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Selangor is committed to building a healthy and robust relationship with businesses looking to inject value added investments in the state. This will help realise Selangor's goal of becoming a regional Smart State by 2025.

Amirudin Shari
Selangor Menteri Besar

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Duli Yang Maha Mulia (DYMM) Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah is proud of the rapid development of Selangor's economy and infrastructure which will propel it to become the most advanced state in the country.

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MB – MAINTAINING A PEACEFUL SELANGOR

Selangor Menteri Besar, Amirudin Shari, said his department and state administration would ensure that the multiracial people of Selangor continue to live safely and peacefully.

He said the Selangor Government would never tolerate any elements that would jeopardize peace and security in the state.

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The speech was given by Amirudin when presenting the Taat Setia speech while flanked by two Selangor EXCO: Hee Loy Sian, representing the Chinese and V Ganabatirau, representing the Indians in conjunction with the Istiadat Pengurniaan Darjah Dan Bintang Kebesaran Negeri Selangor Darul Ehsan during the 73rd birthday anniversary of Duli Yang Maha Mulia (DYMM) Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah at Balairung Seri, Istana Alam Shah yesterday.

Also present at the ceremony were DYMM Tengku Permaisuri Selangor, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia (DYTM) Raja Muda Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah.

During the speech, Amirudin said Selangor continued to record its success as it maintains to be the main contributor to Malaysia’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 23 per cent in 2017, an increase from 22.7 per cent in the previous year.

He said the achievement was fuelled by strong financial standing, apart from Selangor being the destination of domestic and foreign investors.

In addition, the State Government also intends to open an art gallery that will house the works of renowned artists from the Southeast Asian region as well as provide space for local artists.

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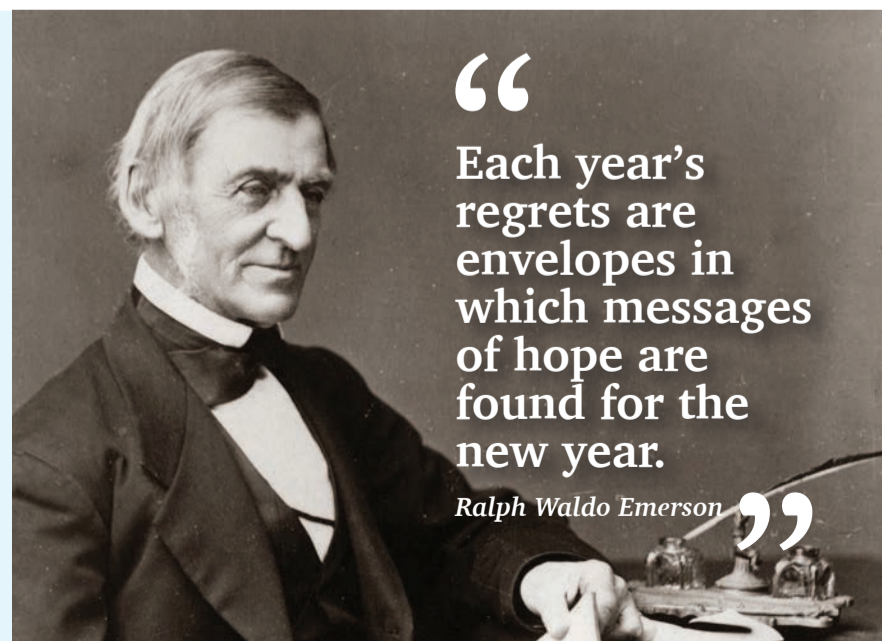
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“Each year’s regrets are envelopes in which messages of hope are found for the new year.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson



SOLUTION PROPOSED FOR SEAFIELD TEMPLE

SHAH ALAM – The Selangor Government welcomes and agrees with the Attorney General's statement on the issue of Seafield temple. Selangor Menteri Besar, Amirudin Shari, said the State Government also agreed with the proposed solution of the Attorney General who upheld the principle of the rule of law.

"In reference to the Press Statement by the Attorney General on the issue of Seafield temple on December 14, the Selangor Government welcomes the Attorney General's statement on the issue of Seafield temple. Hence, the Selangor Government is of the opinion that the 0.4 hectares of land (1 acre) and compensation money of RM1.5 million given by the developer should be returned."

"It is part of the solution proposed by the Attorney General," said Amirudin in a statement.



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On December 14, the issue of Seafield's temple that caused riots last month, reached a new agreement with the lawyer involved in land ownership and trust management.

Attorney-General, Tommy Thomas said he had witnessed the settlement of the developer of One City Development Sdn Bhd, to transfer the land title, which is now illegally occupied by the temple, to a trust to be administered by the High Court.

He said the transfer was "subject to terms to be agreed".

Earlier, the Sri Maha Mariamman Temple in Subang Jaya had to be relocated as is per High Court Judgement where the developer would provide the land for a new temple, and a contribution of RM1.5 million.

However, riots occurred when some people acted out of control and a fire-fighter was gravely injured and subsequently passed away.



CIMB-Principal Asset Management Group Appoints New CEO of Asean



KUALA LUMPUR – CIMB-Principal Asset Management Group has appointed Juan Ignacio Eyzaguirre Baraona as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ASEAN, to oversee businesses across the region.

