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## Airshow ready for takeoff

**S**elangor will be hosting its inaugural Selangor Aviation Show 2021 (SAS 2021) from Aug 12 to 14. Themed 'Selangor, the Asean Business & General Aviation Hub', it is expected to draw at least 5,000 visitors and 30 exhibitors from local and international companies. The event is set to create a business ecosystem with investment opportunities on both the domestic and international stage. The state government had in its 2021 budget allocated a total of RM2 million for the event.

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## Digital payments cut paper waste

**SHAH ALAM** - Parking payments made through the Smart Selangor Parking (SSP) application has helped save 634,994 kilograms of paper, said state executive councillor for local government Ng Sze Han.

He said the savings were calculated based on the number of users registered with the digital parking payment system which now exceeded 1.5 million since its launch in July 2018.

"For the record in the last two to three years, the response to the application has been very encouraging and (it) even has the largest number of users compared to other (similar) applications in Malaysia.

"Apart from facilitating users, we believe efforts to reduce the use of paper can be achieved if more people switch to digital payments," he said.

Ng was speaking at a press conference after chairing a meeting on the management of parking lots under the state's local authorities at Wisma MBSA (Shah Alam City Council) here on March 9.

In a discussion with the mayors and presidents of municipal councils, the state government decided that the use of parking coupons or manual payments will end on Dec 31 this year.

## Two-hour parking in selected areas

**SHAH ALAM** - In a move to optimise the turnover rate of parking bays in places that are highly congested, the state government has planned to impose a time limit of two hours for each vehicle at selected locations.

State executive councillor for local government Ng Sze Han said the measure is to ease up the number of cars hogging coveted spots and allow everyone the chance to find parking.

Ng said the parking rate will be fixed at 50 sen for every 30 minutes (as compared to 50 or 60 sen for every hour at parking bays managed by the local authorities) and users who surpass the maximum time limit will be compounded.

"This will be enforced after the amendment to the schedule under the Road Transport Order (Car Parking Place Allocation), which is used by the local authorities, has been gazetted," he said during a press conference at Wisma MBSA here on March 9.

Meanwhile, Shah Alam mayor Datuk Haris Kasim said the move will be implemented in three locations namely Glenmarie, Kota Kemuning and Sungai Buloh, with more to follow in the near future.

He also said the setting-up of the designated lots will allow more people to get their errands done as they no longer have to wait a long time for a parking spot.

# Exco: e-parking won't be imposed on everyone

By **SHERILYN PANG**

**SHAH ALAM** - Visitors and non-residents of Selangor can still pay for their parking through e-parking agents once the Smart Selangor Parking (SSP) system is fully implemented next year.

State executive councillor for local government Ng Sze Han said e-parking agents who provide parking credit services will ensure that the public, in general, will have an alternative method to pay for their parking.

"The measure is mainly to ensure that small traders will continue to have the opportunity to generate some income by selling parking credits to the public. These agents will help visitors pay for parking using their own mobile phones.

"We also need to think of the interest of the senior citizens who may not have smartphones or do not know how to download the Smart Selangor Parking (SSP) app," Ng said in an interview on March 16.

He said the service will also offer convenience to visitors from other states as there is no necessity for them to down-



load the SSP app.

"This service is for those who are not residing in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur or the Klang Valley. It is not necessary for them to have this app as they may only come here for visits or for work purposes.

"They can just walk up to the (authorised) e-parking agents, provide their vehicle registration number and the agents will assist the visitors in paying for their parking," he said adding that details of the

agents' functions will be confirmed soon.

Launched in July 2018, the SSP app will be fully implemented by Jan 1, 2022.

It is managed by the Selangor government and is the preferred choice of payment for the local councils as well as the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

The cashless parking system has 1.5 million users to date and is one of the state administration's efforts to propel Selangor into becoming a digitally-adept economy.

## Selangor proud to put women in the lead

**SHAH ALAM** - Some 32.9 per cent of women have been appointed into decision-making positions in the Selangor state administration as of October last year.

Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari said this includes women who have been appointed as heads of depart-

ment as well as administrative officers of Grade 48 and above.

Amirudin also cited Subang Jaya City Council mayor Noraini Roslan and Menteri Besar Selangor Incorporated chief executive officer Norita Mohd Sidek as examples of women in leadership roles.

He said efforts and initiatives have been carried out to encourage gender-sensitive development, such as the state's Gender Mainstreaming programme introduced in March last year, in order to create a harmonious state and country.

The programme was initiated to allow the state government to achieve a minimum of 30 per cent of women's participation in all sectors and decision-making positions.

"We have appointed women who are capable and of high calibre to spearhead key agencies and this reflects our seriousness in giving fair treatment to all," Amirudin said in a video recording posted online on March 8 to celebrate International Women's Day.

"Various efforts and initiatives have been carried out to raise the dignity and appreciate the contributions of women within the community, especially in Selangor," he said.

"Let us all show our appreciation to the women in our lives."

Amirudin added that this year's theme, 'Choose to Challenge', serves to motivate women to forge ahead and overcome their obstacles when facing challenges.



**Amirudin holds up a placard with the theme of the state-level International Women's Day celebrations, #choosetochallenge, on March 8**



## Sultan happy many frontliners inoculated

**SHAH ALAM** - The Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj has expressed happiness upon learning that over 90 per cent of frontline workers at government hospitals in the state have received their Covid-19 vaccine shots.

Istana Alam Shah, in a posting on the Selangor Royal Office Facebook page on March 18, said Sultan Sharafuddin is always being updated on the latest vaccination statistics by the state health di-

rector Dato' Indera Dr Sha'ari Ngadiman.

The statement added that those at government hospitals who have been inoculated comprise doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers as well as support staff who have been directly involved in treating Covid-19 patients.

"The Sultan also learned that over 50 per cent of frontline workers at private hospitals in Selangor have received their Covid-19 vaccine shots and all of them are expected to be inoculated by

the end of March.

"His Royal Highness is delighted and praised all frontliners in Selangor hospitals who have carried out their responsibilities well," the statement said.

Sultan Sharafuddin also hopes that once the frontline workers are vaccinated, they will be able to serve the people with full confidence.

The Ruler also advised the people in the state who have yet to sign up for the vaccine to do so immediately. - Bernama

## Councillors, STFC to help with registration

By NORRASIDAH ARSHAD

**SEKINCHAN** - A total of 288 councillors from 12 local councils in Selangor have been mobilised in an effort to raise public awareness on the importance of the Covid-19 vaccine.

State executive councillor for local government Ng Sze Han said the group will go to focal locations, such as the morning and night markets, to help the community on the vaccine registration process.

"We have also instructed members of the Village Community Management Council (MPKK) to do the same. So far the response has been very encouraging.

"People who do not know how to register, especially senior citizens, will be given help to register either through MySejahtera, online or through the toll-free number," he said when met after a grant handover programme here on March 23.

Ng called on the community to register for the vaccine so that daily routines can get back to normal.

"These two doses of vaccine are not just to protect yourself but your family and the community.

"I ask everyone to do it immediately. There are no side effects and only slight soreness at the injection site," he said.

Meanwhile, *Sinar Harian* reported on March 22 that the Selangor Task Force for Covid-19 (STFC), too, is ready to help senior citizens in the state to register for the vaccine to ensure that they are not left out of the programme.

Its chairman, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, said this is because around 90 per cent of the group have yet to register.

He said it is obvious that this has occurred as some of them do not have access to the MySejahtera application, or face internet constraints, or do not know how to register online.

"The state government is still coordinating (the help) and at this initial stage, we will assist in the vaccine registration," he said.

Dzulkefly also said his team will work with MPKK chairmen to achieve this goal. The chairmen will receive training on how to help register the people via the various digital platforms.



