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*The Selangor Budget 2019 includes economic planning and development plans to spur economic growth of the state, prosper the people and develop the state of Selangor to become the main actor in the Southeast Asia region by 2025*

**Amirudin Shari**  
Selangor Menteri Besar

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# BELANJAWAN SELANGOR 2019

**FEATURE**

**O**n 23 November 2018, Selangor Menteri Besar Amirudin Shari tabled a state budget of RM2.56 billion based on six main thrusts infrastructure,

economy, education, social, rural development health and physical fitness.

In presenting his inaugural budget at the State Legislative Assembly, Amirudin stated that the budget was equally divid-

ed between operating and development expenditures, with each receiving an allocation of RM1.28 billion.

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# Azmin – Foreign Investors Continue Investing

**J**apanese and Singaporean foreign investors are willing to retain and maintain their foreign direct investments (FDIs) in Malaysia, according to the Economic Affairs Minister Dato' Seri Azmin Ali.

Foreign investors have expressed their confidence in the country's new leadership on account of the accountability and transparency shown by the Pakatan Harapan-led government.

These talks came about after official visits to Japan and Singapore, where Azmin had accompanied Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad recently.

**This has sent out a strong signal that Malaysia is serious in tackling corruption and we are moving in the right direction with reforms in the country's administration**

Investors have applauded the bold steps taken by Dr Mahathir, citing institutional reforms and empowering the role of the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) as positive developments.

"This has sent out a strong signal that Malaysia is serious in tackling corruption and we are moving in the right direction with reforms in the country's administration" he added.

He emphasised that the Pakatan Harapan government had taken bold measures in the last six months, especially in the first 100 days since taking over from Barisan Nasional.

"Malaysia will also continue with its economic collaborations with countries in the region," Azmin added.

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The basic skills of leaders are always the same: be driven by a deeper purpose, be a human being, have a passion for what you do, and it's also about hard work and ethics

Paul Polman

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# SELANGOR: TOWARDS LIVEABLE CITIES

By  
Batrisyia Jay



Forestry Research Malaysia (FRIM)

**SHAH ALAM** – The Selangor Urban City Planning Day 2018, organised by Selangor’s department of city and town planning with the theme Selangor: Towards Liveable Cities, took place at the Setia City Convention Center on Oct 30.

Speaking at the event, Selangor Menteri Besar Amirudin Shari said that the Selangor government has identified three locations in the state to be gazetted as a World Heritage Site.

Among the locations given were Permatang Kuartza, Gombak; Forestry Research Malaysia (FRIM), Kepong and Kuala Kubu Bharu.

According to Amirudin, the locations are to be recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

“The Permatang Kuartza area, Gombak has a total area of 2,157.51 hectares, FRIM (544.3 hectares) and Kuala Kubu Bharu as the first planned city known as ‘First Garden City Of Malaya’ developed in 1925,” he said.

Amirudin also said that the growth of the state economy is expected to remain positive at 5.7 per cent this year.

“I have been told that the Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER) has forecast the growth of the state economy is expected to remain positive at 5.7 per cent in 2018,” he said.

He added that the services and manufacturing sector remains the main driver

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of the Selangor state’s economic growth.

Also present were His Royal Highness (DYMM) Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah and DYMM Tengku Permaisuri Selangor, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin.

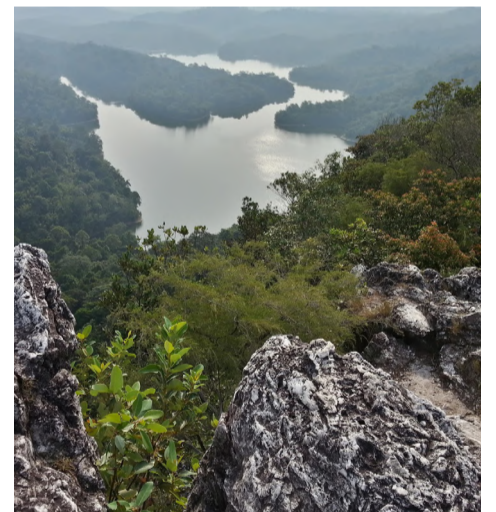
Meanwhile, Selangor Town and Country Planning Department Director Muhammad Ridzuan Arshad said the company is continuing its efforts to prepare the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) and ‘Pre-Dossier’ for the location.

Ridzuan said it was to realise the goal of the State Government to make it a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

“This document will serve as a guide for controlling development in Permatang Kuartza and Pre-Dossier areas to bring FRIM towards the National Heritage Site as well as the World Heritage Site. JPBD also provides Kuala Kubu Bharu town as a National Heritage Site involving the Hulu Selangor District Council which will be submitted to UNESCO for approval,” he said.

The World Urban City Planning Day is an annual agenda that is held on 8 November worldwide and is celebrated by almost 30 countries around the world.

The event is held to celebrate and appreciate the role of city planners in the planning and development of cities in the country.



Permatang Kuartza



Kuala Kubu Bharu



# Explore Selangor With New KTM Programme

## Ronda-Ronda Programme



The KTM Komuter Patrol Package was first introduced in 2004 with three types of packages

With the addition of new locations, there are a total of seven packages as of this year

**New Rail-Edu-Tourism package ranges from**

**RM70**  
-  
**RM120**



For more information on the KTM Komuter Ronda-Ronda package, contact the KTM Komuter Marketing Unit at 03-22798843 or KTM Holidays Unit 03-22798861 for further details and reservations.

**BANGI** – Over 132 students and teachers were present for the Familiarization Trip programme to Bangi Wonderland organised by Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) on Nov 14.

The Familiarisation Trip is an introductory programme for KTM Komuter Ronda-Ronda Package, where 132 students including teachers from Kindergarten Ilya Cahayaku Batu Caves, Sekolah Rendah Agama Islam Section 19 Shah Alam and Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Bukit Bandaraya Bangsar were taken by train from KL Sentral Station to Bangi Station, before proceeding to Bangi Wonderland by bus.

Khair Johari Ishak, general manager of KTMB said the educational package aims to provide an interesting experience for the public, especially children on trips and recreational activities while visiting interesting locations that are near the KTM Komuter network.

The package is also aimed to promote the use of trains among the younger generation, especially schoolchildren, thus promoting domestic tourism activities through rail services around Selangor.

“The KTM Komuter Patrol Package was first introduced in 2004 with three types of packages, but from time to time we have improvised and added more options, resulting in six types of packages in 2015. For a change this time, the

smart partnership between KTM Berhad, Bangi Wonderland and Kuala Lumpur Tower as well as the addition of new locations, making it a total of seven packages as of this year,” he said. This was said at a press conference after the launch of the Familiarisation Trip program, in Bangi Wonderland.

The new Rail-Edu-Tourism package ranges from RM70 to RM120 per person through the KTM Komuter Ronda-Ronda package.



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Khair said the package also had cooperation from the KTM Holidays and Event Management Unit which played a key role in supporting the country's tourism industry policy through the concept of 'Rail Tourism'.

“This collaboration allows the KTM Komuter Ronda Ronda package to be more recognizable and get the attention of all parties, especially students and teachers from kindergarten, primary and secondary schools. For that, next year we will set up a team to manage this package as well as create more packages so that it is more attractive and informative,” he said.”

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# Selangor Eyes Europe For Tourism Boost



**LONDON** – Selangor is eyeing a major tourism market in Europe, to further boost foreign tourist arrivals in Selangor through collaboration with Tourism Malaysia at the 39th World Travel Market (WTM) London.

The four-day business-to-business exhibition for the global travel and tourism industry was held on Nov 8 at Excel, Docklands.

“WTM is the biggest, most important global travel market in the world,” said Datuk Abdul Rashid Asari, Chairman Standing Committee of Cultural Tourism, Malay Tradition and Heritage of Selangor.