It includes CIMB-Principal Asset Management Berhad and CIMB-Principal Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd in Malaysia; PT CIMB-Principal Asset Management in Indonesia; CIMB-Principal Asset Management Company Limited in Thailand and CIMB-Principal Asset Management Pte Ltd in Singapore.

CIMB-Principal Asset Management group of companies are jointly owned by Principal Financial Group (Principal) and CIMB Group Holdings Berhad (CIMB), a statement from Principal said.

Juan's appointment is subject to approvals by Malaysia's Securities Commission and Immigration Department.

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In the same statement, CEO of ASEAN Alejandro Echegarri for CIMB-Principal Asset Management group of companies who served since March 2015 will assume a new role as Chief Investment Officer for Principal International in Asia effective Feb 2019.

Alejandro will collaborate with investment teams throughout the CIMB-Principal Asset Management group of companies and across Asia to help Principal focus on delivering improved performance for customers, stakeholders and investors, the statement said.

CIMB-Principal Asset Management Berhad is headquartered in Malaysia. It is a premier asset management company with regional investment capabilities.





Accupass Expands To Boost Event Ecosystem

SHAH ALAM – Accupass, an AI and Big Data company from Taiwan, held a brand launch called “Shape Future Events – Take your events to the next level” today at the Selangor Digital Creative Centre (SDCC) in i-City, Shah Alam.

Accupass applies AI and Big Data technologies into event planning, which enables clients to increase their efficiency in event organization and is widely recognised by local enterprises.

For many of Taiwan’s start-up companies willing to break into the Southeast Asian market, Malaysia has become a prime choice due to the maturing digital economy environment it offers. Malaysia boasts an advanced internet infrastructure, boosted by a geographical advantage by being in the centre of ASEAN, and a population that is fluent in both Chinese and English.

Freeza Huang, Asia Pacific General Manager of Accupass, said “The average economic growth rate of ASEAN has risen above the world’s average. Huge populations and economic momentum contribute to the increase of consumption ability. Both B2B and B2C businesses and leisure markets have been developing prosperously. This is why Accupass is keen to break into key fields in the Southeast Asian market.

“Accupass recently has been devoted to applying AI (artificial intelligence) to event planning services, such as FACEPASS, Chatbot (automatic ticket selling), and Accupai (photo optimization service). We look forward to creating an ecosphere for event industry in the Chinese region”.

Accupass and Huodongxing, the sister brand customized for

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Mainland China market, have become the biggest event platforms with most of their events in the Asia-Pacific region.

In 2018, the enterprise aimed to enter the overseas market, targeting Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and more. Using vertical integration from registration to event data analysis, Accupass provides a one-stop

service for comprehensive requirements in event planning. Accupass’ O2O (online to offline) model and event planning consultants also boost the development of the event industry. As an event accelerator currently, Accupass is expecting to explore the blue-ocean market in the field.



Creating Better Cities with Think City

By
Batrisyia Jay

Recently, a Chapter Agreement was signed between Think City and the International Network of Traditional Building, Architecture and Urbanism (INTBAU) in London to recognize Think City as the official host of INTBAU Malaysia.

Dedicated to creating better places through traditional building, architecture and urbanism, INTBAU Malaysia represents the 33rd chapter of the global INTBAU network.

The INTBAU was established back in 2001 with about 6,000 members in over 100 countries worldwide under the patronage of its founder, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.

According to Lee Jia Ping, Programme Director of Think City, who was at the helm of signing the agreement on behalf of Think City, the aims of INTBAU are closely aligned with much of what is in the pipelines for Think City.

“Our close relationships with both the Getty Conservation Institute and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture, as well as our work with the Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP) and Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia (PAM) has looked at how we can leverage our existing built heritage to make our cities more liveable, and using traditional building and design principles to enhance our decision making today”, said Lee.

“Think City will also look to partner with other Chapters to work on a physical project that can best highlight the principles of traditional building and architecture, while at the same time trying to ensure that the practices can be implemented in existing projects”

It is undeniable that much of traditional town planning has made our cities safer and more pleasant to be in; an emphasis on the pedestrian and active streetscapes are two examples.

One of the main missions of INTBAU is to support traditional buildings in which building materials are usually more sustainable than the commonly used concrete, and are often drawn from renewable resources that have less impact on the environment.

This is due to the fact that traditional building materials, when combined with traditional designs, will oftentimes provide better protection from our country’s tropical climate through their natural ventilation and cooling effects.

“With the impacts of climate change becoming more apparent every year, we need to rethink how we design and construct our buildings,” added Lee.

As such, INTBAU Malaysia will allow Think City to leverage INTBAU’s global network as a resource, drawing on the expertise of professionals from all over the world.

“We will be hosting a number of events to raise awareness of the local Chapter, including capacity building, public talks, and forums. These will be targeted at not only professionals but also towards students that will be tomorrow’s city makers.”

“Think City will also look to partner with other Chapters to work on a physical project that can best highlight the principles of traditional building and architecture, while at the same time trying to ensure that the practices can be implemented in existing projects,” Lee concluded.

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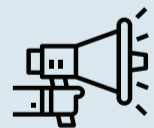
INTBAU (the International Network of Traditional Building, Architecture and Urbanism) is a global network dedicated to creating better places through traditional building, architecture and urbanism.



