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The state government is committed to ensure that the rakyat is always healthy because it will increase productivity in the state. We want to increase access for the rakyat to receive quality health treatment

Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali
Dato' Menteri Besar



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Financial woes reason for China's ECRL project

BY NAZLI IBRAHIM

SHAH ALAM - Malaysia is not only facing financial difficulty to fund its development expenditure, but also to pay incentives such as the Bantuan Rakyat 1 Malaysia (BR1M)



scheme as announced in the 2017 Budget.

Universiti Malaya (UM) Adjunct Professor of Economics and Development Studies, Tan Sri Kamal Salih said that the situation has forced the Federal Government to seek out other sources to enable

foreign funds to flow into the country by handing over the East Coast Rail Line (ECRL) to China.

"The government is facing financial problems that can be spent on investment, infrastructure development, and incentives such as BR1M to cover the rakyat's cost of living.

"The prime minister has no other source and is forced to borrow but the lenders are limited because our loan costs are getting higher," the former director of the Malaysian Institute of Economic Research told SelangorKini.

However, he said the Federal Government must review how the ECRL will affect China's influence on Malaysia.

The 688-kilometre ECRL project costing RM55 billion has been handed over entirely to China, including the aspect of financing, expertise, equipment and manpower.

Although the project is said to be foreign investment, it is actually a method of securing a loan from China using the project.

Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia Party (PPBM) Chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad warned that the

deal signed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak with China could affect Malaysia's sovereignty when the country depends too much on another.

The former prime minister said that includes the territorial claims by Malaysia in the South China Sea that is disputed by China.

"We already have such a huge debt, now we will owe a huge amount to one source. This will affect our country's politics.

"Previously, we were free to have relations with any country. We were not bound to agreements with any blocs," he said.

Najib should look in the mirror before talking

SHAH ALAM - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak should take a good look in the mirror before reminding civil servants not to embezzle public funds.

KEADILAN Communications Director Fahmi Fadzil said this is because Najib himself has been linked to scandals involving public funds worth billions of ringgit.

"The prime minister's reminder to public servants not to take the rakyat's money should be given to those involved in the management of 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), including himself.

"This is because various investigations and charges against those who have allegedly embezzled public funds through 1MDB funds that are ongoing in Singapore, Australia and the United States," he told SelangorKini.

At the same time, he also questioned the authorities' action of releasing the individual associated with the biggest scandal of the country.

Fahmi said this was clearly different compared to Singapore who detained the bank official who was involved in transactions related to 1MDB.

"Unfortunately in Malaysia,

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KEADILAN Communications Director

the authorities still lack the courage to bring those involved in the scandal to justice," he said.

Najib had earlier urged public servants in the country to not steal public funds and be involved in various corrupt practices as it would undermine the country.

His statement, however, was viewed cynically by the public due to his involvement in various scandals that has earned him the title 'Father of Kleptocracy'.



Umno needs to understand principles

SHAH ALAM - The Umno leadership needs to understand the principles of a true struggle to ensure the nation's sovereignty is strengthened without compromising the nation's assets and position.

Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia Party (PPBM) President Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said principles are the main objective of his struggle and have nothing to do with his loyalty towards the royal institution.

"Loyalty is not blind. It has to be guided by true principles because that is what is taught in

Islam.

"While the country's sovereignty is at stake and the public's interests threatened, I as a loyal citizen to king and country, my responsibility is to speak the truth," he said.

The Pagoh Member of Parliament said so in a statement rebutting allegations made by Umno Supreme Council Member Aziz Kaprawi who questioned Muhyiddin's loyalty towards Sultan of Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar.

Rebutting the allegation, Muhyiddin said that the Umno

leadership has failed to understand the true principle of loyalty till there are individuals who are willing to sell off Malaysia's land for personal gain.

He was referring to the policy of selling land to a foreign company through the Forest City transaction under the administration of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"What is most frightening is when a powerful leader faces financial burden and owes billions becomes willing to sacrifice ancestral land to foreigners to settle his debts," he said.

Tanjung Datu by-election February 18

PUTRAJAYA - The Tanjung Datu state by election in Sarawak will be held on February 18 following the death of its assemblyman, Tan Sri Adenan Satem, on January 11.

Election Commission Chair-

man Datuk Seri Mohd Hashim Abdullah said the EC made the decision at a special meeting on January 19.

"The meeting also chose February 4 as nomination day, while early voting is scheduled

on February 12," he said.

The seat fell empty after the death of Adenan due to heart complications at the Sarawak Heart Centre.

Adenan, 72, has been Tanjung Datu Assemblyman since

2006 and in the last Sarawak general elections defeated KEADILAN candidate Jazokipli Numan.

Elaborating further, Mohd Hashim said the Tanjung Datu electoral roll contained 9,959

registered voters.

Based on local media reports, the potential candidates for the seat are Adenan's widow, Puan Sri Jamilah Anu, his son, Abdul Aziz Adenan and Lundu District Officer Azmi Bujang.

Chinese New Year message 2017

BY DATO' SERI MOHAMED AZMIN ALI

I WOULD like to wish a very Happy Chinese New Year to the entire Malaysian Chinese community. Xin Nian Kuai Le, Ji Nian Da Ji!

May this Year of the Rooster bring happiness and prosperity to all of you and your families. May it strengthen the harmony and ties between our nation's ethnic groups as we visit each other's houses and pay our respects.

The admirable qualities possessed by the rooster and Chinese culture, namely sincerity, bravery, and fortitude of both morals and physique, make the rooster a symbol of leadership and strong will.

This Year of the Rooster reminds us of the importance of good leadership in setting the

direction and future of our nation and its people.

Good leadership must be based on a functioning democratic system, not one that is manipulated for the benefit of political elites.

I cherish the tremendous contributions that the Malaysian Chinese community, especially in Selangor, have made towards building our beloved nation together with other ethnic groups. A stalwart defender of justice and reform, the Chinese community has taught us a valuable lesson that patience and hard work will find their reward.

When the darkness of night has peaked, dawn will surely follow. The rooster will rise to greet the desire for justice, democracy, freedom and reform that ride upon the light of dawn.



Feedback welcomed for #BebasPlastik campaign

SHAH ALAM - The state government is ready for discussions with any party to improve the implementation of the plastic bag free campaign in Selangor.

Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said this is due to the additional feedback regarding the campaign's implementation.

"From the feedback we've gathered, the response is very encouraging and positive from consumers and the citizens.

"However, with additional feedback, we are ready to discuss on how to improve our campaign," he said while officiating an event at the Silver Jubilee Hall on January 21.

Retailers who charge RM0.20 for every plastic bag can use the

money for their corporate social responsibility development programmes.

Tourism, Environment, Green Technology and Consumer Affairs Exco Elizabeth Wong said although the proposal is yet to be furthered into a resolution, it can still be implemented to fulfil the social responsibilities of retailers.

However, Wong said this recommendation is not yet a resolution in this state as implemented in Penang and other developed countries, for CSR programmes.

