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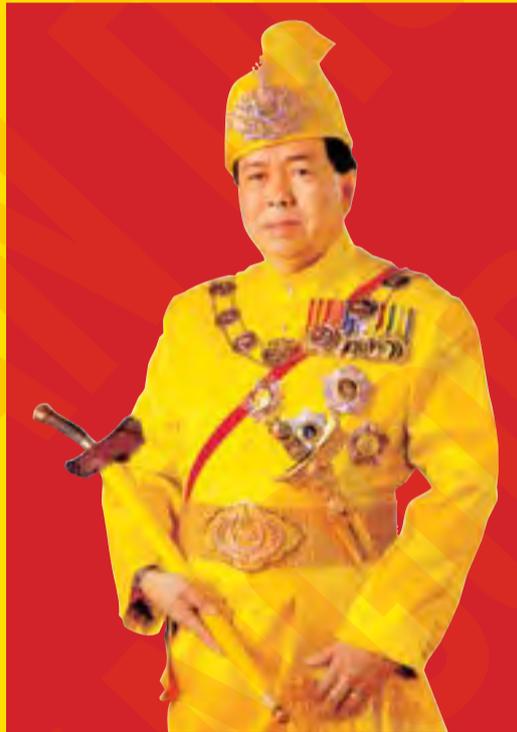
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Zahid Hamidi should be transparent

BY HAFIZAN TAIB

SHAH ALAM - Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi needs to understand the principle of democracy and be transparent in every issue in accordance to the wishes of the rakyat who are demanding change.

KEADILAN Deputy President Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said that the Deputy Prime Minister's attitude that the Opposition has equated with the political tactics of German Nazi leader Adolf Hitler, is against the democratic principles practised in the country.

"I feel that Zahid should understand the principals of de-

mocracy and be more open as this is the wishes of the rakyat in accordance with the changes that are happening in the country and world today.

"It is hoped that he will understand so that we can provide opportunities to the rakyat," he said to the media.

Mohamed Azmin, who is also Dato' Menteri Besar, said this while commenting on Zahid's statement at the Umno General Assembly 2016 at Putra World Trade Centre on November 29.

Zahid had previously said that the Opposition was trying to attract the public's attention with allegations that Malaysia will become bankrupt with "propagan-

da' like what Hitler did.

KEADILAN Vice President Tian Chua meanwhile said that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak was capable of retaining power because no leader was brave enough to challenge him.

He said this had eroded Umno's support and further tainted Najib's already negative image that has been linked to various scandals.

"Umno is not unaware that Najib is linked to various scandals including the

The 1Malaysia Development Berhad scandal that has weakened the country but they do not have the courage to challenge Najib's position," he said.



Don't be too hasty with HSR project

SHAH ALAM - The Federal Government is reminded not to be too hasty in launching the high speed rail project (HSR) that will cost over RM50 billion.

KEADILAN Strategic Director Sim Tze Tzin said that Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) should be given the chance to implement its Electric Train Service (ETS) between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore first.

He said the decision to continue with the HSR can only be determined after the ETS is operational in 2020.

"According to expert financial analysis, the HSR project requires 140 million trips a year to break even, amounting to 384,000 trips daily.

"The combined population of Malaysia, Singapore and

tourists will not be enough to fill 384,000 trips a day.

"So, while it's not desired, the HSR project might become bankrupt as well," he said in a statement.

At the same time, Sim, who is also Bayan Baru Member of Parliament, said the real cost of the HSR project is estimated to be far higher due to inflation and the weakening ringgit.

He said the government's ability to pay for such a luxury project is also suspect when the country's debt of over RM655 billion and daily interest of RM73 million is taken into account.

"Will the government sell land along the HSR line to Chinese or Japanese companies who are expected to win the

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tender to bear the high costs of the project?

"If so, how much land will be sacrificed for this luxury project?" he asked.

At this time, the Gemas-Johor Bahru double track construction has just begun with a cost of RM7.13 billion and is expected to be completed at the end of 2020, while the HSR construction is expected to begin in 2018 and completed in 2026.



Register now to cast your votes in GE14

SHAH ALAM - The public, especially youths, are encouraged to register themselves as voters before December 31.

KEADILAN Central Leadership Council Member Elizabeth Wong said registering immediately will qualify them to vote if the 14th General Election (GE14) is held after June 2017.

"We urge young voters especially to register before December 31 to qualify them to vote if GE14 is held after June 2017."

"We have registered over 2,000 new voters in two days at

One Utama Shopping Mall while 300 others changed their addresses.

"Do not waste any more time, go to the nearest post office to register. Do not wait till the last minute," she added.

Election Commission Chairman Datuk Seri Mohd Hashim Abdullah had previously said in a statement that any individual who registered between October 1 and December 31, 2016 will be included in the fourth quarter supplementary 2016 electoral roll.

RM5 for USD1 in 2017?

SHAH ALAM - Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) has been urged to consider alternative measures to prevent the ringgit from continuing its fall if the measures to strengthen it do not have any positive impact on the value of the national currency.

Former BNM Deputy Governor Dr Rosli Yaakob said the devaluation of the ringgit continues, it could reach up to RM5 for 1 US Dollar (USD) by next year.

"In the current situation, if BNM does not take concrete measures, it will not have enough reserves to buy the ringgit, which would likely result in the ringgit moving close to RM5 against USD1.

"When that would happen, we do not know. Maybe in five months, six months or one year. Even now it is already at RM4.44 against USD1," said Dr. Rosli when contacted by SelangorKini.

Clearly, other factors driving the continued weakening of the ringgit include the price of international petroleum that has remained below USD50 per barrel, making it unlikely that the ringgit will rebound.

He said the national debt is in-

creasing and without strict control, the ringgit is also affected as all debt transaction can only be made in foreign currencies like the USD, which ultimately weakens the ringgit.