“With WTM’s unparalleled reach – 50,000 travel professionals from 183 countries in 2018 – and its ability to generate business, Selangor considers WTM as a ‘must attend’ exhibition,” he said.

To ensure the continuous growth of arrivals from UK and Europe, the participation of Tourism Selangor in this event strengthens the relationship and increases cooperation with European industry players and media to ensure a high awareness and market presence of Selangor as the ‘Heart of Malaysia’.

It also forges closer relationship with industry players from United Kingdom to get their support to sell packages and promote new products.

The Selangor State Government has set an ambitious target of 7.5 million tourist arrivals by 2018 and as a result, the number of tourists arrivals from UK in the second quarter of 2018 has reached a whopping 31,700, which is 23.3% higher in the same period last year.

“Tourism Selangor recognizes the importance of the UK and EU markets in bringing visitors who stay on average 7 days or more; who are high spenders; and who appreciate not just the City of Kuala Lumpur but also the cultural and natural wonders found throughout our 9 districts in Selangor,” he added.

By participating in WTM 2018, Tourism Selangor has

signed a MOU with Kowamas Holiday which has a branch of office in Paris that that will provide more windows of opportunities for Selangor, as well as garner attention from the European Market.

As part of the promotional effort here in the UK, Tourism Selangor collaborated with Perbadanan Melayu Adat dan Warisan Negeri Selangor (PADAT) and brought 8 cultural dancers to the stage performance slot at the Tourism Malaysia pavilion at WTM which also highlighted and promoted arts and cultural wealth in Selangor.

In 2018, the State Government has set 5 top new destinations as a tourism product that will attract attention from tourists from Europe as well as the preparation of the VM 2020 such as the Sky Mirror (The Hidden Island of Kuala Selangor), the Royal Klang Town Heritage Walk (Free Guided Tour Walk in Klang), #DiscoverSelangor Fun Ride (9 days tour around Selangor by Motorbike) Cultural Lively Program by PADAT at Sultan Alam Shah Museum and Eco-Adventure Activities in Kuala Kubu Bharu that allows one to experience activities such as paragliding and white water rafting.

Continuing branding and promotion efforts, there are numerous plans to increase tourism promotion efforts in key European markets. These include advertising campaigns in National Geographic magazine in UK, more FAM tours to Selangor; and consumer promotions in major travel and lifestyle publications.

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The Selangor Journal team asked the public's view as well as various industry players of their thoughts on Belanjawan Selangor 2019. Here is what they have to say:

# The Rakyat Speaks



**Jagjeet Singh**

R&D partner (Biofuel)  
Malaysian Automotive  
Association & Eco-Friendly  
Motorsports Activist

“**Litar Lumba Selangor’ (LLS) will be a step in the right direction if it is managed with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and IR 4.0 in mind rather than just being a proving ground for motorsports enthusiasts.**”

One such project unique to Selangor and should be given further attention is the use of motorsports to highlight the suitability of Electric Vehicles (EV), Energy Efficient Vehicles (EEV) and Biofuels (Biodiesel & Bioethanol) in internal combustion engines to eventually phase out the use of fossil fuels to reduce carbon emissions as stated in the Paris Agreement, mirrored by our honorable Prime Minister and is being endorsed by the government of Selangor. EV's and Biofuels are readily available in Selangor and such projects will be a good way for manufacturers and suppliers to conduct R&D exercises openly for the benefit of people from all walks of life with the aim of creating awareness. LLS can also contribute to motorsports tourism in Selangor. Apart from MotoGP riders, Selangor is also represented by male and female racers in the FIA Asia-Pacific Autogymkhana Series who unofficially promotes Selangor as a go-to destination for motorsports enthusiasts.”



**Marisa R. Ng**  
Local Artist

“The move by the Selangor state government to support the growth in arts is very much welcome and is a breath of fresh air that we have been dying for. Selangor has the highest concentration of art studios and artists so the SAMA gallery would be a good platform to hold art exhibitions and host international art shows. It is also good for fresh graduates in fine arts to showcase their work. However, I also hope the budget will include efforts to promote our artists in terms of funding expenses for artists to participate in international art fairs, publication of their art catalogues as well as opportunities for artists to conduct research in their field, mentorship etc.”



**Azman Ismail**  
Atilze Digital

“We realise from our precision farming implementation around Selangor that the initiative towards IR4.0 is not purely a technical implementation. The awareness on Industry 4.0 needs to be created not by telling but by showing the technology in use. Trust needs to be built by proving a clear ROI and farmers need to demand this info before considering any solution as a viable next ‘upgrade’ to increase their productivity and income. We believe that the state government’s budget this time around is spot on and sets the stage for industry players to prove their worth by engaging the farming community with the right kind of solution today.”



**Imran Clyde**

Executive Director of Nextdor  
Property Communications  
Sdn Bhd

*Commentary on Selangor State  
Budget (Property)*

There were a number of positive people-centric policies announced during the Selangor State budget speech.

One of the key announcements was that Menteri Besar Incorporated (MBI) would be developing affordable housing on land belonging to MBI. This is a good move forward as in the past, land sales were seen as a mechanism for the private sector to develop housing. This however is a losing proposition as land is a limited resource, sooner or later you will run out.

One of the main schemes where the State government has been working on with the private sector is Rumah Selangorku, which has seen developers allocating 30% of their mixed developments for affordable housing. The costs to accommodate this requirement however is often passed to other offerings within the development, causing home prices to increase for the balance 70%.

With MBI taking up the challenge to deliver the desires of the people for more affordable housing, this presents MBI with a unique opportunity. Underpinned by closer stakeholder engagement, MBI as a developer can explore varying development types and formats.

For example, better provisions for public transportation in Rumah Selangorku locations for residents to travel easily and cost effectively to locations with high job density. The location of Rumah Selangorku units are key because the cost of building could lead to losses for MBI if it's built in city fringe/marginal areas. Transport access is key as mentioned but more importantly these fringe areas need job activity which inject commercial and industrial elements.

Another precaution is the need to focus on owner occupiers and not allow speculators to own and rent out. It would be better if MBI owns the units

and keep it for recurring income.

Looking at the life cycle of people, all the homes do not have to be fixed at 1,000 sq ft and MBI could consider experimenting with smaller unit types to accommodate young unmarried people or the elderly who don't need so much space.

Another would be to ensure that homes built under Rumah Selangorku take into consideration better design principles to ensure there is easy and cost-effective maintenance, quality public spaces and facilities. Some of the issues related to social housing have been inadequate community self-governance, poor building maintenance, low quality building materials and shoddy workmanship. There is an opportunity again to explore new ways of doing things, injecting innovation into past processes.

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New technologies such as renewable energy, the adoption of the Internet of Things for easier monitoring and maintenance can also be incorporated. Through the adoption of more technology in these projects, we can promote skills enhancement, better waste and energy management and smarter decision making. We do need to move beyond meeting the bare minimum of regulatory requirements by local councils.

Coupling these initiatives with the existing savings plans as mentioned in the Skim Smart Sewa and within Rumah Selangorku is also to be lauded and it is an innovative way to improve the savings rate whilst allowing for some form of financial safety net.

These are all positive steps but we must be mindful of future generational needs, hence these policies cannot be cast in stone; we need flexibility meet the challenges and demands of the future.



**Haliza Binti  
Mohammad Basir**  
Assistant General Manager of  
Sushi King Sdn Bhd

I'm in agreement with the policy on free water for the B40 group.

Although our natural tendency would be to demand for the same privilege for all citizens regardless of our income levels, I think there must be a shift in mindset for those in the higher income group.

Being charged for water supply will encourage us to consume water more responsibly and not waste this precious resource.

**“But the government must be transparent about how the amount of money saved from this move is utilized for the development programmes in the state.”**

The most satisfying thing for me was to give the savings of RM105.2 mil to single mothers in Selangor.