Prior to this, only the Penang Government had formalised the implementation of CSR programmes in an effort to collect money for the purpose of social responsibility services.



1 million target for Peduli Sihat Scheme

BY AFIX REDZUAN

SELAYANG - The Selangor Government is targeting 1 million citizens who will receive health benefits under the Peduli Sihat Scheme that offers basic health coverage in an effort to help alleviate daily living costs in 2017.

Health, Welfare, Women and Family Development Exco Dr Daroyah Alwi said the total is estimated from the 250,000 families that are in the B40 category and composed of four family members.

"The scheme is a basic coverage scheme introduced by the State Government to lighten the daily living costs for the B40 category, those with monthly incomes of RM1,500 to RM3,000," she said during a speech at the Peduli Sihat Scheme Launch and

Registration Skim at the Gombak Land and District Office.

According to her, the Selangor Government has allocated a total of RM125 million for the Peduli Sihat scheme as announced by Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali during the tabling of the 2017 Selangor State Budget.

The scheme is divided into two categories, namely family and individual, and the conditions imposed are few to enable citizens to enjoy the scheme. "For those who qualify under Family Category, they will receive an allocated RM500 in a Peduli Sihat card with the condition that they are Selangor citizens or have resided in the state for 10 years and earn under RM3,000 a month.

"For individuals above 21



years, they qualify for RM200 a year.

"The conditions are that they are Selangor citizens or have resided in the state for 10 years, with a monthly income of RM1,500," she added.

In addition, 1,000 private clinics have signed up with the programme as the Peduli Sihat panel.

For the initial stage, the State Government is targeting a registration of 20,000 applicants in each constituency in Selangor.

Selangor optimistic in being nation's main GDP contributor

PUCHONG - The state government is optimistic of retaining Selangor's position as the main contributor to Malaysia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for 2017.

Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said continuous planning has been made to attract both domestic and for-

foreign investors to Selangor.

Although 2017 is a tough and challenging year due to the economic slowdown at the federal level, Azmin is confident that the previous performance can be maintained as indicated by the state budget and reserves.

"We want to retain our posi-

tion through involvement and effort from Invest Selangor that will work harder to ensure Selangor remains as an investment destination for foreign investors.

"This requires a conducive environment and administration based on principles of transparency and accountability.

"I am confident we can achieve the target that we have set," he told SelangorKini.

Last year Selangor preformed impressively financially after contributing 25% of the country's GDP.

According to the Malaysian Statistics Department, it was fol-

lowed by the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur (15.1%), Sarawak (10.1%), Johor (9.3%) and Sabah (6.5%).

The report showed that Selangor was also the main contributor in the service sector in Malaysia with a total contribution of 49.9%.

Raja Muda: Don't shun offenders, give them a second chance

BY LIZAWATI MADFA

SEPANG - His Royal Highness the Raja Muda of Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah ibni Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah in his decree said that anyone who has made mistakes should be given the opportunity to repent, and not continue to be shunned by society.

The Selangor Youth Community (SAY) Royal Patron and Executive President also said he believes these people can be a valuable asset if given enough opportunity.

"All successful people in the world often admit to making many mistakes, but the key to success is to pick yourself up af-

ter a fall.

"We also must support each other as a community.

"Today, we celebrate students who have completed rehabilitation training to begin a normal life, and we are also prepared to accept them back into the community," he said.

He was speaking at the 'Hope and Prosperity' - Chinese New Year Celebration, at Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 (KLIA2) on January 23.

There were 40 trainees from Victory Drug Rehabilitation Centre and One Way Home, who were entertained in the special programme with Raja Muda of

Selangor.

There was also a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Segi Value Holdings Sdn Bhd and Biforst Group with the Malaysian Substance Abuse Council (MASAC).

MASAC is a coalition of non-governmental organisations (NGO) and drug rehabilitation centres.

"I thank all parties involved, including teachers and assistants of these centres who have played critical roles in guiding these students.

"Indeed, I am always here to support you towards a better life journey," he said.



Joyous Ponggal Festival in Perepat

KAPAR - Ponggal, or harvest festival, was celebrated ceremoniously by the Indian community in Kampung Perepat recently.

Health, Welfare, Women and Family Development Exco Dr Daroyah Alwi said a total of 101 pots were distributed to Indian women for the

festival.

She said that racial tolerance, unity and cooperation are still intact to celebrate festivals joyously.

"Pongal is a festival celebrated with much joy by the Indian community in Selangor, irrespective of religion and beliefs.

"The festival was convivial with elements of culture, and rich in family values," she

said when officiating the festival at the Sri Maha Mariaman temple here.

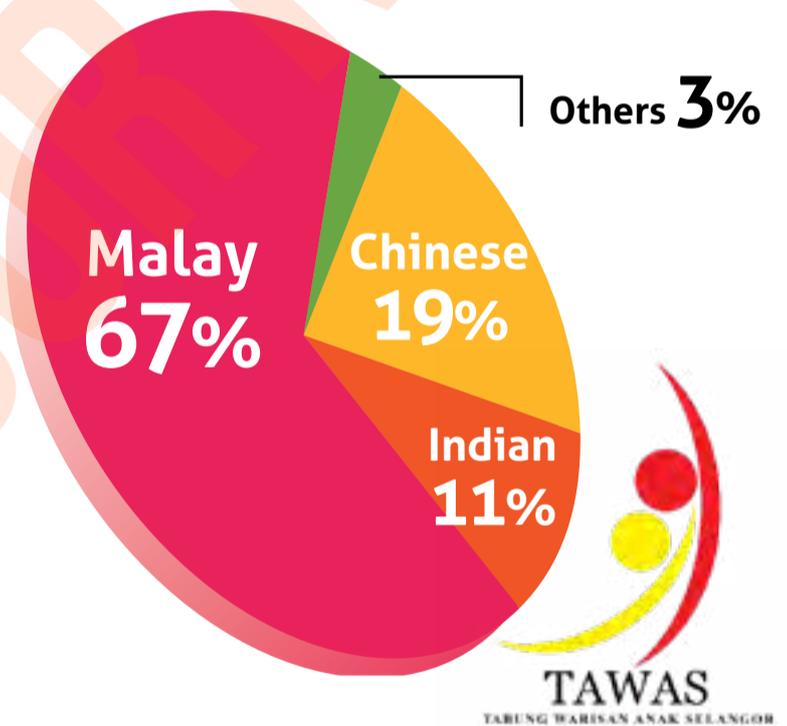
Dr Daroyah also advised the younger generation to understand the meaning, logic and values behind the celebration as its implicit social values are still relevant and apply to the current situation.

"Congratulations to the Sementa State Legislative Assembly Indian Community. The programmes are very lively. I hope this can be done every year," she said.

She said the food made from vegetables from the villages, are being provided to educate the younger generation on their ancestors' native cuisine.



TAWAS popular with over 250,000 members



SHAH ALAM - The number of Selangorians participating in the Tabung Warisan Anak Selangor (TAWAS) scheme continues to increase since being launched in June 2008, reaching 258,530 recently.

A check of TAWAS' official website by SelangorKini showed that 258,253 members are still alive while 277 have passed away.