## RM100m approved for vaccine purchase

**SHAH ALAM** - The Selangor State Executive Council has approved an allocation of at least RM100 million for the purchase of the Covid-19 vaccine for the state, said Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari.

He said as planned, Selangor is expected to obtain the Covid-19 vaccine in late May or early June which will directly help speed up the vaccination programme in the country.

"We have finalised the (type of) vaccine but have to wait for us to receive it first (only then it will be announced). It is among the five vaccines that have been identified by the Health Ministry (MOH).

"Of course we will wait for the approval of the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA) for the vaccine to be allowed for use," he told reporters after receiving the second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at the Shah Alam Hospital on March 18.



On the first phase of the state's vaccination programme, he said that thus far 45,000 people have been vaccinated from the list of 66,000 recipients.

"I believe that with the speed that we currently have, we can complete the first phase of this vaccination exercise by April," he added. - Bernama

## MB: Care needed in choosing right brand

**SHAH ALAM** - The Selangor government is currently reviewing the five brands of vaccines ordered by the Federal government before making a decision to purchase them for the state's use.

Selangor Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari said all five brands will be examined to facilitate the procurement and inoculation process.

"When the time is right, we will get it. We do not want the purchasing process to be chaotic, messy and one that does not follow the proper process because it will dis-

rupt our overall plan to emerge from this pandemic.

"So far, we have no problems (with our preliminary plans) and cooperation with all parties is also good and solid. I believe we will finally be able to buy the vaccines to speed up the process," he said at a joint press conference with Coordinating Minister for the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme Khairy Jamaluddin, here on March 25.

Amirudin said the decision to buy the vaccines was made because Selangor has large indus-

tries and a big workforce.

"We have 120 companies with three million active workers. This (pandemic) affects the economy and the country's income on a whole," he said.

On Jan 18, the Selangor government announced its intention to buy about five million doses of vaccines for the people of the state and the effort was welcomed by the Federal government and the Health Ministry.

On March 18 an allocation of about RM100 million was approved for the purpose.

## Taps to go dry for maintenance works

**SHAH ALAM** - Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) has announced several scheduled maintenance works to be executed throughout the year to improve on its services for its customers.

Air Selangor Corporate Communications head Elina Baseri in a statement on March 24 said that the maintenance works were approved by the National Water Service Commission (SPAN) and will affect several areas in the districts of Petaling, Klang, Shah Alam, Gombak, and Kuala Lumpur.

"Air Selangor would like to clarify that the scheduled maintenance works are carried out to ensure that the assets and water distribution system is at an optimum level.

"The improvement of the pipeline infrastructure is also part of Air Selangor's efforts in improving the quality of its service for the future convenience of the consumers," said Elina in the statement.

She said the duration of the scheduled disruption and the restoration of water supply following the maintenance works will vary from one area to another depending on the location of the consumers' premises as well as the water pressure level on the water distribution system.

"Air Selangor would like to advise the affected consumers to store water adequately and to use water prudently during this temporary scheduled disruption," the statement read.

### The following are the details on the planned maintenance works:

- Removing and connecting new pipes near the Carlsberg factory at Persiaran Selangor in Section 15, Shah Alam, which will cause a scheduled water supply disruption for 48 hours.

The operation was initially scheduled to be carried out on Jan 12 but was postponed following the enforced movement control order.

The scheduled works will cause water disruption in five areas in Petaling, 14 in Klang, and 12 in Shah Alam, beginning March 30 from 9am, and water is expected to be fully restored on April 1 at 9am.

- Valve replacement works at the raw water pipeline from the Klang Gates Dam, which will cause the temporary shutdown of the Bukit Nanas and Wangsa Maju Water Treatment Plants (WTPs). This will result in a 68-hour water supply disruption.

The works will commence on April 6 from 9am to 9pm. Twelve areas in Gombak and 46 areas in Kuala Lumpur will be affected beginning April 6 from 9am. Water is expected to be fully restored on April 9 at 5am.

For more information, please visit Air Selangor's website at [www.airselangor.com](http://www.airselangor.com). Consumers may also refer to the company's mobile application, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, or call 15300.

## Campaign brings awareness

**SHAH ALAM** - A study by the Merdeka Centre in Selangor last December showed that the level of people's awareness towards the 'No Plastic Bag' campaign is high.

Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari said the awareness level of the campaign is at 88 per cent and this shows that the people are conscious of the need to reduce the use of plastic bags.

"At the early stage (of the campaign) — when it was implemented in 2008 and when it was enforced in 2013 — the people were relaxed about it and even ridiculed it.

"However, after it was consistently put into practice, the results can be seen today," Amirudin said at the launch of the 'Free from Plastic Bag Warrior' programme at the Selangor State Secretariat Building here on March 10.

Amirudin, however, admitted that the authorities are facing a new challenge in the wake of the Covid-19 situation, in the form of online shopping.

"The goods require packaging but are the packaging made from polystyrene, plastic or recycled materials? Nevertheless, I believe there are some e-hailing companies that place strict conditions on plastic use," he said.

# RM6.4m collected from plastic bag fee



By **MUSTAKIM RAMLI**

**SHAH ALAM** - A total of RM6.4 million, which has been collected from the 20 sen per plastic bag charge, will be used to spearhead more awareness programmes.

State executive councillor for environment Hee Loy Sian said the revenue from the collection will also be used to reward those who have worked to ensure the success of the campaign.

He said the amount was collected over a one-year span when the Selangor government gave the approval for the charge on Jan 1, last year.

He added that the amount spent on plastic bags is surprisingly high as the people had been restricted from going out during

the period of the movement control order.

"It is disappointing and poses challenges to us when people are unrestrained in using plastic bags," Hee told *SelangorKini* when contacted on March 18.

However, based on research conducted by Merdeka Centre in Selangor, public awareness on the 'no plastic bag' campaign is high.

"According to the study, 85 per cent of participants had shared that they have cut down on the use of plastic bags in their daily lives," said Hee.

This shows that the campaign is effective and that the idea of bringing one's own shopping bag to the store has become a well-accepted one.

## Rivers gazetted as reserves

**SHAH ALAM** - A total of 1,124 rivers, including river branches in Selangor, have been gazetted as river reserves to curb pollution to the state's water sources, *Kosmo!* online reported on March 13.

The move taken by the Selangor Water Management Authority (Luas) is to ensure that the 12 million residents of Klang Valley will face fewer water cuts in the future.

"The demarcation plans for a total of 663 rivers have been completed prior to being pro-

posed to the Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia (Jupem) while the remaining 458 rivers will be implemented in stages up to 2023.

"As of January this year, three rivers namely, Sungai Selangor, Sungai Langat and Sungai Damansara have already got their proper gazettement plan," the agency was quoted by the Malay daily.

According to Luas, the process of gazettement covers 50 meters of the river under Section 48 of

the Luas Enactment 1999.

The gazettement involves the basin area of Sungai Selangor, Sungai Langat, Sungai Bernam, Sungai Buloj, Sungai Tengi, Sungai Sepang and Sungai Klang.

Luas also explained that all the activities in the protective zones are subject to restrictions against structural development.

"The restrictions also include implementation of any activities or storage of chemical materials including pesticides, fertilisers and waste disposals," it said.

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# Farmers, fishermen not left behind

**SHAH ALAM** - A total of 910 members of the farming community in the state have received assistance in the form of compost fertilisers valued at RM456,000 from the Selangor government as of March 22.

In its weekly report on the 20 initiatives introduced under the Selangor Kita Package, the State Economic Planning Unit said 2,285 farmers, poulterers, fishermen and agro-industry operators will be receiving contributions in stages from March 25 onwards, with a total cost of RM1.05 million.

