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Investors confident of Selangor

BY LIZAWATI MADFA

GOMBAK - Selangor continues to be Malaysia's premier investment destination, judging from the billions of ringgit worth of foreign investments made last year.

Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said the state's sterling performance was due to the political

stability and the positive state economic growth driven by a clean and transparent state administration.

He said the investments included the major investment by Toyota in Klang worth RM2 billion, Rolls Royce's RM1 billion investment in Serendah and the newest investment by Japan worth RM1.2 billion in Kuala Langat.

"They did not choose Putrajaya or Johor but confidently selected Selangor. With these large investments, we are able to provide more job opportunities to locals.

That is why a transparent administration, free of corruption, will spur economic growth in the state for the benefit of the rakyat," he said during the Hari Raya Aidilfitri Persatuan Warga

Kariah Masjid Jamek Kampung Nakhoda event on July 22.

The Malaysian Investment Development Agency (MIDA) has continuously encouraged relations between businesses and foreign investors. MIDA revealed that Japan remains Malaysia's main source of direct investment in the manufacturing sector since 1980.

In the first eight months of

this year, as many as 36 manufacturing projects from Japan were approved with investments worth RM1.05 billion, which is expected to create an additional 1,280 job opportunities.

In 2015, a total of 2,602 Japanese manufacturing projects were implemented with investments of RM85 billion which created 342,837 job opportunities.

Prosperity and aid know no borders

TELUK INTAN - Selangor's prosperity is not only experienced by citizens of the state, but it also extends beyond its borders and is shared with those in need in other areas.

This can be clearly seen in the case of the Maahad Al Islah Religious Secondary School in Sungai Lampam, Perak that recently received a contribution from the Selangor Government after a fire broke out there.

The RM10,000 aid was given by Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali to the school assistant principal, Hassan Tengku Besar during the Jelajah Aidilfitri in Perak programme on July 21.

The cheque presentation ceremony was conducted before Friday prayers at Al Mansor Mosque, Sungai Lampam and was witnessed by school principal, Agus Lukman.

At the same time, Mohamed Azmin was taken on a tour to visit the girl students' dormitory building that was burnt on July 2.

In another ceremony, the State Government also presented RM22,000 in aid to 11 Volunteer Firefighter and Rescue Associations in the parliamentary constituencies of Bukit Gantang, Parit Buntar and Bagan Serai.

Mohamed Azmin said it was hoped that the aid could improve the associations' expertise in saving lives and public property in their respective areas.

"The State Government thanks these associations and understands that some of them have served for 20 years," he said during the presentation ceremony.

For the record, the State Government has been actively presenting humanitarian aid to victims of both domestic and foreign disasters.



MB's Silaturrahmi Eidul Fitr event a festive affair

SHAH ALAM - The Silaturrahmi Eidul Fitr event at the Dato' Menteri Besar's official residence was a festive and enjoyable affair, with many local leaders and citizens from all over the country attending the function on July 23.

The programme, organised by Menteri Besar Incorporated (MBI) began at 2pm and was attended by Pakatan Har-

pan (HARAPAN) Deputy President, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and several other leaders from the coalition's parties.

Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali and his wife, Datin Seri Shamshida Taharin, took the opportunity to mingle and entertain the guests at the event.

The guests, from different walks of life,

also took the chance to take photos with Dato' Menteri Besar at the event.

Showing off his lighter side, Dato' Menteri Besar managed to steal the limelight by showing off his musical talent by playing several musical instruments and was accompanied by other leaders, who serenaded the crowd with Hari Raya songs.

Renew leases 15 years in advance

LEASES on State Government's land can be renewed as early as 15 years before it expires.

Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said, that decision was made to ensure the land value remains high.

"The State Government allows owners

to renew the lease agreement far in advance compared to Barisan Nasional that only allowed renewal one year before expiry.

"By that time, the value of the land would have dropped to the extent that it cannot be mortgaged to the bank anymore," he said.

He was answering a verbal question posed by Dengkil Assemblyman, Shahrur Mohd Sharif on the second day of the Second Meeting of the Fifth Term of the 13th Selangor State Assembly session.

He said failure to renew the lease can cause owners to be fined and jailed.

BY AFIX REDZUAN

SHAH ALAM - Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali expressed his disappointment over the Court of Appeal's decision to reject the State Government's appeal regarding the motion to disclose the documents in the redelineation case between the Selangor Government and the Election Commission (EC).

He posted on his official Facebook account that he was very surprised with the senior federal counsel's admission at the Appeals Court that the data on locality and addresses of 136,722 voters in 1994 and 2003 was deleted and no longer existed.

"This is a very serious matter because such an official data and main reference in the redelineation process could be destroyed without a single copy.

"This data is important for Selangor voters to carry out their rights to verify the legiti-



macy of the current redelineation exercise," he said.

Appeals Court Judge, Datuk Setia Mohd Zawawi Salleh in his decision rejected the Selangor Government's motion to set aside the new redelineation process in the state.

The Kuala Lumpur High Court had earlier issued an injunction to the State Government to stop the EC from presenting the redelineation report to the prime minister.

The decision was made after taking in the State Government's assessment regarding Section 8 in the 13th Article of the Federal Constitution.

ings previously.

"Documents relating to the locality (codes) and locality (names) used in 1994 and 2003 were not included during the proceedings.

"They informed that they did not have any information and all related data regarding both locality information had been 'destroyed'.

"the issue is that this was not stated in any proceedings in court previously and this is very shocking to us," she told reporters at the Palace of Justice on July 20.

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The Kuala Lumpur



EC did not reveal info regarding data on locality Determining the next steps

PUTRAJAYA - The failure of the Election Commission (EC) to provide the documents and related data pertaining to the locality and previous redelineation has cast doubt on the credibility of the commission.

State Government Attorney, Datuk S Ambiga said the EC had not made any statement regarding the retention of the locality information throughout the entire legal proceed-

High Court had previously issued an injunction to the State Government to stop the EC from presenting the new redelineation report to the prime minister.

The decision was made after taking into consideration the State Government's assessment regarding Section 8 of the 13th Article of the Federal Constitution.

However, the EC claimed that the information regarding first time voters' registration locality data was 'destroyed' at the Federal level after a period of seven years.

"It is very suspicious because based on my understanding, any (government) document cannot be destroyed and I cannot accept their counter argument.

"If the act of document disposal is allowed, what about the rakyat's important information? It should not be destroyed because the information is the first time voters registered themselves.

"So, it isn't relevant because citizens' vital information is so easily destroyed," Ambiga said.

PUTRAJAYA - Further discussions between the State Government and lawyers will take place to identify any further steps following the Appeals Court decision on the redelineation process on July 20.

State Government Exco Elizabeth Wong said discussions also involved agreements with Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali.

"We will conduct an investigation. Discussions with lawyers will also take place to identify any further action," she said at the grounds of the Palace of Justice recently.

The Appeals Court had previously rejected the Selangor Government's motion to set aside the new redelineation process in the state.

The unanimous decision was made by a panel of three judges, Datuk Mohd Zawawi Salleh, Da-

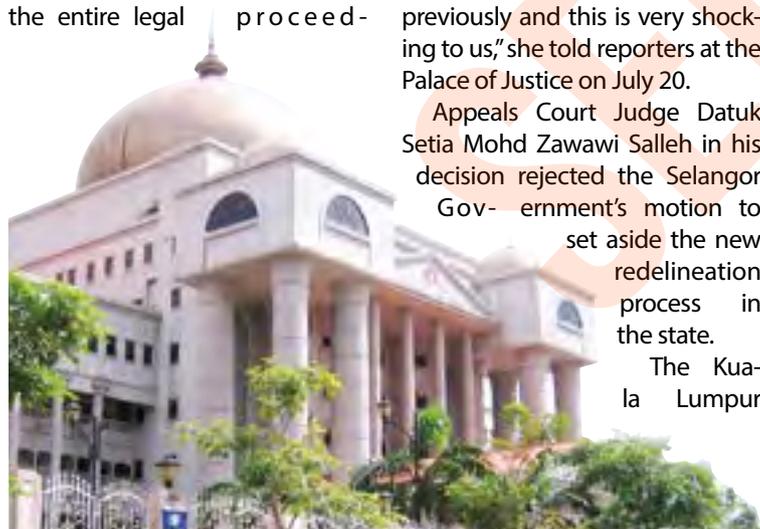
tuk Abdul Rahman Sebli and Datuk Kamardin Hashim.