The highest registration rate was for the year born 2013 with 38,928 approved applicants.

Meanwhile, the lowest registration rate was for members born in 2008, with 21,320.

For 2016, more than 24,148 applications were received, only 19,370 were approved.

Based on racial composition,

Malays lead with 173,785 members (67%) followed by Chinese with 48,051 members (19%) while Indians have 29,376 members (11%) and others with 7,041 members (3%).

Out of these, 120,224 members have received statements, while 138,029 have not.

Every TAWAS member is eligible to receive RM1,500 when they reach 18 years of age.

Beginning March 2014, the Khairat Kematian TAWAS scheme was introduced to enable beneficiaries to receive RM1,500 if a member passes away before reaching 18 years of age.

For further information and registration, the public can browse the TAWAS website at <http://www.tawas.org.my>.

MB: Rakyat more important than poll results

BY NORHAYATI UMOR

SHAH ALAM - Meeting and listening to the rakyat are more important compared to poll results, said KEADILAN Deputy President, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali.

He said this as election results are based on interactions between leaders and the rakyat.

"It is only a poll, but I think that what is most important now is that all political parties go down to the ground and get

to know the rakyat and voters to explain policies and our stand.

"We must be seen and we must act together as a powerful force to face Umno and BN," he said.

Mohamed Azmin who is also Dato' Menteri Besar said, KEADILAN is ready to cooperate with any party that supports the reformasi agenda.

"We are happy to cooperate with them, including parties in Sabah and Sarawak," he said.

Invoke Centre for Policy Ini-

tiative, run by KEADILAN Vice President Rafizi Ramli, published early poll results and simulations predicting that the opposition alliance could win the upcoming general election.

However, the results depend on several factors including half of those who have not voted in the previous election will vote for the opposition and that the Chinese voters will still vote opposition as they did in GE13 and that they would be able to woo over 38% of PAS supporters.



550 trading lots prepared for Thaipusam

SHAH ALAM - Selangor Municipal Council (MPS) is offering 550 trading lots in conjunction with Thaipusam 2017.

Corporate Department Director Mohamad Zin Masoad said MPS would have the permit sale and Thaipusam trading lot ballot at Dewan Beringin, Taman Sri Gombak, Batu Caves, on February 2.

"From this total, 119 lots measuring 7x7 are for barbers at a rate of RM200.

"431 lots are for ordinary trading and offered at a rate of RM150," he said in a statement.

He added that this year MPS will introduce the hotspot concept with lots in high visitor traffic areas with a 10x10 feet area.

"As many as 39 hotspot lots have been identified and each

lot will cost RM500," he said.

He also reminded Thaipusam lot permit applicants who sell food and drinks have to have a food handling certificate for the applicant and helper in addition to a health check confirmation and Typhoid IV shot.

For barbers, operators only need to get the TY2 (Typhoid) shot.

"Traders are reminded to maintain the cleanliness of the area as well as the standard of food sold to avoid any unwanted issues like health related issues including contagious diseases.

"In addition, all traders are asked to obey the State Government policy and not use plastic bags and polystyrene containers," he said.



Hungry student phenomenon a serious problem

SHAH ALAM - A research conducted by Malaysia Muslim Volunteer Body (MMVB) in 2016 found that more than 75% of graduates do not have enough money for food.

This hungry student phenomenon is different from the time before the government started to introduce the National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN) and reduced the education budget.

"Besides the special allocation from the Government, bursaries and scholarships that poor students rely on were also

cut. Between 2015 to 2016, more than RM800 million or 27% were cut, that created the phenomenon.

"A research conducted by MMVB as early as 2016 found that more than 75% of students who participated in the survey did not have enough money to buy food, so this has become the hungry students phenomenon.

"In the early days, the fate of farmers in Baling was championed by graduates but today students themselves are battling hunger on campuses. This is a serious phenomenon," said

Nik Nazmi during the Free Education As Solution to PTPTN Crisis Forum at the Rumah Gerakbudaya recently.

He said IPTA students are luckier than IPTS students, who have to fork out more cost.

He added that this is the reason Pakatan has come up with a radical proposal, which is to provide free education to citizens.

In addition, he said this can be done if the government can overcome the issue of corruption, leakages and wastage which are rampant in government today.

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10,000 Rumah Selangorku units to be built in 2017

BY HAFIZAN TAIB

PUCHONG - The Selangor Housing and Property Board (LPHS) has set a target to build 10,000 units of Rumah Selangorku this year.

LPHS Executive Director Norzaton Aini Kassim said the set target can be realised in the same way the board achieved its previous target successfully.

"This year our target is to offer 10,000 units of Rumah Selangorku to buyers and the response to the programme has been very positive.

"It is a proud achievement for us as we have exceeded our target of 15,000 units with the construction of 21,000 units of houses last year," she said during the LPHS/Commissioner of Building Appreciation Night recently.

Elaborating further, she said that several areas have been identified and LPHS will develop them in stages.

The areas include Sepang, Klang, Gombak, Hulu Langat and Kuala Selangor.

"There will be various constructions but most of them will be apartments," she said.

Rumah Selangorku is the affordable housing programme introduced by the State Government at prices between RM42,000 and RM250,000 a unit.

She added that this year LPHS will be taking on abandoned housing projects in Selangor and putting emphasis on five projects.

"We have a total of 185 abandoned housing projects and have successfully settled 20% in the previous year. This will take some time to solve as the problems associated to such projects are not easily overcome.

"That is why we have set a total of five projects to settle this year," she said.

She explained that LPHS will also focus on housing projects with temporary Certificates of Fitness with a target of 70% resolution rate this year.



PKNS optimistic of launching 1,157 properties

SHAH ALAM - The Selangor State Development Corporation (PKNS) is optimistic of launching 1,157 property units through 12 new projects with a Gross Development Value (GDV) of almost RM533 million.

PKNS Chief Executive Officer Noraida Mohd Yusof said the projects involved composed of various properties including apartments, terrace houses, link houses, cluster houses, semi-detached houses, town houses and office buildings worth between RM180,000 and RM1.9 million.

"The new projects are located at eight areas including Kota Damansara, Rasa, Kota Puteri, Bernam Jaya, Antara Gapi, Shah Alam, Kuala Selangor and Selangor Cyber Valley," she said during a speech at PKNS Media Night recently.

Noraida said that this year PKNS has allocated a total of RM1.8 billion to implement all its development plans.

She said a total of RM997.7 million, or half of the allocation, was for development costs, while RM327 million or 18% would be for administrative costs and RM540.3 million or 20% was for other expenditures.

"PKNS targets operation income of RM886.7 million, which is a 20% increase compared to the 2016 budget research.

"Affordable housing construc-



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NORAIDA YUSOF
PKNS CEO

tion will continue to be PKNS' main agenda with the target of building 13,484 units by 2020," she said.

PKNS will implement a more systematic development plan including hands on monitoring and the setting of key performance indexes that will be monitored accordingly.

PKNS has previously successfully built more than 1,500 affordable housing units.

