

MPSJ efforts in Seri Serdang go beyond Clean Zone judging

THE Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) will continue its efforts to rehabilitate the Seri Serdang lake beyond the Clean Zone judging.

During the fifth and last MPSJ Clean Zone Community Programme recently, Town Services Division environmental officer Mohd Hafiz Sharif said that they had previously thrown in 300 mud balls containing effective micro-organisms into the lake last year to clean it up.

"Today we are throwing in 200 super-strength mud balls sponsored by Infra Connect Sdn Bhd. The mud balls are effective but it takes time to clean up the water and it needs to be done on a regular schedule.

"More importantly, we are looking at the sources of pollution from around the area, mainly from food operators. We have installed a communal grease trap for the food court just by the lake and we want all the other restaurants to install and use a grease trap," he said.

Besides that, Hafiz said that they have organised a six-month rehabilitation programme for the lake and would be working closely with the developer and Universiti Putra Malaysia.

"There is an increasing number of migratory birds that come to the lake and we want to improve the quality of the water. We will be releasing fish and prawns into the lake as a natural method to fight algae. We also want to eventually use the lake for recreational pur-



Strong throw: MPSJ deputy president Abdullah Marjunid (in cap and striped shirt) leading the mud ball throwing session at the Seri Serdang lake.

poses like boating," he said.

The community programme saw residents from around the Zone 20 Seri Serdang area joining forces with the local authority in a gotong-royong session.

Four other carnivals were held since Sept 22 as MPSJ goes all out to defend

the state-wide Clean Zone champion title which they have won two years in a row (Zone 12 Seri Serdang in 2010 and Subang Jaya in 2011).

There was also a morning aerobic exercise session, activities for children and display booths by agencies such as Syabas and UPM.



Eager beavers: Children crowding around the registration booth for the congkak competition



Healthy activity: Women from the Seri Serdang area joining the morning aerobic exercise