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City air-conditioned walkway under study

PETALING JAYA, Sun. - A proposal to construct an enclosed air-conditioned walkway in the city is being studied by Kuala Lumpur City Hall.

The idea is to encourage people to walk which it is hoped would ease traffic congestion and keep pollution under control.

Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding said today the proposal was made at a Cabinet meeting recently by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"People who want to use the walkway will have to pay a fee at the entrance," he told reporters after attending the Larian Hijau '97 at the Kelana Jaya Stadium.

Law said there was also a proposal to build a separate path for pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists around the city and in housing estates.

"Bicycles can be seen as an alternative to cars as it is more environmental friendly," he added.

This was the main reason why bicycles were made a category in the Larian Hijau for the first time. About 20 machines were entered for the event.

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