

Long-term plan to mitigate flooding in KK

KOTA KINABALU: A long-term flood mitigation plan is on the cards as a lasting solution for the state capital's perennial problem.

The Greater Kota Kinabalu Flood Prevention plan will be ready in two years, said assistant state Local Government and Housing Minister Datuk Yong Oui Fah.

Yong, who chairs the flood prevention committee, said the masterplan on irrigation and drainage – that includes stormwater retention facilities – will be in place.

He added that the Drainage and Irrigation

Department (DID) had started a study six months ago on the city's drainage and identified areas where potential stormwater retention ponds could be built.

Yong said it would take more than 10 years for the plan to be fully implemented upon the completion of the drainage masterplan for the city as well as for the neighbouring Penampang and Putatan districts.

Interim efforts to address the severe flooding on Aug 27 include unclogging the city's drains as they were found to be a contributory factor.