The INTBAU was established in 2001, and has over the years gained 33 chapters and 6,000 members in over 100 countries worldwide. It works under the patronage of its founder, HRH The Prince of Wales.



INTBAU’s mission is to support traditional building, the maintenance of local character, and the creation of better places to live. This is being done through workshops, summer schools, study tours, conferences, awards, and competitions.



Its three objectives are to research, educate, and engage as widely as possible on the value and relevance of traditional architecture and urban design worldwide.



INTBAU is a unique, established resource for global knowledge of traditional architecture and urban design. Their active network consists of individuals and institutions who design, make, maintain, study, or enjoy traditional buildings and places.



Azmin – Malaysia to Reduce Oil Output

By
Batrisyia Jay

ously agreed arrangement that will come to an end come 2019.

Malaysia's commitment to reduce the oil output is in line with the fifth Opec and non-Opec Ministerial Meeting in Vienna, Austria which saw oil producing countries agreeing to reduce oil production to 1.2 million barrels per day for the next six months from 1.8 million barrels per day.

"Even though we are a small oil producing country, Malaysia stands in solidarity with oil producing countries in pursuing the strategic objective of achieving global market stability in the interest of all oil producers and consumers, taking into consideration the prevailing market conditions and prospects.

"Malaysia views highly this collaboration to strengthen cooperation between members of Opec and non-Opec countries to face challenges posed by the global market," said Azmin.

The Minister of Economic Affairs said this decision is a testament of Malaysia's commitment to international cooperation to face economic challenges posed

Malaysia has agreed to continue its voluntary commitment to reduce total oil output by revising the figure to 15,000 barrels per day from an earlier level of 20,000 barrels per day, as the previously agreed arrangement expires at the end of this year.

In a statement, Economic Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said this was revised from an earlier cut level of 20,000 bpd as part of a previ-

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by the global oil market.

The commitments made under this proactive collaboration between participating countries were to be voluntarily implemented, non-binding and would not in any way affect the rights of peoples and nations to permanent sovereignty over the exploitation and management of their natural resources.

Furthermore, the global market reacted positively when oil prices climbed at the conclusion of the meeting, added Azmin.

As part of his working visit to Vienna on Dec 4, Azmin led Malaysia's participation in the 12th Meeting of the Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee, the fifth Opec and Non-Opec Ministerial Meeting and the anniversary dinner celebrating the landmark Declaration of Cooperation.

The Malaysian delegation to Vienna included representatives from the economic affairs ministry, the Attorney-General's Chambers and Petroliaam Nasional Bhd (Petronas).



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Birthday Celebration of The Sultan of Selangor

By
Batrisyia Jay

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He believes this achievement is a result of the excellent efforts of the government, civil servants and the continuing contributions of the people working in Selangor.

“I sincerely hope that all progress and prosperity achieved by Selangor will continue and leaders and communities of all levels can work together to carry out their duties honestly and sincerely. State leaders as well as civil servants should always focus on work ethics based on noble values and a high level of honesty while carrying out duties entrusted to them,” said the Sultan.

This was said at the Royal Hi-Tea Dinner Ceremony in conjunction with the celebration of the 73rd birthday celebration for the Sultan of Selangor at the Padang Mahkota, Istana Alam Shah.

The Sultan also took the opportunity to advise the leaders and civil servants to stay away from engaging in corrupt practices.

“The symptoms of corruption should not be taken lightly and should be addressed to the grassroots. Corruption symptoms not only involve those who receive bribes but those who bribe themselves should also be addressed so that it does not become a bad culture of practice. There is no meaning to the progress of a country if the attitude of leaders and civil servants is not trustworthy and honest in discharging their responsibilities,” said the Sultan.

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Meanwhile, the Sultan also advised the State Government to ensure that the greenness of nature is preserved.

The State Government, in collaboration with the Forestry Department would continue to preserve and control unprotected forest areas for development.

“By controlling and maintaining green areas, I believe it can guarantee a healthy, clean and fresh environment,” he said.

The Royal Hi-Tea Dinner Ceremony saw over 5,000 guests present at the Padang Mahkota, Istana Alam Shah.

The Sultan arrived for the ceremony at 3.30pm with Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia (DYTM) Raja Muda Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah, accompanied by Selangor Menteri Besar, Amirudin Shari and his wife, Masdiana Muhamad.

The ceremony began with the singing of the Selangor State anthem and the Tarian Menjunjung Duli, followed by a speech from the State Secretary, Dato’ Mohd Amin Ahmad Ahya. Subsequently, the ceremony continued on with the Partaking of Celebratory Yellow Rice Ceremony and was followed by the Presentation Ceremony to present gifts to the Sultan.

Fair and Equal State Budgets

by
John Anyi

Recently, two states with the strongest economies in the country - Johor and Selangor unveiled their budgets for the coming year, with the latter even announcing an allocation for eSports.

Coincidentally, both the state budgets are based on six main thrusts, with both Menteri Besar anticipating strong economic growth in 2019.

The Selangor budget was announced by its Menteri Besar, Amirudin Shari, while the Johor budget was announced in Iskandar Puteri by Menteri Besar Dato' Osman Sapian.

According to political observers, both state budgets were well-focused and catered to the needs of all walks of society.

For example, among the thrusts highlighted in Johor's budget is the well-being of people, while similarly, for Selangor, there is focus on education, social and rural development.

