

MPAJ tackles flood issue in Pandan Glades

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THE flash flood issue in Pandan Glades, Pandan Perdana, can be resolved by next year as the local council upgrades the drainage to tackle the 10-year-old problem.

Teratai assemblyman Tiew Way Keng said Phase One of the project involved constructing and repairing the drainage.

"The upgrading works began in August and is expected to be completed by end of next month.

"The works include constructing U-shape concrete drains along a 200m stretch of the existing drainage.

"Phase Two, which is expected to start next year through open

tender, will involve changing the box culverts and levelling the road along Jalan Perdana 6/12," she said, adding that Pandan Glades was the only area in Teratai hit by floods.

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) engineer Othman Idris said it would cost about RM250,000 to complete Phase One.

"The 1.2m x 1.2m concrete culverts cost slightly more, but require less maintenance and allows for better water flow.

"Previously, the drains were constructed with rubble patching wall and block drains which do not have a long lifespan," he said.

Zon 20 councillor Holly Ho Lee Hien said there had been two

major flash floods this year.

"It is heartening that the project has finally taken off and we will continue to monitor its progress," she said.

Last year, *StarMetro* highlighted the plight of residents having sleepless nights whenever it rained.

It was reported that flood waters would rise up to one metre within 20 minutes of a downpour.

Resident Bruce Lee Wang Yang, 62, hoped the project would be completed without a hitch.

"It is great that MPAJ has finally started and we will cooperate with them for future projects," he said.



Workers constructing the U-shape concrete drains along a 200m stretch of the existing drainage in Pandan Glades, Ampang.