Reasons to help single mothers cannot be disputed as there are no other source of income for them except for those who are doing well in their career.

So, to focus with the lower income along with single mothers is the right thing to do. However as to ensure this is the right thing to do the government must be able to execute the plan well in the near future.



**Dr. Fahmi Ngah**  
Managing Director, Smart  
Selangor Delivery Unit

**“A budget that continues the previous administration's policies by spreading state revenue to far and wide demographics as possible.”**



**Muhammad Hafiz  
Muhamad Haneefa Al-Hafiz**  
Pengerusi Persatuan Institusi  
Tahfiz Negeri Selangor  
(PITAS)

I hope that the aid provided by the State Government will be specifically given to teacher training and maahad management.

The RM10 million aid for religious schools should be upgraded in the future as the number of religious schools, kafa, and maahad tahfiz is increasing every year.

However, representing the maahad of tahfiz all over Selangor, I would like to thank Dato' Menteri Besar of Selangor, Amirudin Shari for his concern in defending the education of tahfiz, may he continue to be blessed by Allah in his administration.

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**Dato' Seri Mohamed  
Azmin Ali**  
Minister of Economic Affairs

The inaugural budget by Dato' Menteri Besar, Amirudin Shari is a manifestation of the efforts in increasing the state's prosperity.

I am confident that the policies announced to improve the socio-economy of the people of Selangor will be successful. Congratulations to Selangor and Amirudin.

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**Hilman Idham**  
State Assemblyman for Gombak  
Setia

**I applaud the move by the State Government to develop Gombak, Hulu Langat and Serdang as the Educational Cluster of Selangor.**

“I applaud the move by the State Government to develop Gombak, Hulu Langat and Serdang as the Educational Cluster of Selangor. This will ensure that the economic development of Selangor is sustained by a productive and well-educated workforce. I urge the State Government to also consider giving the youth of Gombak Setia more opportunities to excel especially under the IKTISASS program which emphasizes technical-skills training to meet the expertise needed in technology and industry. This I believe is in line with the aspirations of the state to become an educational hub. With serious focus on empowering youth, building academic clusters as well as undertaking high-impact research and development, Selangor will lead the way in developing new strategic industries.”



**Chris Tan**  
Supervisory Group Member at  
AIESEC, Director at CATizens  
Sdn Bhd and Honourary Legal  
Advisor at Institute of Estate  
Agents.

Housing continues to be priority of Selangor with continued and committed focus on the low cost as well as affordable housing.

**“The Smart Rent Scheme is particularly welcomed given that 30% of the rental collected from the tenants will be used to pay for deposit in purchasing Rumah Selangorku.”**

The multifaceted approach is clear through the state government's initiatives in building low-cost housing on its own, in JV with private developers for the delivery of more Rumah Selangorku, in providing housing through the Smart Rent Scheme as well as the grant to help the restoration and continuous maintenance for low-cost flats below RM150,000. These initiatives are welcomed to preserve the dignity of living in the most progressive state in Malaysia.

The Smart Rent Scheme is particularly welcomed given that 30% of the rental collected from the tenants will be used to pay for deposit in purchasing Rumah Selangorku, on top of the priority purchase given to the participating tenants under this Smart Rent Scheme. This Scheme can solve the temporary housing need while the forced saving in term of the rental is paving the way nicely to the eventual home ownership.

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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE RM 2.56 BILLION

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# #1

## DRIVING STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### North Selangor Eco Tourism

Sabak Bernam  
Kuala Selangor  
Hulu Selangor

### Service and Selected Industries

Bernam Jaya  
Kuang  
Lembah Beringin  
Telok Panglima Garang

### Automotive and Supporting Industries

Serendah  
Sungai Choh  
Bukit Beruntung

### Fisheries and Aquaculture

Sabak Bernam  
Kuala Selangor

### Agriculture and Agro-based Industry

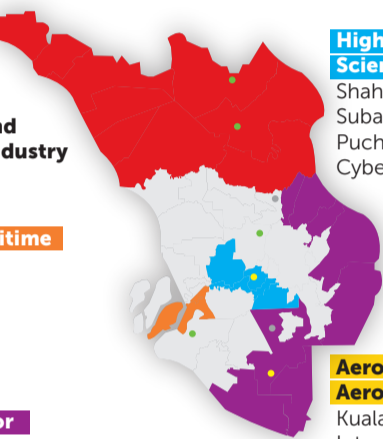
Sabak Bernam

### Ports and Maritime Industry

Pulau Indah  
Port Klang  
Telok Gong  
Sijangkang

### South Selangor

Gombak  
Serdang  
Hulu Langat



### High Technology and Science Parks

Shah Alam  
Subang Jaya  
Puchong  
Cyberjaya

### Aeropolis and Aerospace Industry

Kuala Lumpur International Airport  
Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION

RM 194 million  
JKR

RM 9.35 million  
Construction of bridges and overhead bridges

RM 44 million from RM 60.1 million for construction of new roads in 2019

### EDUCATION

RM 87.64 million

for the empowerment of the educational sector

6.8% of budget allocation

### DEVELOPMENT OF WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Construction of Labohan Dagang Water Treatment Plant phase 1  
RM 130 million  
Labohan Dagang project phase 2  
RM 25 million  
Sungai Rasau Water Treatment Plant development study

RM 223.35 million water supply infrastructure development

### ECO-TOURISM

Provision of RM 5.15 million

Stimulate Tourism Activities  
Attract Investors  
Construction of Hotels

### AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

ALLOCATION OF 80 ACRES OF LAND SUBANG FOR CONSTRUCTING AN AEROSPACE HUB

INVEST SELANGOR

KHAZANAH NASIONAL

(3) The world's best aerospace hub

### Aerospace Metal Production Park

Serendah and Subang  
Suba1ng Nexus  
Sepang

Kuala Lumpur International Airport Aeropolis

UMW > RM 750 million

### AGRICULTURE

RM 15.79 million  
Department of Agriculture

RM 21.44 million  
Agriculture

RM 5.65 million  
UPEN

### High-Yield Crops

Agriculture Revolution 4.0 Application of Innovations

High technology Sensory Robotics GPS and Information Technology (IT)

Precision Agriculture  
RM 800,000

RM 800,000

### AGRICULTURE REVOLUTION 4.0 (AR 4.0)

Fertigational melon-cultivation projects such as Golden Melon

### FERTIGATIONAL PLANTING METHODS

Water usage Electricity Fertilizer

### Livestock Breeders Project or Agrotec Program (Livestock) Using Black Belly (Barbadose) Breed

Ruminant livestock commodity development

Poultry and non-poultry commodity development

Basic livestock industry development

RM 6.458 million

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# #2

## IPR ALIGNMENT: FROM GIVING TO EMPOWERING



### University Enrolment Gifts (IPT Gifts)

ADAM50

PNB  
Permodalan Nasional Berhad

Allocation of RM 25 million for 2019

Allocation of RM 50 million for 2019

Work from Home Programme



40,000 recipients

### FREE WATER PROGRAM

Focus on B40 groups

Provision RM 80 million for 2019

Savings of RM 105.2 million

'Peduli Sihat' Scheme

RM 10 million

### YOUTH MARRIAGE INCENTIVES

Marriage and family courses

- > Financial management issues
- > Emotional and spiritual aspects
- > Childcare
- > Family management

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# #3

## SELANGO AGENDA, CULTURE

### MASTERPLAN FOR SELANGOR ARTS AND CULTURE DEVELOPMENT

SHAH ALAM MODERN ARTS (SAMA) RM 2.5 million  
SHAH ALAM DIALOGUE RM 1 million  
SELANGOR MODEST FASHION WEEK RM 1 million

CULTU

Selangor Malay World Festival

RM 1.1 million for 20

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# #4

## ENVIRON CONSERV

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Allocation of RM 3.15 million