The Election Commission (EC) in its arguments during the proceedings revealed that the commission did not possess the 1994 and 2003 voters' locality information, which it claimed 'was destroyed'.

However, Wong said the statement raised doubts about the commission's integrity.

"We at the State Government level have never destroyed any data or information and have kept the information just in case of any possibility arising in the future.

"Yet they have so easily destroyed the information, and I myself have never heard of government documents that can be destroyed within a period of seven years. It is very suspicious," she said.





HER ROYAL HIGHNESS TENGKU PERMAISURI SELANGOR, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin officiating the Majlis Tautan Kasih Aidilfitri Rumah Puteri Arafiah on July 24. Her Royal Highness was accompanied by Pertubuhan Kebajikan dan Amal Wanita Selangor (PEKWANIS) Patron, Datin Paduka Tengku Puteri Arafiah ibni Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and PEKAWANIS Chairwoman, Datin Seri Shamshida Taharin

Don't envy Selangor's success

BY **ERMIZI MUHAMAD**

SHAH ALAM - The State Government's success in implementing welfare policies involving the Peduli Sihat scheme has caused certain parties to become 'uneasy', said Health, Welfare, Women and Family Development Exco Dr Daroyah Alwi.

She said that the scheme's effectiveness has caused certain Federal Government leaders to issue baseless statements against the state administration.

"Don't envy the Selangor Government because we have gone the extra mile and implemented

this good healthcare scheme for the rakyat.

"When this scheme was successfully implemented, they brought up issues without referring to the State Government's real role in helping the Federal Government prepare the best healthcare services for the rakyat.

"For example, although the Peduli Sihat scheme is a new policy that is implemented only in Selangor with an allocation of RM125 million, and we can see how much the rakyat values it," she said when contacted by SelangorKini on July 21.

She was commenting on the allegations of Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin that assumed that the role to administrate the healthcare system and policy for citizens did not lie under the power of state governments.

Khaled reportedly said that the Federal Government was fully responsible for administrating the rakyat's healthcare system involving hospital and clinic facilities.

However, Dr Daroyah said Selangor came forward with the new initiative to create the Peduli Sihat scheme offering financial aid of RM500 for the healthcare needs of the rakyat.

"We implement smart partnerships with all clinics in Selangor without competing with private clinics. We establish co-operation to help the citizens of Selangor.

The Peduli Sihat scheme was introduced as a free healthcare service for 250,000 families involving a million Selangor citizens with a household income of RM3,000 and below.



RM2.5 million for strata property rights process

GOMBAK - The State Government remains committed in assisting the needs of suburban communities through the distribution of strata residential property rights process.

The initiative was implemented by Menteri Besar Incorporated (MBI) free of charge for 1,600 residential owners at Pinggiran Apartments.

MBI Head of Corporate Social Responsibility Mohd Jaafarruddin Md Ali said RM2.5 million funding was channelled to that need.

"MBI sponsors the entire cost to ensure the people's properties will be handed over.

"To date, RM2.1 million has been spent on legal fees and other legal costs with the rest involving the payment of appraisal surveyors," he said at a strata rights title distribution ceremony at the Medan Selera Pinggiran Complex.

He said the first phase distribution involved 30 locals with further processes taking

place from time to time.

"600 residents have submitted documents and those who have yet to submit the documents are advised to complete the details for distribution purposes.

"MBI's coordinator will ensure that all resident documents are complete to enable the smooth running of the programme," he said.

Meanwhile, JMB Coordinator of Pinggiran Apartments, Mohd Nordin Osman commended the commitment of the State Government administration.

"The placement has been around for a long time, about 26 years, but with the concern from Dato' Menteri Besar and MBI, it can be implemented effectively for the benefit of the people," he said.

MBI is a State Government-owned company that works to implement social responsibility in assisting the needs of the people in Selangor.

Religious education development not neglected

SHAH ALAM - The State Government rejects the allegation of Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin that the Selangor administration had failed to implement a consistent religious education development agenda.

Islamic Religious Affairs, Malay Customs and Heritage, Rural Development and Traditional Villages Exco Datuk Dr Ahmad Yunus Hairi said the commitment implemented covered the aspect of tahfiz and maahad tahfiz integration madrasah development throughout the state.

He said the focus also involved the need to improve the religious education and the rise of religious school teachers' salary.

"This is proven through the addition in total allocation in the 2017 Budget including an increase of allowance of up to

RM1,500 to religious teachers at state integrated schools.

"The increase involved allocation amounting to RM20 million depending on their years of service," he said when contacted by SelangorKini on July 21.

Khaled had previously claimed that only Johor was implementing education agenda through religious schools involving its citizens.

However, Ahmad Yunus said the state religious education development agenda being implemented comprehensively in Selangor exceeded that of the Federal Government.

"The allegations made by the Johor Menteri Besar is untrue. We in Selangor have hundreds of religious schools for Kelas Al-Quran Fardhu Ain (KAFA), Integrated Primary Schools in 11 districts and four State Integrated Maahad Tahfiz.

BY NAZLI IBRAHIM

SHAH ALAM - United Kingdom (UK) Members of Parliament were impressed when they learnt that the Selangor State Assembly allocated the Public Accounting Committee Chairman's position to an opposition elected official.

Assembly Speaker Hannah Yeoh said the surprise was related to her by four UK MPs who visited the assembly today.

"They met me before the assembly began to inquire about the assembly's reformation and the difference between practices here compared with the Parliament and other state assemblies.

"They were surprised to see how Selangor is conducting reforms including creating the PAC that must be helmed by the opposition and other benefits," she told SelangorKini at the Annex Building recently.

At the same time, Yeoh said

UK MPs impressed by Selangor Assembly

the Assembly has received many visitors from developed nations including Commonwealth countries who come to see for themselves how democracy is practised here.

"We have good relations with the British High Commissioner and other commissions and arrange regular dialogues and exchange of ideas.

"Therefore, they feel the need to see how different the assembly is conducted for themselves," she said

The four UK MPs who visited the assembly were Sir David Amess, Chris Leslie, Baroness Northover and RT Hon John Whittingdale.



Stop politicising SPLASH issue

SHAH ALAM - The State Government has requested that the concession takeover involving Syarikat Pengeluar Air Sungai Selangor Sdn Bhd (SPLASH) to be not politicised by the opposition in Selangor.

Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said the opposition was advised to not repeat the allegations of Tanjung Karang MP who blamed the State Government for disagreeing with the Federal Government's suggestion.

Instead, he stated that the State Government would not agree to the Federal Govern-

ment's suggestion to increase the water tariff in Klang Valley.

In addition, Mohamed Azmin informed that the suggested ratio of 60:\$0 for the SPLASH takeover was also rejected as the real value of the takeover has not been informed to the State Government.

"We still do not know the SPLASH takeover value from an the Federal Government's independent evaluator, so how can we agree? This is a transparent process, and the true worth has not been stated. Why do you believe Tan-

jung Karang's words that we know its true value?

