

# Bangi lake garden as promised

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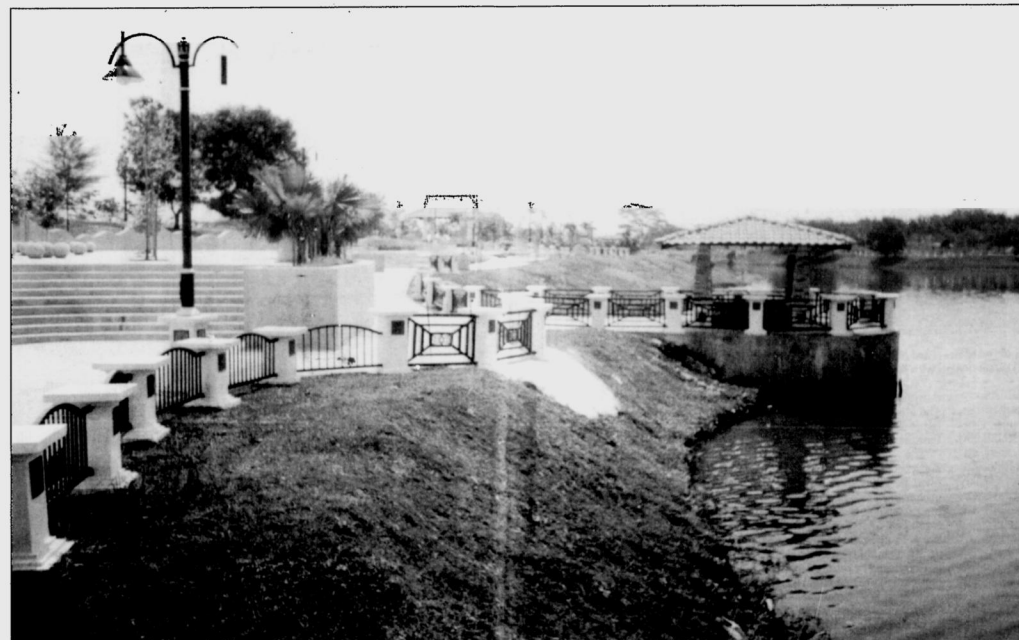
**EXTREME GAMES:** Skating rink for teenagers to enjoy.



**UNIQUE:** Open court for group activities with a rest tunnel (right).



**INTERESTING:** Part of the park decorated with a unique sculptured wall.



**SCENIC:** Rest huts for visitors to enjoy the river view and landscaped garden at the other side of Tasik Chempaka.

**PHASE Two** of Tasik Chempaka in Bandar Baru Bangi, Selangor was completed and opened to the public recently. The project, costing about RM3.9 million, is linked to Phase One by a beautiful concrete bridge.

The lake garden project was funded by the National Landscape Department and will be managed by Kajang Municipal Council (MPKJ) with land and river beautification works provided by Selangor State Development Corporation (PKNS).

During the recent Bangi Department Day celebration, PKNS Bangi development controller Raihani Sulaiman said the lake garden, which also included the banks of Sungai Ayer Hitam next to the PKNS Bangi Complex, covered a total area of about 10ha.

With completion of Phase Two, she said, the whole river basin of Sungai Ayer Hitam had been fully converted into a lake garden to

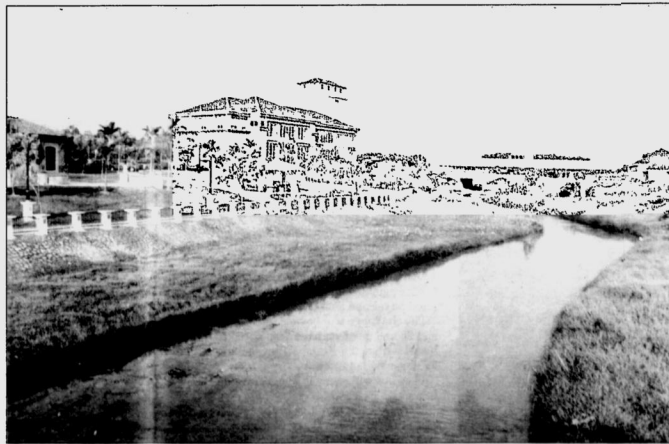
provide comprehensive recreational facilities such as a jogging track, skating rink, cafeteria, lake view rest huts, rest tunnel, open air amphitheatre, and open space for group activities.

A unique feature of the lake is the four-kilometre jogging track that goes around the garden, taking joggers through several beautiful landscaped areas on both sides of the river.

"The lake garden is the fulfillment of the promise made by the PKNS in developing Bandar Baru Bangi into a university town," Raihani said.

"PKNS has also allocated funds for the widening and beautification of part of the river by turning it into a water retention cum recreational lake covering over four hectares in total."

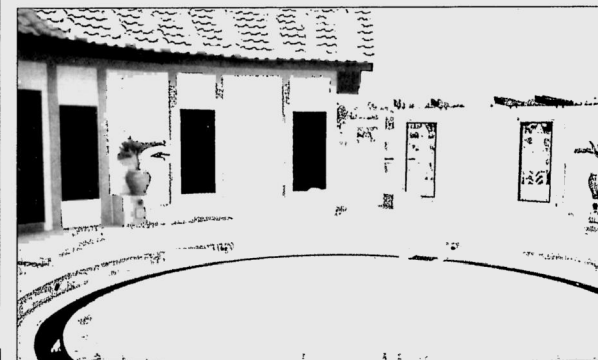
PKNS had also allocated land for the building of a new library, just beside the lake garden, by the Selangor Public Library Department.



**NEW FACILITY:** The public library (left) beside Tasik Chempaka on the banks of Sungai Ayer Hitam.



**DINING AREA:** The new food court at the park.



**SPACIOUS:** The food court has an open air courtyard



**PLEASANT SURROUNDING:** Rest areas landscaped with flowering plants.