

# City council to build RM21.4mil disabled-friendly sports complex in Relau

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Breaking new ground: Lim at the controls of the excavator during the ceremony at the project site in Relau. — Photo by GARY CHEN

A NEW sports complex — City Sports Complex to be built in Relau — will be the first sports complex in Penang which fulfils the Green Building Index features.

The two-storey building on a 0.88ha of land will be built at a cost of RM21.4mil.

Penang Island City Council (MBPP) mayor Datuk Patahiyah Ismail said the complex was scheduled for completion in early 2017.

“The complex will have an Olympic-size swimming pool, a diving pool, 10 badminton courts with a gymnasium and a dry gym.

“There will also be 96 parking lots as well as a pro-shop which offers sports merchandise, and a cafe,” she said in her opening speech at the ground-breaking ceremony of the complex site in Relau yesterday.

She added that facilities for the disabled such as parking lots and toilets, would also be prepared.

“We will also prepare 35 parking bays for bicycles to encourage people to cycle to the complex,” Patahiyah said.



Modern look: The City Sports Complex will be built on a 0.88ha site in Relau, Penang.

The contractor for the building of the complex was chosen through an open tender process, she added.

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng, who opened the ceremony, said the complex was in line with the state’s cleaner, greener, healthier and safer Penang vision.

“The complex’s design was developed by MBPP, which proves that the council has the expertise to develop its own public projects, which are of international standard.

“I hope the sports complex will be a platform for Penangites to lead a healthy lifestyle,” he said.

Also present at the ceremony were state Local Government, Traffic Management and Flood Mitigation Committee chairman Chow Kon Yeow, state Youth and Sports, Women, Family and Community Development Committee chairman Chong Eng, Bukit Gelugor MP Ramkarpal Singh, Paya Terubong assemblyman Yeoh Soon Hin and MBPP councillors.