

SMART 'prevented KL flash floods'

SMART operations have successfully averted at least seven flash floods in Kuala Lumpur since its launch in 2007, Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Douglas Unggah Embas said.

If not for SMART (Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel) diverting access water after heavy downpours, several areas in the city would have been flooded on various occasions, he said.

With the access water diverted, he said many areas in the city such as the Masjid

Jamek LRT station, Masjid India, Jalan Tun Perak, Lebuhraya Pasar, Jalan Munsyi Abdullah and Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman were spared flash floods.

He said the tunnel, which started operations on July 1, 2007, had also eased many traffic jams in Kuala Lumpur.

Excessive rain water from catchment areas in the Klang and Ampang Rivers liable to cause flash floods was channelled to a pond in Kampung Berembang to prevent it from flooding the city, the minister said.