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Broga project briefing on Jan 11

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SELANGOR will organise the first briefing on the Broga incinerator project for community leaders in Broga and Semenyih next Saturday at Kompleks Mesra Rakyat in Semenyih town.

Beranang State Assemblyman Ahmad Kuris Mohd Nor said senior officers from the contractor of the project, World Wide Corporation, and consultants engaged by the Housing and Local Government Ministry would be present to provide information on the project construction and operation.

He said this when attending a Hari Raya Aidilfitri get-together organised by the Hulu Langat 4B Youth movement at Taman Titiwangsa, Hulu Langat last Wednesday.

"The officials will answer any enquiry from community leaders, including the effects of the incinerator project on the environment," said Ahmad Kuris.

"All the 25 village heads in Semenyih and Broga will be invited to the briefing so that they will be able to provide the real picture of the incinerator project to the villagers in and around Broga and Semenyih."

Others who will be present at the briefing include the chairmen of residents' associations and Rukun Tetangga sectors, and councillors in Broga and Semenyih.

Ahmad Kuris said besides a series of briefings, he had also proposed to the project consultants to organise study tours to European countries and Japan, for instance, for village chiefs and community leaders to see and find out how such incinerators operated in these advanced countries.

Meanwhile, Hulu Langat 4B Youth movement leader and former Kajang Municipal Councillor, Ismail Sani, welcomed the briefing as it would enable community leaders to learn more about the project.

He said the movement wished to call on residents of Broga and Semenyih not to be easily influenced by irresponsible parties and oppose the project without being fully informed about it.

"Residents must be patient and wait for the details to be given by the relevant government departments like the Department of Environment, as well as the consultants for the project.

"Residents must also view the positive aspects of the project, instead of only the negative aspects brought up by parties opposing the project."

He said the positive aspects included bringing new development to Broga and Semenyih such as infrastructure facilities and projects to complement the incinerator project.

Ismail said the Hulu Langat 4B Youth movement would also be briefing youth organisations in the district on the matter.

Present at the Raya party, which was attended by some 500 people, were Hulu Langat MP Datuk Badrul Hisham Abdul Aziz, 4B Youth Hulu Langat zone secretary Ramlan Ramli, Adidin Ngadikun, the special assistant to Selangor Deputy Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Zainal Abidin Ahmad, and Hulu Langat penghulu Sulaiman Kamari.

MPKj councillors Shoukat Osman, Mahfodz Hashim and Daud Kassim were also present.

At another Hari Raya gathering recently, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Khir Toyo appealed to Broga folk not to worry as there would be adequate buffer zones between the residential areas and the proposed RM2 billion incinerator project.

He said the incinerator complex would only occupy 12ha of the total

280ha allocated. The land includes a forest reserve and palm oil plantation, besides 40ha allocated for sanitary landfill purposes.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had, last Monday, hit out at Broga and Semenyih residents who staged protests, demanding that the Government not relocate the project to Broga from Puchong as proposed earlier.

The protesters had formed the Construction of the Semenyih-Broga Incinerator Action Group.