"The allegation is baseless. When the value is stated, the State Government will bring the suggested value to the State Executive Council for consideration," he said at the State Assembly when answering an additional question from Permatang Assemblyman Dato' Sulaiman Razak.

At the same time, Mohamed Azmin said the State Government is still waiting for feedback from the Cabinet regarding the total value of the takeover from the independent assessor appointed by the Federal Government.

"In my meeting with the Treasury Secretary on July 18, I brought the matter up and he assured me that it would be discussed with the Finance Minister," he said.

The Federal Government had earlier decided to extend the decision of the takeover to a period of six months ending this October 5 after appointing an independent assessor.

On March 30, Mohamed Azmin informed that the late-

ness in settling the takeover of assets and management has asserted financial pressure on Air Selangor in view of operational costs such as Bulk Supply Rate (BSR), Fixed Monthly Payments (FMP) would continue to be charged by SPLASH.

"The total increases every

month. Up till December 31, 2016, the total amount for BSR and FMP increased to RM 3.7 billion.

"However, Air Selangor will ensure that the finances are managed well to assure consumers and not burden the rakyat," he said.

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MB's mother-in-law passes away

SHAH ALAM - Dato' Menteri Besar Selangor, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali's mother-in-law, Siti Rahmah Ismail has passed away at 4.25pm at Hospital Gleneagles, Ampang, on July 25.

His political secretary, Shuhaimi Shafiei said the remains of Siti Rahmah, 79, was brought to Darul Ehsan Mosque, Taman

TAR, Ampang, at around 6pm for burial.

"Funeral prayers were conducted at the mosque after Isyak prayers, before the mother of Datin Seri Shamshida Taharin was buried at the Kampung Klang Gate Muslim Cemetery, Hulu Kelang.

"We pray that Allahyarham will be blessed, be given the

blessings of Allah SWT and receive husnul khatimah and be welcomed into the eternal heavens," he said in a media statement.

On February 18, Mohamed Azmin's mother, Che Tom Yahaya, 82, passed away after a stroke and was also buried at Kampung Klang Gate Muslim Cemetery.



BN's abandoned project resolved

KUALA SELANGOR - The State Government, through the Selangor Housing and Property Board (LPHS), has successfully solved the problem of the abandoned housing project in Taman Sungai Yu Indah at Kampung Sungai Yu.

Senior Secretary to Housing, Building Management and Urban Settlement Exco, Kamaruzaman Ahmad Nor said emphasis will now be given to the redevelopment in order to fulfil the needs of the buyers and the project takeover and appointment of a new developer.

"The takeover process will take some time as the Permodalan Negeri Selangor Berhad (PNSB) subsidiary is forced to cancel

the original agreement with the previous developer and there are several court cases that has to be settled before we are able to appoint a new developer.

"Currently, the project can continue and phase one with 107 units is expect to be completed by September," he told SelangorKini recently.

The housing project undertaken by the PNSB subsidiary since 15 years ago is an abandoned project resolved by the State Government since taking over the state administration in 2008.

The housing project has 499 units, most of which are low cost houses and the next phase will begin after the completion of the first phase.

He said the State Government is willing to assist original house buyers and they are asked to cooperate so that all buyer-related problems can be resolved immediately.

He added that 107 house buyers were asked to come to the area between August 1 and August 15 for that reason.

"The State Government, LPHS and the developer will help reregister them because the majority of the owners failed to secure loans from financial institutions, and as such we will begin the process again.

"We only want original owners because the units are not offered to new buyers and they can make the choice whether to continue or to cancel," he said.

He said that they were trying to track down the buyers through the Kuala Selangor District Council media channels.



Beware of rabies

SHAH ALAM - Citizens Selangor are reminded to be careful and advised to seek immediate treatment at nearby clinics and hospitals if bitten by dogs or cats.

Health, Welfare, Women and Family Development Exco Dr Daroyah Alwi said although Selangor was infection free for now, the issue has raised concerns among the general public.

She said that individuals would run the risk of being infected with rabies if they were bitten or scratched by infected animals.

"Individuals who are bitten by dogs or cats should seek immediate treatment at nearby clinics or hospitals although they live outside the rabies infection area.

"The outbreak is frightening and has caused public

concern. I urge the public to be more careful," she told SelangorKini when met at the Invest Selangor Open House at the Shah Alam Convention Centre on 19 July.

Dr Daroyah said pet owners are urged to ensure that their pets are healthy and free of any infection.

In addition, parents must ensure and control their children's movements outside the house, and local authorities must take stern action and monitor wild dogs that roam around in their respective areas.

"The public, however, is advised not to panic over this issue," she said.

Perak Veterinary Services Department Director, Dr Fuziah Muhayat previously said the risk of rabies infection did not only involve dogs.

Sabak Bernam records 100% HIJRAH collection

SHAH ALAM - Sabak Bernam and Sungai Besar District recorded a perfect 100% collection on Hijrah Selangor (HIJRAH) return payments for the middle term of this year.

HIJRAH Foundation Executive Chairman, Datuk Dr Mansor Othman said the zone under both areas successfully collected all payments according to schedule.

"There are several zones that were able to collect 100% return

payments and this is a very good performance.

"In fact, the performance of this zone is very good compared to zones in urban areas," he told SelangorKini recently.

At the same time, he said that the foundation was conducting monitoring efforts to identify causes related to late return payments involving participants from urban areas.

HIJRAH is a new welfare policy

that was implemented under the People-centric Initiative and is in its second year of operation.

The programme has helped over 38,000 participants through business capital aid totalling RM232 million.

HIJRAH was initially launched under the Research Action Project by Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali as an initiative to spur the economic income of the middle class.



8 million Bas Smart Selangor riders since 2015

BY LIZAWATI MADFA

KLANG - Over 8.8 million passengers have enjoyed the benefits of the implementation of the free Bas Smart Selangor service since it entered operation on July 1, 2015 till June 30 this year.

Investment, Small & Medium Industries, Trade & Transport Exco Dato' Teng Chang Khim said that within the first six months of operation in 2015 in three local municipalities, the service recorded 546,000 passengers.

The total increased in 2016 after the service expanded to all 11 municipalities with a record-

ed 4.1 million passengers.

"It is exciting news that the free service has managed to record a high figure of 4.1 million passengers from the start of this year till June 30.

"With the addition of 16 new routes and 46 new buses, we expect of achieving at least eight million passengers by the end of this year," he said at the MPK Bas Smart Selangor Launch on July 18.

As of December 31, 2016, the Bas Smart Selangor service operated with 52 buses plying 14 routes in 11 municipalities with an operational cost totalling

RM14.8 million.

Beginning this August, the free bus service will offer 98 buses with 30 routes to be enjoyed by all citizens in 11 municipalities.



Smart network for user convenience

KLANG - The Bas Smart Selangor routes available are not only for carrying passengers but were chosen carefully to build the best public transport network in the state.

Investment, Small & Medium Industries, Trade & Transport Exco Dato' Teng Chang Khim said every route was

picked taking into consideration several criteria including public centres such as town centres, shopping malls and schools.

"We want Bas Smart Selangor routes to connect as close as possible to the existing MRT, LRT and KTM networks.

"If there is none, then we

want it to connect to other Bas Smart Selangor routes so that a smart network is built.

"It will help the movement of those who use public transport to reach their respective destinations," he said after officiating the MPK Bas Smart Selangor New Route Launch on July 18.



No serious complaints about bus service

KLANG - The Smart Selangor Free Bus has not received any serious complaints after two years of operation.

Investment, Small & Medium Industries, Trade & Transport Exco Dato' Teng Chang Khim said nevertheless he did receive some minor complaints that had been quickly resolved.

He said there were complaints of non-compliance to bus schedules, congestion due to accidents, lateness and other minor matters.

