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# Dear Residents of Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta,

The BTRA had its AGM last week and (re) elected its committee. We have had a busy 12 months, with many successes. Alam Flora has dedicated workers for the area, our security patrols are going strong and we now have a recycling scheme down at the Taman Tunku Shops (aka Selangor Properties). Please read on and do join up if you are not yet a member. Many voices are stronger than one! BTRA Committee



## President's Report 20008-2009

The Committee's main concern has been the **KL City Plan 2020**. DBKL finally released it in early 2008, and members were briefed on the key issues at our 2008-2009 AGM. Until the City Plan is finally gazetted, residents cannot afford to be complacent. Our neighbourhood remains a prime target for developers.

The increasing rate of crime in our city continues to be a major concern, but our **security scheme** acts as an effective deterrent to burglars. None of our subscribers suffered any incidents in the last 24 months, and I am surprised more residents do not subscribe. If they did we would be able to double the number of cars patrolling and that would serve to make our neighbourhood a safer place.

Although **Alam Flora** has allocated more resources to our neighbourhood, there are still pot-holed roads and broken drains and unkempt grass verges, which need to be addressed.

On a more positive note, I am happy to report a trend where relevant authorities, agencies and other third parties are engaging with the BTRA regarding issues pertaining to the neighbourhood. This means that the BTRA is increasingly being recognized as the "official representative" of Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta. We would like to see 100 percent of the residents being members as this would lend more weight to the BTRA. I hope that existing members will encourage neighbours to join up and support the voluntary, and highly effective, work of the Committee.

Muthanna Abdullah, BTRA President

### **Development Sub Committee**

KL City Plan – the draft plan is now at the public hearing stage. BTRA is a member of the Coalition to Save Kuala Lumpur and attended the Coalition hearing on 19/12/08 as an observer. BTRA's own turn came on 30/04/09 when we were given 30 mins on issues related to our area. We presented a slide show and gave a written submission. The Panel stated that our suggestions would be recommended for inclusion in the plan, and we shall be following up with the Local Plan Department of DBKL.

**Telco Towers** – We received a reply from the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission that both towers (Langgak Tunku and Pinggiran Tunku/Jalan Girdle) have DBKL approval and were erected after complaints about blind spots in our hilly terrain. MCMC says the towers do not pose a radiation threat. However, they



do not fall within Ministry of Housing guidelines in relation to falling objects safety issues. We strongly urge residents who are directly affected by the proximity of the two towers to write to the MCMC quoting ref no SKMM (T)/09-CCB/160/0015/03/09 and to copy the BTRA on their correspondence. Letters should be addressed to Mr. Amarjit Singh, Pengarah Kanan Bahagian Kandugan, Pengguna, Keselamatan dan Pos, Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission, Off Persiaran Multimedia, 63000 Cyberjaya.

**Dangerous Exit at Langgak Tunku to Jalan Duta** - This junction near the tennis courts is causing long traffic jams and is also a dangerous hazard to all, particularly from big buses hurtling towards the Duta Bus Station. JKR has now handed over the junction to DBKL so we will continue our efforts to get this junction redesigned





**Brunei Lot Demolition** – The PR Agency handling this matter has informed us that demolition will take about 8 months from April 2009. Post-demolition plans will be conveyed to us later, but they have assured us that whatever is built there will be well within development guidelines.

### **Environment Sub Committee**

From January 2009, Alam Flora sub contracted the upkeep of Sri Hartamas and Mont Kiara to a third party and was able to mobilize more resources in Bukit Tunku. There are now an additional 10 workmen for road sweeping, so roads like Jalan Bukit Tunku and Tinggian Tunku now have allocated sweepers. The next challenge is to ensure that disposal of garden waste keeps in step with more diligent sweeping.

### Recycling

After a gap of several years, recycling started again in Bukit Tunku in April. A truck now comes to Selangor Properties (the Taman Tunku shops) on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month to collect recyclable materials like paper, aluminium and metal cans, computer parts, bottles etc.. The recycling man pays for most items, (see adjacent photo for rates in April) We have been told by some residents that the payment received by their housekeepers or drivers is a good incentive to sort out the household waste and send it down to the recycling truck twice a month. Whatever works for you! Please remember to use this service and recycle whenever you can.



## **Security Scheme Sub Committee**

Our security scheme is in its seventh year of operation and we are please to announce that none of our subscribers reported any security incidents in the last 24 months.

Last November, we added a motorcycle to complement the single patrol car, giving greater visibility and coverage. The motorcycle operates from 11pm to 7am whereas the car continues to be a 12-hour service, commencing at 7pm each night. Subscribers can expect nine visits each night, consisting of five clockings and four drive-by patrols.

While patrols are not a perfect security solution, we believe the visibility and consistency they offer do provide a tangible deterrent. Your sub-committee continues to uphold quality of service in our security scheme and we hope that satisfied members will encourage their friends and neighbours to support this service. A larger subscriber base will lower the cost for each paying member and we can then get a second patrol car in the area. Please also remember that tenants in rented properties are welcome to join the BTRA and the security scheme, it is not just for property owners in the area.

# **Membership Sub Committee**

During 2008/2009, membership grew modestly from 147 members to 152. We are off to a good start for 2009/2010 with numbers now up to 161. But this still represents less than half of all residents in Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta. In Bukit Tunku, there are 111 members out of approximately 193 occupied properties. In Taman Tunku, there are only 41 members out of approximately 168 occupied properties. We do urge everyone to join. Tenants in rented property are included! Application forms for the BTRA and for the security scheme are attached.