



1 Rubbish strewn on the shores of Tanjung Harapan. 2 Yong says the trapped rubbish near the Royal Selangor Yacht Club is causing the management a lot of stress. — Photos: SHAARI CHE MAT/The Star

Rubbish still trapped on Tanjung Harapan shores

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THE authorities, including the Selangor government and the State Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID), have failed to clear garbage trapped in the shallows off Port Klang.

On Feb 3, *StarMetro* reported that the image of Port Klang's only seaside attraction, Tanjung Harapan, had been marred by the sight of garbage strewn on its shores.

It was reported that the garbage originated from upstream as far as Kuala Lumpur and Petaling Jaya and was carried to the coast by the Klang River.

The rubbish eventually ended up on the beach and in the shallows near the Royal Selangor Yacht Club, which holds an annual international regatta.

StarMetro revisited the area over the weekend and noted that nothing had been done to improve the situation at both Tanjung Harapan and the yacht club.

Club manager Kevin Yong was bitterly disappointed at the situation and urged the authorities to resolve the issue.

In the past, Yong had lodged numerous complaints with various government agencies, including the DID.

"However, they have done very little to resolve the problem. It is causing us a lot of stress as patrons are talking about the garbage all the time," he said.

Yong said the presence of garbage also made it difficult for the

club to conduct swimming lessons for its members and their children.

If left unchecked, he said, the problem would leave a negative image on the state and the country.

"It is sad that some members often refer to the garbage as the club's identity and it is frustrating that the government agencies are not helping us," he said.

StarMetro's numerous attempts to get comments from the state DID proved futile as officials from the agency were reluctant to speak to the media.