"We do receive complaints but we categorise them as minor and trivial matters.

"We managed to resolve everything to the satisfaction of

Smart Selangor Bus passengers," he said during a media conference.

He was attending the MPK Launching of the Smart Selangor New Bus Route on July 18.

Teng said he had also received requests to increase the frequency of buses in rural areas, which however, cannot be fulfilled at the moment.

"In some areas, we do have the frequency of two-hour intervals due to fewer passengers compared to areas in the city.

"If we added frequency but there are no passengers, we will incur losses as the cost is quite high at RM800 a day for each bus," he said.

Shah Alam gets 2 new Bas Smart Selangor routes

SHAH ALAM - Two new routes for the Bas Smart Selangor service in the Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) administration area have been set up since July 1.

Head of Corporate and Public Relations Division, Shahrin Ahmad said that with the addition, MBSA now has five routes, compared to just three previously.

He said the service will be available as early as 6am and ended at 10pm daily.

"The target passengers for this bus services are the low-income group, senior citizens, students, industry workers and

government employees.

"MBSA hopes to encourage the use and enhancement of the public transport system around Shah Alam, as well as making the journey for road users smoother," he told SelangorKini.

The new additional routes for Route 4 go through a couple of sections such as Section 7, Section 16 and Section 17, covering 20 km.

It starts in front of Section 17 Bus Stop and go through places like Ken Rimba Section 16, Section 16 Market, Padang Jawa Commuter Section 17, Jakel,

Section 7, i-City Section 7, and Shah Alam Hospital Section 7.

Meanwhile, Route 5 go through Section 13, Section U1, U2, Section U6 and Section U8 with a distance of 34 km.

It starts at Section 13 Bus Stop and go through areas such as Politeknik Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Section U1, Royal Malaysian Police SMS Complex (PDRM) Section U2, Complex Space U8 Section U8, D'Bayu Section U8, Plaza Jelutong Section U8 and Management and Science University (MSU) Section 13.

13,484 affordable houses by 2020



BY SYAZWANI SUFIAN

Selangor State Development Corporation, better known by its Malay acronym of PKNS, has become one of the largest and most effective development agencies when compared to other state development corporations.

PKNS sets the targets to implement government policies especially new economic policies, specifically in the areas of housing, new township development, industrial development, business activities and local authority.

As such, PKNS will implement more systematic development planning through hands on mon-

itoring and the setting of Key Performance Index that will be reviewed from time to time.

PKNS Chief Executive, Noraida Mohd Yusof said the affordable housing construction activities has become PKNS's main agenda with a target of building 13,484 such units by the year 2020.

Since its establishment in 1964, PKNS has successfully built 159,956 various residential units with 62% or 99,351 units being low or medium cost projects.

She said that as many as 60,605 other units or 38% were high cost projects. In line with the State Government's main agenda of ensuring the rakyat owns a home, PKNS also focuses on the development of affordable

housing, also known as Rumah Selangorku.

"To this day, PKNS has completed 1,675 units at Bukit Botak Selayang, Bandar Baru Bangi and Antara Gapi with 278 more units targeted for buyers this year," she said.

12 property projects for 2017

This year, PKNS continues to blaze ahead with confidence when setting its target to launch 1,157 property units through 12 new projects.

Noraida said this year PKNS has set aside RM1.8 billion in financial allocation for the implementation of all the development plans. She said a total of RM997.7 million, more than half of the total allocation, would be for development ex-

penditure, while RM327 million of 18% is for operational expenses and RM540.3 million or 29% is for other expenses.

"PKNS targets an operational income of RM886.7 million, which is a 20% increase compared to the 2016 Budget study," she said.

She added that the projects involved were made of various types of property including apartments, terrace houses, link houses, cluster houses, semi-detached houses, town houses and office shoplots priced between RM180,000 and RM1.9 million.

"This new project is located in 8 different locations including Kota Damansara, Rasa, Kota Puteri, Bernam Jaya, Antara Gapi, Shah Alam, Kuala Selangor and Selangor Cyber Valley," she said.

PKNS CSR project - affordable housing

PKNS continues to implement affordable housing construction

projects through profits generated from economic and high value projects.

Noraida said this would directly contribute to the implementation of PKNS' corporate social responsibility programme.

"The subsidy cost borne by PKNS is between RM20,000 and RM30,000 for a single affordable housing unit.

"The cross subsidy element is the result of profits from PKNS high value projects developed to sustain our social project," she said.

In addition, PKNS has introduced the Smart Ownership programme with discount offers of up to 12% to both bumiputera and non-bumiputera buyers this year.

"Through the 1st Ownership Scheme, first time PKNS property buyers are offered a 10% discount, while through the PKNS Loyalty Scheme, which is for





second or more property owners, we offer a 12% discount.

"Through these two schemes, buyers are offered zero down-payments and PKNS will bear the cost of the sales and purchase agreements and the memorandum of transfer for selected projects," she said.

PKNS adopts Green Building Index

PKNS became the pioneer in Shah Alam by using the green and environmentally friendly concept, thereby supporting sustainable development using effective use of energy through the Green Building Index.

Noraida said the concept was used at their new headquarters,

Laman PKNS.

"PKNS now operates from its new headquarters, Laman PKNS which is Green Building Index compliant.

"In addition, a bus stop equipped with air conditioners powered by solar power – the very first of its kind in the world – will be built in front of the building," she added.

Noraida said PKNS would be launching its new corporate office on August 1 in conjunction with PKNS' 53rd anniversary.

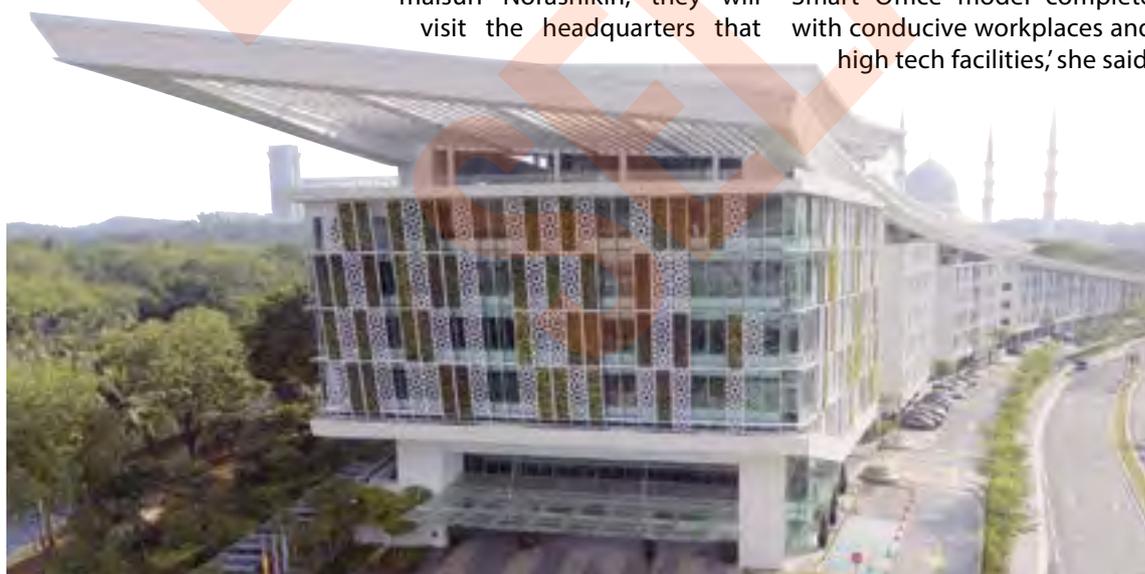
"His Royal Highness, the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, will be the guest of honour and officiate the launch. Together with Her Royal Highness, the Selangor Tengku Permaisuri, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin, they will visit the headquarters that

has won the Platinum Design Assessment of Green Building Index Award.