"Three hundred people will receive ruminant and non-ruminant livestock feeds, aquaculture farming contributions (154), petrol vouchers (1,351) as well as the assistance of raw materials for 500 agro-industry operators," said the report.

Other than that, a total of 65,042 individuals have received benefits through the people's representatives' special allocation as of March 22 compared to 41,104 from the previous week.

To date, eight of the 20 initiatives from the Kita Selangor Package announced by the Selangor Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari have been completed.

This includes the food basket initiative for 14,162 frontline workers with RM1.6 million spent as well as the setting up of the C5i Smart Selangor Operations Centre (SSOC) and the Selangor Smart Centre

of Excellence (CoE2) at a total cost of RM7.5 million to manage Covid-19 cases.

Through the initiatives:

- the number of individuals tested during the free Covid-19 community screening totalled 7,401 persons, at a cost of RM688,293
- 15,542 low-risk Covid-19 patients have used the Smart Selangor Bus to get to the Covid-19 Treatment and Quarantine Centres (PKRC) in Serdang
- 742 Orang Asli have received food assistance worth a total of RM200,000
- residents of the People's Housing Project (PPR) receiving purchase coupons for essential food items increased to 2,635 people
- a total of 442 children from 338 families were placed in 12 childcare centres in public hospitals through the Care for Frontliners' Children initiative, and
- Hijrah Selangor Foundation approved 150 more applications for the Niaga Darul Ehsan (NaDI) scheme with a total spending of RM175,300.



## New water plant a game-changer: MB

**SHAH ALAM** - The move to build a water reclamation plant specifically for the industrial sector in the Klang Valley is a new benchmark for the country's water supply system.

Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari said apart from easing the demand for clean water supply for household use, the effort is the best alternative for manufacturers.

"As a rapidly developing state with a high population, Selangor records very high daily water consumption rates.

"Therefore, the joint venture between Selangor and Putrajaya is a catalyst in the effort to create a more efficient water supply ecosystem," Amirudin said at the agreement signing ceremony between Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) and Indah Water Konsortium Sdn Bhd (IWK) at the Intercontinental Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur, on March 16.

The reclaimed water treatment plant

project for industrial use will be implemented in Setia Alam, which would be able to produce eight million litres per day (MLD), Section 23 Shah Alam (40 MLD) and Pantai Dalam, Kuala Lumpur (100 MLD).

Commenting further, Amirudin said Selangor is implementing projects worth RM200 million under the Raw Water Security Scheme (SJAM) to address the water pollution issue.

On Oct 30 last year, Amirudin outlined four measures, including water quality treatment of Sungai Gong and 24-hour monitoring at risky areas, to avoid further water cuts for the people.

Other efforts include increasing the number of telemetry stations for early warning systems at upstream water intake points as well as pumping raw water from the Hybrid Off-River Augmentation System (HORAS) reservoirs to Sungai Selangor and Sungai Semenyih should pollution be detected.



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## Farmers group now holds most shares in Nafas

**KUALA LUMPUR** - The Selangor Farmers Organisation (PPN) has become the largest shareholder in the National Farmers Organisation (Nafas) representing RM13.1 million or 20 per cent of the total value of Nafas shares of RM65.56 million.

Recently, Selangor PPN has added an additional RM2 million of investment into Nafas.

Selangor PPN board chairman Datuk Abd Rahman Bakri said the state PPN boasts a total of 55,857 members as of Dec 31, 2020, comprising 14 Area Farmers Organisations (PPK) with a total of RM3.79 million worth of shares invested.

He said for the period ended Dec 31, 2020, the total number of Selangor PPN shares in Nafas was RM9.91 million.

"Of this total investment, the dividend earned until Dec 31, 2020, is RM1.18 million, making the total share investment in Nafas as of Dec 31, 2020, amounting to RM11.1 million," he added.

Abd Rahman expressed hope that the additional investment would give higher returns to benefit the members.

He was speaking at a dinner held in conjunction with the two-day Special Committee on Certified Paddy Seeds meeting and the handing over of Selangor PPN additional shares to Nafas here on March 23.

The meeting, held for the first time, discussed, among others, matters related to the paddy industry and the need for all relevant agencies to cooperate and play their respective roles to improve and increase the country's rice production. - Bernama

## Helping 100 traders go online

**PETALING JAYA** - The Kampung Tunku constituency is helping 100 micro-entrepreneurs and small businesses go digital and accelerate the growth of their businesses online.

Its state assemblyman Lim Yi Wei said the Kg Tunku Digital Micro-Entrepreneurs Initiative, in collaboration with e-commerce platform Yezza and network consolidation programme Stack, which was developed by the Paper + Toast coworking space, will be sponsored with a total value of RM11,100.

Lim said in conjunction with the recent International Women's Day on March 8, 38 slots were made available to female applicants in March.

"We will also be sponsoring 100 Yezza Personal accounts for three months. After the three-month period, participants will have a choice of continuing with the platform," she said.

# Unlocking Klang River's economic potential

**KLANG** - The Selangor Maritime Gateway (SMG) initiative, which aims to transform the Klang River into a maritime economic zone for the state, is expected to rake in more than RM1 billion in investments by 2030, said Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari.

He said the investments would be coming in the form of joint ventures with the state's special purpose vehicles.

"The Klang River and its embankments hold great prospects that can unlock high-value opportunities for savvy businesses and investors, and we are currently in negotiations with several parties to realise a number of activities to propel the revival of the river," he told reporters during a site visit here on March 23.

Amirudin said SMG has a lot of potential, and to date, the Selangor government has spent about RM45 million for the cleanup of the river.

However, he cautioned that while the state welcomed investors and companies to be part of the SMG initiative, any activity that builds on the river's resources and ecosystem, whether as a water source, for riverside connectivity or for riverfront real estate, must be integrated into the SMG master plan to ensure that the principal objective of reviving the Klang River by making it clean again is not compromised.

He said four key pillars — river cleaning, river connectivity, river development and rehabilitation — have been identified as the key drivers within SMG.

"All these projects are targeted for completion by 2030, which is in line with the state's Smart Selangor aspiration in



making Selangor Southeast Asia's leading liveable smart city," he said.

Meanwhile, Landasan Lumayan Sdn Bhd (LLSB), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Menteri Besar Selangor (Incorporated), has been mandated by the Selangor government to manage SMG.

LLSB managing director Syaiful Azmen Nordin said an SMG project, the Pangkalan Batu Urban Park in Klang, is one of the few riverbank community parks in the country and the only one along the SMG corridor.

He said the park underwent major upgrading works under the SMG initiative to create more open communal spaces.

"This year will see the start of several tourism opportunities via the SMG project with the launch of the SMG River Taxi service soon, followed by the opening of Mangrove Point, the first nature park in

Malaysia to promote a biophilic approach, later in the year," said Syaiful Azmen.

He said work will also commence on the development of the last two catalyst projects under Phase 1 of SMG — the Grand Bazaar and Cultural Village, all located in Klang, which is the initial focus of the initiative.

This year, the SMG project will also introduce a riverside organic urban farm (a pilot project which will be embedded into Selangor's agropreneurship focus that aims to assist B40 communities), several connectivity projects and sustainable living concepts, as well as circular economic activities that address river waste and greywater.

According to SMG's website, the master plan covers 88,000 acres (35,612 hectares) along 56 km of the Klang River. - Bernama

## Westports' expansion will create jobs: Exco

By **NADIAH ZAMLUS**

**SHAH ALAM** - The phase two expansion of the Westports Terminal will bring a positive impact on the Selangor economy and be able to provide

employment opportunities, said state executive councillor for infrastructure and public facilities Izham Hashim.

He said the expansion of the terminal is needed to further grow the Port Klang logistics sector.



