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Looking forward to a litter-free Malaysia

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I WAS very encouraged to see the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad making strong remarks about the amount of litter in Bukit Bintang on Aug 3.

His strong criticism has alerted the city authorities to take quick action. We can now look forward to a cleaner and more beautiful city.

It will take time for its full effect to be noticed - but it is a great start. Perhaps by the time of the Commonwealth Games, there will be a noticeable decrease in the amount of litter in public places.

A lot needs to be done to help litterbugs improve their habits. Providing more litter bins, clearing them more frequently and putting up appropriate signs are just some ways to get this project under way. All these take money. Local authorities are going to have to find new ways to raise funds for such projects. I feel litter bins should be painted in a striking colour and made uniform throughout the country.

Perhaps the Pakistan's Prime Minister's visit has helped relaunch the drive towards cleaning up our environs. I would like to express my appreciation for way Dr Mahathir highlighted the issue. We look forward to a cleaner, greener and healthier Malaysia.