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## MPPP to improve facilities at Penang Municipal Park

**HAN KAR KAY**

**T**HE Penang Municipal Council (MPPP) has allocated RM1mil to improve facilities at the Penang Municipal Park.

Council president Patahiyah Ismail said the six-month project would include upgrading existing wheelchair ramps, painting the theatre and beautifying the landscape.

She said the campsite, children's playground and equipment at the men's gymnasium would also be upgraded while the outdoor fitness station would be enhanced.

Patahiyah also said the council was considering to collaborate with non-governmental organisations to form a ranger team to patrol the park.

"We are looking at the possibility of forming a committee to have patrols in the area in

an effort to curb open burning," she said after presenting certificates to 37 participants of an eco-tourism awareness workshop held at the park recently.

Members from seven climbers associations joined the two-day workshop which was organised by the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) to educate participants on the importance of forest reserves.

Also present was FRIM head of eco-tourism and urban forestry programme Dr Noor Azlin Yahya who suggested that the MPPP put up name tags on trees in the park.

She also suggested that reflective sign boards be put up along trails at the park for the safety of visitors.

"Some people have the tendency to exercise after dark. Therefore, putting up reflective sign boards will help them identify the trails," she said.

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**Enthusiastic group:** (From left) Patahiyah and Dr Noor Azlin presenting certificates to the participants of the eco-tourism awareness workshop held at Penang Municipal Park.



**Health conscious:** The field at Penang Municipal Park is often used by the public to exercise like jogging or walking, playing games or doing aerobics workout.