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River project to transform KL

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KUALA LUMPUR: With the launch of a RM4 billion river cleaning up and beautification project yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak hopes Kuala Lumpur will eventually become the great river city of the world.

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 (GKL) Vision, 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.

After three months being cleaned up, the river, Najib said, shows 120 tonnes of garbage also found to be too high being removed, 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 world, he said, when launching the River of Life project after the launch of a RM4 billion river beautification project in Kuala Lumpur 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 120km stretch throughout the Klang river basin.

The beautification project includes the improvement of the river banks, which would make the river suitable



RM4 billion river beautification project in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. — NST pictures by Anwarudin Saad

for recreational activities, he said.

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 Teluk Ampang to BUKIT DURETI.

The Kuala Lumpur City Hall held a River of Life project competition and invited the public to submit their ideas for the project.

There are three international river

basins with two from local planning companies.

The winning plans are available for the public to view and vote at www.riveroflife.com.my — from 6pm to 10pm 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 votes from the public and the jurors. The project will be completed by July 2012.