

RM20mil Metropolis Park planned for the city

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KUALA LUMPUR: City folk can look forward to a 2ha green lung in the Jalan Duta area early next year.

The RM20mil Metropolis Park will have a terrace garden, amphitheatre, jogging/bicycle track, playgrounds and more.

The facility, to be completed by the first quarter of 2018, would be managed by Naza TTDI for the next 15 years as part of its corporate social responsibility programme.

The company entered into an agreement with the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) under the Government's Economic Transformation Programme.

Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, who was at the ground-breaking ceremony yesterday, said the ministry wanted Kuala Lumpur to be among the Top Five most-visited cities by 2020. It is currently on the Top 10 list.

Tengku Adnan said that the objective of the Greener Kuala Lumpur campaign was to transform the city into a healthier and greener metropolis that could attract more visitors and investors.

When completed, the Metropolis Park would be the largest park adopted by a business entity, he said.

"Naza TTDI approached DBKL with the initiative. I hope there will be more corporations and private organisations that will do the same in the near future," he said.

Naza TTDI deputy executive chairman and group managing director SM Faliq SM Nasimuddin said the initiative was the company's proactive support for the Greener KL campaign.

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"We are working closely with DBKL's landscape department and looking at planting a variety of trees in the area.

"We have two plans for connectivity.

"One is improving pedestrian access for the entire 75 acres (30ha)," Faliq said, adding that constructing the walkways would be Naza TTDI's responsibility.

The other plan involves the company working long-term with the Government on improving connectivity using the MRT and monorail systems, he said.

Metropolis Park will be next to the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre.

It is the first component of the KL Metropolis property development, which is divided into eight precincts, MET1 to MET9 – skipping the inauspicious MET4.

MET3 is 6ha of mixed developments that would cost RM8.5bil and feature the Naza Group's signature 100-storey tower, five-star hotel, Grade A office towers, luxury residences and a lifestyle mall.