500,224 properties exempted from assessment and license fees

SHAH ALAM - A total of 500,224 housing units and hawkers qualify for assessment tax and business license fees exemption for 2017.

Local Government, New Village Development and Illegal Factory Legalisation Exco Ean Yong Hian Wah said the total involved over RM68 million.

He said the total included 322,637 low cost units, 85,881 village residences and 91,706 hawkers throughout the state.

"Nine categories of hawker units involved include council stalls, council markets, bus stop stalls, night markets, morning markets, private markets and temporary hawkers' licenses," he said during a press conference.

Ean Yong said that one of the State Government's initiatives to help low cost house owners and rural village residents is through assessment tax exemption.

"Small time traders also receive constant attention from the

State Government and enjoy the exemption of business license fees," he said.

In 2016, the State Government received a financial impact of RM62 million after implementing the programme.

Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali announced in the 2017 Budget that all local municipalities must take early action to ensure that the exemption takes place immediately from January 1, 2017.

Establish fund for low-cost housing management

SHAH ALAM - The State Government is advised to establish a more comprehensive and effective fund to assist the management of low-cost housing for maintenance and cleaning.

Taman Medan Assemblyman Haniza Talha said it must be implemented so that low-cost housing managements do not have to rely solely on the Joint Management Body's (JMB) administration.

"The proposal has been presented in the last Assembly to enable low cost housing units to be managed more systematically.

"The fund can help the management of low-cost housing to pay for cleaning or facility main-

tenance more effectively and that would be helpful to the residents," she said when contacted by SelangorKini.

She said it is believed that the new policy's effectiveness will allow any cost for maintenance and cleaning of these low-cost houses to be provided for, under the programme.

In another development, Haniza said she is committed in ensuring the development capacity in Taman Medan constituency is consistently pursued.

She said this is reflected through the development allocation in the State Budget, announced by the State Government last October.



"Taman Medan constituency is no exception in enjoying the new developments through the budget announced by Dato' Menteri Besar.

"This proves the State Government's seriousness in encouraging sustainable development in town and rural areas," she said.

Incentives to make low carbon cities a success

SHAH ALAM - The Federal and State Governments have been urged to provide incentives to developers involved in construction in order to make low carbon cities a reality in the country.

Shah Alam Mayor Dato' Ahmad Zaharin Mohd Saad said incentives such as reduction in taxes and materials involved in construction could provide encouragement to developers to cooperate in programmes.

"In my opinion, if there are incentives from the Federal and State Governments, as well as the Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry, then developers will cooperate better.

"However, this issue has not been touched or stated by these three parties," he said after officiating a low-carbon city

workshop at Shah Alam recently.

The Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) has determined to turn Shah Alam into a low carbon city come 2030.

He said that the issue has been raised by the council with the Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry (KeTTHA), but it has not been discussed by the ministry with other related ministries.

"I feel that if there are the right incentives, then cooperation will be given by developers to make it a success.

"Without such incentives, developers will impose a higher cost that will be borne by buyers. For MBSA, we have to always think of the appropriate methods relating to our goal of turning Shah Alam into a low carbon city," he said.



COBs tackle issues faced by apartment dwellers

PUCHONG - The Commissioner of Buildings (COB) of local municipalities plays an important role in ensuring that issues faced by residents of apartments in Selangor can be addressed immediately.

The COB is capable of carrying out the responsibilities as most of the complaints are dealt with effectively and successfully.

Housing, Building Management and Urban Living Exco Dato' Iskandar Abdul Samad said the State Government appreciated the work and contributions of the COBs in helping to handle issues faced by apartment residents.

"Approximately 40% of the Selangor population live in apartments or strata buildings with control given to the COB.

"Their job is very important,

as they are on duty regardless of time. For example, they need to be the people's representatives accompanying residents to listen to their complaints of various problems that occur, and resolving the problems.

"We have many programmes to assist the COBs, as there are many issues inherited from the past to be resolved," he said.

He was speaking after the Appreciation Night of Selangor Housing and Property Board (LPHS) / COB, on January 16.

He said that the event was an occasion to celebrate the COBs, who have worked hard to carry out responsibilities to meet the needs of residents in apartments.

"I am very grateful. This is one of the programmes we have to honour their contributions," he said.

Selangor's rental scheme to help people own homes

PUCHONG - The State Government will implement the Smart Sewa Scheme to help middle-income earners own houses in the near future.

Housing, Building Management and Urban Living Exco Dato' Iskandar Abdul Samad said that Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali had announced a scheme with an allocation of RM100 million as one of the main pro-

grammes run by the State Government to meet the needs of the target group.

"An allocation of RM100 million from Selangor Housing and Property Board has been provided for us to buy houses and rent them out.

"It's a huge programme and may involve 800 to 1,000 housing units, which will be rented out to those unable to afford a house without a bank loan," he

Smart Sewa scheme begins with 260 units

BY LIZAWATI MADFA

SHAH ALAM - As many as 260 Rumah Selangorku units have been earmarked to be sold under the Smart Sewa Scheme involving a total cost of RM46.5 million.

Housing, Building Management and Urban Living Exco Dato' Iskandar Abdul Samad said that the units will be rented to applicants who failed to secure bank loans to buy houses.

He said that it will be also open to those who have been unable to purchase a house previously.

"Renters will get back 30% of

the rental paid after the end of the rental contract.

"The money returned will be used to help them buy their own homes," he said in a statement.

During the Selangor Budget 2017, the State Government announced a RM100 million allocation to buy Rumah Selangorku units to implement the Smart Sewa Scheme.

Iskandar said the 260 units involved were located at the following areas: De Kiara Apartments (30 units), De Bayu Apartments (30 units), Bandar Bukit Raja Apartments (50 units), Trifolis Apartments, Bandar Botanic (30 units), Jade Hills Kajang (50



units), Pangsapuri Bandar Rim-bayu (50 units) and Bandar Seri Coalfields, Sungai Buloh (20 units).

said on January 16.

He said the Smart Sewa Scheme is to facilitate citizens in need, by renting out the unit for a two-year period or a set period of time.

After that time, he said the State Government will return 30% of the total rental paid, with the intention to help potential owners pay the down payment needed to buy a house.

Iskandar explained that in order to make the programme a success, the State Government has bought a number of housing units in several areas, including in Bukit Tinggi.

"We got feedback from developers including Selangor State Development Corporation (PKNS) that the percentage of failures in obtaining loans to buy a house was about 50%, with one of the problems being

the National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN).

"That's why we asked PTPTN to loosen its conditions, so that it need not be included in the Central Credit Reference Information System.

"When launching the housing program, we also invited PTPTN so that potential buyers can refer to them directly," he said on the issue of those who failed to get bank loans.

Selangor CNY Open House on February 5

BY AFIX REDZUAN

SHAH ALAM - The Selangor Government will organise a State Open House event in conjunction with the 2017 Chinese New Year on February 5.

The event will be from 7.00 pm

until 10.30 pm and will be held at the Kompleks Sukan Pandamaran, Klang carpark area.

