

# Projek sungai untuk mentransformasikan KL

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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, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak today said Kuala Lumpur will eventually become one of the great cities in 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 stopped due to the rain, Najib said about 120 tonnes of garbage also found to be in the river being cleaned up, but the authorities managed to wrap up only 25 tonnes.

To realise the River of Life project is to be a reality. The goal is to have a river that is 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.

The River of Life project is a comprehensive project, which is the cleaning up, beautification and river development along the river corridor. The project will be completed along a 12.5km stretch throughout the Klang river basin.

The project is a multi-phased project, from the upstream Klang River to the downstream Klang River, 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 of rivers and waterways is one of the key projects from Vision2020 to RM4 billion.

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

There are three international companies 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' votes.

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