Environmental conservation at solid waste disposal sites

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Processing of solid waste into

RM 500 million for development projects

LOW CARBO

RM 5.6 million

Provision to Forestry Department for forest development and protection program

### NICHE SPECIES PRESERVATION

RM 400,000 2019

Efforts to raise awareness  
Promote caring attitude  
Protecting national

Biodiversity Education Programmes

Print Material Exhibitions and Awareness Talks

Implementation of Selangor State Level Tapir Day

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# Perancangan Anggaran 2019 Bersama



Expenditure **RM 1.28 billion (50%)**

Development Expenditure **RM 1.28 billion (50%)**

## SELANGOR ENLIGHTENMENT AGENDA, ARTS AND CULTURE DEVELOPMENT

### SELANGOR ENLIGHTENMENT AGENDA

**RM 1 million**  
for 2019

- Darul Ehsan book initiative
- Nusantara Audio Books

## CULTURE

**RM 1.5 million**  
for 2019

### Rentak Selangor International Festival

## ENVIRONMENTAL RENOVATION

## GREEN CITIES

### WATER TREATMENT PROGRAMME

Allocation of  
**RM 2.5 million**

Raising public awareness concerning:

The environment  
Climate change  
Global warming

Implementation of tree-planting in urban areas:

Landscape beautification of main towns in Selangor

## TRANSITION TO ENERGY

### Disposal Method

### Energy (WTE)

into heat, steam and electricity

**RM 40 million**  
for land reacquisition

## SMART CARBON CITY

**RM 2 million**  
2019

### Smart and Low Carbon State

Blueprint for state Green Technology Action Plan 2019 - 2023

## HERITAGE PRESERVATION

**RM 1.3 million**

MyPlan Malaysia to promote the Quattrz Ridges in the Gombak district

**RM 1.42 million**

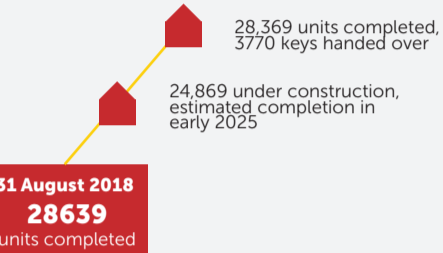
Studies concerning urban sprawl on towns and villages in Selangor in 2019

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**#5**

## RAKYAT BAHAGIA NEGERI SEJAHTERA

### DEVELOPMENT OF RUMAH SELANGORKU



### HOUSING

**Rumah Idaman Rakyat Selangor**  
1000 sq. ft.  
2 car parks  
Kitchen cabinets, bedrooms, water heaters and air-conditioning

5 years  
30,000 units  
**5000 units**  
1100 units  
2500 units in Sungai Sering Paya Jaras  
1400 units



**Rumah Idaman Rakyat Selangor**

**Maybank**  
Loan Financing 100%

RM 1 billion for Rent To Own (RTO)

### SKIM SMART SEWA (SMART RENTAL SCHEME)

**RM 50 million**

Monthly rent of RM 450 to RM 650

### SKIM CERIA

Allocation of  
**RM 10 million**

**RECOVERY OF DAMAGED PROPERTY**  
With low and medium cost apartments costing  
**RM 42000 to RM 150000**

### FLOOD BARRIER AND DRAINAGE PROJECTS (JPS)

**RM 89.2 million** Department of Irrigation and Drainage  
**RM 47.56 million** Development of flood mitigation projects  
**RM 22.59 million** Upgrading of drainage system for the Sungai Kandis area

**RM 4 million** Erosion project at Pantai Batu Laut, Kuala Langat

**RM 1.8 million** Structural upgrading project in Tanjung Rhu

**RM 1 million** Seawall repair works on Morib Beach

**Sg. Buloh Flood Mitigation Project (Phase 1)**  
**RM 50 million**

**Sg. Langat Flood Mitigation Project (Phase 1)**  
**RM 40 million**

**Sg. Labu Basin Flood Mitigation Project (Phase 1)**  
**RM 37.3 million**

### IMPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY

Relationship between the state and federal government (To Strengthen Federalism)

Allocation by Federal Government  
**RM 2.5 billion**

Successful Restructuring of Selangor Water Industry

**RM 41 million** for 'Mesra Rakyat' Programmes

**RM 21 million** for Local Authorities

Improving Council Offices  
City Councils  
Municipal Councils  
Worker's empowerment institute: Institut Pemberdayaan Pekerja (INSPEP)

**RM 1 million**

Subang Jaya City Council  
Kuala Selangor and Kuala Langat Municipal Council

### FINE-TUNING STATE REVENUE COLLECTION

New Revenue Flows  
Corporations and GLC Dividends  
**RM 50 million** Income for State Government  
Business Directions  
30% dividend profit after tax

### IMPROVING PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

Modern Markets  
Smart Selangor Toilets (SST)  
Smart Selangor Buses  
Allocation of **RM 2 million**  
Allocation of **RM 1 million**  
Allocation of **RM 30 million**

### STRENGTHENING DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAM

Construction of Chinese Muslim Mosque in Bandar Baru Klang  
**RM 2.5 million** 2019  
**RM 50000**  
Construction of Masjid Al Amaniah in Gombak  
Appointment of Mosque Officers, **10 mosques in Selangor**  
**RM 1 million**

### Tahfiz TVET Apprenticeship Programme

Hulu Langat, Gombak, Petaling, Klang  
**100 Students**

### Tahfiz SPM Fast Track Programme

**RM 1.94 million**

### Selangor Middle Eastern Student Convention

**RM 300 000**

### AGEING POPULATION

**Aged Care Living** (senior citizen care)  
Selangor Senior Citizen Community Centre - 1200 sq. ft.  
Volunteerism

### RAKYAT BAHAGIA NEGERI SEJAHTERA

Selangor Disabled Action Council  
**RM 270,000**

**RM 1 million**  
Animal Control

Volunteerism Programmes  
Empowerment Programmes Komuniti (K Squads) 3599 Residential units

**RM 10 million** State Volunteerism

### HEALTH

**RM 21 million**

**RM 5 million**  
Financial assistance for Sihat Selangor Dialysis

**RM 3 million**  
Dengue Prevention

**RM 2 million**  
Healthy Diet and Lifestyle, Mental Health

### ANTI-DRUG PROGRAMMES

**RM 1 million**

Selangor Anti-Drug Consultative Council  
**2019**

### WOMEN AND FAMILY

**RM 3 million**

**RM 1 million**

Work From Home  
i-Asuh  
Selangor Special Needs Teachers

### SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES

Missionary Schools and SMJK  
**RM 1 million**

Public Religious Schools  
**RM 10 million**

Public Chinese Primary Schools  
**RM 6 million**

Public Tamil Primary Schools  
**RM 5 million**

Private Chinese Schools  
**RM 2 million**

**RM 24 million**

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**RM 16.6 million**

Civil Servants Special Programme  
Peduli Siswa Dalam Negara (IPTA/IPTS) Programme  
Menteri Besar Scholarship  
DYMM Sultan of Selangor Scholarship  
Selangor Brain Bank Special Programme  
Peduli Siswa Luar Negara Special Programme  
Sagong Tasi Scholarship

### YOUTH AND SPORTS

Empowerment of Youth  
**RM 4.96 million**

Youth Assertion and PEBT Sports Development  
For repair of floodlights on the synthetic pitch of Akademi Bola Sepak Merah Kuning for 2019  
**RM 1 million**

**RM 2.24 million**  
Upgrading of sport facilities in PBT

### CONSTRUCTION OF RACING CIRCUIT

Driver Training Circuit for JPJ, Police and Bomba  
**20 acres of Land in Sungai Tua Gombak**

Accommodates 1000 spectators

Organise International-class racing events

Facilities such as paddock, cafeteria and surau

### E-SPORTS

#### Selangor Cyber Games

**2014**  
569 Participants  
Total prizes worth **RM 30 000**

**2018**  
1100 Participants  
Total prizes worth **RM 250 000**

**2019**  
Allocation **RM 400 000**  
Federal Government

**RM 12 million** 2019

Funding of Football Clubs

### CIVIL SERVANTS SPECIAL FINANCIAL AID

1 month's salary

**RM 34.53 million**

To be paid on 20 December 2018

## Property players applaud Federal initiatives

By  
**Batrisyia Jay**

**KUALA LUMPUR** — Property industry players are encouraged by the government's move to boost the sector with a homeownership campaign and other incentives announced in the national budget.

The Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association (REHDA) Malaysia said the Government's housing ownership initiatives in Budget 2019 will lend a helping hand to the people to own their dream homes.

The initiatives include stamp duty exemption for first time home buyers, low-interest financing for low-cost housing purchases, and extension of housing loan tenure for public servants, said the association in a statement.

"The stamp duty exemption on transfer instruments for the

purchase of first house priced between RM300,001 to RM1 million announced by Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng is indeed a step in the right direction towards encouraging the rakyat to own properties, which is an effective wealth-creating instrument," said REHDA.

REHDA president Soam Heng Choon said the RM1.5 billion allocation for affordable housing projects under the People's Housing Programme, the Malaysia Civil Servants Housing Programme, PR1MA and Syarikat Perumahan Nasional Bhd would ensure that affordable houses would continue to be made available for those who are eligible.

"We hope the government will continue to undertake the provision of this category of houses," he said.

Meanwhile Country Garden

Malaysia and Forest City director of strategy Ng Zhu Hann said the government's move to allow the private sector to engage in a new peer-to-peer lending scheme that will allow first-time homebuyers to adopt the "property crowdfunding" model.

"We applaud the peer-to-peer lending scheme introduced as it is an extremely forward-thinking initiative that will benefit the rakyat. Such collective and shared prosperity initiative will ensure Malaysia can once again rise to become the 'Asian Tiger'," he said.

Gamuda Land CEO Ngan Chee Meng noted that the scheme needs to be properly regulated as it involves public money.

"The crowdfunding scheme will provide a bigger and more innovative way of financing for first-time homeowners. The budget announcements have answered the prayers on affordable housing provision and financing for the B40 group," he said.

Mah Sing Group Bhd's Group Managing Director Tan Sri Leong Hoy Kum said the government's openness to innovative funding options to help buyers own properties is laudable.

Mah Sing said the group is committed to being one of the first adopters/supporters of this programme, once more details are available.

## Riyadh Group Indonesia invests RM 400 Mil

Indonesian property developer Riyadh Group Indonesia (RGI) reveals it will invest over \$400 million to expand its business in Malaysia.

RGI has expanded into Malaysia with the acquisition of controlling stakes in two local property companies.

Property players Mainstay Holdings Sdn Bhd and Pembinaan Tetap Teguh Sdn Bhd (PTT) signed a memorandum of agreement with the Indonesian property developer, which has committed to investing US\$450 million (RM1.9 billion) as part of its venture into the Malaysian property market.

According to the company owner Bally Saputera Datuk Jano Sati, the company has outlined plans to acquire controlling stakes in Malaysia-based companies such as Mainstay Properties and Horizon KLPO.

This includes a 65% stake in Mainstay Properties, known for its ownership of the Space U8 Mall in Selangor. Similarly, Riyadh Group Indonesia plans to buy a 65% in Horizon KLPO, which also owns land in Sepang, Selangor.

If the acquisition is successful, a \$15 million rebrand of Space U8 Mall will be undertaken, along with a shift in concept and marketing strate-

gy. The new strategy aims to be a combination of the characters and identities of Malaysia and Indonesia.

Other changes include the transformation of the mall into one featuring Indonesian products, along with promoting Indonesia's tourism ministry's "Wonder Indonesia" campaign in Malaysia.

Current initiatives for the mall include the invitation of retailers, supermarkets, entertainment and travel companies as well as F&B outlets.

According to Bally, while Malaysia may look like a challenging country to many Indonesian investors, there are plenty of business opportunities for them given the country's progressiveness and business-friendly environment.

"We should play the market when it is sluggish. We should not wait until the market is good," he said on reasons behind RGI's decision to enter the Malaysian property market when the country's property market is soft and challenging.

The cooperation agreement was formalised between RGI president director Bally Saputera Datuk Jano Sati and Mainstay/PTT MD Teo Swee Pin.

Also present was Federal Territories Minister Khalid Abdul Samad.

## Selangor - 30,000 homes under RM250, 000 by 2023

**SHAH ALAM** — The Selangor government is targeting 30,000 new housing units to be built within the next five years through its revised Rumah Selangorku 2.0 policy.

Selangor Menteri Besar Amirudin Shari said the state government wanted to provide a win-win situation for both the people and developers and will be offering the houses at prices between RM200,000 and RM250,000 each.

"We are targeting 60% of these houses to be priced below RM200,000 and 40% to be priced below RM250,000," said Amirudin.

"The new policy which is now known as 'Rumah Selangorku 2.0' since April provides a win-win situation for both the buyers and developers. We lowered the maximum price of up to RM250,000 previously to RM220,000 for buyers.

"I hope with the RM20,000 reduction, it will be easier for buyers faced with affordability and end financing problems. We hope to also boost the number of home ownership in the state by Selangor folk through this move," added Amirudin.

He stressed that although the price has been reduced,

there are clear guidelines under Rumah Selangorku 2.0 with regards to building material selection and specifications to ensure that developers build quality homes at affordable prices.

Developers are now conditioned to provide clearer details on the specifications of the units to the buyers to avert cases of unsatisfactory finishing of the homes which had occurred in the past.

"As for the developers, we have also reduced the percentage of 'Rumah Selangorku' homes that they have to build, from 50 per cent to 40 per cent and brought down the size of each unit from 1,000 square feet to 900 square feet while at the same time maintaining the density of up to 120 units per acre," said Amirudin.

This was said after officiating the Selangor Price Control Property Development Seminar organised by the state government and the Selangor Housing and Property Board at the Shah Alam Convention Centre.

The one-day seminar attended by over 300 property industry representatives, added Amirudin, serves as a platform for the state government to explain the policies as well as improvements that comes under 'Rumah Selangorku 2.0'.

## Only 1 % of Malaysian property owned by foreigners



**KUALA LUMPUR** - Foreigners do not own more than one percent of property in Malaysia, said Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin.

In reply to a supplementary question from Che Alias Hamid (Pas-Kemaman) on the rationale behind the Malaysia My Second Home (MM2H) programme which purportedly affect Malaysians' ability to buy property, Zuraida said that the home ministry has set down several conditions over the programme.

"It is limited to foreigners aged 50 and above, and has tight guidelines which the applicants must comply with. Among the criteria in which we allow foreigners to apply for MM2H is that they are receiving medical treat-

ment in Malaysia or they have children studying here."

"The period given to them to stay here is only 10 years and is subject to review from time to time, and the foreigners need to put down a RM3 million monetary deposit," said Zuraida.

According to Zuraida, in March 2014, the government had imposed a RM1 million minimum property purchase price for foreigners.

She noted that the state government has the right and power to add to the RM1 million property price purchase minimum, which led to non-homogeneity in the policy.

"Currently, from Perlis to Johor, the minimum price differs. Therefore, my ministry will re-

view the quota for foreign ownership of property so that a detailed guideline can be implemented by the state governments," she said at the Dewan Rakyat today.

The Housing and Local Government Minister was answering a supplementary question from Dr Hasan Bahrom (PH-Amanah-Tampin) on the latest figure on Malaysian property ownership by foreigners.

Previously, Zuraida mentioned that the People's Housing Project (PPR) owners who are renting their units to foreigners, have been given three months beginning June 5 to eject their foreign tenants.

