

Funds to resolve floods in Sri Serdang

SUBANG JAYA: Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) has initiated several flood mitigation measures to resolve the flash flood problem in the Sri Serdang area.

MPSJ president Datuk Asmawi Kasbi said that the state government has allocated RM8.7 million to carry out the projects.

"We are still waiting for the state government to disperse the funds. Once we receive the funds, we will carry out the open tender process," he said after a town hall session with stakeholders from Sri Serdang recently.

Asmawi said the funds would be distributed to the Department of Irrigation and Drainage, Kajang Municipal Council and MPSJ to carry out the projects in the flood prone areas.

"The bulk of the funds will be given to DID to carry out its projects. One of the projects involves building five retention ponds in the Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) area.



The flash flood in front of the KTM Komuter station in Serdang which brought traffic to a standstill.

"We are still waiting for the UPM board to give its consent to DID to build the ponds on its land," he said.

Asmawi said DID was also in the

midst of designing the retention ponds and the project was expected to commence in three months.

On April 21, Sri Serdang was inundated due to heavy rainfall. The

storm, which lasted for two hours, caused a traffic gridlock on several major roads.

The worst hit area was the Besraya highway where traffic came to a

standstill in front of the Serdang KTM Komuter station.

The cause of the floods was due to poor drainage systems, which have effected families who live in Jalan Sri Serdang Utara, Taman Sri Serdang, Serdang Jaya and Taman Serdang Lama.

According to MPSJ's report, the Telemetry Control Station in Sri Kembangan recorded a rainfall close to 100mm, which had surpasses the limit of 60mm.

This caused Sungai Kuyoh to experience a back flow, which had resulted in the areas being flooded. The drainage system in the areas also couldn't cope with the large quantity of rain water.

MPSJ will be looking into other flood mitigation projects and they will be working with the DID to carry out projects such as widening and deepening of rivers, building river diversion and other issues that affect the surrounding areas. **By Noel Achariam**