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# Beefing up security in KL

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## More lighting to be installed and physical barriers set up

**K**UALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) is working with police to beef up security in the city following a threatening letter received by the mayor's office last Thursday.

The letter threatened to damage an iconic structure in the city centre if RM10mil was not deposited into four bank accounts.

"The police are also investigating the case," said Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Ahmad Phesal Talib.

He said DBKL would instal more lighting around the city and set up physical barriers wherever appropriate.

"We are encouraging owners of premises along Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman to replace their roller shutters and put up extra

lights around their buildings to improve security.

"In the long-term, DBKL would like to see the construction of buildings with glass walls instead of concrete so that what is happening inside is clearly visible," he said during the Malaysia Botanical Garden Cooperation Seminar.

The two-day seminar is an inaugural initiative by DBKL with the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) to create a cooperative network among government agencies and botanical gardens in Malaysia.

Ahmad Phesal said they would create a platform to share ideas and knowledge about the development of botanical gardens in Malaysia.

"This will help strengthen the

role of the gardens as a research, conservation and education hub.

"We are also looking into promoting botanical gardens as tourism spots.

"As part of conservation efforts, we have relocated the deer park at the Perdana Botanical Garden so that the animals will not damage the trees there," he said.

The seminar also covered topics such as recreational programme development in the rainforest discovery centre, flora collection and research as well as future botanical garden planning.

Also present at the event were FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Abdul Latif Mohmod and DBKL Project Implementation and Maintenance deputy director-general Datuk Mohd Najib Mohd.

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**Perusing:** Ahmad Phesal (left) looking at the various details provided at one of the booths at the two-day seminar. Looking on is Abdul Latif.