"What the rakyat are most focused on these days is what the government is going to do to enhance their livelihoods. They are not interested in allocations for administration and infrastructure, but mostly on what the budget can do for them," said the observers.

Selangor's budget 2019, tabled last month, worked out to RM2.56 billion, compared to the RM3.2 billion budget tabled in 2017, while Johor announced a state budget with a projected surplus of RM3.43 million.

The excess revenue for Johor was an increase of RM2.29 million from this year's budget by the previous Barisan Nasional (BN) government.

There was also joy for low-income households in Selangor, known as the B40 group, as the Menteri Besar said they would enjoy an increase in the amount of free water they receive from 20 cubic metres to 25 cubic metres of water under the 2019 Budget.

Realising the plight of aspiring house buyers, Selangor set aside RM1 billion to help people in the state to own homes.

The state is looking to achieve this through bank partnerships under their rent-to-own scheme.

There was also plenty to cheer about down south as Osman announced that the Federal Government had agreed to write off Johor's bad debts amounting to RM189 million.

Civil servants from both states also had plenty to cheer about as Johor announced a special payment of RM1,500, while Selangor civil servants will receive a month's salary.

"Keeping the nation's strong civil service happy is important and this is something both states have paid attention to," said an assemblyman from Selangor.

The six thrusts in Johor's Budget 2019 are namely ensuring the people's prosperity; sustainable development and preservation of resources; infrastructure development, dynamic democracy and social equality; driving trading zones and the digital community; modernising Islamic education, human capital and cultural heritage and efficiency, integrity and democratic administration.

As for Selangor, the state budget of RM2.56 billion is based on six main thrusts of infrastructure, economy, education, social, rural development and health while prioritising physical development.

However, for Selangor, the budget will have a deficit of RM360 million.

This, according to Amirudin is due to the substantive development allocation to meet the needs for sustainable development.

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Johor will enjoy a surplus budget of RM3.43 million for next year as the state government is expected to collect total revenue of RM1.552 billion while expenditure is expected to be RM1.549 billion.

"This is attributed to effective state fiscal policies, along with prudent spending, integrity and effective management of sustainable resources," said Osman.

Other highlights of the Johor budget include the rebranding of the Johor State Investment Centre (JSIC) set up in 2014 to Invest Johor which the Menteri Besar said was aimed to further strengthen the state as the leading investment destination in the country.

Invest Johor would focus on attracting high technology investments from potential companies, including those

from China, Japan, France, Singapore, South Korea and the United States.

According to Bukit Batu assemblyman Jimmy Puah Wee Tse, who is the executive councillor for Investment and Utilities, Johor was working towards aggressively drawing more foreign investors to the state and the rebranding exercise was among one of the strategies.

"China is a growing giant and we are looking to tap as much investments from them as possible," he added.

Apart from the very people-friendly Selangor budget, another aspect that attracted attention was the allocation made for the development of eSports in the state.

According to Amirudin, who also oversees the empowerment of youth and sports in the state, this was necessary due to the growing popularity of eSports in the country.

"eSports is becoming very popular among our youth and we need to pay equal emphasis to its development. It is no longer just something done during their leisure time, but has grown to become a global competitive sport," he added.

Apart from the RM400,000 allocation, Selangor will also be looking to obtain RM1 million from the federal government in hopes of pushing development of eSports into the regional level.

Overall, the maiden budgets for both Menteri Besar seem to have taken due consideration of the needs of people from all walks of life - from housing, education and social needs.

According to Selangor executive councillor for environment, green technology and consumer affairs, Hee Loy Sian, the state budget was drafted to ensure no group was left out, with focus on helping to uplift the living standards of the less privileged in the state.

Political analysts said both the state budgets were fairly balanced and ensure equal distribution to all people in the state.





SMART SELANGOR FOCUS ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

By
Batrisyia Jay

The implementation of the Smart Selangor agenda is not merely a smart state initiative, instead, it is an Economic and Social Action Plan for the people of Selangor in particular.

The Economic and Corporate Policy Advisor to Selangor Menteri Besar, Dr Mohd Zulkifli Zakaria said, the synergy and relationship between the people, the state, the industry and technology formed the agenda.

He said the seamless business environment would encourage greater growth and shared ideas on technology, innovation and business will offer more efficient solutions to national needs.

“Over the past year, the State Government and the Menteri Besar Incorporated (MBI) have successfully built a culture of knowledge sharing and now the benefits are also shared.”

“Hence, the business community and government, whether on the state or central levels, should work together to encourage innovation to be explored at once, ensuring Selangor continues to develop a more sustainable model,” he said.

The statement was made by Mohd Zulkifli at the ‘Selangor

Synergies’ Forum at Hotel Saujana on December 13.

In the recent State Budget presentation, the State Government through its agencies will drive the implementation of new development strategies through several clusters.

According to Zulkifli, this was to ensure that the future of Selangor continued to prosper in terms of economy, social well-being and the environment.

“Through this forum, it is hoped that all parties can use dialogue space and exchange ideas. I also hope more experts and industry players can join this network so that issues can be identified and to look for solutions,” he said.

The five-day ‘Selangor Synergies’ forum featured several panellists among them Central Spectrum Managing Director Dato’ Mahmud Abbas and Northport Chief Executive Officer Dato’ Azman Shah Mohd Yusof.