"The headquarters has a unique design that emphasises on green construction aspects with the low energy use rate and a practical watershed system.

"In addition, the design of Laman PKNS revolves around the concept of a 'green roof' – where the roof of the building is planted with special grass that has a low supervisory rate, specially chosen for the roof and able to produce cool air.

"In addition, solar tubes used on the roof are capable of generating 10% of the entire conventional air conditioning system. Laman PKNS serves as a Smart Office model complete with conducive workplaces and high tech facilities," she said.



Affordable luxury homes by Worldwide Holdings

SHAH ALAM - Property developer Worldwide Holdings Berhad is offering Easy Ownership Scheme for Cendana houses in Puncak Bestari 1 with a deposit of only RM5,000.

Worldwide Holdings Project Head Noor Azmi Ali said potential home buyers will enjoy a special new package including a 7% bumiputera discount as well as sales and purchase agreement and memorandum of transfer at no cost.

He said the properties at Puncak Bestari 1 offers the concept of luxury homes with attractive surrounding and strategic location.

"The project involves 124-acres of land where almost 70% of the houses are sold.

"Puncak Bestari is a strategic and potential location with main access facilities and it is close to a major hypermarket, a higher education institute and a recreational centre," he said.

Noor Azmi said the project offers four house categories with exclusive and modern design features.

He said, the four categories are Cendana (double-storey terrace), Cengal (double-storey semi-detached house), Belian (double-storey bungalow) and Jati (commercial lot), which are fully completed with Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC).

"There are 208 units of Cendana, ranging between 2,290 to 2,338 sq ft in size with four bedrooms and four bathrooms.

"Meanwhile, there are 48 units of Cengal which is 2,345 sq ft, 40 units of Belian with 2,545 sqft and 34 units of Jati," he said.

He added that they were in the process of developing the first phase of the Puncak Bestari 2 housing project.

"The public has the opportunity to get initial information on the prospect of owning a property in Puncak Bestari 2," he said.



Consumer Price Index up 3.6%

BY MOHD EZLI MASHUT

KUALA LUMPUR - The Malaysian inflation rate that is measured using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased at 3.6% on a-year-to-year basis in June 2017.

The National Statistics Department issued a statement saying the index of transport group showed a significant increase of 10.5% on a year-on-year basis in June 2017, after rising 13.1% in May.

According to the statistics, among the major groups which recorded increases were the indices for Transport (+10.5%), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+4.3%), Recreation Ser-

vices & Culture (+3.0%), Health (+2.6%), Restaurants and Hotels (+2.5%) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.2%).

The average price of 1 litre of RON95 petrol was RM2.00 in June 2017 compared to RM1.70 in June 2016. As for RON97, the average price increased to RM2.27 in June 2017 compared to RM2.05 in June 2016. Fuels & lubricants for personal transport equipment accounted for 7.8% the CPI weights.

Also, the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages which accounted 30.2% in the CPI weights, increased 4.3% in June. The increase was fuelled by food sub-group which com-

prised of Oils and Fats (+39.4%), Fish & Seafood (+7.2%), Meat (+4.2%), Fruits (+3.7%) and Vegetables (+1.8%).

The department added that the increase in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was reflected in most states in Malaysia especially those in highly urbanised states such as the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Selangor, Penang, Johor and Melaka.

The CPI for the first six months of the year registered an increase of 4.1% as compared to the same period last year. The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was the main contributor to the CPI rise, registering an increase of 4.2%.

Take care of MRT facilities

KUALA LUMPUR - The Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) has categorised the actions of a mother who suspended her baby's hammock on the public transport as dangerous.

The MRT in a statement also advised all passengers to always prioritise safety whenever using the service and not to vandalise the existing facilities.

The statement said that any individual or group caught committing vandalism to public facilities, especially at MRT stations, could be charged under the Local Government Act (Vandalism By-law



1991).

In fact, vandals can also be fined RM2,000 or jailed no more than a year if found guilty, according to BERNAMA.

The statement was issued after a shocked passenger shared photos of a woman sitting near a baby hammock hanging inside an MRT train.

3.3 million non-Malaysian nationals

SHAH ALAM - The National Statistics Department reported that the population of Malaysia is estimated to be at 32.0 million, with 28.7 million nationals and 3.3 million non-nationals, this year.

Males still dominate females with a gender ratio for 2016 and 2017 remaining at 107 males for every 100 females.

The gender ratio for nationals to non-nationals remained

the same at 102 and 157 respectively for the same period.

In terms of ethnicity, Bumiputeras recorded an increase of 0.2% compared to 2016, at 68.8% of the total national residents.

However, Chinese recorded a drop of 0.2% to 23.2%, meanwhile Indian and other ethnicities remained unchanged at 7.0% and 1.0%, compared to 2016.



Maria Chin case set for October 11

PUTRAJAYA - The Federal Court has set October 11 as the hearing date to decide on whether the government's motion of appeal challenging the court decision to set aside charges against Bersih 2.0 Chairwoman Maria Chin Abdullah will be heard.

Shahid Adly, acting as Maria's lawyer, along with M Puravalen said the decision was made by a panel of five judges led by Chief Justice Tan Sri Md Raus Sharif.

"The Federal Court does not have the power to listen to this appeal because it originates from

the Sessions Court.

"When the time comes, it will be more about whether the hearing can be heard at the Sessions Court or the High Court," they said.

On September 7, 2016, the Appeals Court dismissed charges against Maria for failing to notify the police before organising a gathering in August 2015.

A panel of three judges led by judge Datuk Tengku Maimun Tuan Mat decided then that there was merit to allow her appeal to set aside the High Court ruling that did not dismiss the charges.



Selangor reserve to reach RM5 billion by 2020

BY NAZLI IBRAHIM

SHAH ALAM - Selangor's financial reserve is estimated to reach RM5 billion even before 2020, said former Bank Negara Malaysia Deputy Director Dr Rosli Yaakob.

He also estimated that the State Government's reserve could reach up to RM4.7 billion in 2018, based on the performance and capabilities of the administration.

"In or before 2020, Selangor's reserve should breach RM5 billion, with RM4.5 billion being achieved this year. It is forecast to reach RM4.8 billion next year, so there is another year then to build the economy and to add to the reserve.

"Therefore it's highly probable that Selangor's reserves could reach RM5 billion on 2020. In fact it might be achieved sooner, perhaps in 2019," he said when contacted by Selan-

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gorKini on July 19.

He said the efficient financial management is the main factor that enables the State Government to add to its reserve.

He said good financial administration and the adoption of open tenders for every proj-



ect enable the State Government to secure best prices in addition to avoiding overpaying issues.

"Selangor also registered the highest revenue growth com-

pared to other states following encouraging development growth in various sectors such as manufacturing and infrastructure.

"Strong growth enables Se-

langor to be one of the most industrialised states although it does not have such great resources such as Sarawak, Sabah and several other states," he said.

Japan's investment creates jobs for Selangor youth

PASIR GUDANG - The regional investment cooperation between Japan and Selangor will open-up job opportunities for citizens in the state, said Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali.

He said the locals must take advantage of the opportunities to generate additional income and local earnings.

"The RM1.2 billion investment from Japan using latest technology requires skilled workers.

"This development in due course provides high chances of jobs to Selangor youths who have the skills and expertise in that particular sector," he said to Selangor-Kini at the KEADILAN Johore Aid-ilitri Ceremony in Taman Mawar.

Earlier, the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) has confirmed that region-

al investment development, particularly from Japan, will create 1,280 job opportunities for Malaysians.

The agency also revealed that Japan remain as the main source of direct investment for the country since 1980.

