

2018 BUDGET: ILAM WANTS GREEN SPACE, GREEN PROJECTS, GREEN ARCHITECTURE TO BE ADDRESSED IN BUDGET

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KUALA LUMPUR: Allocation for more green spaces to be gazetted and turned into functional and community-driven developments should be increased in the upcoming 2018 Budget, said the Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM).

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“Green spaces should be increased not only for us but the future generations. At the same time, we would also like to see incentives given to green projects and green approaches in architecture,” he said at the SPARK International Landscape Architecture Dialogue today.

In order for all these things to happen, Dr. Osman said legislation for landscape architects should be put in place in Malaysia.

Speaking on the landscape architecture scene in Malaysia, he said the functional aspects of design must be given focus with the aim of connecting people to it.

“Creating space in urban areas is the main challenge. We have existing buildings and roads so we have to look at how these spaces function.

“For example, the government’s approach to expanding public transportation is an effort to address traffic circulation and the movement of traffic in urban areas.”

The two-day dialogue is part of KUL Design Month 2017, a programme that celebrates the best that the design industry in Malaysia has to offer.

The Landscape Architecture Agenda 2050 which was also mentioned during the dialogue, outlines the industry’s goals in the upcoming decades.

Among the strategic focus areas in the Agenda include conducive living, visibility, resource management and economic return.