"This is because the capacity of Westports 1 has reached the maximum level, it is likely to disrupt the logistics activities at the port.

"Once this project (Westports phase 2) is fully completed, it will also provide job opportunities for the people of Selangor, and even for the people outside the state," he said on Facebook.

Izham had, on March 15, made a working visit to the Westports phase 2 construction site where several issues were brought up.

He said a special committee will be set up soon to discuss the problems faced by the workers and that the state government will always support all infrastructure projects in Selangor.

# Aviation show geared for launch

**SHAH ALAM** - The Selangor government, through Invest Selangor Berhad with its dedicated aerospace division S-Daico, will be hosting the Selangor Aviation Show 2021 (SAS 2021) from Aug 12 to 14.

The SAS 2021, themed 'Selangor, the Asean Business & General Aviation Hub', is expected to draw at least 5,000 visitors and 30 exhibitors from local and international companies.

It will feature a static aircraft display, a forum, an edu open day and an exposition.

State executive councillor for investment Dato' Teng Chang Khim said the inaugural event, which is scheduled to be held at the Subang Skypark, will create a potential business ecosystem and investment opportunities in both domestic and international stages.

"For the first time ever Selangor will host SAS 2021, a dedicated trade show for general and business aviation as well as for helicopters to provide an invaluable opportunity for high-level networking and market penetration prospects with industry players in Malaysia and potentially in the region.

"The event will bring together the world's best in business aviation and general aviation ... We are ambitious to make this show the most important aviation event in the Asia Pacific in the very near future and today is the beginning of the great journey," said Teng in his officiating speech at the soft launch of the SAS 2021 at the Majestic Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, on March 22.



**Teng delivers his speech at the soft launch of the aviation show at the Majestic Hotel in Kuala Lumpur**

Also present were state executive councillor Mohd Zawawi Ahmad Mughni, Selangor deputy state secretary Dr Nor Fuad Abdul Hamid, and Invest Selangor Berhad chief executive officer Dato' Hasan Azhari.

Teng said the event reflects the state government's determination to work hard and succeed in the aviation industry despite already being the biggest aviation hub in the country and accountable for the majority of the revenue coming from the industry.

"I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all industry players to take part in SAS 2021. I would also like to thank the establishments for agreeing to collaborate and undertake Selangor Aviation Show 2021 as our event partners.

"Let's work together to make SAS the annual event that the industry players fervently look forward to joining and cannot afford to miss, for this year and for the many years to come."

Among the eight agencies that

have agreed to partner up for the aviation show include the Asian Business Aviation Association, Malaysia Aerospace Industry Association, Women In Aviation Asia and the Royal Selangor Flying Club.

Meanwhile, Hasan said Selangor is home to more than 62 per cent of the country's total aerospace companies and over 20 related institutions of higher learning in the country.

"Selangor promises the most conducive ecosystem (for avia-

tion), housing over 200 aerospace and aviation-related players.

"The industry is strongly supported by a great demand from players in the Asia-Pacific region," he said.

He noted that the aviation industry and in particular, airlines around the world, are facing extreme financial pressures and are cutting capacity at unparalleled rates in the absence of meaningful passenger demand.

"It is anticipated that the industry will only be back to pre-pandemic operations by 2022, once the borders are open," he told reporters after the soft launch.

On Oct 30 last year, Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari had announced a RM2 million allocation in the 2021 state budget for the aviation show.

He said that the SAS 2021 would boost the aviation industry and provide a platform for local companies and micro and medium-sized entrepreneurs to explore the field.

Amirudin said the initiative is in line with Selangor's aim to become the main aerospace industrial player by 2030.

The effort was sped up by setting up the Selangor Darul Ehsan Aerospace Industry Coordination Office or S-Daico in 2020, to coordinate and monitor Selangor's aerospace growth.

Under the National Aerospace Industry Blueprint 2030, Malaysia had projected revenues of RM21.2 billion for aero-manufacturing, RM20.4 billion for maintenance, repair and overhaul, and RM13.6 billion for engineering and design services by 2030.

## RM5m grant incentive for SMEs to move online

**KUALA LUMPUR** - The Selangor state government will roll out a RM5 million SME Digital Matching Grant to encourage small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to digitalise their operations.

Selangor Information Technology and Digital Economy Corporation (Sidec), which is the secretariat of the matching grant, said the programme will benefit 1,000 SMEs.

Under the programme, the state government will provide a

50 per cent matching grant or a maximum of RM5,000 for SMEs to subscribe to e-commerce, human resource and payroll system, cloud accounting, digital marketing, electronic point-of-sale as well as system and payment gateway, it said in a statement on March 17.

Sidec also invited solution providers that provide digital solutions to SMEs to apply to be digital service providers under this programme.

The solution providers must

fulfil various criteria, including being at least 51 per cent owned by Malaysians. The deadline for submission is April 5.

Since the outbreak of Covid-19 last year, the state government has allocated RM12 million to boost SMEs' digitalisation and e-commerce via Invest Selangor and Sidec.

"The allocations demonstrate the Selangor government's aggressive digitalisation drive to emerge as Southeast Asia's digital hub," it said. - Bernama



**Digital solutions await SMEs that relocate online**

# Squaring up to nature's transgressors

By SHERILYN PANG

In late February, Selangor awoke to foggy skies and people wondered if the haze had come back as the air quality indicated an unhealthy reading.

The searing heat brought about by the northeast monsoon did nothing to abate people's anger when they learned that 34 hectares of Selangor's permanent forest reserve had been razed by fires as a result of open burning activities.

However, air pollution is just one of the many threats to the environment resulting from human transgressions and the state is having to pay a high price for it.

In conjunction with Earth Day on April 22 this year, calls are growing for definitive measures to be put in place at the state and local government levels to resolve such environmental issues.

"Local governments can act on offences according to the by-laws but if compared with the DOE (Department of Environment), the DOE penalties are much heavier," said state executive councillor for local government Ng Sze Han in reference to the by-laws under the provision of the Local Government Act 1976.

"Most importantly, we need to identify the culprits for us to take legal action against them," he said.

On March 5, a foreign national was arrested in connection with the incident. In view of the recent ban on open burning by the Federal government, offenders can face a maximum fine of RM500,000 if found guilty.

Ng said environmental offences largely fall under the jurisdiction of the DOE and while local authorities are constrained in their capacity to act against perpetrators in the wider context, wherever local government's interventions are warranted, it is vital that they be equipped to act quickly in emergency situations.

"In Selangor, we have set up a special disaster unit called the Selangor Disaster Management Unit which coordinates emergency responses among all the agencies in case disasters like forest fires occur.

"We have learned from mistakes and I have seen major improvements over the years especially with the recent Kuala Langat Selatan forest fires. We detected it early enough to put it out before more damage was done."



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**The SSOC has state-of-the-art technology that can integrate all complaints relating to the environment**

**Authorities demolish a heavy machinery repair workshop that was illegally built to prevent the risk of polluting Sungai Rawang**



Ng said, for instance, the state government is actively making an effort to improve the integration of data reporting for the purpose of gathering public complaints or feedback.

The Smart Selangor CSi Operations Centre (SSOC) is one such effort for the state to act more effectively and efficiently on reports.

"The Smart Selangor Delivery Unit (SSDU) is the technology arm of the Selangor government and they have developed a command centre for reporting purposes. Now that we have such infrastructure in place, what we need is the content.

"Eventually, all the local councils will work together with SSDU and other agencies to ensure that the command centre serves up to mark," he said.

## EYES AND EARS OF THE GOVERNMENT

Ng highlighted that for the most part, the state government is keen on working with the public to make reporting on environmental crimes and problems more accessible to the public.