The celebration is jointly organised by Investment, Small & Medium Industries, Trade and Transport Exco Dato' Teng Chang Khim and Invest Selangor Ber-

had.

The ceremony will be officiated by Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali who is expected to arrive at 8.15pm; and will be attended by Selangor exco, department heads, embassy representatives and Selangor citi-

zens.

According to Teng, the celebration aims to promote mutual understanding in a society made up of various races and religions.

"Expected guests on that night are about 10,000 people.

"The public is welcomed to at-

tend to add cheer and liven up the event," he said.

Among programmes lined-up for are traditional 'ang pow' distribution to children aged below 12 years, cultural performances and dinner.



Free garbage collection for Chinese New Year

SHAH ALAM - The Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) will be collecting garbage for free at residential areas in conjunction with Chinese New Year.

Corporate Communications and Strategic Management Officer Azfarizal Abdul Rashid said the service will be implemented at all areas under the jurisdiction of the MPSJ, beginning from January 17 till January 26.

"MPSJ remains committed in preparing and offering the best services to the community, especially residents within our jurisdiction.

"This free service, unfortunately, is not prepared for multi-storey residences like flats, apartments and condominiums," he said in a statement.

He added that residents were advised to collect and place bulk garbage in front of their houses in the stated period to enable MPSJ contractors to collect them in stages.

"To ensure that the bulk garbage collection runs smoothly, Resident Committees or Residents Associations can also apply according to areas.

"They can call MPSJ at 03-80267433/4363/7431 and inform us of the details of the applicants and collection locations," he said.

Azfarizal said the service will only be implemented according to the set period and MPSJ will not provide such bulk garbage collection service after the period has ended.

Chinese New Year Jom Shopping cheer

BATU CAVES - Chinese New Year celebrations this year is more meaningful for 400 Gombak Setia Constituency Jom Shopping coupon voucher recipients.

The Jom Shopping Gombak Setia programme was organised at Giant Supermarket in Batu Caves, which provides a comfortable space for the families to shop.

Gombak Setia Assemblyman Hasbullah Mohd Ridzwan said the State Government was always concerned about the welfare of Selangor citizens, especially during festive seasons.

"The programme also provides a chance for me to do good to the elderly, besides taking photos with participants who will be celebrating Chinese New Year.

"This is an opportunity for me to get closer to the elderly and poor, besides reducing racial disparities," he said.

One of the recipients, Kong Tuck Wah, 61, welcomed the festive vouchers distribution as it reduced the burden on the elderly in preparing for Chinese New Year celebrations.

"I am very grateful to YB Hasbullah for

being together with the Chinese community and giving out the Jom Shopping coupons. At least, this reduces the financial burden ahead of the Chinese New Year celebrations," he said.

Hasbullah also took the opportunity to wish the entire Chinese community a Happy Chinese New Year; and invited them to a Chinese New Year dinner event in conjunction with the Gombak Setia Constituency New Year Celebrations, at Pasar Moden Taman Sri Gombak on February 10.

Early CNY cheer for Selat Klang Chinese community

SELAT KLANG - A total of 400 coupons were distributed by Selat Klang State Assemblyman Dr Halimah Ali to the Chinese community in conjunction with the Chinese New Year Jom Shopping programme.

Halimah said the programme targets those from the Chinese community who are less fortunate and with low income.

"The first batch of coupons was distributed to residents in Pulau Ketam, Sungai Lima and Bagan Halim.

"We also provided bus services to facilitate recipients to collect the coupons," she said in a statement.

The coupons were distributed in Eco Mart Supermarket, Jalan Yadi on January 18.

Halimah said this was an initiative, and assistance to the Chinese community in preparing for the Chinese New Year at the end of January.

The Jom Shopping programme is an extension of Skim Mesra Usia Emas (SMUE) launched in June 2008.





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SELANGOR



BY TOURISM SELANGOR

Although known for its modernity, Selangor has many hidden tourist attractions throughout the state. Previously known as 'The Sleeping Hollow', the district of Hulu Selangor is the ideal spot for those who would like to get close to nature. Whether indulging in a bit of bird watching, paragliding over gorgeous scenery, tubing with friends, feeding schools of carp fish in clear waters or having a quiet day next to lush greenery, fun awaits at Hulu Selangor.

A day in Hulu Selangor

1 Birding in Kuala Selangor

Hulu Langat's rainforest and streams are home to many forest birds. Established in 1987, the Kuala Selangor Nature Park is managed by the Malaysian Nature Society for the Selangor State Government. The park is home to approximately 156 resident and migratory birds, with 98 resident species. With binoculars at hand, visitors have the opportunity to sight species such as Ruddy Kingfisher, Grey Heron, Great Tit, and Mangrove Blue Flycatcher. The watch towers also offer glimpses of birds and wildlife for both birdwatchers and nature lovers alike.

2 Paragliding in Bukit Jugra

Once an extreme sport, these days paragliding is a reasonably safe sport with breathtaking rewards for those who dare. Located just outside of Klang, Bukit Jugra marks the spot where paragliders have the chance to have an exhilarating experience – a bird's eye view, the sun on your face and wind in your hair, far away from land. Capture the special moment with a GoPro camera and keep memories close to the heart.

3 Chilling with carp fish

The Sungai Chiling Fish Sanctuary, 14 kilometres from Kuala Kubu Bharu, is the one and only fish conservation centre

in Selangor. Open to public every Friday to Sunday, it is operated by the Selangor State Fisheries in cooperation with the Forestry Department. Thanks to its clear, unpolluted waters, the river was chosen as the spot for the fish sanctuary and is home to schools of carp fish or 'ikan kelah'. Also known for its waterfalls, the adventurous track crosses five rivers and rewards gives outdoor enthusiasts a chance to take in the scenery, cool off at the waterfalls and feed the fish.

4 Tubing down the river

Also in KKB, thrill seekers have their chance to get their adrenaline pumping with white water rafting. For those looking

for a more relaxing water activity, tubing is one to do, especially in the company of friends. Riding on the top of an inner tube, no paddles are needed. The fun-filled water ride is one to with the flow, where tubing is faster when the current is strong.

5 Rest and relax

At the peak of Fraser Hill stands the Sri Berkat Rest House, a Scottish type rest house that is suitable to have a break after outdoor activities in KKB. Located amidst greenery and cool breeze, the resort is surrounded by mountains and scrub forests. It is the ideal spot to stay when discovering the town of Hulu Selangor and to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life.



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Selangor Tourism flies high with Firefly



BY **ERMIZI MUHAMAD**

SUBANG JAYA - For the first time ever, tourist attractions in Selangor will be on display on an aircraft owned by Firefly Airlines in 2017.

Tourism, Environment, Green Technology and Consumer Affairs Exco Elizabeth Wong said that the commitment is a new way to promote tourism in Selangor.

She said the initiative is taken through the Tourism Selangor and Firefly Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing at the Subang Skypark Airport on January 19.

"This initiative is a joint effort between the State Government and Tourism Selangor to increase the number of domestic and international tourists to Selangor.

