

## MRT developer: Old drainage system caused floods in village

MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd said in a statement that flooding at Kampung Bukit Dukung (KBD), Kajang has always been a key concern of PDP and its contractors since the initiation of the Klang Valley MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line project.

The area has been flood-prone since 1999.

It said the flash flood at the vil-

lage was primarily attributed to the old drainage system surrounding the area, as well as rain-water runoff from Jalan Cheras Lama.

Additionally, the capacity of the Anak Sungai Long Kechil river should be reviewed, said PDP in the statement.

The company added that together with its contractors, they have

been working closely with the Kajang Municipal Council (MPKj) and the Selangor Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) to take immediate, short-term as well as long-term measures to curb flooding at KBD.

Besides continuously maintaining all drainage outlets within the MRT worksite, to-date one retention pond has been constructed

inside the MRT worksite, with another two retention ponds under construction as flood mitigation measures.

With regard to press reports on residents affected by the flood; the Emergency Response Team comprising workers from MRT contractors have always been deployed to assist whenever the hotline was contacted, it said.

Participants are encouraged to use public transport to get to Padang Merbuk, or car-pool as the field's carpark is not available.

### AUDITIONS

● The Handel Festival Singers is calling all competent, music-reading singers (especially tenors and basses) to audition for a production of Handel's Messiah, which takes place on March 18 and 19). Auditions will be held on Jan 3, 4pm to 6pm, and Jan 4, 8pm to 10pm, at Taman SEA. For details, email grace.messiah2016@gmail.com or Whatsapp 016-6420 7368 (Paul) with voice and experience details to receive full information and an audition time slot.

● The KL City Opera will be holding auditions for chorus and soloists for its 2016 productions on Jan 16 and 23 from 10am to 1pm (chorus) and Jan 14 from 8pm to 10.30pm (soloists). Audition by appointment only. Prior vocal training and ability to read music is preferred but not mandatory. For details, call 012-205 8691 (Danny) or 012-372 8892 (Soon Yoon), or e-mail info@eatsingtravel.com.

### BOOK EXCHANGE

The Subang Jaya Book Exchange Programme takes place tomorrow from 3pm to 5pm at the BEP Cabin along Jalan USJ 12/2F. Those who would like to volunteer are also welcomed, from 2.30pm till end, to help out with cleaning the cabin, shelving books and general fun. For details, visit [www.facebook.com/sjusjbe](http://www.facebook.com/sjusjbe)

### CAREGIVERS TALK

ADFM will hold a talk on "Dealing with the Elderly in Their Twilight Years" by caregiver and columnist Putri Juneita Johari on Jan 16, from 2pm to 4.30pm, at Dementia ADFM PJ Day-Care Centre, No. 6 Lorong 11/8E, Seksyen 11, Petaling Jaya. For details, call 016-608 2513 or 03-7931 5850 (Jenny) or email [jenny@adfm.org.my](mailto:jenny@adfm.org.my)

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### Frozen Christmas for kids

It was a joyful day for 40 lucky children as they were chosen to attend Malaysia's one-stop fashion wholesale shopping mall KWC Fashion Mall's Frosty Winter Christmas Royal Tea Party. Held as one of the mall's festive activities, the event was aimed at bringing out the princes and princesses in children aged between five and 12. The event saw entertaining performances, delicious treats, and various fun activities.

