

History Of DID Federal Territory Of Kuala Lumpur

In Klang Valley (especially Kuala Lumpur) a few large floods had occurred in 1971, 1985, 1988 and 1991.

Details on Flood in January 1971.

- 1. Flooding area in Klang River Basin: 122 Km² : (1,288 Km²)*
- 2. Maximum flooding depth: 4.0 m*
- 3. Flood Duration : 5 days*
- 4. Population involved : 180,000 residents*
- 5. Estimated damaged cost : RM 35 million*

Following the 1971 flood event, the Kuala Lumpur Flood Mitigation Office was established to manage flood risk. The existence of DID was closely related to paddy cultivation; a national agenda to provide new areas for paddy cultivation.

Until 1932, irrigation facility was executed by the hydraulic unit of Public Work Department (JKR). The Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) was established in 1932.

During this era, DID was part of Ministry of Agriculture (MOA); expanding its functions towards new reclamation areas.

In 1989, this department was officially rebranded to Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) to reflect extension of its functions to include water supply.

