

Free parking for disabled in Subang Jaya

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SUBANG Jaya Municipal Council has made parking lots within its jurisdiction available to the disabled for free.

However, before they can do so, some 298 disabled people — who are already registered with the Petaling District Welfare Department — will have to register again to qualify for the specially-issued parking stickers.

“So far, 23 disabled residents have registered with the council and got their special parking stickers,” Subang Jaya State assemblyman Hannah Yeoh said.

She encouraged those who are qualified to submit their applications soon as the facility is under-used.

Yeoh also said that other disabled residents could qualify by first registering with the Welfare Department, which would issue them a registration card.

“With that card, they can come to the council to get the car sticker which entitles them free parking anywhere in the council’s parking bays,” she said, adding that this only applied to disabled residents of Subang Jaya.

She expressed surprise that this facility has received lukewarm response since it was introduced in 2006, probably due to the lack of awareness of its existence.

The car stickers are renewable annually and are issued free of charge.

Council president Datuk Adnan Md Ikshan said the



COME AND GET IT: Adnan and Yeoh showing the sticker for the disabled to use for free parking

council was widening its services to take into account the disabled.

“We allocate space for the disabled in the council building, we have pathways which have sheltered ramps and halls. The council also provides 11 wheelchairs, toilets and elevators which are disabled friendly.”

Adnan said even the council

cafeteria’s payment counters gave priority to the disabled.

“New commercial projects are imposed conditions to be disabled-friendly.

“We even give opportunities for them to start a business,” he said, referring to a blind masseur who is now operating a traditional blind massage in SS15.

“Out of the 14,000 com-

plaints we received last year, not one was about services provided to the disabled,” he said, adding that the council’s annual SJ10km run also had a category for the disabled.

Yeoh said there will a dialogue with the disabled on Nov 1.

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