Besides that, the 1MDB scandal had caused existing and future investors to lose confidence in the country's economy and currency, which exacerbates the ringgit's performance.

"This shows that we have failed to overcome the issue regarding the loss of billions of state funds. How would new foreign investors have faith in us, same goes to the existing ones, they would also likely run away.

"These are factors which can cause the ringgit to be 'volatile' and move towards RM5 against USD1. We just don't know when, it could be in the next six months or a year," he added.

BNM has imposed a new regulation effective yesterday where exporters are allowed to keep only 25% of their export revenues in foreign currency while the rest must be converted into ringgit.

Exporters have six months to do that.

Smart Selangor to focus on global development agenda

BY ERMIZI MUHAMAD

SHAH ALAM - The consistent development of a Smart State by the State Government is not restricted to local and community issues.

Smart Selangor Delivery Unit Deputy Director Dr Fahmi Ngah said that the focus also included a wider understanding of issues at the global level.

He said the initiative was made after taking into consideration the successful development in Amsterdam, Taiwan and Barcelona that implemented Smart City development in their countries.

"The Smart State initiative does not just focus on local issues, but is a global agenda that is undertaken by the State Government.

"The focus at the global level is required when we take into account the rapid development in other countries that are intensively developing their own Smart State agenda," he said.

Dr Fahmi said that the State Government also faced a big challenge in implementing the Smart State agenda.

He said the large urban areas in the state require a more comprehensive approach to ensure that the agenda is a complete success.



Amsterdam, Barcelona and Taipei best examples for Selangor

SHAH ALAM - Selangor is urged to take the best approaches as done internationally to realise the development of a Smart City in the state.

Smart Selangor Delivery Unit (SSDU) Deputy Director Dr Fahmi Ngah said Barcelona (Spain), Taipei City (Taiwan), Amsterdam (The Netherlands) are the best examples of Smart City development in the international stage.

"This approach can be implemented in Selangor by examining a few perspectives and ideas that can be used to turn Selangor into a Smart State," he said at the Selangor Smart City Conference 2016 at The Saujana Hotel.

Smart Urban Project Director Elia Hernando Navarro (Spain) and Taipei City Deputy Mayor Chin Rong Lin (Taiwan) were invited as panellists to share their experience in developing Smart Cities in their countries.

Also invited was Low Carbon Urban Planning Amsterdam Strategic Director Frans Anton Vermast and Smart City Cyberjaya representative Dato' Faris Yahaya.

Sharing their experiences, the four panellists concluded that technological development and smart solutions are capable of realising a Smart City concept.

This included focus on 12 main domains to increase the quality of life.

Speaking to Tourism, Environment, Green Technology and Consumer Affairs Exco Elizabeth Wong after the panel discussion, Chin said that he was impressed with the development in Selangor although it was his first



visit to the state.

He also extended an invitation to the Selangor Government to join the Taipei Smart City Summit and Expo 2017 in February 2017.

Wong expressed her thanks to Chin and said that there was a lot more that they could share and learn from each other.

Selangor Smart City International Conference 2016 to realise Smart State

SHAH ALAM - The Selangor Smart City International Conference 2016 is capable of informing the public about the State Government's efforts to develop Selangor into a Smart State.

Menteri Besar Incorporated CEO Raja Shahreen Raja Othman said the conference was held as part of the State Government's commitment to realise the Smart State agenda.

"To become smart, it requires a journey that is understood by all so that the ideas and input regarding the Smart State concept can be translated to the public.

"This effort requires understanding and involves systematic planning from the State Government and comprehensive explanation to Selangor citizens.

"This is the State Government's intention and commitment to continue implementing the Smart State agenda," he said.

He said this at the opening of the conference at Hotel Saujana Kuala Lumpur.

Also present were Tourism, Environment, Green Technology and Consumer Affairs Exco Elizabeth Wong and Smart Selangor Delivery Unit Deputy Director Dr Fahmi Ngah.

The conference, attended by over 500 civil servants, private sector employees, as well as local and foreign industry players, follows the Smart Selangor Lab held last June.

The conference also focused on knowledge sharing through four sessions including Smart City Knowledge Exchange, Smart Solutions for Smarter Cities, Leveraging IOT: Smart Mobility & Education and Smart Entrepreneurs: Fireside Chat.

There were also sessions about Smart Startup & Solution Provider Showcase including Smart Mobility & Travel as well as Smart Retail & Services.

Old facilities in every hospital to be replaced immediately

BY NORHAYATI UMOR

SHAH ALAM - His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah has ordered that old equipment and facilities in every hospital in the state to be replaced immediately.

In his decree, he said that this must be taken seriously to prevent unwanted incidences from happening to patients and employees in the hospitals.

"I would like to remind that every worn out or damaged health facility be replaced immediately, to avoid any unwanted incidences.

"I also want all hospitals to have an efficient fire prevention system that functions well," he said when officiating the opening of the Shah Alam Hospital.

Her Royal Highness Tengku Permaisuri Selangor, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin was also present.

His Majesty was also accompanied by Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali and his wife, Datin Seri Shamsidar Tahrin.

Health Minister Dato' Seri Dr S Subramaniam and Deputy Health Minister Dato' Seri Dr Hil-



mi Yahaya were also present.

He wants all officers and staff to be prepared in facing any possible emergency situation.

He decreed that all projects related to citizens' welfare must be completed on schedule.

"The agency responsible for a project must monitor its implementation in detail.

"This is to ensure the rakyat receive medical treatments required, and that they are unbundled by the constantly increasing cost of living," he said.

The Shah Alam Hospital, which was fully completed in January, is a major specialist hospital with a capacity of 300 beds. It provides 14 different specialist services and is also a secondary hospital.

