



Loka Ng Sai Kai (left) and Serdang Lama residents point at the **drain** that will be **widened and deepened**. Pic by Mohd Khairi Ruslan

Drains upgrade to resolve 20-year flood woes

SERI KEMBANGAN: Serdang Lama residents plagued by decades of floods are welcoming the drains upgrading project expected to be completed in early November.

Subang Jaya Municipal Council councillor Loka Ng Sai Kai said a 450m stretch of drain along Jalan Besar Serdang Lama and Jalan Telaga Hijau would be deepened and widened.

Ng said the floods, which occurred at least twice a year, especially during downpours, had been troubling about 60 households and the nearby SJK (C) Kung Man teachers and students for 20 years.

"The 15cm high floods can pose a danger to motorists and pedestrians as would not be able to see the drains and road dividers.

"The drains are shallow — they are only about 0.3m to 0.6m deep — and the problem made worse by garbage trapped inside.

"A 450m stretch of the drain will be widened and deepened to up to one meter.

"Since the water flows to and from the drains and culverts of the North-South Expressway, MPK and Drainage and Irrigation Department, we hope that these agencies would make sure that the drains there are not choked with garbage.

"On our part, we will monitor our cleaning contractors strictly. The public are also encouraged to file complaints or tip us off if the contractors are not doing their job," he said.

He said the drain works were part of the council's drainage upgrading project involving four locations including Jalan SB Indah 1/4 in Taman Sungai Besi Indah and Jalan SK 5/1 and Jalan SK 13/4 in Kampung Baru, here. **By Masriwanie Muhamading**