Mohamed Azmin announced that cooperation between Selangor and Japan will be signed in August after the final discussion.

Mohamed Azmin is optimistic on its success and said that the positive development is due to the State Government's transparent administration.

"Stability and integrity in Selangor's administration are also factors that drove Japan to agree to invest RM1.2 billion.

"This is not a small amount, it involves billions of Malaysian ring-

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Dato' Menteri Besar

git and this success is certainly attributable to the State Government's integrity in administration," he said.

RM136 billion investment registered in 16 years

SHAH ALAM - There were a total of 4,713 manufacturing projects approved in Selangor, with a total investment value of RM136 billion, from year 2000 until 2016.

Youth, Sports, Culture and Entrepreneur Development Exco Amirudin Shari said from that amount, RM70.3 billion were local investment while the balance of RM65.7 billion were foreign investment.

"Among the factors for the thriving investment in Selangor is the political stability and investors' confidence in the state administration.

"Selangor also offers strategic and conducive industrial areas as well as competitive investment and business start-up costs.

"Implementing new capital-intensive projects with sophisticated technologies and a good investment eco-system are also among the factors that attract investors," he said at the Selangor State Assembly session recently.

He was replying Batang Kali Assemblyman, Datuk Mat Nadzari Ahmad Dahlan's verbal question relating to complete investment data for Selangor.

Amiruddin said Selangor is ranked second after Johor, which received RM166 billion, the highest investment value within the same period.

That is followed by Sarawak with an investment value of RM101 billion, Penang at RM88.6 billion and Kedah at RM58 billion.

Focus on active youth development

THE STATE Government is focusing on a potential development policy to create active youth participation in Selangor, according to Youth, Sports, Culture and Entrepreneur Development Exco Amirudin Shari.

He said, the focus is on 10 core areas to serve as the guideline towards Selangor's development programme.

"These involve entrepreneurship and employment, leadership and organisation, information technology, community, volunteering network, culture and arts, wellness and health,

sports and fitness as well as religions and faiths.

"To realise these, we have formed the Local Youth Movement under my portfolio to produce competitive leadership who will become the agents of change for the youths in Selangor.

"These agents of change are expected to be the State Government's implementers, to carry out policies relating to youth development at the grassroots level," he said.

He said that in reply to Teratai Assemblyman, Tiew Way Keng's verbal



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question during the fifth term of the 13th Selangor State Assembly session.

Amiruddin said the State Government, together

with the State Sports Council, are also actively implementing new development agendas to encourage youths' participation in welfare and volunteer programmes in this state.

"As of now, the State Government does not have the exact number of youths involved in these volunteer and welfare programmes.

"But I am certain that the number is good based on their involvement in youth programmes at the grassroots level," he said.

Recycling in commercial areas under review

THE STATE Government is in the process to review the proposal to allow certain recycling activities in commercial areas.

Local Government, New Village Development and Illegal Factory Legalisation Exco, Ean Yong Hian Wah said that included issuing temporary business license for premises in appropriate zones.

"The temporary business license for premises in appropriate zones must have the support from the police and the fire department.

"However, at the moment, the proposal is still in the pipeline for the State Government," he said at the Selangor State Assembly session.

At the same time, Ean Yong said the State Government

does not have any specific programme to legalise recycling premises, particularly outside of industrial areas.

Nonetheless, he said enforcement action will be taken if the public complains.

"The number of illegal scrap metal or recycling premises that are still operating in every local authorities' jurisdictions is 441," he said.

RM237 million to help HIJRAH entrepreneurs

THE STATE Government has channeled RM237 million in financial aid to the Selangor Hijrah Scheme (HIJRAH) microcredit programme, since its introduction in this state.

Youth, Sports, Culture and Entrepreneur Development Exco Amirudin Shari said that amount involved 38,821 borrowers.

"Applications from 38,821 entrepreneurs were approved with total loans of RM237,751,500.00.

"Meanwhile, repayment is 82.14 percent," he said.

He said that in reply to Sungai Pelek Assemblyman, Lai Nyuk Lan's verbal question during the fifth term of the 13th Selangor State Assembly.

HIJRAH is an integrated microcredit scheme, the brainchild

of Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, combining SKIMSEL, MIMBAR and WALA and has been implemented since 2008.

The programme under the People-centric Initiative is an Action Research Project, focusing to enhance the economy of those in the middle-income group and close the income-gap among citizens.

Through this initiative, the State Government targets single-mothers, persons with disabilities (OKU) and university graduates.

Those who are eligible receive help through this microcredit scheme by getting additional capital to develop their business in order to generate additional income.

Wifi Smart Selangor expanded to outlying areas

THE STATE government is targeting 4,100 Wifi Smart Selangor installations throughout Selangor by December for the benefit of the rakyat.

Education, Human Capital Development, Science, Technology and Innovation Exco Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad said the target included additions in outlying areas to ensure the implementation is enjoyed by all citizens.

He said till today there are 3,239 Wifi Smart Selangor hotspots with an increase of 2,981 hotspots compared to the previous year.

"The total targeted is higher as the year ends and it is being implemented in rural areas to ensure that wifi installation is not concentrated in towns," he said when answering the oral question by Kajang Assemblyman at the fifth term of the 13th Selangor State Assembly.

At the same time, Nik Nazmi said that the Wifi Smart Selangor coverage in towns has

reached 76%.

He said the areas included Shah Alam City Council (MBSA), Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ), Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ), Kajang Municipal Council (MPKJ) and Klang Municipal Council (MPK).

"Hotspot installation is focused on high density areas involving youth and also places with public interest.

"The percentage of Wifi Smart Selangor coverage in cities is higher as 93% of Selangor citizens live there," he said.

Wifi Smart Selangor is a free service by the State Government as a benefit to the public and has over 3,000 hotspots throughout the state.

The initiative is implemented as the State Government's commitment to reduce the digital divide and improve the standard of living for the community.



Selangor effective in fight against poverty

THE IMPLEMENTATION of aid and economic improvement has had a positive impact in lowering the poverty rate in Selangor till 0.2%.

Poverty, Caring Government and Plantation Workers Exco, V Ganabatirau said that the conclusion was based on the data collected by the Malaysian Statistics Department from census of household incomes and basic necessities in 2014.

He said that a total of 762,841 recipients benefited from the programme implemented by the State Government through the Poverty Standing Committee since 2008.

"The State Government does not have any data related to the real total of poor households. The stated total is the beneficiaries from various programmes under my standing committee.

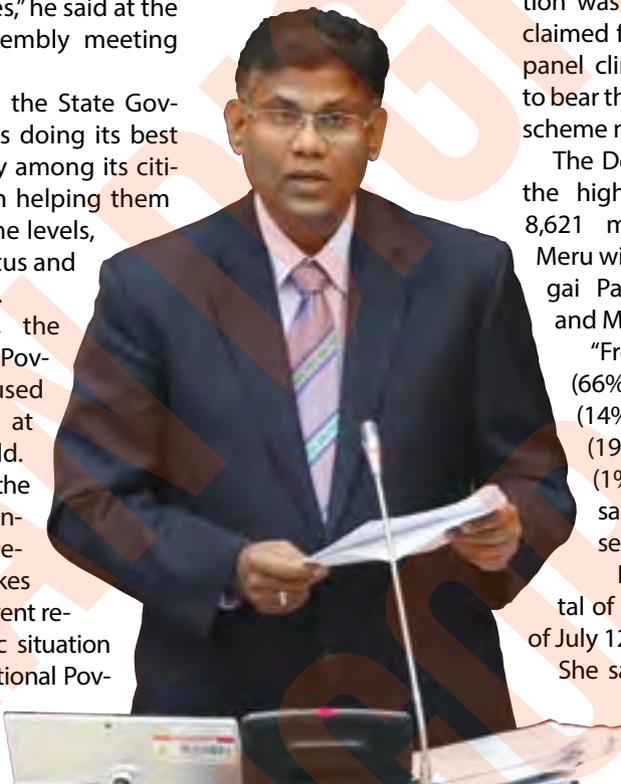
"This total does not include various aid and economic stimulus programmes from other Standing Com-

mittees and agencies," he said at the Selangor State Assembly meeting recently.

