic could cost RM35 to RM45. B40 are households with incomes in the lowest 40%, with a monthly income of RM2,537 or less.

"They are the group which suffers the most whenever food, clothing, rent, fuel and transportation goes up.

Dr Daroyah added that subsidised health scheme would uplift the quality of life of the poor.

Peduli Sihat is in line with the 11th Malaysia Plan 2016-2020 which is people-centric.

It targets to improve the well-being of all, as well as the health of individuals, to create happy households.

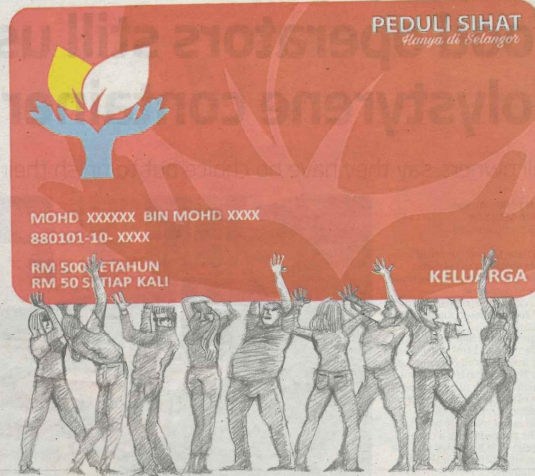
According to Dr Daroyah, the scheme will be managed by Selgate Corporation Sdn Bhd.

Selgate Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Selangor State Development Corporation (PKNS).

She added that a second category for individuals above the age of 21 and earn below RM1,500 a month can also register to obtain the *Peduli Sihat* card with a maximum cap of RM200 a year.

"For these individuals a maximum of RM50 can be used at every visit to a private clinic," she said.

The Selangor Government has allocated an annual RM125mil for



Families and individuals from Selangor who are eligible will receive a *Peduli Sihat* card.

Peduli Sihat healthcare scheme.

"Our initial census tells us that there are 250,000 families or one million individuals in the B40 category.

Dr Daroyah said the application process would be simple, with applicants just needing to visit the nearest service centre to do this.

Shukri Abdul Majid, 49, a government servant and resident at Taman Seri Andalas in Klang, said one of the biggest concerns for all families was the rising costs of living that had shrunk the value of the ringgit.

"Having a subsidised healthcare programme would be a big help," he added.

Saiful Eddie, 43, a clerk, said the *Peduli Sihat* was a good move but suggested that individuals with an income of below RM2,300 should also be eligible for the scheme.

"Most people start work with an income of RM1,950 to RM2,180. I hope the state government would consider this group of people too," he said.

Peduli Sihat healthcare scheme

Family
 > For husband/ wife and kids (under age-21)
 > One card, one family

> RM500/Year
 > Household income RM3,000 or less a month

Individual
 > Individual who are age-21 and above
 > Only one card for account holder

> RM200/Year
 > Individual income RM1,500 or less a month

Eligibility



> Malaysian citizen.



> Born in Selangor and had resided in Selangor for minimum 10-years.



For details go to <https://pedulisihat.com> to locate registration area.

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Existing healthcare aid of RM5,000 a year for Selangor poor to continue

ON TOP of the new card to subsidise clinic visits, Selangor citizens can continue to enjoy the benefits under the *Sihat Selangor* Assistance programme which provides a maximum coverage of RM5,000 a year.

The programme which started in 2010, sees financial support for the poor to undergo minor procedures like removal of tonsils, biopsy for a breast lump, cataract surgery and dialysis.

Selangor Health, Welfare, Women and Family Affairs committee chairman Dr Daroyah Alwi said under the *Sihat Selangor* Assistance programme, those who earn less than RM3,000 a month or are under the Bottom 40 (B40) category are eligible.

"Our aim is to help people to get through health problems with less debt and stress," she said.

"Under the *Sihat Selangor* Assistance programme, we give priority to small income-earners single parents, those with several dependents, family members with pro-

longed illness and the physically handicapped," she said.

Dr Daroyah added that apart from minor surgeries, the medical assistance programme will also cover the purchase of prosthetics and medical equipment like wheelchairs, crutches, walkers and canes.

Since the programme's launch, in 2010, more than 2,500 people have taken advantage of the financial aid.

"In 2014, the state paid medical bills amounting RM511,238, and in 2015 the total amount was RM1.2mil.

"We want to improve access to quality healthcare and allow people to live healthier lives. It's good that more people have come to know about this programme," she said.

"Our bills for medical care and dialysis came up to RM2mil in 2016. For this year, we have allocated RM500,000 for other medical needs," she said.



Dr Daroyah Alwi (in white headscarf) talking to visitors at Selangor Health Screening programme. — filepic