"I want to use the example of Waze, where users can make reports on potholes on the roads. We need to have more of such systems that make it accessible for the public to lodge a report or complaint.

"With the right systems in place, more people will come forward and do the needful.

"It will encourage the public to be the eyes and ears of the local authorities and help combat illegal burning, pothole problems and more."

## ROGUE FACTORIES

Another challenge the local authorities face, said Ng, are factories that operate outside of their demarcated areas, causing pollution to residential areas.

Every five years, local governments undertake local planning (RT) projects, he said. In the process of demarcating new areas for the industries, many factories are found to be operating outside of the industrial zones.

"Sometimes, these factories have already been in existence for more than 30 years, like those we find around the Klang Municipal

Council, for instance.

"They are not suitable to continue operating either due to their proximity to schools, residential areas or hospitals which can be hazardous to both the environment and the people."

As a result, Ng said many factory operators find themselves in a dilemma with issues pertaining to their factory location, land status, licencing as well as the fate of their workers. Closing down, of course, would be the last resort.

"So we insist that they move to the appropriate industrial zones immediately," he added.

At this juncture, Ng said the Selangor administration is also focused on legalising factories operating within the industrial zones to enable them to start contributing fairly to the state revenue.

"If we do not legalise them, the state stands to lose substantial revenue from their industrial activities. They use the facilities and the environmental resources and so, it is only fair that they commit their fair share of contribution to the state as well as give back to the community."

# Where everyone deserves an equal chance

By **SHERILYN PANG**

**B**UKIT Lanjan is the third largest constituency in the country, spanning across areas such as Bandar Sri Damansara, Kepong, Sungai Buloh and Selayang. With a population of 300,000 residents and some 70,000 voters, its state assemblyman since 2008, Elizabeth Wong, aims to build an empowered population and at the same time, help residents achieve better living standards.

**Selangor Journal (SJ):** What is the main industry in your constituency?

**Elizabeth Wong (EW):** Bukit Lanjan's main industries are the manufacturing and services sectors. The manufacturing activities are heavily focused in the Kepong Industrial Park (KIP) and in Desa Aman, Sungai Buloh, both of which are export-reliant. Whereas, the service industry comprises commercial and retail businesses around Bandar Sri Damansara and Kepong that continue to drive the economy of the area, thus contributing extensively to the state's gross domestic product.

**SJ:** What is the main attraction in your area?

**EW:** Bukit Lanjan is known as a shopping haven with the presence of the Ikano Power Centre, Ikea and The Curve. Before the redelineation in 2018, One Utama shopping mall was under Bukit Lanjan, but now no longer. However, the bustling shopping activities of the nearby area still brings excitement to Bukit Lanjan. Additionally, modern apartments and residences fill the area and are popular among the working-class community. Areas like Damansara Perdana bring a youthful and energetic crowd to the area. Today, the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) is also under my constituency. It has huge tourism potential and since I have a good working relationship with FRIM, I hope we



**CLOCKWISE**

Bandar Utama state representative Jamaliah Jamaluddin, Wong, former Kuala Sepetang assemblyman Chua Yee Ling, Petaling Jaya MP Maria Chin Abdullah and Kampung Tunku assemblyman Lim Yi Wei at the PJ International Women's Day celebration 2021

Wong gets busy distributing food aid in Kampung Kepong Ulu during the MCO 2.0 period

The Bukit Lanjan rep (in red) delivers 'poon choy' to single-mother headed families during Chinese

can work on making FRIM an attraction for greater recreational activities as well as a tourist product.

**SJ:** What are the concerns raised by your constituents and how do you address them?

**EW:** Concerns vary from drainage issues and floods, to people who need help in terms of welfare aid. While on the other spectrum, we have people who are concerned about the state of the country's political situation, human

rights and racial issues. There is a whole variety of issues that people come to us for.

But, primarily people want us to address poverty and education issues and they want us to try and help as many people as possible. It has been very interesting because Bukit Lanjan is highly diverse with working-class constituents from the low-income group and affluent communities who face different challenges but sometimes, we are limited in a way that some issues are out of our jurisdiction. And so, infringing on the work of the local council can be quite problematic.

However, there are a few urgent things to address currently, such as resolving the traffic issues in Wangsa Permai and Sierramas. These two projects need a flyover and a bridge, respectively, but due to insufficient funds, we may require assistance from the Selangor government to get them off the ground. Also, more flood mitigation projects are needed in Kampung Desa Aman, Sungai Buloh, and additionally, we need to have more recreational spaces for people. Due to Covid-19, it is crucial to have green and wide spaces for people to move and exercise.

There are under-utilised green spaces, some of which are found in awkward corners. We are keen to work with the local council to provide better landscaping for these places and make them safer and more pleasant for people to use.

Also, I would like to stress the urgency of having old pipes, especially those in Selayang Jaya and Selayang Utama, replaced. These pipes are so old they have been breaking down so often, affecting the residents there. I am also fundraising to put solar panels at some low-cost flats to power up the open areas as they have not had lights in their corridors and stairwells for more than 10 years because they cannot afford the exorbitant electricity bills.

**SJ:** What are your achievements so far in your constituency?

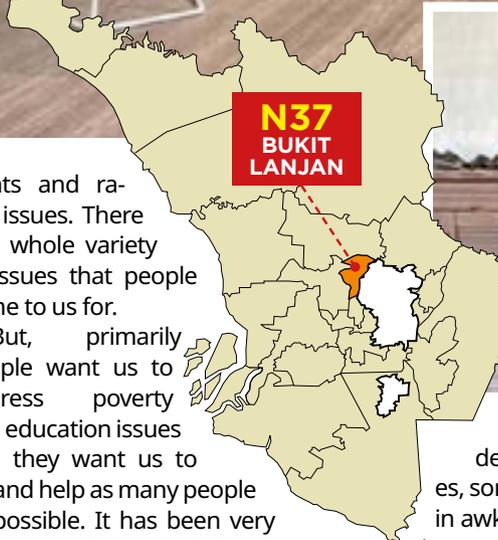
**EW:** We managed to build an LRT station near Kampung Sg Kayu Ara (which was at that time, under my constituency) as well as