Ganabatirau said the State Government was always doing its best to eradicate poverty among its citizens by focusing on helping them increase their income levels, socio-economic status and to rise from poverty.

For the record, the current Selangor Poverty Income Level used by all agencies is at RM1,500 a household.

It is based on the State Executive Council meeting held in December 2016 and takes into account the current realities and economic situation compared to the National Poverty Income Level of RM930 a household.



Cause of paddy production decline being identified

THE State Government is trying to identify the real reason for the declining paddy production in Sekinchan, which was claimed to be due to the CL2 paddy seeds.

Infrastructure, Public Amenities, Agricultural Modernisation and Agro-Based Industries Exco, Zaidy Abdul Talib took note of the issue and advised farmers to follow the instructions given by Agricultural Department.

"The State Government is still reviewing the real cause of the problem and for now, we advise farmers to follow the instructions

given by the Agricultural Department," he said, replying to Sekinchan Assemblyman, Ng Suee Lim during the Selangor State Assembly session.



In another development, Zaidy informed that there are 1,919 or 21 percent of the farmers who are recipients of the Bacteria Leaf Blight (BLB) disease financial aid, have yet to receive their cheques.

"There are 9,124 farmers who are entitled to receive financial assistance due to BLB. We are giving this assistance ahead of the Federal Government, with an allocation of over RM9 million," he said.

RM1.87 million collected from plastic bag charge

A TOTAL of RM1.87 million have been collected by businessmen throughout the state, from the RM0.20 cents charge for usage of plastic bag in Selangor.

Tourism, Environment, Green Technology and Consumer Affairs Exco, Elizabeth Wong said, that amount is derived from the collection by businessmen who have sent their reports to the State Government, until last May.

"As of May, a total of RM1,871,547.55 have been collected by businessmen in the state, who have file their reports regarding the RM0.20 charge for plastic bag.

"Meanwhile, the revenue collected based on percentage are, 63.98 percent from supermar-

Peduli Sihat Scheme: 216,051 members benefit

THE PEDULI Sihat Scheme is currently enjoyed by 216,051 registered members as of July 12.

Health, Welfare, Women and Family Development Exco Dr Daroyah Alwi said as much as RM1.6 million allocated has been spent in the same period.

She said the total allocation was based on the amount claimed for services provided by panel clinics under the scheme to bear the treatment costs of the scheme members.

The Dengkil constituency has the highest membership with 8,621 members, followed by Meru with 8,060 members, Sungai Panjang 7,354 members and Morib 7,045 members.

"From the total, 142,558 (66%) are Malays, 31,452 (14%) Chinese and 40,367 (19%) Indian and 1,675 (1%) of other races," she said during the State Assembly.

Dr Daroyah said the total of rejected applications as of July 12 was 5,235.

She said that the reasons for the rejections included incomplete and suspicious support-

ing documents, salaries that were over the limit and insufficient residency periods.

She added that the State Government was improving the programme by introducing several special categories that were approved by Selgate Corporation Sdn. Bhd.

She said the special categories would be implemented with the cooperation of agencies and departments of the State Government that have records of those eligible for the programme.

"This includes the disabled, orphans, KAFA teachers, mosque and surau imams, the hardcore poor, village chiefs, Indian community leaders and senior citizens," she said.

The scheme, which was launched on January 24, shows the government's concern regarding the escalating healthcare costs faced by the rakyat.

This one-of-a-kind programme in Malaysia which is available only in Selangor is a high impact programme in line with its allocation of RM125 million a year.

There are 626 registered panel clinics under this scheme currently.



kets and 36.02 percent from food premises," she said.

Wong also said, the State Government has spent RM148,000 for the campaign on the ban of plastic bag, since it was launched early last year.

She said, it involves cost of social media, multi-lingual posters, buntings and free bags as promotional items.

In the same development, the State Government encourages businessmen and business associations who charges for plastic bag to send reports to them.

"As at now, the State Government has no plan to penalise businessmen who did not register.

"However, for the long-term, those who fail to send their re-

ports will face difficulties when renewing their licenses," she said answering the verbal question posed by Kuala Kubu Baru Assemblyman, Lee Kee Hiong, during the fifth term of the 13th Selangor State Assembly.

Selangor introduced the ban on usage of plastic bag by charging RM0.20 for each bag as an initiative to educate the public to conserve the environment.

The collection is channeled to welfare bodies or consumerism as well as environmental programmes.

Selangor Women's Policy Action Plan's 7 objectives

BY NORHAYATI UMOR

SHAH ALAM - The State Government will launch the Selangor Women's Policy Action Plan for 2017 till 2020 in the near future.

Health, Welfare, Women and Family Development Exco, Dr Daroyah Alwi said that the policy and plan will focus on seven main objectives.

She said it will encompass gender development, neglected women's socio-economic status, close the gender gap and labour market aspect.

"In addition, the policy and plan will emphasise participation of women in leadership and political roles as well as their health and mobility.

"It will also include the freedom of women from violence

and to nurture women's innovative and creative talents," she said at the Selangor State Assembly recently.

Dr Daroyah said the Selangor Women's Policy Action Plan acts as a guideline and direction to formulate programmes to empower women in all sectors including economy, education and career.

She said, although there has been progress in the health and education sectors, a wide gap still exists between women and men from the aspect of economic opportunities and involvement in leadership and decision-making.

"Through the RM9 million allocation, The Institut Wanita Berdaya has designed various plans to achieve the Selangor



Women's Policy's objectives relating to education, career and economy.

"This includes creating the Selangor Women's Policy and Action Plan 2017-2020 and the preparation of research grants

for studies and research related to women's issues, children and marginal groups for the evaluation of their standard of living," she said.

She said that the plan will be launched by Dato' Menteri Besar,

Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali as a show of support and encouragement for women's affairs.

She added that the State Government will increase awareness and encourage more female students to be involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

As such, a suitable support mechanism will be identified to encourage their interest in these critical fields.

"This century is the century for women. As such, the establishment of IWB is timely to encourage and polish women's potential, especially in Selangor," she said.

IWB was founded in May with the intention to empower women in the fields of economy, education and career.

MBSA distributes over 4,000 mobile garbage bins



SHAH ALAM - A total of 4,633 120-litre mobile garbage bins (MGB) were distributed to residents in Seksyen U5 recently.

MBSA Head of Corporate and Public Relations, Shahrin Ahmad said it is a part of MBSA's continuous effort to give awareness on the importance of properly managing domestic waste.

He said, the distribution was done in stages in each residential area and was coordinated

by the Residents Representative Council.

"The bins are provided to facilitate domestic waste collection and prevent nuisance to the environment in the event the waste are not disposed or collected in inappropriate locations.

"MBSA is committed to educate the community and instill in them the importance to preserve the environment," he said in a statement.

Shahrin said, the programme is also a platform for MBSA to rate of recycling habit among the Shah Alam population.

"We hope that this effort can push Shah Alam towards its goal of becoming a Zero-Waste City and Low-Carbon City by 2030," he said.

This year, MBSA distributed 99,675 MGB120L garbage bins, 495 MGB660L bins and 43 'leach bins' in its area.

LZS provides temporary shelter for muallaf

SHAH ALAM - Muallaf (individuals who convert to Islam) in Selangor who feel threatened, or are homeless or have lost their support can go to Bait Salam provided by Selangor Zakat Board (LZS) for shelter.

