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Appeals Board upholds Telekom's rights

KELAB SYABAS RETURNS TO FORMER GLORY





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By Gan Pei Ling

KUALA SELANGOR: Selangor is moving to save its dwindling population of fireflies by setting up a breeding nursery along Sun gai Selangor next month.
"We will set up artificial breeding

grounds for the fireflies," said Dr Ang Lai Hoe at the Kampung Kuan-tan Firefly Park last Friday.

Ang, a senior research officer from the biotechnology division in Forest Research Institute Malaysia (Frim), said the fireflies' natural spawning grounds have been dis-turbed due to plantations and other

developments along the river.

"The breeding ground has become too hot and dry, and lacks organic material," he said.

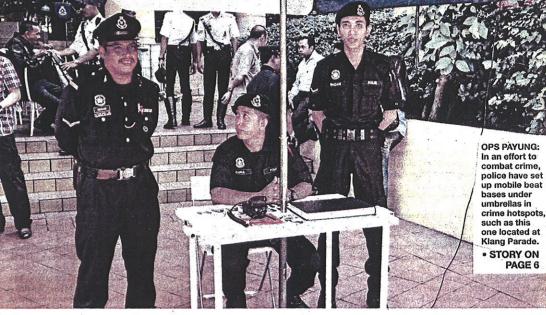
Indigenous tree species like sago will be planted, and artificial shade will be set up in a one-hectare plot in Tanjung Beluntas to help rehabilitate the area by the riverside.

He said sago trees are the natural habitat for firefly larvae as the plants provide sufficient moisture and shade.

"If the project is successful, we will replicate it in other areas," said .

Ang. Selangor has acquired and gazetted 95 hectares of land as a firefly sanctuary along Sungai Selangor in 2009 to preserve the species.

Ang said that previously, around 60% of the 95 hectares were converted into plantations and other land use, according to satellite im-



## Keeping the home fireflies burning

ages. Only the remaining 40% are RM390,450 to the project and

Frim experts will be working to- state last Friday. gether with the state to carry out the sored by Aeon, a Japanese retailer.

signed a memorandum with the

three-year breeding project spon- Authority (Luas) acting director Norzamri Sondor said they also plan The company donated to invite villagers to help plant trees

along the riverbank.
"We must get the community ate last Friday.

Selangor Water Management Norzamri told Selangor Times.

He said fireflies can be found along a 20km stretch of Sungai Selangor and its buffer zone of around

2,000 hectares.

Around 60% to 70% of the 2,000 hectares are private lands, with some converted into plantations and

He said the Luas enforcement • TURN TO PAGE 6

## Ensuring no big-scale development threatens colony

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team would monitor the river and its buffer zone from time to time with Frim and the land office to ensure there is no big-scale development that would threaten the

firefly colony. "Villagers will inform us whenever there are encroachments," said Norzamri, adding that the highest penalty for encroachment is a fine of RM50,000 and imprisonment for two years.

din said fireflies can be found world-wide, but the special behaviour of fireflies at night. fireflies that congregate, as seen in Kuala Selangor, is only limited to

Southeast Asia.

"Kuala Selangor is special because the location is strategic; other areas are not as accessible to humans," she told Selangor Times.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim said the popular eco-tour-ism site attracts around 3,500 visitors a month.

Visitors usually take a boat tour Frim entomologist Nada Badrud-via Kampung Kuantan Firefly Park

fireflies at night.

Also present at last Friday's memorandum signing ceremony were Aeon president Datuk Abdullah Yusof, state secretary Datuk Khusrin Munawi, executive councillor Dr Xavier Jayakumar, and assistant executive councillor Edward Lee.

They took a boat tour to witness the beauty of the fireflies after the signing the memorandum.

Kuala Selangor district council officials and councillors were also