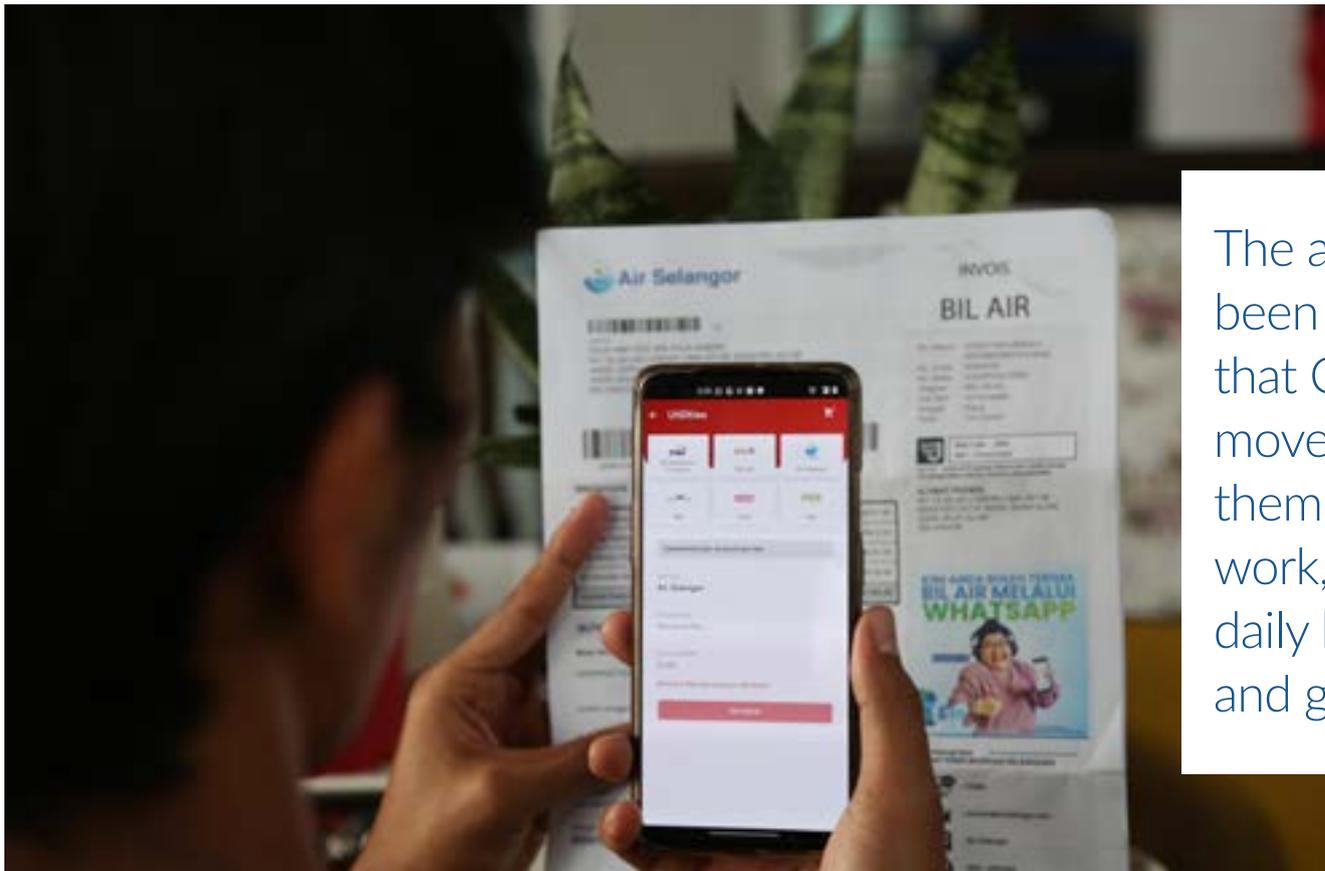


get the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) to build multipurpose halls for residents to use for all kinds of constructive activities. These are physical accomplishments. There are also accomplishments that are unquantifiable such as helping many families get through hard times and developing the youth. Sometimes, we don't think that the little bit we do to help mean anything, but to them, it is a significant gesture. We are here to, hopefully, change the system, make the system work better for the people and to make sure that people have a place in Malaysia, a place in Selangor, they can call home. I think that is my personal ambition or something that I want to work towards.

**SJ:** What are some of your problem-solving methods?

**EW:** I listen to opinions from all corners, from experts, from my peers, from residents and I read up as much as I can. Hopefully, whatever we propose is actually a solution for the people.





The advent of mobile apps has been made more important, now that Covid-19 has restricted the movements of people, forcing them to stay at home as they work, study and go about their daily business like getting meals and groceries

# Digital tools for better lives

By **ALANG BENDAHARA**

**D**URING the tabling of the 2021 Selangor Budget in October last year, the Selangor government had dedicated RM369 million, or one-third of its development expenditure, towards the digitalisation agenda.

As the state aims to become a liveable Smart State in the region by 2025, it has made a tremendous leap towards empowering its people, businesses and the public sector through the optimisation of digital technologies such as formulating mobile applications (apps) in offering its services to the people.

The advent of mobile apps has been made more important, now that Covid-19 has restricted the movements of people, forcing them to stay at home as they work, study and go about their daily business like getting meals and groceries.

It takes a person with enough tenacity and youthful vigour to envision a smart city, and Selangor has that person in Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari. In May

2016, two years before he took office as the second-youngest ever Menteri Besar of the state, Amirudin had already set out to establish the Smart Selangor Delivery Unit (SSDU).

The SSDU helped in many ways to set the direction for Selangor's smart agenda by initiating many projects and programmes with key stakeholders to future-proof Malaysia's most advanced state.

A wholly-owned subsidiary of Menteri Besar Selangor Incorporated (MBI Selangor), it has identified four domains to drive the state's smart initiatives: Smart Government, Smart Economy, Smart Community and Smart Digital Infrastructure.

In this first instalment of a two-parter, we highlight some of the apps developed by the Selangor government via SSDU and other agencies.

## Smart Selangor Parking (SSP)

Rolled out on July 1, 2018, the app is used by all the local councils in the nine districts

covering Shah Alam, Subang Jaya, Selayang, Petaling Jaya, Kuala Selangor, Ampang Jaya, Kajang, Sepang, Klang and Kuala Langat.

The number of registered users has now exceeded 1.5 million and it has even recorded the largest number of users compared to other similar apps in Malaysia.

The couponless eco-friendly app had so far saved 634,994 kilograms of paper, which would have been used as parking tickets or coupons. The receipts are also available online for those needing to do their claims.

It also features the option to pay for parking compounds via scan-and-pay, for off-street parking at private parking lots as well as to transfer credit.

With the advent of the Smart Selangor Parking app, the use of parking coupons at all venues managed by local authorities in Selangor will come to an end on Dec 31, as the SSP digital payment method will be enforced on Jan 1, 2022.

## SELangkah or 'Step in, safely'

The app was established to ensure that business entities would be ready to accept customers in the wake of Covid-19.

It utilises QR Code and GPS

technology to register a person's attendance at a particular location. Should there be a Covid-19 cluster at that location, contact tracing can be more easily carried out.

The SELangkah app has evolved from a contact tracing tool into an all-in-one platform, covering community testing, state welfare distribution and vaccine pre-registration.

## CEPat (Citizen E-Payment)

CEPat is a centralised e-payment platform for payment services with the Selangor government. Users can pay their tax assessment, quit rent and compounds and also pay for their utilities (TM, Air Selangor, Indah Water Konsortium, Astro and Njoi bills) and mobile pre-paid top-ups.

The CEPat app is also used by all Smart Selangor bus passengers as they need its 'Scan to Ride' function in order to get a ride.

CEPat was introduced on Aug 21, 2019, and uses cloud-based technology to ensure it is

easily accessible to users.

As of December last year, 11,000 users have downloaded the CEPat application. The SSDU is targeting for more than 200,000 users in the near future.

## Seldec (Selangor Digital E-Supply Chain)

The Seldec app enables users to buy fresh produce such as meat, fish and vegetables, and delicacies like marinated lamb meat, as well as grocery items, health and beauty products, and home and lifestyle needs.

Seldec is set up under Selangor Industrial Corporation Sdn Bhd and is an end-to-end online business platform that enables local entrepreneurs to market their wares to the public.

This app connects sellers directly to the buyers and is part of the Selangor government's plan to digitalise the food supply chain and help to improve the livelihood of small and medium entrepreneurs in rural Selangor.



# Garden of friendship with Japan

By ZAREEF MUZAMMIL

**SHAH ALAM** - The Selangor-Japan Friendship Garden has opened its doors to the public.

Situated next to Dataran Kemerdekaan, here, the 2.428-hectare garden started welcoming visitors on March 12.

Shah Alam Mayor Datuk Haris Kasim said work on the garden began in 2018 and was completed last year at a cost of RM3.8 million.

"This garden is a show of our appreciation towards Japan who has continued to stay true to Selangor as its choice destination for investment (in Malaysia).

"The opening of the garden was slightly delayed following the enforced movement control order," he said during the opening ceremony at Taman Tasik Shah Alam on March 12.