Facilities provided include 244 beds for First, Second and Third Class Wards. It has 28 beds in NICU, 7 in ICU, 14 in HDW and 7 in CCU.

It also has 10 operating theatres, 20 delivery rooms and 20 haemodialysis machines.



Doctors must be professional and provide best service

SHAH ALAM - Employees in government hospitals, including doctors, are advised to be professional and prioritise giving the best service to the rakyat.

His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris

Shah ordered for doctors, officers and staff to be patient in meeting the needs of patients.

In his decree, he mentioned that citizens can only receive affordable and effective treatments in government hospitals.

"I appreciate the challenges and high level of patience required in a doctor's job, particularly.

"Nevertheless I want this job and responsibility to be delivered with patience and high dedication," he said while officiating the Shah Alam Hospital here.

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suri Norashikin was also present.

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He advised the public to be patient in getting health services.

He said that it is due to government hospitals having many patients and limited treatment

rooms.

"Medical doctors and specialists are advised to continue to serve in devotion to the rakyat.

"The government must also protect the welfare of these employees by giving them incentives and special privileges, as they need to be given due recognition," he said.

Sultan of Selangor: Better hygiene will prevent zika and dengue

SHAH ALAM - Citizens in the state have been asked to increase hygiene levels in their homes and workplace to avoid zika and dengue outbreaks.

His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah said that citizens should always keep the environment clean and free from any disease.

He said that a developed state status can only be achieved if its cit-

izens are healthy and active.

"Cleanliness in the state is a mutual responsibility rather than an individual one.

"Good hygiene is a habit that should be practiced by all, to stay healthy in developing the state," he said while officiating the Shah Alam Hospital.

His Majesty urged the rakyat to practice healthy living and in-

crease knowledge in health.

"This can be done by referring and asking those who are qualified in the medical field.

"I also advise the rakyat not to be influenced by and to refrain from using drugs that are not approved by the health ministry," he said.

He said that rakyat need to be smart in whatever they choose to do or consume, in order to maintain their health and avoid adverse effects on their physical and mental health.



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AG'S REPORT PROVES SELANGOR GOVERNMENT'S STELLAR 2015 FISCAL PERFORMANCE



AG's Report confirms Selangor's strong fiscal position

BY ERMIZI MUHAMAD

SHAH ALAM - The State's fiscal performance is at its best with an increase in savings of RM3.26 billion.

The Auditor General's Report Series 2 for 2015 indicated an increase of RM57.71 million in savings, compared to total savings of RM3.20 billion the previous year.

"Consolidated Income Balance of RM3.26 billion increased by RM57.71 million to become RM2.53 billion. In 2015, the State Government ended its fiscal year with a surplus of RM393.24 million compared to RM111.94 million in 2014.

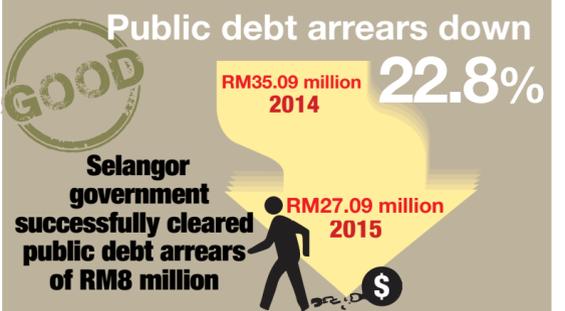
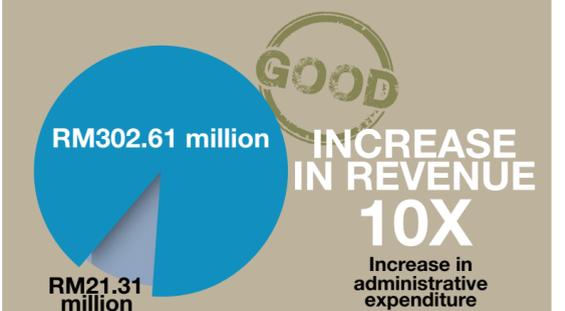
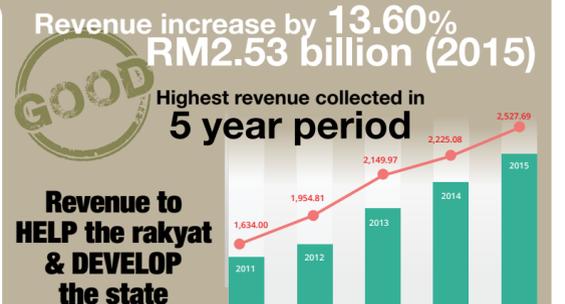
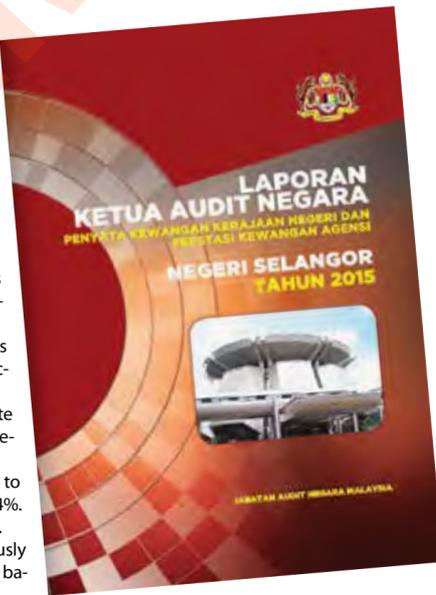
"The balance of Payable Debts and Payable Debts in arrears for 2015 are 1.3% and 8% respectively," according to the report.

The amount consists of the total value of the State Government's Income Statement for year ending December 31, 2015.

