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Although there is a refuse room at Pasar Pandan Jaya, it is not open during operation hours and rubbish is dumped indiscriminately outside.
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A vendor at Pasar Kuala Ampang has to use a makeshift platform as the concrete tabletops were built too high. (Right) The wastewater treatment plant at Pasar Tasik Tambahan.

Wet markets not up to the mark

Traders and customers unhappy about design and layout of three upgraded facilities in Ampang

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IT HAS been three weeks since traders at the Pasar Pandan Jaya, Ampang moved into their brand new building, but they and customers have already identified several design and layout flaws at the new market.

The market is one of three that have been rehabilitated by the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (AMC), with funds from the Federal Government in 2016.

Some AMCs had planned to upgrade four markets in total with wastewater treatment plants

to keep rivers clean under the River of Life (RoL) project.

The markets that have been upgraded are Pasar Kuala Ampang, Pasar Pandan Jaya and Pasar Tasik Tambahan while

work on Pasar Pekan Ampang is expected to start by next month.

However, traders and customers lament that even the other markets have issues that have not been settled.

The Pandan Jaya market is now a two-storey complex while the other two are single-storey facilities.

Currently, only the ground floor of the Pandan Jaya market is occupied with 68 stalls.

Several traders said that there was not enough space to accommodate the number of stalls and customers.

"The lanes between the stalls are too narrow and because there are stalls on both sides, it becomes 'blocker' when customers stop to purchase goods," said a trader.



A manhole covered with discarded signage and rotting piece of wood at the Pasar Pandan Jaya. (Right) The lanes between the stalls are too narrow at Pasar Pandan Jaya.

Slippery when wet

Another trader pointed out that the floors were slippery when wet, which was a safety hazard.

"This is a wet market, of course, the floors are going to get wet as we deal with fresh fish and meat."

"It does not make sense that this was not taken into account when they were selecting the type of flooring," she said.

Shekero trader YS Chan described the Pandan Jaya market as a disaster waiting to happen despite the long time taken to complete the building.

He pointed out that the interior of the market has split levels connected by low stairs.

"These are huge obstacles to elderly folk as many can barely balance themselves climbing up and down the steps," he said.



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Updating on the long delayed Pasar Pekan Ampang, Khairulazmi said that the project was finally set to take off by next month.

Yet, in the new market had been delayed as traders and MPAJ could not come to an understanding on their temporary relocation during the construction period.

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Traders at the 60-year Pasar Kuala Ampang which was recently upgraded, say there is still room for improvement.



Customers say the split level at Pasar Pandan Jaya makes it dangerous to walk.

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KOSMO 18/7/19 ms 18
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- **RAJA** Permaisuri Agung Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah sememangnya berjiwa rakyat apabila baginda sanggup melayan kerenah netizen di laman sosial Twitter. >**ANIS ADRINA**

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