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KUALA LUMPUR Will be launched a RM4 billion river cleaning up and beautification project, premier Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak today said. Kuala Lumpur will undergo a series of the great changes to come.

However, he said the project required not just physical development but a change in the people's thinking and attitude, especially towards rivers.

The RM4 billion project along the river through the city is an urban renewal project aimed at transforming the river into a vibrant and beautiful waterway with high standards.

Initiated as an Urban Policy Project under the Greater Kuala Lumpur, Valley, (GKULV) Development Plan, the RM4 billion project aims to transform the river into a vibrant and beautiful waterway with high standards, he said, when launching the River of Life project after the launch of a RM4 billion river beautification project in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. — NST photos by Anandhi Sankar

After three months being cleaned up the river, Najib said about 120 tonnes of garbage also found to be dumped along the river annually, but the authorities managed to bring up only 25 tonnes.

To realise the 'River of Life' project is to be a model for the rest of the country. The project is the first example of the transformation of a polluted and dirty river into a vibrant river, complete with beautiful walkways, bridges and fountains," he said, when launching the River of Life project here yesterday.

The River of Life project comprises three components, which are the cleaning up, beautification and river water development along the river corridor. The cleaning up will be completed along a 1.7km stretch throughout the Klang river basin.

The beautification project includes the improvement of the Klang river basin which would make the river suitable



RM4 billion river beautification project in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. — NST photos by Anandhi Sankar

for recreational activities by 2020.

A sum of RM2 billion had been allocated for the clean up and beautification works.

The beautification project will include development of the river banks from Telok Anson to BUKU.

The Kuala Lumpur City Hall held a River of Life project press conference and invited the public to give their views on the project.

There are three administrative

agencies with two three local planning organisations.

The master plans are available for the public to view and make comments on the plans — from 6pm to 10pm on July 28.

A panel of expert jurors have also been appointed to assess the plans. The winning plan will be based on a combination of views from the public and the jurors. The winning plan will be announced on July 29.