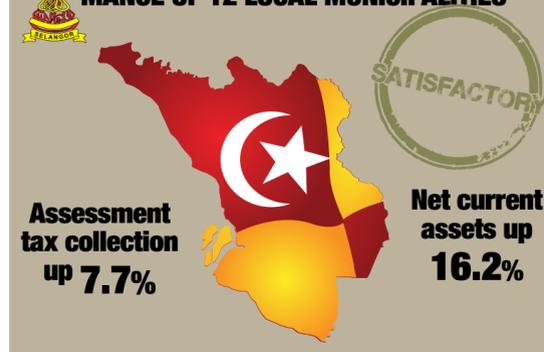
However, total State's investment decreased to RM92.89 million and General Debt increased to 7.4%. General Debt repayment success rate stood at 22.8%.

"The State Government is advised to be continuously prudent in its spending and only spend on a need-to-basis.

Besides that, efforts need to be increased to recover Payable Debt and other debts and revenue collection in arrears from Government Agencies to strengthen the State's fiscal position," it said.



AG'S REPORT ON THE FISCAL PERFORMANCE OF 12 LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES



Selangor local authorities register surplus

SHAH ALAM - As many as nine local municipalities registered a surplus in their fiscal performance for the period up until May 21, 2016.

The Auditor-General's report revealed that Hulu Selangor District Council showed the highest surplus compared to 12 other local municipalities.

"Overall, the financial performance of local municipalities in 2015 is satisfactory. Three local municipalities registered deficits, while nine others achieved surpluses.

"In addition, net current assets and assessment tax collection for all 12 local municipalities increased to RM303.19 million and RM94.37 million respectively, balanced by the surplus decrease of RM199.53 million.

"Increase in assessment tax arrears totalled RM36.21 million," the report said.

The Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) recorded the highest reduction in surplus with a collection of RM166.81 million. This was due to the reduction in service payments of RM187.93

million. Meanwhile, assessment tax collection on all properties under the jurisdiction of local municipalities totalled RM1.32 billion.

The total is an increase compared to last year's RM1.2 billion, with Sepang Municipal Council registering the highest increase of RM23.03 million.

MBSA, however, remained as the local municipality with the highest collection of taxes at RM246.07 million while Sabak Bernam District Council was last at RM6.78 million.

Landmark decision: Prosecution must prove intent

BY NORHAYATI UMOR

SHAH ALAM - The Appeals Court in a landmark decision on November 25 decided that Section 3(3) of the Sedition Act which states that the element of intent need not be proven is against the Federal Constitution.

In allowing Sri Muda Assemblyman Shuhaimi Shafie's appeal to declare the colonial law invalid, the panel of judges led by Datuk Lim Yee Lan in their unanimous decision ruled that Section 3(3) violated Article 10 of the Federal Constitution.

"The High Court's decision (which rejected the initial motion) is set aside," he said.

The other judges on the panel were Datuk Varghese George and Harminder Singh Dhaliwal.

When delivering the court's decision, Varghese said under Article 8, all individuals are equal in the eyes of the law.

"We reminded ourselves about this fact. Clearly, Section 3(3) created a different regime that makes it prone to seditious elements. It deviates from the

norm," he said.

He said that under normal circumstances, the burden of proof lies with the prosecution.

"But under Section 3(3), the burden of proof does not lie with the prosecution," he said.

Meanwhile, Shuhaimi said that the decision has finally brought justice and immense benefit to every citizen who has been charged under the vile act.

"Congratulations to all my great lawyers who argued the case during the appeal. May a new light shine in the courts with this decision.

"The constitutional challenge against Section 3(3) of the Sedition Act 1948 which states that there is no need to prove malicious intent is rejected by the court and now the court has ruled that Section 3(3) is invalid.

"As such, prosecution now has to prove intent in all cases involving the Sedition Act that are currently being argued in court or in the process of appeal," he told SelangorKini.

On February 7, 2011, Shuhaimi was tried at the Shah Alam Sessions Court on the charge of uploading a seditious article in his blog, Srimuda.blogspot.com regarding Datuk Mohd Khusrin Munawi's appointment as the new Selangor State Government Secretary.



He was charged with committing the offense at Pusat Khidmat Rakyat, Jalan Angerik Vanilla, Kota Kemuning di Shah Alam, on December 30, 2010.

On April 1, 2011, Shuhaimi filed a motion at the Shah Alam High Court to request that the sedition charge against him be

dropped under the reason that the Sedition Act contravened Article 10 of the Federal Constitution that guarantees freedom of speech.

The Shah Alam High Court rejected his motion on August 26, 2011.

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Selangor delegation visits Toyota Motor Corporation

JAPAN - The visiting delegation from the Selangor Government had a meeting with Toyota Motor Corporation (TMAP) senior management to discuss the prospects of Japanese investment in Selangor.

The meeting was led by Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali and hosted by Toyota Business Unit President Shinya Kotera, TMAP Managing Director Satoru Nakamura and TMAP Japan Deputy Director Yoshihito Kawamoto.

The meeting was also attended by Investment, Small & Medium Industries, Trade and Transport Exco Dato' Teng Chang Khim and UMW Toyota Executive Director Ravindran Kurusamy.

The delegation began their visit on November 24, arriving in Tokyo to continue the state and Invest Selangor's investment mission to strengthen the Smart Selangor agenda.

The visit began with Dato' Menteri Besar's state visit to Fuji-

sawa to view the smart city technological advances implemented in the area.

The delegation had visited the Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry & Technology and Toyota Automobile Museum the day before the meeting.

They also visited Toyota Ecoful Town to view the development of a Smart City by Toyota.

Early last year, Toyota Motor agreed to expand its investment prospects worth RM2 billion in Bukit Raja, Klang.

Japan mission strengthens Smart State agenda

SHAH ALAM - Selangor is strengthening regional cooperation with Japan through a joint investment mission with Invest Selangor to Tokyo in order to further develop the Smart Selangor agenda.

Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, and the delegation, including Investment, Small & Medium Industries, Trade and Transport Exco Dato' Teng Chang Khim, arrived in Tokyo on November 24.

The delegation began their work visit at Fujisawa to see first-hand the development of a smart city being applied to the area.

Posting on his Facebook account, Mohamed Azmin said Fujisawa's development could be consistently translated in Selangor.

"Street lights and surveillance





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DATO' MENTERI BESAR
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SHAH ALAM - The Smart City International Conference offers opportunities for industry players to cooperate with the State Government in efforts to turn Selangor into a Smart State.

Selangor Information Technology and E-trade Council (SITEC) Chief Executive Officer Yong Kai Ping said that industry players can showcase their knowledge or solutions, thereby assisting the State Government.

"This is a platform to encourage them to cooperate with the State Government to develop this industry.

"I think we are looking for service providers to be brought forward and some to be taken abroad.

"Hence, this meeting is important for us to discuss and understand the trend as well as the appropriate solutions," he said to SelangorKini.

Make Smart City a reality

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The organisation of the 2016 Smart City International Conference at the Saujana Hotel, Shah Alam is a cooperative effort between the State Government, Menteri Besar Incorporated (MBI), Smart Selangor Delivery Unit and SITEC.

Yong said the conference will provide awareness on the Internet of Things and the Big Data Analytics model; in addition to sharing experiences, knowledge and building a network of relationships with other countries.



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YONG KAI PING
SITEC Chief Executive Officer

other countries.

"Smart City Development in India and Barcelona is a big project, not only via the government but

also with participation by the private sector, which also plays an important role.

"Services provided will reduce

daily burdens, so I think that Smart City technology will make people happy and therefore, we need to be heading in that direction," he said.

Bas Smart Selangor: Over 3.15 million passengers

SHAH ALAM - Over 3.15 million passengers have benefited from the Bas Smart Selangor programme from July 1, 2015 till September 30, 2016.

Investment, Small & Medium Industries, Trade and Transport Exco Dato' Teng Chang Khim said that the total showed a 62% increase.

The total, he added, also showed the increase in the public's awareness about the use of public transport especially bus services which achieves the State Government's aim to improve the quality of service.

"Considering the popularity and increase in passengers, for 2017 a total of RM20 million is allocated to expand the service," he said at the state assembly.

In addition, Teng said the service is constantly under review to ensure that the bus service improves through time.

"The very positive response is a signal to the State Government to prepare the best services for the public," he said.

Since its launch on July 1, 2015 till September 30, 2016, the service now operates in 11 out of 12 local authorities' areas with a total

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Investment, Small & Medium Industries, Trade and Transport Exco

of 34 busses.

The Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) also provides a free bus service called the PJ CityBus with 22 busses in operation around Petaling Jaya.

To date, the State Government has invested over RM8.82 million as of October 15, 2016. In 2015, the State Government invested RM6 million for the same purpose.

The total includes rental costs, wrapping, maintenance and Goods and Services Tax.

SMIC to promote Smart Selangor

PETALING JAYA - In an effort to turn Selangor into a Smart State, the State Government has organised the Selangor Makers and Innovation Carnival (SMIC) 2016.

Education, Human Capital Development, Technology and Innovation Exco Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad said that the inaugural carnival is a specific platform to celebrate the community of makers in the general society.

He said SMIC gave makers a chance to exhibit their inventions, build networks and encourage more people to begin experimenting and producing new products.

"SMIC also plays a role in exposing the public to the latest technology such as 3D printing, drones, coding and the Makers' culture that is developing throughout the world.

"In Southeast Asia, Malaysia is actually behind countries like Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam," he said while deliv-



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NIK NAZMI
Technology and Innovation Exco

vering the opening speech at SMIC 2016 held at The Strand shopping mall on November 26.

Around 35 groups of Makers and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) educators took part in the exhibition.

Some interesting exhibitions included a mind-control wheelchair, driverless vehicles and the youngest Maker, who is 11 years old.

In addition, three free workshops were held for demonstrations throughout the day.

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Khalid untruthful regarding SPLASH takeover

SHAH ALAM – The Selangor Water Review Panel (Panel) confirmed that Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim offered RM1.579 billion to take over Syarikat Pengeluar Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (SPLASH).

It said that the equity value offered to the concessionaire was a written offer in 2009, which disproves allegations made by the former Menteri Besar that the amount offered was only RM250 million.

Panel also said that Abdul Khalid's allegation that the State Government's decision to offer RM2.7 billion to SPLASH was irresponsible.

"Abdul Khalid also urged that the SPLASH takeover be debated at the Selangor State Assembly, yet he himself has forgotten that the offers given by him to all concessionaires since 2009 went undebated.

"These include the decision to return all 'non water assets' owned

by Puncak Niaga Sdn Bhd to Puncak Niaga Holdings Berhad that have a substantial value of RM577 million that was not referred to the state assembly at all," it said in a statement.

At the same time, the panel praised the State Government's action to appoint an independent review to get a fair and professional assessment regarding the SPLASH takeover.

It said that the State Government has always urged that the terms of the takeover be based on just principles, and does not burden consumers and citizens.

"Panel would like to stress that it is difficult to achieve an equitable evaluation that is fair to all concessionaires due to the factors of corporatisation and concession terms.

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Panel was established in 2009 to aid the State Government to complete the restructuring of water supply in Selangor.

The panel consists of Petaling Jaya Utara Member of Parliament (MP) Tony Pua, Klang MP Charles Santiago, Selayang MP William Leong, Tanjung Sepat Assebyman Ir Mohd Haslin Hassan and Amanah Strategic Director Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad.

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Leisure cycling rekindles pre-independence nostalgia

KLANG – The actions of the approximately 200 participants of Kayuhan Santai Basikal Klasik Klang Heritage rekindled nostalgia of pre-independence days among the public.