"I believe this is the beginning of

many more opportunities for Selangor to form bigger cooperations to introduce Selangor to outside communities," she said.

The MOU Signing Ceremony was also witnessed by Firefly Executive Director Ignatius Ong and Tourism Selangor General Manager Noorul Ashikin Mohd Din.

With the MOU, Selangor leads in terms of state tourism product marketing by advertising via air transportation.

Meanwhile, two aircrafts on the Singapore – Subang Jaya route are used for this promotion.

The images of the aircraft bodies show the beauty of the state's tourism products such as Sekinchan, Klang, Shah Alam and Carey Island.

Not only that, but posters are also supplied onboard the aircrafts to provide more information to passengers regarding the state's tourism industry.

MOOD exhibits Selangor's cultural openness

SHAH ALAM - The management of Surau Al-Syakirin in Bandar Utama, with the cooperation of Hidayah Centre Foundation, recently invited all non-Muslim communities to jointly participate in the Mosque Open Day (MOOD) programme, an initiative that reflects culture openness in Selangor.

Supporting the effort is Tourism, Environment, Green Technology and Consumer Affairs Exco Elizabeth Wong, who said that such programmes should be organised throughout the state.

She said it is believed this move will foster closer kinship among citizens in the state, regardless of religion and race.

"This is a very good programme considering that the surau has been opened for the last 20 years, and this is the first time it is opened to non-Muslim communities.

"This should be done by all mosques and suraus in the state, to provide opportunities to non-Muslims to ask questions and get better understanding of the religion.

"These programmes reflect the openness of culture in Selangor, where citizens live peacefully and respect others' religions," she said.

Among the activities in the programme were knowledge



sharing with Muslim converts and "How Do I Look In Hijab" photo-booth.

There was also a health-check service conducted by Segi University & College and Tropicana Medical Centre.

Meanwhile, Programme Director Jamaludin Shamsudin said the objective was to enable non-Muslims to understand the mosque as a centre for local community development activities.

"We are not asking, and are far from forcing anyone to convert to Islam. What we are doing is just to convey that Islam brings blessings for all, that it is a universal religion with universal values, and possibly deflect the prejudice and suspicion of the religion," he said.

Selangor Fruit Valley to boost agro-tourism industry

KEPONG - Selangor Fruit Valley (SFV), which shut its operations for a revamp, will be officially reopened in February.

Infrastructure, Public Amenities and Agro-based Industry Exco Zaidy Abdul Talib said the reopening will boost economic growth and the state's agro-tourism industry for 2017.

"When it is opened this February, SFV will have a processing area for kelulut honey that is being produced by young agricultural entrepreneurs trained under the Agrogems programme.

"Visitors can take the opportunity to taste the sweetness and uniqueness of the kelulut honey that is produced by local entrepreneurs," he said.

SelangorKini was informed that SFV will

be launched by Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali at the end of this February.

SFV is known by locals as a fruit farm located in Rawang and is the largest centre for tropical fruits in Malaysia.

The 1,000 acre area had previously gained the attention of China in the area of economic cooperation in agriculture with Selangor.

It is the result of a proposal from a delegation from China that was given the opportunity to see for themselves the development of the state agriculture sector in SFV last August.

The SFV development is under the supervision of Selangor Agricultural Development Corporation.

SUBANG JAYA - "The State Government is targeting a huge increase of Singapore tourists for 2017," said Tourism, Environment, Green Technology and Consumer Affairs Exco Elizabeth Wong.

She is confident that the increase will be driven by Tourism Selangor's commitment in implementing various tourism programmes with the neighbouring country.

"We already have long-term plans with Singapore to attract more tourists from that country into Selangor.

"I am optimistic that it can be achieved after Selangor participated in the tourism conference

Selangor targets more Singaporean tourists

in Singapore, which was also attended by Tourism Selangor's General Manager.

"Coupled with the national currency's volatility, it is very favourable for Singaporeans to come to Selangor," she said.

She said that in her speech at the Tourism Selangor and Firefly Airlines Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signing Ceremony, held in Subang Skypark on January 19.

Wong had mentioned that

Singapore was recorded as the third highest number of tourists to Selangor in 2016.

In the same development, she said Selangor had received a total of 7.21 million tourists in 2016, and the number is expected to increase this year.

"2017 will witness the beginning of a more positive image in Selangor's tourism industry, with greater increase in the projected number of tourists," she said.

BY CELIA ALPHONSUS

A Reunion Dinner fit for an Emperor

The festive air is upon us again as red lanterns and lime trees swiftly replace Santa Claus and his reindeers in shopping malls. The Year of the Fire Rooster beckons and most Malaysian Chinese are busy making preparations for the celebration.

No matter which part of the world you live in, the hallmark of Chinese New Year celebrations is the Reunion Dinner. People from all corners of the globe will make the yearly exodus back to the family home where they will share an auspicious meal together to usher in the new lunar year. The dishes served usually symbolise an abundance of prosperity, wealth and happiness to be shared and enjoyed together.

Traditionally, the Reunion Dinner was held in the family home and prepared by the matriarch. However, as families grow larger, gathering at a good restaurant has become quite the norm. After all, the heart of this tradition is about family unity in ushering a new year filled with the hope of all good things for everyone.

The Emperor Chinese restaurant at Dorsett Grand Subang epitomises the significance of the Reunion Dinner in its Set Menu that is available from January 1 through to February 12, 2017. Ranging from RM1,188 nett to RM1,888 nett per table of 8 to 10 persons, the menu has been exquisitely prepared by their Chinese Master Chef and guaranteed to tantalise taste buds.

SelangorKini was fortunate enough to have sampled their Everlasting Prosperity set menu (RM1,888 nett) which featured an array of traditional must-haves with a twist like the Golden Crispy Roasted Spring Chicken with Prawn Crackers that was served perfectly roasted and crispy



on the outside but mouth-wateringly juicy and succulent on the inside. It takes pure talent to flavor a simple dish in a way that elevates it from the ordinary to a level that is fit for an Emperor, which is exactly what the Master Chef managed to do.

At first glance, half a spring chicken as your third course may seem slightly too heavy but trust us, you would probably be asking for another half when you are done picking its soft flesh off the bone.

Another highlight of the Everlasting Prosperity set menu is the Steamed Silver Cod Fish with Taiwanese Bean Curd and King Soya Sauce.

Again, The Emperor's Master Chef produced a dish that was so fragrant and delicate

in its flavour that it enhances the freshness of the silver cod without overwhelming its natural sweetness. The soft creamy Taiwanese Bean Curd at the base of the fish added subtle richness to the dish. Phonetically the sound for "fish" and "surplus" in Mandarin is identical hence why no Chinese New Year celebration is complete without a fish dish to symbolise abundance and surplus of prosperity for the year ahead.

The piece-de-resistance, however will have to be the uniquely paired Soft Shell Crab Yee Sang which turned out to be surprisingly delicious as the crunchy salty sweetness of the deep-fried crab blended well with the other ingredients. Guests can also choose to toss for success, prosperity, health and

all things auspicious with Jelly Fish Yee Sang, Salmon Yee Sang or Baby Abalone Yee Sang. Half portions are priced at RM68 nett to RM138 nett while full portions start from RM98 nett to RM258 nett.

