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Kajang to focus on social development

Funding for parks, sports in next year's budget



NEW RECREATIONAL AREA ... Sungai Air Hitam in Bandar Baru Bangi to become a lake garden.



ABDUL RANI
... special funds.

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A RM500,000 allocation has been set aside for the Kajang Municipal Council to fund more social development projects under its 2001 Budget.

Council secretary Abdul Rani Mat Jali said the council would be spending on activities for youth, sports and recreation.

He said the council

would also spend on the maintenance of community halls and football fields which were popular recreational facilities with residents.

"Some RM700,000 will be used to upgrade the Stadium Kajang to enable more sports activities to be held with better lighting facilities," he said.

Abdul Rani said there would also be special funds for the upgrading of parks as well as building new

ones.

He said the riverside garden, beside the Kajang Satay Centre developed by the Drainage and Irrigation Department, would be upgraded to provide more seating facilities, as well as more equipment for the children's playground.

Under the special allocation for new parks from the National Landscape Department, he said the council was developing the riverbank reserve land of

Sungai Air Hitam in front of the Hulu Langat District Office complex in Bandar Baru Bangi.

This will cater for residents of Bandar Baru Bangi, as well as those from other parts of the municipality.

Abdul Rani said with the co-operation from the developer of Bandar Baru Bangi, the Selangor State Development Corporation, Sungai Air Hitam had been turned into a recreational

lake with jogging tracks along its banks.

The lake area also boasted a playground, fishing ponds, resting areas and picnic grounds, Abdul Rani added.

The Kajang council also has an extra allocation for the management of the town park and lake garden once they are completed next year.

Abdul Rani said the council would also hold activities with other organi-

sations to promote recreational activities among youths.

One such activity was scaling the 1,493-metre-high Gunung Nuang, the State's highest peak.

"The council, with the co-operation of local higher learning institutions, Universiti Islam Antarabangsa, Kolej Ikram Bangi, and Universiti Tenaga Nasional, is organising the Nuang Challenge 2000," he said.