The programme, organised by Klang Municipal Council (MPK), started as early as 8 am and was held at Kompleks Sukan Pandamaran, in conjunction with the 59 years anniversary of Merdeka.

MPK Secretary Adi Faizal Ahmad Tarmizi said the programme was held for the fifth time with the cycling route focussed on historical and heritage landmarks around Klang.

"This activity promoted historical sites in the royal city, besides encouraging a healthy community and at the same time, exposing youths to their heritage.

"The event received tremendous support from all races and levels of the community, which indirectly strengthened all ties," he said.

Adi said that the public were very interested in seeing participants dressed in many classic styles and themes.

The 23 kilometre cycling programme also featured several competitions for participants.

'Terokai Kehijauan Selangor' reveals state's natural beauty



BY **ERMIZI MUHAMAD**

SHAH ALAM – The uniqueness and natural beauty of Selangor have been translated to the public through the publication of 'Terokai Kehijauan Selangor', a book by Goh Yong Chuan.

The initiative by Tourism Selangor was undertaken to enable both locals and foreigners to discover the beauty of the state's flora and fauna.

Tourism, Environment, Green Technology and Consumer Affairs Exco Elizabeth Wong said the book contains specific information that can provide unique insights to tourists regarding the natural wonders in Selangor.

"The book contains specific information like botanical informa-

tion, zoological, beach, wildlife and other related studies that will expose tourists to the natural environment in Selangor.

"The book does not merely open the eyes and minds of the public towards our state's natural heritage, but can serve as a guide and educational material for nature lovers," she said at the launch of the book at Sky Forest, Acappella Suite Hotel on November 22.

Also present was Tourism Selangor Manager Noorul Ashikin Mohd Din Rawang and Assemblyman Gan Pei Nei.

Noorul Ashikin voiced her appreciation to the author of the book for being willing to share the beauty of the state's eco-tourism areas through the publishing of the book.

Kem Alam Sekitar MBSA promotes nature preservation



HULU LANGAT – The Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is organising Kem Alam Sekitar 2016 for three days and two nights in Hutan Lipur Sungai Congkak at a cost of RM50,000.

Mayor Dato' Ahmad Zaharin Mohd Saad said the State Government contributed RM10,000 in support of MBSA's efforts to instil the love of nature among students.

"This is a pilot programme with the aim of exposing participants to the importance of protecting and preserving nature.

"It is also one of MBSA's initiatives to preserve nature, and it is

an important aspect in our everyday lives," he said at the opening ceremony.

Meanwhile, programme director Mohd Azmi Amer Khan said that the camp uses the Experiential Learning method whereby the participants' learning process is based upon experiences gained throughout the programme.

"Among programme contents are area orientation, modules such as Nature Games and Scavenger Hunt, in addition to 'Let's Talk About Nature' and night walks.

"Participants are also exposed to recycling management and



environmental topics," said Azmi, who is also MBSA Solid Waste Management and General Cleaning Departmental Head.

Around 77 school children around Shah Alam were involved in the programme, particularly those aged 9 to 14 years.

MBSA wins Community Based Planning 2016 award

SHAH ALAM – The Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) has won the Community Based Planning Award 2016, during the Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP) Excellence Award Ceremony on November 25.

In a Facebook statement, MBSA

announced that the recognition was due to the success of Projek Shah Alam Mini Zee Bee, which was introduced in 2013.

"The Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) had won the 2016 Community Based Planning Award

for the success of its Projek Shah Alam Mini Zee Bee, which was organised by the Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP)," he said.

The programme was a part of the council's initiative to create awareness on hygiene through

community involvement, besides strengthening unity among communities in its jurisdiction.

It is hoped the success will contribute towards making Shah Alam a green and carbon-free city by 2030.

Total tourists to Selangor up by 1.5%

SHAH ALAM – The total local and foreign tourist arrivals to Selangor increased by 1.5% to 4.3 million for the period of January to September.

Tourism Selangor Chairman Noorul Ashikin Mohd Din said the total is compared to the same period last year with the target of 7.1 million visitors this year.

"We are confident of achieving this target through continuous initiatives undertaken by various agencies," she said during a press conference launching the 'Terokai Kehijauan Selangor' book at Sky Forest, Acappella Suite Hotel recently.

Also present was Tourism, Environment, Technology and Consumer Affairs Exco Elizabeth Wong and Rawang Assemblyman Gan Pei Nei.

The state tourism industry has undergone tremendous growth after several tourist areas were developed through the long term plan and initiatives of Tourism Selangor.

At the same time, the state government is promoting the industry through the establishment of a Selangor Tourism Information Centre that will be completed next year.

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Helping those in need of food

By MIKE TAN

Feeding people is both a business and a calling for Ramesh Vadiveloo, who is not just a success, but also the man behind Meals for All, a community-based programme that helps feed those who are hungry and in need of food.

The programme converts public donations to food to help those who cannot feed themselves via a collaboration of restaurants and soup kitchens.

Inspired by the idea of suspended coffees, Meals for All expanded the idea further by connecting restaurants as meal providers in assisting soup kitchens operations. Raw materials for the meals are provided by donations, with volunteer participation in meal preparation and distribution.

Donations can be made by interested parties via online pledges on the Meals for All Facebook page at the price of RM7 per meal, and multiples thereof.

The beauty of this programme is that it is so simple. Meals for All will convert your purchases to food to be distributed by various



soup kitchens.

Since starting in July 2014, Meals for All has fed up to an estimated 7,000 hungry individuals. Ramesh recalled how fortunate he was when he started the programme as his friends rallied around his cause and helped him to raise the necessary funds and also volunteered for the food preparation.

Several months' later, the programme received even more attention when it was officially launched by Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir in November 2014.

He added that as the programme grows, they are able to help more than just the urban poor and have begun reaching out to orphanages and refugee centres.