In a statement on Facebook, LZS said that the temporary shelter in Jalan Kebun, Klang is equipped with various facilities such as male and

female hostels, surau, recreational centre with classes and complete infrastructure.

"Various activities are also held for the residents such as religious classes and so on," the post stated.

So far, there are 23 new muallaf who are staying in the shelter.

For enquiries, contact 03-5167 2728.

Selangor JKR budget now RM400 million

KAJANG - The State Government is striving to ensure that sufficient budget is allocated to its agencies that develop infrastructure in the state to provide comfort for its citizens.

Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said, these agencies include the Selangor Public Works Department (JKR) and the Drainage and Irrigation Department (JPS).

"In 2016, we allocated RM373 million to JKR Selangor and this

year, the amount is increased to RM400 million for infrastructure development for the rakyat.

"This huge expense is most significant as it relates closely to the economic growth rate," he said.

He said this when officiating Bandar Baru Bangi - Kajang 2 - Bandar Teknologi Kajang Multi-level Interchange at the Kajang 2 Multi-level Interchange, today.

He said this relation can clearly be seen when Malaysia was actively developing its infrastructures in

the 1980s for the industrial sector and practiced the look-east policy.

He said, at that time, the development and the look-east policy at that time had led to the country having a perfect infrastructure which attracted many foreign investors.

"The presence of foreign investors at that time was the important factor that boosted the country's economy in the 1990s," he said.

Restructuring of Kota Kemuning road starts August

BY NORHAYATI UMOR

SHAH ALAM - The road restructuring work to overcome congestion at the Kota Kemuning roundabout will start next August with a cost of RM20 million.

Sri Muda Assemblyman, Shuhaimi Shafiei said, the upgrading work involves the first phase, consisting of the first and second packages, each with a cost of RM5 million and RM15 million respectively.

He said, in the first package which will start in August, the appointed contractor will widen the road from two lanes into three lanes and increase slip roads.

"Users from all four intersections do not need to pass the Kota Kemuning roundabout, conversely they can exit through the slip road into the Kesas Highway to avoid congestion," he said when met by SelangorKini.

Shuhaimi said, the second package involves the second route which is Persiaran Anggerik Mokara straight towards Kesas Highway which will be opened to reduce traffic congestion going out from Kota Kemuning towards Shah Alam-Kemuning Highway (LKSA) and Kesas Highway.

"After this upgrading work, I am sure that at least the congestion during peak hours can be reduced.

At the same time, he said the State Government has plans to build multi-level roads from the first roundabout to the third roundabout in Kota Kemuning.

"We have applied for budget from the State Government to build this multi-level roads with an estimated cost of RM90 million," he said.

MBSA Council Member, Tan Ah Kow had informed that residents have agreed to the plan for the new roads after a meet-



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Sri Muda Assemblyman

ing was held with MBSA.

He said the plan was approved during a full meeting held in February 24 last year.



Consumer complaints receive attention

BATANG KALI - Kuala Kubu Bharu Assemblyman Lee Kee Hiong recently met up with some consumers who were facing issues regarding high parking rates at a KTM station at his constituency.

According to him, the RM4 per entry charge for cars and RM1 per entry charge for motorcycles that have been recently implemented a month ago was not only high, but the payment collection was not approved by the Hulu Selangor District Council (MDHS).

Consequently, Lee wrote a letter to the Transport Minister, Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai for further action.

"KTMB did not apply for a business license from MDHS to collect parking payments.

"KTMB is a fully-owned Federal Government company and needs to set a good example for other

companies," he wrote in the letter.

Lee said that the Bandar Batang Kali commercial area located opposite the KTM station is facing parking problems as commuter users chose that location as an alternative to park their vehicles.

"Most KTM users cannot afford to pay the parking fees and are forced to park their vehicles in other areas ever since KTM implemented the collection.

"The commercial area has become an alternative to consumers as parking is free. This has caused parking issues to businesses and residents there," he said.

Lee added that parking fees should not be imposed as it was a service and would also dampen the efforts of attracting commuters to choose public transport to travel to work to save time and money.

RM208,000 grant for MySAFe Neighbourhood

SHAH ALAM - A RM208,000 grant has been allocated to 20 organisations to ensure the MySAFe Neighbourhood programme is successful at increasing neighbourhood safety in Damansara Utama.

Assemblyman Yeo Bee Yin said the programme, sponsored by the Damansara Utama Constituency Service Centre, prepared basic safety necessities in the neighbourhood.

"The main reason the RM208,000 grant was allocated to residents was that the safety factor is a main priority to them,"

she said in a statement.

Yeo said that her office conducted a study in 2015 at Damansara Utama that polled 511 residents and found that 72% of feedback felt that safety was the most important issue.

"Through the study, I made the decision to allocate the funds so that the safety level could be improved in the neighbourhood.

"I hope the initiative will be successfully implemented sustainably and become an example that can be implemented in other areas in the state," she said.



BY HAFIZAN TAIB

FAS needs to change

SHAH ALAM – The State Government will only support the Football Association of Selangor (FAS) only if there are changes in the association through a takeover by an effective and trustworthy management team.

Dato' Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said the opposite will happen if there is no reforms carried out to replace the existing management that is viewed as lacking in integrity.

"FAS needs new management that has more integrity and when that is done, the State Government will give its support to this group," he told SelangorKini.

He was providing a response to a request by the FAS made through a statement by its President, Dato' Seri Subahan Kamal who hoped the State Government would channel RM 5 million or at least RM3 million to help

bear the cost of the Selangor football team.

Previously, Youth, Sports, Culture and Entrepreneur Development Exco Amirudin Shari explained that the FAS must submit an official request to the State Government and not use media channels.

"I am not sure (regarding the official request), perhaps through Amirudin as Sport Exco, but it is our decision (not to help).

"Because of this, Amirudin (former Selangor manager) and I have made the decision not to have any relations with FAS since last year.

"It is to demand total reform within the FAS," he said, touching on the irresponsible management within the association currently.



Selangor Cyber Games returns with attractive prizes



SHAH ALAM - The 2017 Selangor Cyber Games is expected to generate interest and enhance the sports' reputation among the communities in the state and the country.

Youth, Sports, Culture and Entrepreneur Development Exco Amirudin Shari said, the State Government and Selangor State's Sports Council (MSN) is pleased that the annual sports event is entering its fourth year and continue to receive good cooperation various agencies in-

cluding the private sector.

"I think we have a good reputation as we are organising a competitive match in this country," he said in a media conference after the Selangor MSN Aidilfitri Celebration Function recently.

The 2017 Selangor Cyber Games will be held in Paradigm Mall, Petaling Jaya on August 12 and 13, offering prizes worth RM180,000 in total.

It brings together participants from across the country, which

is also being organised by local youth movements and the private sectors such as Garena Malaysia, Digi, Mineski Events Team, Big Machinez, Legion, Logitech and Time Fibre Optic Communications.

All participants will compete in the League of Legends The Legends Circuit (TLC) Grand Finals offering prizes worth RM80,000, Selangor Cyber Games Dota 2 Cup (RM50,000), Selangor Cyber Games FIFA Online 3 Cup (RM30,000) and Selan-

Selangor International Cyber Games 2016 in One City Mall, Subang Jaya

gor Cyber Games Tekken 7 Cup (RM20,000).

Meanwhile, Malaysia Garena Partnership Manager, Yeap Su Gern said he is proud to be involved in the organisation of the sports and shares the same mission with the State Government.

"This is our second participation in the Selangor Cyber

Games and we share the same long-term goal to see a good development for this gaming community.

"As a game producer, Gamera Malaysia has expanded the match to include two other main titles, EA Sports FIFA Online 3 and the League of Legends for this year," he said.