Also present were Selangor

Malay Customs and Heritage Corporation (Padat) chief executive officer Datin Siti Khadijah Abd Aziz and third secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Malaysia Iwa Iwari.

Haris said the garden is ideal as a talking point to highlight the social and cultural similarities between Selangor and Japan, and that much can be shared on the topics of lifestyle, customs and food.

The sprawling grounds of the garden feature elements of traditional Japanese landscaping design.

Within its bamboo-concept security fences is a zen garden, a maze pond, a reflexology garden and a terraced lawn. Visitors will also get a first-hand look at a tsukubai (stone washbasin) and a traditional torii gate.

The garden is open every day from 10am to 7pm and is free of charge.



Dancer Alisha Hiromi performs the Awa Odori, or Awa dance, at the newly-opened Selangor-Japan Friendship Garden on March 12

## AI used to trace virus hotspots

**KUALA SELANGOR** - Artificial intelligence (AI) is used to determine where the free community screenings for Covid-19 in the state should be held.

Selcare Clinic manager Mohd Noor Md Nasir said the method is used to identify Covid-19 hotspots in an area.

"Based on AI, we are able to forecast that the area would be seeing an increase in the number of cases.

"From there, we would be able to identify the locations,"

said Mohd Noor when met during the Covid-19 testing initiative at the Bestari Jaya hall, here on March 21.

He said free testing will also be held in Balakong and Pandan Indah.

"We hope that the public will come and get themselves screened," he added.

The Selangor government has provided a total of RM6 million in allocation to hold mass Covid-19 screenings across the state to break the chain of infection.

The antigen rapid test kit (RTK-Ag) used throughout the testing operations is able to detect the virus within 30 minutes.

Those interested to take part in the initiative are advised to pre-register via the SELangkah app or visit [www.screening.selangkah.my](http://www.screening.selangkah.my).



## State approves 14,000 bazaar lots for Ramadan

**SHAH ALAM** - The Selangor government is offering 14,000 bazaar lots to traders in the state for selling their wares this Ramadan, *Utusan Malaysia* reported on March 24.

State executive councillor for entrepreneur development Rodziah Ismail said the number has dropped compared to a few years ago due to the Covid-19 situation.

"This is because the Ramadan bazaars need to comply with the standard operating procedures (SOPs) fixed by the National Security Council (NSC).

"I have requested for all the district councils to review whether it is viable to allow more trad-

ers at each Ramadan bazaar," said Rodziah.

She said enforcement officers of the local councils will be stationed at each bazaar to ensure that traders and visitors comply with the SOPs.

Rodziah also advised the people to go for cashless payment options to reduce the risk of infection.

"We must try to minimise contact during sales transactions, therefore traders can get the code to access the e-wallet option when applying for the bazaar permit," she added.

On March 23, Rodziah said the Selangor e-kitchen programme will be continued this year using a different approach to assist traders in generating an income during the month of Ramadan.



## Council collecting data to draft 2022 budget

**SHAH ALAM** - The Selangor Municipal Council (MPS) is currently conducting a survey to get feedback from the public for the drafting of the 2022 state budget (Selangor Budget 2022).

Its Corporate Communications director Mohamad Zin

Masoad said the survey started on March 9 and will end on April 9 to identify income estimates and spending.

"MPS hopes that the public will take this opportunity to share some information to ensure that the budget can be

prepared to meet everyone's needs," said Mohamad Zin in a statement.

Proposals and suggestions can be made to the MPS website at [www.mps.gov.my](http://www.mps.gov.my).

Enquiries can be made to the council at 03-6126 5824.



Amirudin hands over a box of food assistance to the Mah Meri community at Kampung Asli Sungai Bumbun in Carey Island in Kuala Langat

# MBI gives back to the community

By **MUSTAKIM RAMLI**

**KUALA LANGAT** - Menteri Besar Selangor Incorporated (MBI) has allocated RM5 million for corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities through the Kita Selangor Package.

Its chief executive officer Norita Mohd Sidek said out of the total amount, RM600,000 will be used for food baskets for the Orang Asli community.

"A total of 74 Orang Asli vil-

lages in 22 state constituencies, involving 6,500 families, have received the aid," she said when met during the handing over ceremony of food baskets to the people of Kampung Asli Sungai Bumbun, here on March 21.

She said the programme, which was also attended by Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari, saw the distribution of food baskets to 159 families.

Norita said the state agency is also planning to carry out

several programmes ahead of Ramadan, which will be announced soon.

The RM5 million allocation to the Kita Selangor Package will include food assistance to frontline workers, tablets for the use of frontliners stationed at the Low-Risk Covid-19 Quarantine and Treatment Centre (PKRC) at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang (MAEPS) as well as programmes for the children of frontline staff.

## Shah Alam mayor is new state finance officer

**SHAH ALAM** - Shah Alam Mayor Dato' Haris Kasim has been appointed as the new state finance officer.

This was confirmed on the official Facebook page of the Selangor State Secretary's Office on March 15.

"The Selangor government congratulates Dato' Haris Kasim on his appointment as the Selangor state finance officer," it wrote.

Haris' appointment is to replace Dato' Nor Azmie Diron, who has been appointed as the state secretary effective Feb 3.

Prior to being the Shah Alam mayor, Haris was the Selangor Islamic Religious De-

partment (Jais) director in January 2015 and was also a Hulu Langat district officer.

Haris said he hopes that efforts to propel Shah Alam into a low carbon city will be continued and achieved before 2035.

"Throughout my stint in administering MBSA for one year and 10 months, my job had been smooth because all the staff there had given me their full cooperation. I hope this will continue," he said.

Haris will be replaced by Shah Alam deputy mayor Mohd Rashidi Ruslan, who was appointed as acting mayor for the city effective March 15.

## Action will be taken, says Luas

**SHAH ALAM** - All factories and business premises operating along river reserves, especially state-owned land, will be demolished.

The Selangor Water Management Authority (Luas) said as for premises on privately-owned or leased properties, written permission to operate must be obtained as resource alteration activity under Section 43 of the Luas Enactment 1999.

The measure is to control the development of factories, farms and homes, the agency told *Kosmo!* on March 13.

"This is based on the gazette that came at the same time as the enforcement of the Luas Enactment 1999 (September 1999)," it said.

"Even though there were factories and business premises which were built before the enactment was enforced, government agencies such as the Land and District Office as well as local authorities can take action according to the law."

Luas added that action has been taken in six cases, which were offences committed at gazetted rivers including Sungai Selangor, Sungai Langat and Sungai Damansara.

"They involved the issuance of notices, compounds and charges in court under Section 79 and 43 of the Enactment as well as other relevant departmental laws such as Section 430 of the Penal Code and the Environmental Quality Act of 1974," it said.

## Be considerate, MBSJ tells residents

**SHAH ALAM** - Residents are advised to plant their trees and plants in suitable areas to avoid disturbing their neighbours and creating breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ) in a statement said this reminder follows frequent complaints received by the council that residents placed pots and plants in inappropriate areas.

"However, MBSJ has no objection to the community planting trees or crops in their housing area that won't cause a distur-

bance to anyone.

"We (also) implemented a seed exchange programme to encourage tree planting and residents are also encouraged to participate in the community garden programme," said the council.

MBSJ said it aims to plant about 80,000 new trees each year.

"We are also developing the urban forest in USJ 3 which has various species of forest plants, herbs and ornamental trees that can increase the biodiversity of the city," it said.



# The driving force of Bandar Utama

By SHERILYN PANG

**B**ANDAR Utama (N36) has a dense population of close to 100,000 residents with 51,504 registered voters as of 2018. The constituency has a mix of largely urban dwellers and pockets of land with rural settlers and Orang Asli. Since her appointment as a state assemblyman, Jamaliah Jamaluddin, who is also one of the country's youngest leaders, has committed her all towards raising the living standards of her constituency and ensuring that residents' expectations are fulfilled.