Additionally, Prolintas Group Chief Executive Officer, Dato’ Mohamad Azlan Abdullah and Chief Executive Officer, Pearl of Technology, Puteri Mariana Abdul Majid were also present as well as the Moderator, Group Chief Executive Officer of IBR Asia, Dato’ Beatrice Nirmala.

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Catalyst to Building Liveable, Sustainable and Competitive Cities

KUALA LUMPUR – According to the experts at Arup, the leading global engineering and design firm, at a recently held media briefing in Kuala Lumpur on Rethinking Cities: Unlocking the Promise of Digital, an innovative approach is needed to every aspect of city development and improvement.

Arup takes an innovative approach to every aspect of city development and improve-

ment, bringing together technical expertise, new funding and policy instruments, backed by research into the relevant socio-economic trends.

According to Arup director and group board member Fergal Whyte, most cities have yet to realise the enormous potential value from fully-integrated, strategically-designed smart city development programmes.

“Cities rely on a complex

web of systems and services to survive and thrive. We must be able to extract actionable insight, not just analytics. Digital technology allows cities to open up new value chains, spawn innovative applications and information products that make sustainable modes of city living and working possible. Infrastructure and public data would enable cities to optimise operations, engage with citizens to co-create better places and conserve resources,” said Whyte.

“Arup’s CityModelling, a design tool developed to create a virtual model of the whole city area, helps us understand issues such as traffic conges-

tion and flood areas, and visualise the future built environment,” Whyte said.

Meanwhile, Arup Malaysia principal and Arup Australasia region board member Tong Veng Wye said, “Holistic solutions are clearly needed, while important enablers such as the

role of transport and digitalisation; education and digital lifestyles; city investments and renewable energy; smart infrastructure and the circular economy, guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the like, would be addressed”.



IOI-Active Citizens: Waste-To-Treasure campaign

PUCHONG – IOI Properties Group Bhd (IOIPG) recently launched the IOI-Active Citizens: Waste-To-Treasure campaign, a collaboration with the British Council on its Active Citizens Program in Puchong.

The programme hopes to inculcate the habit to reduce, reuse and recycle among the community to minimise waste generation, divert wastes from going to landfills and mitigate climate change.

The campaign was deemed timely as the nation observed the National Recycling Day 2018 in November.

“IOI Properties Group prioritises the development of sustainable townships to deliver positive impacts towards the local economy, the surrounding environment and the society in which it operates,” said IOI Properties Group chief operating officer (Property Development), Teh Chin Guan.

“Innovation and technology can help to produce new materials from waste and to prevent waste generation. Therefore, we

can turn Waste to Treasure,” he added.

IOIPG is glad to have the opportunity to collaborate with British Council on its Active Citizens Program, a global social action programme encouraging the community to play an active role in making a difference and positively impacting society.

Active Citizens has since successfully created positive impacts for many communities across the globe.

As a responsible corporate citizen advocating sustainable lifestyles, IOIPG in its IOI-Active Citizens Program, is embarking on a Waste-To-Treasure campaign to reach out to the Puchong community and encourage them to embrace the 3 Rs of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle where “One Man’s Waste Could Be Another Man’s Treasure”. Hence, leading the way here in Malaysia.

Kinrara State Assemblyman YB Tuan Ng Sze Han launched the campaign at IOI Galleria @ Puchong together with IOIPG Chief Operating Officer (Property Development) Teh Chin Guan.

Timbalan Yang Dipertua MPSJ Tn Hj Mohd Zulkurnain bin Che Ali was also present during the launch in support of the campaign.

Also present were MPSJ Councillors, Ms Prabha Sundram from British Council and representatives from youth organisations such as AIESEC University Malaysia as well as residents and representatives of Residents’ Associations in Puchong.

At the launch, the Puchong residents learnt about ways to earn rewards from recycling and the many ways to handle waste responsibly and sustainably.

Malaysia, with over 32 million in population, generates about 38,000 metric tonnes of waste daily. However, waste separation and recycle rate is only at 24% while the rest goes to the landfill. Due to rapid development and lack of landfill space, authorities throughout Malaysia are looking at other waste management approaches.



Malaysia’s PNB And EPF Acquire Battersea Commercial Property For \$2 Billion

KUALA LUMPUR – Malaysia’s largest asset management firm Permodalan Nasional Bhd and state pension fund Employees Provident Fund (EPF), known as PNB-Kwasa International 2, have agreed to jointly acquire the commercial assets at London’s Battersea Power Station for 1.58 billion pounds (\$2 billion).

PNB-Kwasa International 2 is a joint venture of Permodalan Nasional Bhd (PNB) and the Employees Provident Fund (EPF).

In a joint statement issued by SP Setia and Sime Property, the development was a major step in the ownership reorganisation for Phase 2 of the Battersea Power Station commercial.

“We are pleased with the sale of the Phase 2 commercial assets. It will bode well with our business plans as we continue to play a major role in the overall development of this iconic project. SP Setia is fully committed and positive on the long-term prospects of the project,” said SP Setia president and CEO Datuk Khor Chap Jen.

“We would like to thank all the parties involved in evaluating this acquisition and making this transaction a success. The commitment shown by all demonstrates the confidence

in this iconic London landmark development,” Khor said.

