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# Boost to 'garden city' reputation for Bangi

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BANDAR Baru Bangi is bent on being known as a "Garden City".

To make this a reality, the Selangor Development Corporation is building a 16.8-hectare lake garden to be situated the Section 9 commercial centre.

A six-hectare lake is to be created near Sungai Air Hitam and its banks at a cost of RM6 million.

It is in the final stage of construction. The public park of about 10.8 hectares will be developed by the National Landscape Department at a cost of about RM3 million.

To enhance Bangi's reputation as a "University Town", the lake gardens will have a public library built on the grounds to encourage more people to use the park as place to do some reading.

The lake garden will be the first comprehensive public park in the township with the planting of local fragrant flowers such as *campaka* as well as various species of trees.

A clock tower and a Bangi Square for public gathering and other facilities will also be built.

According to PKNS Bangi development controller Raihani Sulaiman, the public park, to be named Taman Awam Tasik Cempaka, is set to become a premier recreational spot for the more than 100,000 residents in the township, as well as nearby areas.

She said the lake garden would enhance the status of the township. Bangi has two universities — Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and Universiti Ten-

aga Nasional (Uniten) — and two colleges — Ikram College and Maktab Perguruan Islam.

"The artificial lake will also be a water retention pond for the township, besides being a recreation area," Raihani said.

"The lake surrounds the town centre, facing the Hulu Langat District Offices Complex, the Bangi Golf Resort, Bangi Utama Business Park, and the PKNS Complex."

She added that the garden would be one of the biggest lake gardens in any township in the country.

The lake will have special cooling effect to the surrounding areas.

Raihani stressed that although the land price in the Section 9 commercial centre was expensive, the corporation felt the sentimental value for the environment was more important.

The park can be a regulator to city life as well as maintain the good name of Bandar Baru Bangi as a garden city.

Among the recreational facilities to be provided at the park are fountains, a bird viewing tower, a boathouse, waterfront restaurant, children's play ground and a football field.

A fish observation platform also will be built for children to look at the various species of fish being reared in the lake.

There will also be basic facilities such as public toilets, police posts and prayer rooms.

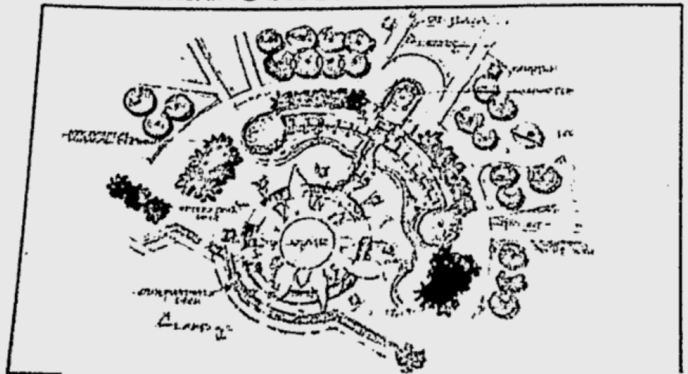
There will be a Plaza Cempaka to sell handicraft and a food court.



WORK IN PROGRESS ... to level the river bed of Sungai Air Hitam and developed it into a lake garden.

## TAMAN AWAM TASIK CEMPAKA

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CONCEPT PLAN ... of the Cempaka Public Lake Garden, Bandar Baru Bangi.