

RM6.4mil project to mitigate floods in Shah Alam

FIVE new retention ponds will be built in Section 13, Shah Alam, as part of a flood mitigation programme.

The Selangor Government has allocated RM6.4mil for the project that will be located on a one-hectare land near the Shah Alam Stadium, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azmin Ali said.

The five ponds, he said, would serve as supplement the existing retention pond in the area.

He said the additional retention ponds should solve the persistent flash flood problem in the state capital.

"We are concerned about the

frequent flash floods occurring in the city and the retention ponds will help to ease the situation.

"Work is underway and the project will be completed in August," he said during a visit to the site.

During a downpour, he added, excess water from the drains would be channelled to the ponds and water from the ponds would be pumped into the drains once rain had abated and the situation returned to normal.

Azmin said the area would also be turned into a recreational site for the public.

He said this involved creating

attractive landscape around the ponds.

"It will offer a nice space for the public to exercise in the morning and evening, or just to relax," he said.

Besides that, Azmin said the state had allocated RM80mil this year for the Selangor Drainage and Irrigation Department compared to RM47mil last year.

He said the funds would be utilised for the various maintenance and upgrading of drains all over Selangor.

"This is also part of the government's efforts to reduce flash floods in the state," he said.