The Emperor at Dorsett Grand Subang is a halal Chinese restaurant that brings the best of Chinese cuisine for all to enjoy. While the Spring Festival is significant to the Chinese community, other Malaysians are more than welcome to join in to celebrate family ties and toss for a prosperous year ahead for everyone.

For more information on the sets available and to make reservations, kindly contact +603 5031 6060 or email info.subang@dorsetthotels.com.



MPAJ collected 96% assessment taxes, 85% arrears



BY NAZLI IBRAHIM

AMPANG - The State Government's effort to provide assessment tax exemption for 2016 to low cost house owners and village houses is a contributing factor to the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council's (MPAJ) success in increasing its arrears collection to 85% in the same year.

MPAJ Yang Dipertua Abd Hamid Hussain said it was because

those with arrears did not need to settle their current assessment tax and could instead focus on settling their arrears instead.

"We do not have detailed analysis but when the State Government gave tax exemption, it could be a factor that encouraged the collection of arrears.

"In Ampang specifically there are many low cost houses, around 20,000 units," he said.

He said this when met by Se-

langorKini after the Antabranta bangsawan theatre production at the monthly MPAJ gathering organised by the MPAJ Town Planning Department on January 23.

In addition, MPAJ managed to collect 96% of assessment taxes for the same year.

Among the efforts conducted by MPAJ to increase collections include the establishment of a special taskforce to identify the

problems of late payers.

"We emphasise relationship with the public. The public knows us, what our role and duties are.

"Effort conducted by MPAJ include tracing them, trying to contact them, giving notice and when there are any license renewals, we also check if they have any arrears. If there are, we will advise them to settle the payments," he said.

Focus on solid waste collection issue

SHAH ALAM - "This year, the issue of waste collection in every local authority must be given priority," said Selangor State Secretary Dato' Mohd Amin Ahmad Ahya.

He said it is important to ensure the excellence of the State Government in addressing every problem and also the welfare of citizens.

"This issue which is personally monitored by Dato' Menteri Besar, has yet to show satisfactory improvement.

"In fact, there are still more complaints from citizens directly to him, on the mismanaged solid waste collection system.

"Therefore, this is a challenge which needs special at-

tention throughout 2017," he said.

He was speaking during the Monthly Assembly welcome speech at Bangunan Kerajaan Negeri (SUK) on January 16.

The ceremony was attended by Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali and over 2,000 civil servants.



Over 20,000 commuters enjoying free bus service

KUALA LANGAT - Over 20,000 commuters are benefitting from the Smart Selangor free bus services in Kuala Langat district since its launch in May 2016.

The Kuala Langat District Council (MDKL) Yang Dipertua Mohd Azhar Mohamed Ali said the number of commuters have increased to 24,782 since December 2016.

He said this increase is a posi-

tive sign, compared to 1,926 commuters when the service was first provided.

"The most significant increase was during October to November, with an increase to 13,306 commuters.

"This encouraging response shows the trust and confidence that the public has in the quality of Smart Selangor Bus service," he said.

Mohd Azhar said MDKL constantly monitors the service to ensure that it is in top condition to facilitate the public.

"Therefore, I urge the Kuala Langat community to continue to take advantage of the service provided.

"They will not only reduce traffic congestion but also save money," he said.

Selangor increases agricultural yield

SUNGAI BESAR - Selangor is targeting to achieve the highest agricultural production level yet again, similarly as in 2016 and 2015 at approximately 6.5 metric tonnes per season hectare.

Infrastructure, Public Amenities, Agricultural Modernisation and Agro-Based Industries Exco Zaidy Abdul Talib said the state is certainly at its highest level of production and efforts will be made to maintain that.

"The State Government will take several measures to ensure production level is maintained or increased in future.

"The only thing we are worried about is the spread of diseases such as the bacteria leaf blight (BLB) which will cause production

levels to plummet. Besides, the current extremely hot weather is conducive for BLB to spread, in addition to bad agricultural practices among farmers.

"Therefore, we hope the State Agricultural Department in particular, can come down to the field to give briefings in order to improve these agricultural practices and reduce BLB," he said to SelangorKini on January 11.

However, he said that so far, production is still at a commendable level and hopes it continues for the farmers' benefit.

"On average, our projection is still at 6.5 metric tonnes per season hectare but we can see certain areas achieving more, up to 10 to 12 metric tonnes," he said.



Selangor wants citizens to bring their own bags

BY AFIX REDZUAN

SELAYANG - The State Government does not intend to use the money paid by consumers for each plastic bag at retailers to prepare more alternative bags but wants to educate the public to bring their own bags.

Tourism, Environment, Green Technology and Consumer Affairs Exco Elizabeth Wong said that too many plastic bags are being used in daily life and the State Government does not want the total usage to increase in order to preserve the natural environment.

"The main objective of reducing the use of plastic bags is not to replace plastic bags but to educate the public to use their own bags.

"If we suggest replacing the



plastic bags with paper bags or such alternatives it will not achieve the objective," she said.

She said that the State Government is urging the public to bring their own bags to reduce the usage of plastic bags that have be-

come rampant.

She added that based on the feedback received, there is a positive reaction relating to the implementation of the plastic bag free campaign that began on January 1, 2017.

Plastic-free campaign should be expanded

SHAH ALAM: The plastic bag and polystyrene-free campaign should be enhanced among communities, to create awareness on protecting the environment.

Local Authority Selection Committee Chairman (JP-PBT) Dr Idris Ahmad said more proactive effort should be put in to achieve the campaign objectives.

He said the campaign, which began on January 1, is seen as beneficial towards preserving the environment. However, promotions on the campaign are not yet effective.

"It is a good initiative but the emphasis should not be merely on policy, public awareness is more important.

"We find public involvement in this programme is still lacking and we need to instil this awareness for the sake of preserving the environment," he said to Selangor-Kini.

He said from the briefings conducted on the matter, JP-PBT found that it has to be publicised more widely for the public to have a clearer and more accurate pic-

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DR IDRIS AHMAD
JP-PBT Chairman

ture.

He said participation from entrepreneurs needed to be increased to jointly reduce the usage of those materials.

"On the RM0.20 payment issue, collection from this payment is not given to the State Government but the purpose is more to educate the public on the importance of using alternatives to plastic.

"As such, we hope the public can be more conscientious by bringing alternative bags when going shopping," he said.

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Shah Alam's inaugural Car-Free Day a success

SHAH ALAM - Over 1,000 residents of Shah Alam joined the Shah Alam's inaugural Car-Free Day held on January 22.

Deputy Mayor Shukri Mohamad Hamin said the programme's purpose is to build a society that practices a healthy lifestyle, in addition to creating a better environment.

"The Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is happy that the programme has a place in the hearts of the people who have taken the time to attend and make it a success even though it is held so early in the morning.

