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Sg Juru clean-up to cost RM18mil



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SUNGAI Juru in Penang, South-East Asia's dirtiest river, will be given a new lease of life following the approval of RM18mil for a clean-up job.

Bukit Tengah assemblyman Ng Siew Lai said another RM30mil was needed to improve the quality of water in the river.

She said the RM18mil allocation was made under the Ninth Malaysia Plan (9MP).

"Work will start once the money is released," she said.

This will be the first massive clean-up for the river.

Speaking at the Taman Bukit Minyak Rukun Tetangga 4th anniversary celebrations, Ng said that routine work was carried out annu-



EYESORE: Rubbish strewn at the Juru riverbank.

ally at Sungai Juru with a yearly allocation of RM100,000.

"We also need to add more rubbish traps to stop rubbish from flowing into the river," she added.

Ng said Sungai Juru had been

classified a Grade IV river under the World Health Organization.

Rivers under this grade are excessively polluted and no fish can survive in such rivers.

Taman Bukit Minyak Rukun

Tetangga chairman Tan Chai Liang said a proposal to turn a vacant plot next to Sungai Juru into a riverfront recreation area would be submitted to the Drainage and Irrigation Department by next week.