Battersea Phase 2 Holdco is a unit of Battersea Project Holding Company Ltd, which is owned by Sime Darby Property Bhd and S P Setia Bhd, each holding a 40% stake, and EPF holding the remaining 20%.

“This is an important milestone in the development of the Battersea Power Station site, and it is a strong sign of confidence in the long-term success of this global property icon. We are pleased to have secured this commitment from two of Malaysia’s leading institutions,” said Sime Darby Property Group managing director Amrin Awaluddin.

The acquisition was targeted to be completed in the first quarter of 2019, the funds said in a joint statement.

Battersea Phase 2 is part of the restoration of the iconic Power Station building expected to be completed at the end of 2020 and open to the public in the following year.

Built in the 1930s, the power station stopped operating in 1983 and gradually fell into disrepair. Multiple attempts to redevelop it fell through due to costs and practical difficulties in converting the gigantic site.



By
Batrisyia Jay

Mobility Solutions for Selangor



On the 4th of December 2018, SSDU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GRAB (Malaysia's largest e-hailing provider) to explore the development of mobility solutions for the Selangor State.

The focus of the collaboration is to realise Smart Selangor's Smart Traffic and Mobility Initiative objectives, which are to increase the use of public transportation, improve pedestrian mobility and traffic reduction in major city centres.

According to SSDU's Managing Director, Dr Fahmi Ngah, this collaboration marks a significant milestone in enabling real-time data-based policies which will ensure more effective solutions to be deployed at both the state and local municipalities. Several new initiatives will be developed together, which will further improve the citizens' experience of the Smart Selangor bus services.

"Grab believes that every Malaysian should benefit from



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the digital economy hence we continue to provide easy access to safe and affordable transport, food delivery and mobile payments services through one mobile app. We firmly believe that through our services and capabilities, as well as working with our partners, we would be able to support in providing better mobility solutions.

Our aim is to be able to integrate our services with public transportation, allowing our customers to move seamlessly across multiple modes in one journey, reducing congestion while getting a more affordable ride", said JJ Tan, Head of Business Development, Grab Malaysia.

SSDU is the Selangor state mandated entity that is responsible for planning and implementing Smart Initiatives to realise the vision of Selangor as a premier regional Smart State by the year 2025.

GRAB is one of the most frequently used O2O (online to offline) mobile platforms, providing the everyday services that matter most to consumers: commute, eat, deliver shopping – and pay with one e-wallet.



Giving Special Needs Children A Head Start In Life

by
**Joanna
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Beyond coping with the shock of the diagnosis and making decisions for intervention, parents of special needs children face several unique challenges; one of which is the unfortunate realisation that mainstream education does not fully accommodate children with special needs. Khairul Ramly, the founder of Headstart Academy knows these feelings and challenges all too well as the parent of a special needs' child.

Grappling with reality

Khairul's own son, Khayr Ayden, was diagnosed on the autism spectrum back in 2010 when the family was living in Singapore. Determined to ensure as fulfilling a life as he could for Ayden, Khairul and his family embarked on the hunt for an early intervention programme that catered to Ayden's needs. He discovered the Saint Clare School for Special Education which implements an Individualised Education Programme (IEP) that identifies each child's skills and needs and provides personalised special education

services. Through this personalised programme, Ayden saw improvements in several areas of his development.

However, upon returning to Malaysia, like many parents of children on the spectrum, Khairul was struck with the reality that intervention for children on the Autism spectrum in our nation is focused mainly on early intervention. Scouting through several schools and intervention centres, Khairul was unable to find a school that offered comprehensive therapies to prepare Ayden, who was by then 8 years old, for school and life beyond. In addition to that, the existing early intervention centres were simply put, poorly maintained and in Khairul's eyes, did not provide the adequate support that his son needed.

Taking charge

While most would begin to feel helplessness at the predicament and uncertainty of their child's future, this only further spurred Khairul towards a new mission: building a path into adulthood for Ayden and other children like him so that they could get a head start. Having seen the positive impact that the IEP model at Saint Clare's had on his son, the idea sparked within Khairul to establish an intervention academy with the same premise - a child-centric personalised curriculum to develop each child's potential and abilities. Thus, the Headstart Academy Malaysia was born.

"Parents of special needs children don't have a wide choice of schools and the point here is to create the choice. Starting the Headstart Academy provides parents of special needs children with another alternative for intervention pro-

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grammes that creates a more personalised programme for their children. We want to create a benchmark for what private special needs education should be. We want to disrupt the industry and drive competition to increase the quality of special needs education out there.”

Headstart Academy provides a premier early intervention programme for younger children with special needs utilising a proven international curriculum that is delivered by experienced, fully-trained academic staff with a passion and an invested interest in what they do.

Khairul says, “The way the business was set up ensures 30 percent equity is divided between the team. I wanted my team to have a stake in the business to give them ownership over running the business. I believe in empowering your staff to believe in your business

and feel part of it, that's what drives a business.”

Building towards that goal, Headstart Academy offers an immersion programme before enrolment to ease the transition for both the special needs child as well as the family. It is also an opportunity for parents to assess their child in the environment at the academy so that they can be comfortable with their decision to (or not to) enroll their child. For two to three weeks, the child attends classes to ensure the academy is a good fit and is evaluated by three different therapists - Behavioural, Speech and Occupational - at no cost. Teachers and therapists then sit down with parents to discuss the child's development and progress before enrolment.