"We hope many more will join this healthy lifestyle programme in the future," he said when officiating the start of Shah Alam Car-Free Day 2017 at Dataran Kemerdekaan.

Among the activities held during the programme were leisure cycling and walking.

Shukri said the programme will be held every second Sunday of the month.

"We will also prepare bicycle and roller blade equipment for rent to attract public participation," he said.

MB distributes oranges and calendars

BY AFIX REDZUAN

GOMBAK - Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali was spotted handing out 'ang pow' and mandarin oranges to shoppers at Taman Sri Gombak Market on January 24.

He arrived at the market at around 8.30 am and was greeted by surprised shoppers, who took the opportunity to greet him and take photographs with him.

In addition to handing out oranges, he also handed 500 bags containing calendars and greeting cards in conjunction with the Chinese New Year celebrations.

Also present to hand out gifts were Youth, Sports, Culture and Entrepreneur Development Exco Amirudin Shari and Gombak Setia Assemblyman Hasbullah Ridzuan.



Negative attitudes akin to throwing money away

SELAYANG - Residents of Selayang are urged to manage their garbage more systematically and efficiently with the Selayang Municipal Council (MPS).

Yang Dipertua Suliman Abdul Rahman said high garbage management cost can be saved with cooperation from residents.

He added that the money saved can be used for developments such as building or repairing facilities and basic infrastructure.

"MPS is spending 48% of its income to manage garbage that fail to be well managed at domestic level.

"If we all take care of cleanliness together and manage it well, then we can return the money to

the community in many forms which are more beneficial.

"Unfortunately, our current attitude seems to be allowing the 48% to be thrown away in vain," he said at the Thanksgiving Ceremony for the resolution of TNB Site and Pole Route Removal Issue recently.

Suliman said a community's negative attitude affects the local authority's spending.

"Even if we raise the assessment tax to increase income, it will be useless if the attitudes do not change.

"For example, we increase tax by RM10 but the cost to manage garbage also demands the same increase. Then, how are we going to develop and progress?" he said.

PJ residents receive 75,000 free rubbish bins



SHAH ALAM - As many as 75,000 orange plastic rubbish bins will be distributed to residents within the jurisdiction of the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) under the free bin programme this year.

MBPJ Waste Management Department Director Lee Lih Shyan

said the free rubbish bin programme is estimated to cost RM7 million.

"The 120-litre rubbish bin will only be distributed to landed property owners with Kampung Cempaka New Village being the first area to receive 400 rubbish bins.

"This effort is to maintain the cleanliness in MBPJ areas," he said in a statement.

Residents who receive the free bins need to bring a copy of the assessment tax and also IC that has the appropriate address.

Each residence will receive one rubbish bin.

Selangor Business School to begin mid-2017

SHAH ALAM - University of Selangor (UNISEL) expects its Selangor Business School (SBS) programme to begin mid-2017, located in Petaling Jaya.

Still in its final discussion stage, UNISEL Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohammad Redzuan Othman said that everything is running smoothly and encouragingly.

"We have identified a location for SBS in Petaling Jaya, but cannot announce it yet.

"The SBS is expected to start operations in the middle of 2017.



Prof Dr Mohammad Redzuan

At this early stage, we are making appointments, identifying the space, the field and so on," he said.

He said that when contacted by SelangorKini to elaborate on the current development of SBS.

In the first phase, UNISEL is planning to take in only 100 students.

This move comes as the professional and semi-professional programme requires qualified lecturers.

"Actually, we already have a

Faculty of Business and Accountancy in UNISEL with the most students.

"In other words, we already have a reputation in this field, only that SBS will focus more on post-graduate programmes.

"We cater to those who are interested and desire to continue their studies to a higher level," he said.

According to Mohammad Redzuan, SBS is established to fill the void for those who are interested to continue their studies but have

been rejected by certain parties.

"I'm sure SBS will be able to provide the space and platform for those who are interested.

"Our approach is that if there is a recognised degree, then they are eligible to join our programme," he said.

The Selangor Government has allocated RM5 million in its 2017 Budget to establish the Selangor Business School offering MBA studies and for it to become an extension of the programmes in UNISEL.

MSNS: RM14,250 incentive to SOPMA athletes

BY AFIX REDZUAN

SHAH ALAM - The Selangor State Sports Council (MSNS) has given incentive worth RM14,250 to the Selangor Deaf Sports Association for their excellent performance during the 19th Malaysia Deaf Games (SOPMA XIX) in Sarawak last year.

The incentive was given by MSNS Executive Director Zubir Idrus to athletes in bowling, discus, long jump and football in an afternoon event at the Selangor Youth and Culture Complex.

In the championship that took place in September, Selangor won four gold, three silver and four bronze medals, taking fourth overall position.



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At the same event, Zubir also announced that the Selangor Deaf Sports Association was now officially under MSNS.

Their application was accepted as an associate member and MSNS would help in terms of athlete preparation in future SOPMA competitions.



PKNS launches new jersey and bus

SHAH ALAM - After qualifying for the Super League 2017 season, PKNS FC has launched its new jersey and team bus at Laman PKNS, Seksyen 14, Shah Alam, on January 17.

Its President Siti Zubaidah Abdul Jabar said PKNS FC has allocated RM18 million to form the entire team for the season.

"Although the allocation this year increased compared to the previous year, we have to spend wisely as our nation's economy is unstable.

"We launched three new jerseys for players sponsored by KAPPA. Meanwhile, the cost of buying the new bus is RM600,000," she told SelangorKini.

Zubaidah said the cost of the bus ser-

vice is from last year's allocation, but due to delays it was launched this year.

"Actually PKNS FC's expenditure is not as costly as expected, the bus allocation is from the previous year but the bus delivery took time so we launched it this year.

"This year's budget does not guarantee victory if we do not have a strong spirit within the team. That is why we emphasise on teamwork to continue to achieve success in the Super League," she said.

Zubaidah said that players' welfare is the main priority especially being paid on time in addition to ensuring an adequate bonus for every player to ensure that the team's performance increases.

FAS 'penniless' yet able to buy new players

SHAH ALAM - Selangor Football Association's (FAS) act of buying several import players recently has been questioned especially when the issue of outstanding salary and bonuses for players remains unresolved.

Youth, Sports, Culture and Entrepreneur Development Exco Amirudin Shari said FAS should resolve the issue before starting anything else.

"We are consistent with our previous stand that they (FAS) have the necessary finances after selling several players to other teams to settle what is due.

"The issue now is that they (the players) should settle with FAS. FAS showed them they don't have funds. So they should meet with the state to request for some.

"But when it comes to buying new players and taking in import players, they can do it," he said after the launch of PKNS FC's 2017 Jersey and Bus at Laman PKNS, Shah Alam recently.

Commenting on the compensation paid to former Selangor coach, Zainal Abidin Hassan, Amirudin said he would refer the matter to Dato' Menteri Besar for further action.

"Regarding Zainal, there is still a year left in the contract, so I have to ask for the Menteri Besar's consent.

"Whatever the issue, to me, they should settle it with FAS, and it is the government's advice that they settle their debts before anything else," he said.

