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KG SUNGAI DANGA RESIDENTS TO GET NEW RM5MIL MOSQUE Project a CSR initiative by IWH

JOHOR BAHRU: A new RM5 million mosque that can accommodate up to 1,000 worshipers in air-conditioned comfort will be built at Kampung Sungai Danga in Mukim Pulai here.

The project is a community service initiative by Iskandar Waterfront Holdings (IWH) through its wholly owned subsidiary, Iskandar Waterfront Sdn Bhd.

IWH, a public-private partnership involving the State and Federal governments and local investors, is the master developer of 4,300 acres of waterfront land on the eastern and western sides of the Johor Causeway.

To be built of a half-acre site, the new mosque will have striking architectural features. Besides the main prayer hall, it will also have special rooms for the "imam", meetings, kitchen and a purpose-built Muslim mortuary (bilik jenazah) and utility area.

Johor State Exco Member in-charge of Religious Affairs, YB Haji Abd Mutalip bin Abd Rahim, today performed the official ground-breaking ceremony for the new mosque.

He said the Johor Islamic Religious Department has issued a "fatwa" (religious edict) to allow for the demolition of the existing mosque to make way for the new one.

"A temporary air-conditioned marquee will be erected on an open ground next to the existing mosque for Muslims to perform their daily prayers and other religious obligations," he said

"This is to ensure that the 700-odd Muslims using the old mosque have a place to do their prayers while the new mosque is under construction," explained Abd Mutalip.

The new mosque, to be called "Masjid Kampung Sungai Danga", will cater to Muslims living within the vicinity of Mukim Pulai here. – Ends

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- 1) Artist impression of the new RM5 million Masjid Kampung Sungai Danga.
- 2) The existing mosque at Kampung Sungai Danga

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