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Penang to hold competition to design Teluk Kumbar Market Complex

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GEORGE TOWN: The Penang Island City Council is tapping the wisdom of the crowds to come up with a design for the Teluk Kumbar Market Complex.

Mayor Datuk Patahiyah Ismail said a national competition will be held to choose a suitable design for the facility on the 1.768ha site at Teluk Kumbar.

She said the complex will not only function as a market but will also need a food court and a multipurpose hall.

She added the design will also have to comply with Green Building Index (GBI) certification requirements, be disabled and elderly friendly and have women's-only parking and baby care rooms.

"The Council reserves the right to choose from the shortlisted entries for physical implementation or not to carry out the implementation of the design," she said in a press conference yesterday.

Members of the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) and the Board of Architects Malaysia (LAM) are encourage to submit their designs for the competition which closes at noon on June 20.

The winner will be awarded RM35,000, the first runner up RM25,000 and the second runner-up will go home with RM15,000. More details can be obtained at www.architecturemalaysia.com.