If the owners fail to do so, they would be subjected to action including the cancellation of home ownership rights.

Zuraida added that action taken will start with PPR homes under the ministry nationwide, followed by the other sectors.



# Selangor Education Carnival A One-Stop Centre For Public

By  
Batrisyia Jay

**SHAH ALAM** – The Selangor State Education Carnival programme 2018, organised by the Selangor State Education Standing Committee, is back for its third iteration this year.

Officiated by Selangor Menteri Besar Amirudin Shari, the programme was held from Nov 10 to Nov 12 at the Shah Alam Convention Centre (SACC).

This year's education carnival programme has been improved by highlighting the awareness of mental disability such as (dyslexia, ADHD, autism) as well as activities that are based on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) starting from pre-school level to IPT.

"The 2018 education carnival is also implemented in an integrated way by combining the elements of human capital development together. Therefore, issues such as Cyber-Bully and drug abuse will also be discussed in this carnival," said Amirudin during his opening speech here at SACC.

Amirudin added that the carnival provides public exposure to the role of STEM and its importance to the career development of the nation's children

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"It is my hope that this carnival will be a one-stop centre for Selangor State education exhibitions to enable the people to make the best choice of educational institutions for their families, from pre-school to Higher Education Institutions, and to educate the public about mental disorders such as Dyslexia, ADHD, Autism and so on," he said.

In addition, the carnival also included career seminars to provide effective guidance and tips to students who will soon enter the work environment and is presented by representatives from the Labor Department and the Private Sector.

According to Amirudin, the Selangor State Government will continue to step in to strengthen education in the State of Selangor through various strategies in line with the spirit of the New Malaysia.

The state government is also keen to transform Selangor into an Education Cluster that will qualify as the 'Boston of Malaysia'.

"I am convinced that with the whole community and civil servant members, this strategy will

be successful, at the same time it is not surprising if our higher education institutions will be comparable to Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. We will see access to knowledge and knowledge will be simplified as well as various assistance and benefits will be empowered to ensure that the State of Selangor is able to provide skilled manpower in line with the needs of the Industrial Revolution 4.0," said Amirudin.

First launched in 2016, The Selangor State Education Carnival programme 2018 aims for the State of Selangor to not only be a gateway as the National Economic Gateway, but to also position the state as the driver exploring the new frontier of science and technology.

The Education Carnival of 2018 was made special as participation in this year's activities involves all levels and agencies from both the state and federal levels comprising the Selangor Public Library Corporation, Selangor State Education Department, Yayasan Selangor, various IPTA / IPTS, Skills Institutions, Early Intervention Agencies, PTPTN, Early Education Agencies, and more.



# PICKnGO FREE RIDES

**SUBANG JAYA** – Malaysia's only taxi e-hailing app PICKnGO did their part in giving back to the community by offering free rides around the Subang Jaya and USJ areas for visitors taking part in the Persatuan Kebajikan Kanak-Kanak Kurang Upaya Subang Jaya (P3KU) Carnival at Summit USJ.

An annual event, P3KU organized the carnival to continue helping special needs children learn independent and life skills, and show that special needs children, like all children, have the support they need to be successful.

According to PICKnGO's Executive Director Valerie Chan, the good work done by P3KU to support special needs children in Subang Jaya is one such initiative, and PICKnGO is proud to support them.

"PICKnGO's collaboration here is part of our goal to strengthen the bonds within communities and we are always ready to support the needs of passengers especially those with special needs," Chan said.

Meanwhile P3KU chairperson Jessie Yau said the organisation's goal was to develop confidence in special needs children. Aside from showcasing handicrafts and other goodies made by the community, the carnival also saw the children perform dance routines, play musical instruments and sing.

The event was graced by Deputy Minister of Women, Family and Community Development, YB Hannah Yeoh.



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# Xperanti: Malaysia's First Licensed IoT Provider

**XPERANTI** IOT

**KUALA LUMPUR** – Over 100 guests from selected industries and government bodies witnessed the launch of Xperanti IoT (M) Sdn. Bhd, the first licensed nationwide IoT network and solutions provider in Malaysia at Sunway iLabs on Nov 13.

Present to officiate the launch was His Excellency Frederic Laplanche, French Ambassador to Malaysia.

“It is truly a great pleasure for me to be here today to officiate at the launch of Xperanti, especially since it is the exclusive partner of Sigfox in Malaysia. The synergy between the wholly Malaysian Xperanti and French Sigfox is an excellent way to bring global technologies to support Industry 4.0 here in Malaysia,” said Laplanche during the launch.

Xperanti, which stands for ‘connected devices’, has deployed a nationwide purpose-built industrial IoT network and is currently on a mission to be the country’s preferred IoT network and solutions enabler and bringing IoT solutions to life.

To achieve this, Xperanti has exclusively partnered with Sigfox, a French company with leading global IoT enablement network and is deployed in over 50 countries around the world to power IoT connectivity and

drive digital transformation.

This offers businesses and consumers the opportunity to subscribe to Sigfox’s communications services with nationwide coverage, including all urban and industrial areas, main transport/communications systems and any other area based on demand.

“Our ultimate goal is to bridge the digital divide here in Malaysia as we pride ourselves as the first licensed nationwide IoT network and solutions provider in the country,” said Nallan Singhe, founder of Xperanti.

“The network is built and designed to enable cost effective and sustainable IoT solutions for an ecosystem of partners to support Industry 4.0. We are here and have already deployed this nationwide purpose-built IoT network with over 80% nationwide coverage,” he said.

What Xperanti offers is to enable Malaysian enterprises to develop purpose-built IoT solutions that are practical and scalable to support the adoption of Industry 4.0 in the country, with sectors such as Agriculture, Transportation and Logistics, Manufacturing, Utilities, Oil and Gas and Aviation as the main focus.

Earlier this year, Xperanti signed an MoU with Malaysian Airports Holdings Ber-



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had (MAHB) with the aim of assimilating Industry 4.0 into the aviation industry, making MAHB the first organisation in the country to commit to fully adopting the Internet of Things as part of their modus operandi.

“In partnership with Xperanti, and Sigfox for this project, we are hoping to revolutionise the airport experience within a few years in line with our Airports 4.0 vision,” said Radin Asrul Adza, General Manager of Information Technology Division of MAHB.

“Xperanti IoT has made a great achievement to become the number one nationwide IoT Network provider; delivering Sigfox global IoT connectivity and solutions to the Malaysian market,” said Roswell Wolff, President of Sigfox Asia Pacific.

“As part of a seamless Sigfox global network, Xperanti now connects Malaysia to 54 other countries and territories which make up our worldwide community,” said Wolff during his speech at the launch today.

Also highlighted at the event was the MoU signing between Xperanti and Strand Aerospace Sdn. Bhd for a POS Aviation project.

The collaboration includes various enterprise IoT projects with customers in the aviation and construction industries.

# National Budget 2019 Recap

On Nov 2, a 142-page report was released by the Ministry of Finance in conjunction with the tabling of the 2019 Budget by Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng in Parliament.

Budget 2019 has 3 focus areas and 12 main strategies to return Malaysia's economic position as the Asian Tiger on the world stage. The first focus of the budget is to 'Implement institutional reforms',

the second is to 'Ensure people's well-being' while the last focus is to 'Nurture a culture of entrepreneurship'.

