



FORMULA ONE GIANT

Formula 1 driver Lewis Hamilton (standing, third from right) with 340 students from 17 Malacca schools at the 2015 Petronas All About Youth Programme kick-off at Melaka International Trade Centre in Ayer Keroh yesterday. Pic by Rasul Azli Samad

Projects among causes of flash floods, says FT Ministry

KUALA LUMPUR: The Federal Territories Ministry said yesterday it has identified development projects as one of the main causes of flash floods and landslides here and in neighbouring areas.

Deputy secretary-general (management and socioeconomic) Datuk Nor' Aini Abdul Wahab said a handful of construction sites had been dumping waste into drains.

She said the waste was clogging drains and causing flash floods in

Kajang, Cheras and near the Pavilion shopping mall here.

Because of this, Nor' Aina said, the ministry would be more stringent when awarding projects to contractors and review project sites more thoroughly to avoid natural disasters such as landslides.

She said this at the Knowledge Sharing Programme on Disaster Management, which involved 100 officers from 20 government agencies based here yesterday.

She said the ministry would create a list of contractors who were responsible, especially in waste removal.

"We will ensure that only contractors who abide by the rules and regulations will have the right to bid for projects.

"Our aim is to create awareness among contractors and highlight how important it is to dispose of waste in project sites properly."