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Big clean-up at Damansara Uptown commercial area

SOME 200 people took part in a gotong-royong under the Petaling Jaya Municipal Council's Cleanliness Campaign (East Zone) at the Damansara Uptown commercial area on Monday.

Led by Damansara Utama State Assemblyman Lim Choon Kin, the campaign was participated by members of the Damansara Uptown Hawkers Association, Damansara Utama Residents Association, Damansara SS2 Fire and Rescue Department, shopowners, residents and council (MPPJ) officers and councillors.

The volunteers cleaned the roads and drains around the Damansara Uptown Hawker Centre as well as the back lanes. An on-going effort by the council, the campaign is in line with the national-level cleanliness campaign to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Sunday.

Lim said the joint effort would continue as there had been many complaints of rubbish being strewn in drains and by the roadside in the area.

"The idea is to clean up the area as well as to create awareness that all parties must work together to ensure the area, especially the hawker centre, is clean," he said.

Lim, who is also MPPJ councillor, said as this was a big hawker centre which was open 24 hours and was frequented by hundreds of people at any one time, cleanliness needed to be maintained at all times.

"We need to protect the area's image so that people will continue to come," he said.

Campaign organising chairman Hisham Nordin, another MPPJ councillor, said checks would be conducted regularly on the area.

Also present were MPPJ councillors Datuk Ikhwan Salim Sujak and N. Swaminathan.

MPPJ has divided Petaling Jaya into four zones - East PJ, West PJ, North PJ and South PJ. Every week, a gotong-royong will be held in each zone.