The following is a recap of the Economic Outlook 2019 report, the first presented under the helm of the Pakatan Harapan government:

## MAIN POINTS OF THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2019 REPORT

Federal govt budget at

**RM314.55bil**  
for 2019

Federal government revenue to increase by 10.7%

**RM235.46bil** 2018 > **RM261.81bil** 2019

Operating expenditure to increase by 10.4%

**RM235.45b** 2018 > **RM259.85bil** 2019

Development expenditure to dip 0.5%

**RM54.04bil** 2018 > **RM54.33bil** 2019

Tax revenue to increase by 0.8%

**RM174.70bil** 2018 > **RM176.15bil** 2019

Fiscal deficit to be reduced to

**3.9%** 2018 > **3.4%** 2019

Individual income tax is expected to be

**RM34.80bil** 2018 > **RM34.95bil** 2019



## ECONOMY

Fallout from US-China trade war

GDP to expand up

**4.8%** 2018 > **4.9%** 2019

Domestic demand growth

**5%** 2018 > **4.9%** 2019

Services sector to grow slower

**6.3%** 2018 > **5.9%** 2019

Services sector to grow slower

**6.3%** 2018 > **5.9%** 2019

Manufacturing to expand up

**4.9%** 2018 > **4.7%** 2019

Mining to rebound

**0.6%** 2018 > **0.7%** 2019

Agriculture to jump

**0.2%** 2018 > **3.1%** 2019

Construction is expected to expand

**4.5%** 2018 > **4.7%** 2019

**Public expenditure to fall to 0.9%** in 2019 from a marginal growth of 0.1% this year

**Malaysia's exports to fall by 0.08** percentage points and GDP by 0.02 percentage points over 2018-2020

Worsening conflict could see Malaysia's economy fall by 0.7% percentage points

2% of Malaysia total exports or RM108bil (US\$25.1bil) will be affected



## LOAN GROWTH IN 2018

Banks registered a **7.3% increase in disbursements to RM678.8bil**

**Loan disbursements to households jumped 13.2%** to RM191.7bil in January to July

Total loans outstanding in banking system to grow 5.3% to RM1,63bil

Total household loans outstanding rose up to 6%, that is to RM936.7bil or 57.4% of the total loans outstanding in the country's banking system

Overall household debt moderated to RM1,165.7bil or 83.8% of GDP as at end-June 2018



## SUBSIDIES

Single vehicle/motorbike owners with engine capacity 1500cc and below to get targeted fuel subsidy



Govt to give **RON95 petrol subsidy amounting to 30 sen/litre**, limited to 100 litres/month for cars; and limited to 40 litres/month for motorcycles

RM500m will be allocated to the Public Transport Fund in the form of subsidy rate of 2% for taxi and bus firms and public transport operators



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Households with monthly income of RM2,000 and below to receive **RM1,000 financial assistance**

An estimated 4.1 million households to continue receiving **financial assistance from govt via a RM5b allocation**

Govt proposes to raise minimum wage to RM1,100 in Malaysia from Jan 1, 2019

Govt proposes reduction of employers' EPF contribution for workers aged 60 and above to 4%

Govt, in cooperation with private insurance company, to introduce National Health Protection Fund B40

**B40 fund will provide free coverage on 4 critical illnesses up to RM8,000**, and wage replacement during hospital treatment at RM50/day or RM700/year

Labour laws to be reviewed to strengthen the labour market and workers' welfare, and totally prohibit discriminatory practices by employers

One-off assistance of RM500 to be paid to eligible pensioners

Govt to allocate nearly RM29b for health services, up 7.8% y-o-y

RM5 billion for targeted Bantuan Sara Hidup for 4.1 million households

**Tiered Bantuan Sara Hidup beginning January 2019** –

RM1,000 for households earning less than RM2,000, RM750 for those earning RM2,001 to RM3,000 and RM500 for those earning RM3,001 to RM4,000

**Additional Bantuan Sara Hidup of RM120 for each child below 18 years of age**, up to four children per household. No age limit for disabled child/children

RM150 million to stabilise and equalise prices of basic necessities such as flour, sugar, cooking oil (1kg packets), especially in Sabah and Sarawak

RM80 million to subsidise electricity charges for households with bills of RM40 or less, benefiting 185,000 accounts. (Current subsidy: RM20 monthly or less)



## SPORTS

**RM100m** earmarked to prepare Malaysian athletes for **2020 Tokyo Olympics**

**RM10m** allocated for **E-Sport sector in Malaysia**

**RM70 million** Patriot programme for youth aged 15 to 30



## TAXES

Individual income tax is expected to be

**RM34.80bil** 2018 > **RM34.95bil** 2019

Corporate income tax (CITA) is expected to increase by 1.3%

**RM70.53bil** 2018 > **RM70.18bil** 2019

**Govt will introduce a credit system for sales tax deductions** from Jan 1 to avoid double-taxing and lower business costs

Services tax will be imposed on imported services

Govt plans to implement scheduled land sales to the highest bidder subject to land conditions to maximise govt revenue

Govt to propose departure levy be imposed on air travellers leaving the country from June 1, 2019

Govt plans to impose departure levy of RM20 on travellers flying to Asean; RM40 on those going to other countries

Rate of stamp duty on property transfer worth more than RM1m will be raised by 1% from 3% to 4%

Only 545 items were zero-rated under GST, while under SST, almost 10 times more items are exempted from sales tax

**Govt will launch a Special Voluntary Disclosure Programme** to allow taxpayers to voluntarily declare any unreported income

For locals and PRs, a 5% real property gains tax will be imposed, from 0% now

For companies and foreigners (non-PRs), real property gains tax to be doubled to 10%

**Annual gaming licence fee for casinos to be raised from RM120m to RM150m;** gaming tax on casinos to be raised to 35% of GGR

Gaming machine dealer's licence to be raised from RM10,000 to RM50,000 per year; tax on gaming machines also up from 20% to 30% of gross collection

**Tax relief to be given to companies that help their employees settle their PTPN study loans in 2019 tax year**

**Govt to turn Pangkor island into a duty-free zone**

Services Tax imposed on imported services (beginning January 2019) and imported online services (beginning January 2020)

Special Voluntary Disclosure Programme for undeclared income, with penalties of between 10% and 15% for disclosures before June 30, 2019. Penalties after that date are between 80% and 300%

Soda tax imposed (beginning April 2019) at 40 sen/litre for drinks with sugar content exceeding 5g/100ml and juices with sugar content exceeding 12g/100ml



## PROPERTY

For companies, non-citizens and non-PR holders, Real Property Gains Tax (RPGT) will be increased from 5% to 10%. For citizens and those with PR, real property gains tax will be increased from 0% to 5%

Stamp duties for property transfers worth more than RM1mil will be raised by 1 percentage point from 3% to 4%

Government to spend RM1.5bil on affordable housing. To help those earning no more than RM2,300, a fund will be set up by Bank Negara for homes up to RM150,000 at interest rate of 3.5% through selected banks

Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (Rehda) agrees to reduce house prices as much as 10% for houses which are not subject to price control for new projects

RM1.5bil to build and complete affordable homes under the People's Housing Programme, Civil Servants Housing Project, PR1MA, and Syarikat Perumahan Nasional Bhd.

RM1bil fund to be set up by the Central Bank of Malaysia (BNM) for those earning under RM2,300 per month to buy affordable houses priced at RM150,000 and below. The fund will be made available for two years or until the fund is depleted through AmBank, CIMB Bank, Maybank, RHB Bank and BSN at an interest as low as 3.5%

RM25mil will be allocated to Cagamas Berhad to prepare a mortgage guarantee (jaminan pajak gadai) to ensure that first time house buyers with a household income of up to RM5,000 will receive a higher financing, including for their deposit

Stamp duty exemption for the first RM300,000 on the property transfer letter (surat cara pindah milik) and loan agreement for first time house buyers purchasing a house priced at a maximum of RM500,000 for two years until December 2020

RM1 billion fund to help first-time homebuyers (monthly income of less than RM2,300) buy homes costing less than RM150,000

Financing under the Public Sector Home Financing Board (LPPSA) will be extended from 30 years to 35 years for first-time financing and 25 years to 30 years for second financing (pembiayaan kedua)

RM400 mil will be allocated to improve the living quarters of civil servants such as police and military personnel and teachers

Government is suggesting on an exemption of stamp duty on property transfer letter for first house purchase for houses priced between RM300,001 and RM1mil for the period of six months starting from Jan 1, 2019.