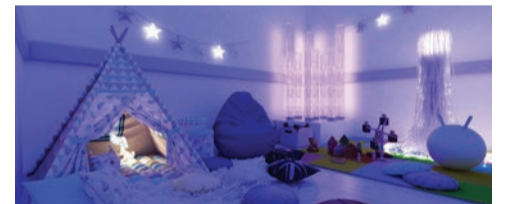
Leading the way

The flagship Headstart Academy spans over 10,500 square feet of space specifically designed for special needs' children. It boasts a 2,000 square foot Occupational Therapy Gym with a rock-climbing wall and other equipment more impressive than most gyms in typical schools. Other premium facilities catered to engage its students include therapy rooms, dedicated areas for arts & crafts, music, dining and changing rooms/toilets. There is also a Snoezelen sensory room, which is a controlled multisensory environment designed to deliver various soothing stimuli to the senses using lighting effects, colour, sounds, music, scents.

For now, the Headstart Academy is focusing its efforts

on early intervention. In the long run, Khairul plans to take Headstart into its second phase by introducing a programme for older children. The programme will not only highlight academic skills, but also include a structure where special needs children can learn vocational life skills, structured play and address their sensory issues. Khairul adds that his vision is to see Headstart Academy become a franchise for quality private special needs education for all ages and hopefully someday, build a full-fledged school for special needs' children.

“I wanted to start a full-on school to cater to older children, like Ayden, too. I wanted to build a place that I would want to send my own child because at the end of the day, it's tough for any parent to say that their child will never be typical or do things that typical children can do. I'm not an educator but as a parent, I know how



important it is to have a place where your child is happy.”

However, an assertive entrepreneur, Khairul is aware that Headstart needs to establish its credibility within the industry and demonstrate that its model works, before any plans for expansion take place. “I wanted to start a place that's marketable and could become commercial in the long-run. Down the line, as we expand, we look forward to collaborations with the state government and other partners.”

As Headstart Malaysia opens its doors next year, Khairul says he plans to extend its role by engaging the special needs community through outreach programmes. As of now, Headstart currently sponsors space for the Autism Café Project at its lounge area where families can enjoy food and drinks served by special needs youth. Further down the pipeline, Headstart plans to offer its space for community programmes as well as sponsor PPKI classes in their impressive gym.

For more information do visit their website:

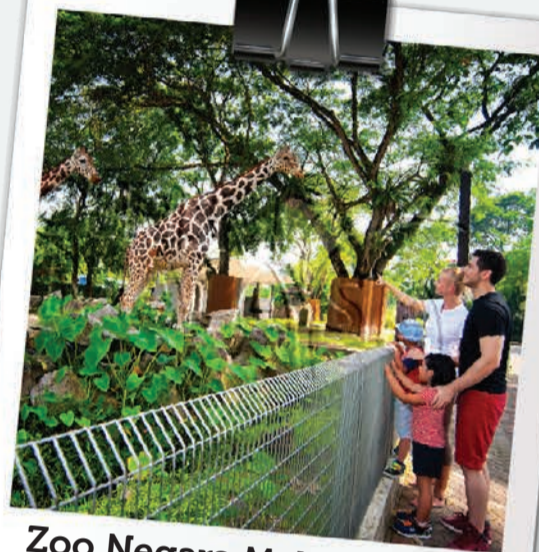
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Fun Places in Selangor

With the school holidays upon us, many parents are at their wits' end as to how to keep their children constructively occupied. But don't worry, there are plenty of places around Selangor you can take your kids to spend some quality time together and without travelling for hours.

For an adventurous day out with the kids, you could always visit the National Zoo of Malaysia. Kuala Lumpur Zoo and Aquarium span over 110 acres around a central lake, and houses 5137 specimens from 476 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish from Asia and Africa. Housing a forest, lake and 16 animal exhibits, the zoo is set on such vast grounds that visitors will need at least three hours to explore in its entirety but don't worry, they provide trams to travel across the zoo easily.

If you're looking for a getaway from the city, Kuala Selangor would be able to offer you a fresh take on nature. Kuala Selangor is renowned for the presence of the famous fireflies or known as *Kelip-kelip* in Bahasa Melayu, you can spot them along the shores of the Selangor River as it is the largest firefly colonies in the world. Children and adults alike would enjoy and marvel at the sight of small insects and its distinctive abdomen, which gives the insect its name, floating around them and illuminating the dark. If you wish to check out the fireflies and their nest, you should head out to Kampung Kuantan, approximately 9km from Kuala Selangor, early in the evening. You can arrange a trip with an eco-friendly boat and a guide and visit the mangrove forest where the fireflies often gather on the roots of the Berembang tree. The tours are open daily between 8 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. with the exception of rainy days.