"That is why more funds are needed, as well as help with logistics and administration.

"We hope that we will be able to feed more needy individuals and perhaps run CSR programmes with various colleges and universities in the future," he elaborated when asked about the future of Meals for All.

But what would inspire a man to start such a programme? For Ramesh, it was the culmination

of several incidents, including seeing a poor man scavenging for food among rubbish bins.

"I realised that with my resources, people I know and ideas that I had, I could and should help the poor. I chose to help with food, because food is my passion," Ramesh said.

And what a passion it is. This born-again restaurateur, cookbook chef, iPhone photographer, food provider and serial dreamer hailing from Subang certainly has the drive and determination to succeed in everything he does. Besides running Meals for All, he operates a restaurant called Frontera Sol of Mexico and a food-truck named Guac!

And successful as he is, he still is a humble and down-to-earth

man. He sees himself more as a home cook, or untrained chef who enjoys cooking for his family and friends because of his love for cooking.

Ramesh is a trained engineer, but decided to embark on a journey in the F&B industry in 2002. He has never looked back since then.

"I don't regret that decision at all. I made it because food is my passion. I am often asked what the secret of my success is, to which I jokingly reply - Passion, Persistence and Panadol Acti Fast. One out of those three is a lie, you have to figure it out yourself."

Even with his busy schedule, Ramesh still somehow finds time to do it all by allocating different times of the day and week to deal with the different concerns he has. Yet his passion isn't without its challenges as the F&B industry can be very tough.

Ramesh still manages to navigate through most of those challenges quite well, guided by his philosophy of using his passion to help others, and not to just earn a living.

When asked if he had any advice for those who wish to venture into the F&B industry, he said, "Do it because you love doing it and you are very passionate about food and serving people, not for the glamour.

"Sometimes you have to be at the wet market at 6 am because your supplier couldn't send the produce on time, and that is not very glamorous," he said with a laugh.



Turkey, Frontera Sol of Mexico and Guac!

IF you're looking for something special this Christmas, then Ramesh Vadiveloo might just have the thing for you. His restaurant, Frontera Sol of Mexico makes a very unique Mexican-inspired Christmas turkey smoked with mesquite wood.

Mesquite originates from the southern part of the United States and northern Mexico. It has a smokier flavour compared to hickory wood and in Ramesh's opinion, compliments turkey very well. His turkeys are all smoked for 5 to 6 hours.

This process, and the mesquite, makes the meat flavourful and juicy. The turkey is a Christmas special and is available from now till Christmas Day. All throughout December, Frontera Sol of Mexico will have a special Christmas buffet menu. On Christmas Eve and the day itself, a four-course Christmas menu will be served at the restaurant.

As for the turkey, a full 3.5kg bird goes for RM250 nett but must be ordered three days in advance.

For those who would like to check out Ramesh's restaurant and food truck, here are the details:



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Make integrity and accountability a priority



BY NORHAYATI UMOR

SHAH ALAM - A culture of integrity and accountability is important and needs to be inculcated to become the core culture in Klang Municipal Council.

MPK Yang Dipertua Dato' Mohamad Yasid Bidin said the elements are the basis that he emphasises on and needed to be practised by MPK employees of every rank.

He said that high-quality employees are important assets to the success of an organisation and the nation. Values like trustworthiness, transparency, accountability and service to the public are the basis for integrity and ethics.

"Integrity and ethics at work and in an organisation isn't limited to individuals attending to their own needs but also covers their actions at work, all of which is linked closely to religious practises and our responsibility as humans.

"The erosion of integrity among civil servants has bred mismanagement and wrongdoing in an organisation," he said during the monthly gathering hosted together with the MPK Corporate Communications Department and IT Department.

At the gathering, Yasid also launched the Sang Semut Icon as the MPK 5S Environmental Practices mascot.

Yasid added that the Corporate Communications Department now plays an important role in disseminating information regarding policies, programmes and activities through effective communication channels including good relations with the media.

"The cooperation of all departments make MPK a strong team in facing various problems faced by the population and locals," he said.

MPKj identifies 31 illegal factories

SHAH ALAM - The Kajang Municipal Council (MPKj) took action on at least 31 factories operating illegally at Semenyih River.

Local Government, New Village Development and Illegal Factory Legalisation Exco Ean Yong Hian Wah said based on enumeration records, there are 58 factories along the river.

He said 27 factories are located in the industrial zone, while 31 are located outside the industrial zone.

"MPKj found that out of the 31 factories, five were built on the river reserve land. Another four were built on gov-

ernment land and one more on private land.

"MPKj has completed investigations on the unauthorised factories and will charge them in court," he said.

He added that MPKj will also cooperate with the Hulu Langat District Office to demolish the five factories built on reserve land.

Meanwhile, MPKj Yang Dipertua Mohd Sayuthi Bakar said that MPKj is committed in addressing this issue.

"Besides demolition and prosecution in court, MPKj will periodically monitor the area along the river," he said.



Barn Owls: Rat control agents in Subang Jaya

BY LIZAWATI MADFA

SUBANG JAYA - A pilot project using Barn Owls as rat-control agents in Subang Jaya is showing positive results.

Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) lecturer, Prof Madya Dr Hafidzi Mohd Noor said that the biological approach saw eight pairs of Barn Owls released around Bandar Sunway, SS14 and SS15 in February.

He said every bird is placed with a sensor and monitored via transmitter radio.

"Through monitoring, we have observed that the female birds are

more consistent and were tracked in Bandar Sunway for 16 nights in 40 different locations. In fact, photos of them catching and eating the rats were also taken.

"This is a good sign that they will continue to stay in a certain area as there is enough food which in this case are rats.

"Meanwhile, the male birds were seen moving in a broader area. However, we are certain they will return, as owls have only one partner in their life cycle," he said.

