

## **Al Barsha 2 lagoon park to reflect urban values**

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DUBAI - Construction of the Dh27-million lagoon park at Al Barsha 2 in Dubai will begin soon. The project is in line with Dubai Municipality's urban expansion programme aimed at utilising Dubai's surrounded areas where rain waters are accumulated, said Engineer Hussein Lootah, Acting Director-General of Dubai Municipality.

The project is likely to be completed by March next year, he said.

The project is part of the municipality's 2007-2011 strategic plan which aims at increasing the green coverage and enhance the plantations in the general urban neighborhood, he explained.

Lootah described Dubai emirate as a mirror that reflects the urban values and is described as the hub for tourism and a resort for luxury and entertainment for both the resident and the tourist.

He said 11 hectares had been allotted for the park, which will give special attention to facilities for the people with special needs.

The park will be divided into three sections - the lagoon, the main park and sport games facilities for adults. The lagoon area will consist of a jogging track, a cycling track and boating facility.

A fence will be built around the lagoon to prevent children from going into the water.

The park area will have two main entrances, one with entertainment and games areas meant for 2-5 age group and another for 6-12 age group.

The sport grounds court for adults will have a restaurant, toilets, dressing rooms, two football grounds as well as two tennis courts, a basketball court and a beach volleyball court.

The park's illuminated car parking lot would be able to accommodate as many as 100 vehicles.