Property crowdfunding platform will be allowed, which will be headed by the private sector. Overseen by the Securities Commission, it will allow house buyers to use peer-to-peer lending to finance their purchase.



## ALLOCATIONS

RM500m will be allocated to the Public Transport Fund in the form of subsidy rate of 2% for taxi and bus firms and public transport operators

No toll hike in 2019, which will cost the govt about RM700m in potential revenue loss

RM400m allocated to maintain, improve govt quarters

Govt allocates RM210m for years 2019-2021 to encourage Industry 4.0 transition

Khazanah to develop 80-acre plot in Subang as a world-standard aerospace hub

Film in Malaysia Incentive (FIMI) to get RM30m allocation; Khazanah to also provide additional RM100m to FIMI for production at Pinewood Iskandar Malaysia Studios

Govt to continue providing scholarships, study loans via RM3.8b allocation, of which RM2b is reserved for MARA-sponsored Bumiputera students

RM20m will be spent on Buy Malaysian Product Campaign to support local products and services

Govt to designate 380 acres of land in Pulau Indah, Selangor as free trade zone to support and catalyse shipping and logistics activities in Port Klang

RM30m allocated to help small palm oil plantation estate holders to obtain MSPO certification

RM2.46b will be allocated to upgrade railway tracks

RM100m allocated to TEKUN to finance small entrepreneurs in 2019

RM314.5b allocated for Budget 2019 versus estimated RM290.4b for 2018

RM259.8b allocation for operating expenditure, RM54.7b for development expenditure

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RM20m allocated to Malaysia Healthcare Tourism Council (MHTC) to team up with leading private hospitals, to boost Malaysia's image as a health tourism destination

RM2b proposed to encourage investment in green technology industries

Japanese govt offers to guarantee up to 200b yen or RM7.4b of Samurai bond issuance with 10-year tenure. The issuance will be guaranteed by the Japan Bank of International Cooperation at a coupon rate of 0.65% and is expected to be issued before March 2019.

New framework to approve and monitor buy-and-sell of digital tokens and currencies will be gazetted in early 2019

Govt to raise MACC allocation by 18.5% to RM286.8m from RM242.1m



## RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

RM926 million to build and upgrade roads and bridges

RM694 million and RM738 million to supply electricity and water respectively to rural and remote regions

RM85 million to new villages to upgrade and maintain basic infrastructure

RM100 million to help Indian youth improve their employment prospects

RM100 million for Orang Asli communities via the construction and upgrading of infrastructure (water supply, education, relocation and economic development)

RM20 million to residents' associations registered with the Registrar of Societies to carry out community, security and neighbourhood activities

RM295 million for FELDA (51% increase y-o-y) to upgrade roads and implement water and other infrastructural projects

RM5.009 billion for the Sabah government's development expenditure while Sarawak gets RM4.346 billion



## WOMEN'S WELFARE

Government to increase the 30% target of having women in decision-making roles in the country as only 32.2 per cent of women are board members out of the 100 main listed companies in Malaysia

RM10 million allocation to add 50 children daycare centres in government buildings



## ISLAMIC AFFAIRS

RM1.2 billion for Islamic activities

# AROUND TOWN

## December 2018



### Publika Street Circus

facebook.com/events/1420918754678495/

The inaugural Publika Street Circus will bring 14 entertaining and thrilling street circus performers over 3-days at 2 different venues within Publika.

Modelled after Edmonton International Street Performers Festival, Siam Street World Competition and Auckland International Buskers Festival; Publika Street Circus features various professional, entertaining and fun performances; making it a wonderful addition as an annual family attraction in Kuala Lumpur.

Come and see up close acrobatics, jugglers, tall unicycles, clowns, giant bubbles, contortionists, hula-hoops, magicians and comedy.

- 📅 Nov 30 – Dec 2, 2018
- 📍 The Square and Level UG (Blue Zone), Publika
- 💰 Free



### Oral Fixation: A spoken word event

facebook.com/events/2292638190955629/

Oral Fixation is a monthly platform for new and veterans alike to perform spoken word pieces or other forms of poetry. Performances are not limited to spoken word only; monologues from plays, poetry recitals, Shakespeare lines and the lot, are also eligible.

If you'd like to perform you may register at: [bit.ly/oralfixationsw](http://bit.ly/oralfixationsw)

#### Featured Act for November: KIMCHI LAI

Kimchi started writing last year from a dare to improv a piece on her lecturer's name during class. Since then she has performed at If Walls Could Talk, Jack It and most recently, won third place at the 2018 Asia Pacific Slam in Singapore. She is very excited to be here and hopes to one day figure out how to make Cantonese sound less angry.

For further information you may contact the organiser at: [oralfixationsw@gmail.com](mailto:oralfixationsw@gmail.com)

- 📅 Dec 6, 2018
- 📍 InTun Nation, TTDI, Kuala Lumpur
- 💰 RM20



### KL Book Launch: When I say spoken you say word

facebook.com/events/486196565226138/

'When I Say Spoken You Say Word' is an anthology of spoken word poetry comprising of more than 100 poems by 61 poets based in and around Kuala Lumpur.

Three and a half years ago, a little poetry event called If Walls Could Talk kicked off its first show in a dimly-lit Gaslight Cafe. Since then, this show has grown to Kuala Lumpur's longest-running spoken word poetry event, serving as the stomping ground for new and established poets alike.

Hundreds of poets have passed through their humble stage, coming from as near as Kuala Lumpur to as far as Australia and Canada.

For the first time, these poems are being archived and published in an anthology that have been aptly named 'When I Say Spoken You Say Word'.

The book is funded by the savings from door fee the organisers have collected at Walls. Inside this book, you'll find more than 100 poems spanning three and a half years of If Walls Could Talk.

Poets such as Dhinesha Karthigesu, Dhabitah Zainal, Jamal Raslan, Enbah Nilah and Nana, this comprehensive anthology is Walls' final love letter before closing its' doors after 55 shows.

- 📅 Dec 16, 2018
- 📍 Lit books, Tropicana Avenue
- 💰 Entry only: RM20, Entry + Book: RM55, Entry for TWO + TWO Books: RM90, Entry for THREE + THREE Books: RM125



### Sparkling Christmas Workshop: The Little Snow Man

facebook.com/events/545933219164372/

Christmas is the season of light. Learn how to create beautiful decorations & unique gifts while enjoying the festive surroundings with the Sparkling Christmas Workshop: The Little Snow Man (Wine bottle painting).

Package includes:

- A glass of wine
- Free flow coffee & tea
- All art materials for the workshop
- Limited seats available, PM us or contact 010-6501212 for registration.

- 📅 Dec 16, 2018
- 📍 Art & Bonding, Desa Sri Hartamas
- 💰 RM150/pax



### The GSSKL Sparkling Charity Christmas Bazaar

facebook.com/events/1882665118710063/

The GSSKL Sparkling Christmas Bazaar is bringing Christmas spirit to KL once more - for the 33rd time.

Join them for great entertainment, delicious food and exciting vendors! At the Sparkling Charity Christmas Bazaar you will surely get to satisfy your every Christmas shopping need.

All proceeds of this event will be donated to support the following causes:

#### Orkids

The Lost Food Project  
Women's Aid Organisation

Be prepared to be entertained with:

- more than 60 vendors
- live Music (by M.S.R 'Music Sound Rhapsody' & German School band "Teachers' Nightmare")
- Santa Clause
- big raffle (win air tickets, hotel vouchers, and much more!)

- 📅 Dec 1, 2018
- 📍 APW Bangsar
- 💰 Price: Adults: RM25, Children (3-12 RM10)

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