Besides UPM, the project also received the support of Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ),

Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) and SJ Echo.

At the same time, Hafidzi said that ten more pairs are expected to be released in December.

"However, before that we would like to have the public's response on this project.

"We want their views on whether the presence of these Barn Owls is acceptable or otherwise," he said.

To date, there are approximately 30 UPM and USM researchers and students distributing feedback forms around the said areas to obtain feedback from the public.



Subang Jaya celebrates Children's Day



THE Subang Jaya Assemblyman's Office organised its annual Children's Day celebration recently on November 20 at the Summit USJ. The event was also held in conjunction with United Nation's universal Children's Day with the theme 'Orange The World' to end violence against children.

More than 500 participants attended the event. Subang Jaya Assemblyman Hannah Yeoh, Kelana Jaya Member of Parliament Wong Chen, Secretary of The Summit Subang USJ Management Corporation Secretary Thomas Chow and MPSJ councillors Captain Wan Hock Leong and Ken Chia attended the event.

Children and parents were treated to an entertaining per-

formance by Mr. Bean. Arts and crafts activities coordinated by Good Shepherd Services created awareness on ending violence against children.

Hannah Yeoh urged all adults present to continue to speak up for voiceless children. She reminded everyone of the importance of lodging reports to the authorities if there is suspicion of any abuse of children in the neighbourhood.

There were approximately 4,453 reported child abuse cases in Malaysia last year. The sad truth is that the real total cases across Malaysia could be a lot higher as not all abuse cases are not reported by family members.



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Zaqhwan Supersports 600 ARRC champion



THAILAND - Md Zaqhwan Zaidi ended the 2016 season in style when he was crowned Supersports 600cc overall champion after the end of Round 6 of FIM Asian Road Racing Championship at the Chang International Circuit, Buriram, Thailand on December.

The Musashi Boon Siew Honda Racing rider confirmed his overall champion title by collecting 162 points, four more than Tomoyoshi Koyama (T. Pro Yuzy Honda NTS With WOW) in second place with 158 points while another Malaysian rider, Azlan Shah Kamaruzaman (BikeART Racing Kawasaki) finished third with 142 points.

Before Race 2 began, Zaqhwan was in second overall position and his mission for the overall champion title would only come true if he had a podium finish or ended the race with six points more than Koyama.

Zaqhwan's victory was sealed when Koyama suffered engine failure halfway through Race 2 and failed to complete the race.

Zaqhwan, who was in ninth place, kept up his momentum until the finish line and completed the race in sixth place with an overall time of 30'03.488s.

The race was won by Yamaha Thailand Racing Team duo, Decha Kraisart dan Chalermopol who ended the 18 round race with a total time of 29'56.605s and 29'57.553s respectively.

"I was unaware that Koyama suffered mechanical difficulties because I was ahead of him since the start of the race. Only at the end did I realise that Koyama

was no longer on the track," Zaqhwan explained.

He said that he did not believe he could have won the title a second time as it was hard to beat Koyama.

"I am very happy with this win and thankful to all especially my team, sponsors, family and friends who worked hard and supported me throughout this entire year," he said.

The win also saw Musashi Boon Siew Honda Racing successfully defending the individual and team titles for the fifth consecutive year since 2012.

Indonesian rider, Wahyu Aji Trilaksana won the Underbone 130cc overall champion title after winning Race 2 of Round 6 of the FIM ARRC.

The TPK48 BKMS rider led from start till finish to end the eight lap race with an overall time of 17'16.687s.

His compatriot, Florianus Roy Brilyan (Malioboro City Jogjakarta BKMS) was second with a time of 2'09.185s followed by Malaysian rider, Md Shah Khairil Hisham (Felda PB Racing) in third with a time of 2'08.846s.

A total of 25 points collected by Wahyu ensured his top position with 149 points and his Underbone 130cc crown, his last as the category will be changed to 150cc for the 2017 season.

Malaysian rider, Md Amirul Ariff Musa (T. Pro Yuzy Honda NTS), who ended the race in fifth, had to make do with second overall with 133 points while fellow compatriot, Md Izzat Zaidi (RCB Kage Motobatt Yamaha YY Pang) won



Larian Menjunjung Kasih Gen-S in conjunction with Selangor Sultan's Birthday

SHAH ALAM - The State Government has taken the initiative to organise the Larian Menjunjung Kasih Gen-S, via its Youth Development Standing Committee, in conjunction with The Birthday of His Majesty The Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

Selangor State Sports Council (MSNS) Executive Director Mohd Zuhir Idris said the running event will be held simultaneously with Karnival Menjunjung Kasih Gen-S 2016, on December 10.

"The organisation of these two programmes provide the opportunity for youths in Selangor to showcase their talents with trendy activities, while creating a sense of appreciation in the younger generation for the Institution of the Selangor Sultanate," he said in a statement.

Located at Dataran Kemerdekaan Shah Alam, the carnival is scheduled to begin as early as 6.30 a.m. and end at 5.00 p.m. His Royal Highness The Raja Muda of Selangor will flag off the main event, which is the Larian Menjunjung Kasih Gen-S run.

The run consists of Category (A) Men's Open, Category (B) Women's Open, Category (C) Junior Men's Open (18 years and

below) and Category (D) Junior Women's Open (18 years and below), with a distance of 7km each.

There are two type of fees for all categories; which are RM25 (T-shirt + Medal) or RM15 (T-Shirt).

Zuhir informed that for this year, registration can be made online at www.myraceonline.com.

Meanwhile, Karnival Gen-S Menjunjung Kasih 2016 will have six events with total cash prizes offered at almost RM30,000.

The events are Selangor Strongest Man 2016, Mr Badan Cantik Gen-S, Bina Badan (Men-Muscle), King Of Bench Press, Arm Wrestling and Street Workout.

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