Zoo Negara Malaysia

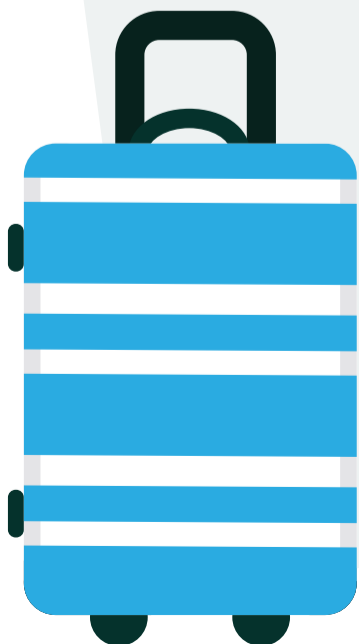


Kuala Selangor



Sunway Lagoon

Sunway Lagoon would offer a different experience for adults and kids alike with over 90 attractions spread across 88 acres. It provides the ultimate theme park experience in 6 adventure zones – Water Park, Amusement Park, Wildlife Park, Extreme Park, Scream Park and Nickelodeon Lost Lagoon– Asia's 1st Nickelodeon Themed Land. Sunway Lagoon also play hosts to some of the biggest acts and global events from around the world and its water park is one of the most popular in Southeast Asia. Sunway Lagoon is able to offer adults and children a fun-filled time with their family and a theme park that has something for everyone.



AROUND TOWN

December 2018



HAIKU IN PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPRESSIONS WORKSHOP

info@ilhamgallery.com

Assemble poetic moments in your photographs to create 'visual poetry'. The artistic photo series usually comprises a visual journey which can be viewed and read similarly to poetry. This experimental session will bring together the creative resources of the facilitators and participants in assembling mini-photo series which are influenced by haikus or poems, referencing the peaks of Mt. Fuji and Kinabalu.

For more information and to register, please contact info@ilhamgallery.com

Image: Photograph by Stacy Liu, 'In-ochi' series

📅 Jan 12, 2019
📍 Ilham Gallery, No.8, Jalan Binjai, Kuala Lumpur
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Book Binding
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Book Binding with a Leather Cover Workshop

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Have you ever thought of making your own notebook, diary, calendar or sketchbook? By learning book binding techniques you can always customize your own notebooks with any choice of paper you like. Also adding a leather cover to your own notebook helps to give it an outstanding look and makes it even more practical. You can easily carry it anywhere without being worried about anything happening to the cover.

Workshop highlight:

You will learn how to make your own notebook and cover out of genuine leather.

min 4 pax to start class

📅 Dec 23, 2018
📍 izipizi craft studio, D2-3, Pusat Perdagangan Bandar Bukit Jalil, Persiaran Jalil 1 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 57000
💰 RM170



Non Finito Art Exhibition

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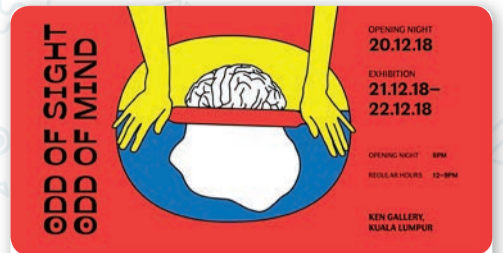
"As Vasari says of Leonardo, "...he began many projects but never finished any of them, feeling that his hand could not reach artistic perfection in the works he conceived..." And of Michelangelo, "...the works he envisioned were of such a nature that he found it impossible to express such grandiose and awesome conceptions with his hands, and he often abandoned his works, or rather ruined many of them... for fear that he might seem less than perfect." - Jeremy Angie (May 07, 2001), New York Academy of Art.

Non Finito, in its literal meaning, "not finished" or "unfinished" carries with it more than just a mere word to an artist in his or her creative processes. What meets one person's eyes as unfinished may appear as finished or completed by another's, and vice versa.

Opposites Abstract 2.0 is going beyond all of the above to explore what Non Finito is to each of the artist and to the viewers of their arts. Intertwining with this, are the various forms of abstraction that each artist brings into their arts, creating an even deeper conversation and meaning on whether there is anything finite at all in arts or whether arts is meant to be Non Finito in the purity of its essence.

Meet the artists in person during their Opening Ceremony on 21 December 2018 from 6.00pm until 8.00pm.

📅 Dec 10, 2018 – Feb 10, 2019
📍 University of Malaya Art Gallery
💰 Free



Odd of Sight, Odd of Mind

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"Odd of Sight, Odd of Mind" is a Final Year Design Exhibition held by the graduating students of BA in Graphic Communication Design and BA in Interactive Multimedia Design programmes at The Design School of Taylor's University, Malaysia.

The three-day exhibition will feature the 23 students' final year projects, including publications, short films, and augmented reality, packaging design, and many more—a feast for the eyes!

The exhibition will be officially launched on 20th December from 8pm onwards. Light refreshments will also be provided on the opening night.

📅 Dec 20 – Dec 22, 2018
📍 KEN Gallery, Menara KEN TTDI
💰 Free



KSFM presents "Splendor in the Grass" — free movie screening

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A sad, poignant film featuring Hollywood stars Warren Beatty and Natalie Wood in a story about a fragile teenage girl who falls in love with a handsome young man from the town's most powerful family and who has to learn to navigate her feelings of sexual repression, love, and heart-break. Has to be seen just for the ending alone: unmissable.

*Doors open at 7:30pm, Film starts at 8pm.

*Movie will be shown with English subtitles.

For inquires please contact 012 2255136.

HELP CAT is located a few minutes from Chan Sow Lin station, joined by a walkway.

📅 Jan 7, 2019
📍 HELP College of Arts and Technology Theatre 2, Level 4 Kompleks Metro Pudu 1 Jalan Metro Pudu 2 Fraser Business Park, 55200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
💰 Free