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Poorly-built centre needs repairs

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KUALA LUMPUR: Despite RM65.51mil spent on construction costs and a delay of two years, the Gelami Lemi Fresh Water Fishery Research Centre in Jelevu, Negri Sembilan, has to undergo further repairs.

The contractor, according to the Auditor-General's report, did not follow specifications, which resulted in poor construction.

The centre was completed in July last year, two years later than its scheduled date.

Among the reasons for the delay were 19 change-work orders because of limited financial resources that resulted in the postponement of some project components.

The lack of financial resources also caused the delay of the construction of the pond and dam, which were finally brought forward to the 9th Malaysia Plan.

The Auditor-General has called on the Public Works Department to ensure that the repair works are carried out before the liability period ends.

“The Finance Ministry must also provide financial support for the construction of the pond and dam so that the centre functions properly,” said the report.