**Selangor Journal (SJ):** What is the main industry in your constituency?

**JJ:** I would say BU's commercial areas which contribute immensely to the state revenue. It is a mature township with a vast coverage of public transportation systems and highway networks. The high mobility and traffic significantly contribute to the thriving dynamics of BU and bring sustainable value to the state.

**SJ:** What is the main attraction in BU?

**JJ:** People recognise BU for the decades' old One Utama Shopping Complex. They appreciate the family-oriented atmosphere with many established local and international schools and colleges around and a large community of senior citizens. Places like Damansara Utama and the SS21 are famous haunts for foodies while the modern-concept Starling Mall at Uptown Damansara and its revamped environment have brought in large crowds in recent years.

**SJ:** What are the concerns raised by your constituents and how do you address them?

**JJ:** Naturally, residents are concerned about the safety of their neighbourhoods as they are surrounded by commercial centres. They also care about the traffic congestion, parking, maintenance of recreational facilities and the overall wellbeing of the community.

'Quality of life' best describes what the residents of BU yearn for. Since my team took office in 2018, we have worked hard to fulfil their expectations and helped them achieve better living standards.

In 2019, we launched the

RM200,000 'Taman Selamat Untuk Semua' (TaSS) grant to assist more than 30 BU residential associations to improve the safety of their respective housing areas. This allocation could be used for the installation of CCTV cameras or solar lighting or to enhance their neighbourhoods' other security features.

On the one hand, Kg Kayu Ara is a complicated area as it has a mix of residents from the squatter houses, townhouses and condominiums but I am hoping to be able to train and empower the young people there to be more involved in community-building efforts.

We would organise various activities and get them to participate. These activities include food aid programmes, clothing distributions, sanitisation and disinfection operations where they not only serve to look after the locals' welfare but also build leadership qualities among the young to bring improvements to their local communities.

**SJ:** What are your achievements so far in your constituency?

**JJ:** Within the three crucial years of holding office, we have upgraded almost all the main public facilities and carried out



**FROM TOP:**

Jamaliah poses with the performers and volunteers of the Rasa Sayang Carnival on Oct 12, 2019

A worker installs a fire hydrant at Jalan SS4D/8 under Jamaliah's watchful eye

The Bandar Utama representative attends a Ponggal celebration in Kampung Kayu Ara

'rejuvenation project' for the new villages around BU. For Kg Chempaka we upgraded the public market, the basketball court, rebuilt their public toilet and upgraded their parking areas. So, now they have 80 new parking lots near the public areas for the benefit of all.

To me, what is important for these villages is not only the upgrading of public facilities but also the preservation and enhancement of artistic facades and the creation of a nostalgic atmosphere. Having said that, we had launched the 'New Village Beautification Project' where the traditional wooden houses of Kampung Chempaka were painted with vibrant colours. A total of 30 houses have been given the new look so far. In addition, we want to make sure the welfare of senior citizens there are taken care of. We recently initiated the construction of a senior-citizen park that has a 'tai chi' exercise space, a section for chess games and a bird sanctuary for the elderly.

For the youth, we hold programmes such as parliament-visiting sessions, dinner ceremonies with fellow activists, graphic design classes and personal finance workshops, among others. We also introduced the 'Resume-Writing Webinar' and 'Level-Up with LinkedIn' online classes even before the pandemic started.

On a personal note, growing up in a mixed-parentage family (my mother is Chinese and my father, Malay), I have faced some bitter incidents in life. These experiences inspired me to be an agent of change to eliminate racism in the country.

One of my main projects was the annual 'Karnival Rasa Sayang' to celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of our cultures in Malaysia. I hold the quote 'tak kenal maka tak cinta' dearly and I am not someone who believes in 'tolerating' each other in the bid to achieve racial harmony. For me, to truly achieve racial harmony, is to understand each other. We've managed to run the event for two consecutive years with positive feedback had it not been for the pandemic.

**SJ:** What are some of your problem-solving methods?

**JJ:** It is important for me to listen carefully to all perspectives and explanations without making hasty conclusions so that the focus can be directed towards solving problems. What is important is the ability to have an open mind and the spirit of teamwork.

# Excitement as Xtiv Virtual start date draws near

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**SHAH ALAM** - The 2021 Selangor Xtiv Virtual e-sports competition, which starts this month until December, is offering accumulated prizes worth a total of RM411,680.

State executive councillor for youth and sports development Mohd Khairuddin Othman said seven types of games will be featured — the Selangor Xtiv Virtual Esports, Selangor Xtiv Virtual Marathon, Selangor Martial Arts Xtiv Virtual, Selangor Xtiv Virtual Youth Busking, Selangor Xtiv Virtual Chess, Selangor Xtiv Virtual Ride and Selangor Xtiv Virtual Jump Rope Challenge.

"Members of the public can find out information about the programme from the Selangor

Xtiv Virtual 2021 Facebook page through the link: [www.facebook.com/selangorxtiv2020](http://www.facebook.com/selangorxtiv2020)," Mohd Khairuddin said during a press conference after launching the competition at the Selangor State Secretariat Building here on March 23.

The inaugural programme held last year was unexpectedly well-received when it registered 250,631 participations as well as 18 million views on its social media platforms.

It also attracted participants from overseas such as from Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei, Japan, India and the United States.

Selangor is the only state in Malaysia to have successfully organised a large-scale virtual sports competition, and one that offers attractive prizes to its winners.



Khairuddin officiates the 2021 Selangor Xtiv Virtual event at the Selangor State Secretariat building

## First e-sports school in the works

**SHAH ALAM** - Selangor will soon have an e-sports development centre equipped with a training academy, student accommodation, a studio, and teaching staff that will be located in Section 13, here.

State executive councillor for sports development Mohd Khairuddin Othman said RM3 million is allocated to



renovate the former Carlton Hotel building for that purpose.

The project is scheduled to complete by the end of the year.

"The state government is collaborating with the Selangor State Sports Council, the Selangor e-Sports Association, the Selangor Football Association and Universiti Teknologi Mara to

come up with the best ideas for the centre.

"This effort allows us to design training modules to produce professional e-sports players," he told the media after officiating the 2021 Selangor Xtiv Virtual at the Selangor State Secretariat Building here on March 23.

Mohd Khairuddin said e-sports will soon become a career option that provides a lucrative income.

The country has sent e-sports athletes to the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia and the 2019 SEA Games in Manila, Philippines.

## RM2m facelift for extreme park

**SHAH ALAM** - The Shah Alam Extreme Park in Section 13, here, will be given an estimated RM2 million facelift to upgrade its facilities.

Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari said the centre for extreme sports, which was first opened in 2009, requires repairs to its skateboard court, cycling area and wall-climbing facility.

"This is a rough estimation. If we want to install a roof structure, it would cost between RM2 million and RM3 million. Therefore, we will discuss this with the developer," said Amirudin during a visit to the park, here

on March 14.

Amirudin said he is also delighted that many families choose to spend time together at the park during weekends and added that he is committed to improving the area.

On May 30, 2016, the extreme sports park received a new lease of life through a pilot project by Raja Muda Selangor Tengku Amir Shah.

The park is a Selangor Youth Community initiative in collaboration with non-governmental organisations and was created to encourage youths to spend their free time doing sports and recreation.

## Don't write off Giants just yet: Manager

**SHAH ALAM** - The appointment of a new import coach and a short preparation period are among the factors for Selangor FC's lacklustre start to the 2021 Super League, said its manager Mahfizul Rusyudin.

He, however, said it is too early to reject the Red Giants' chance to challenge for the championship or to occupy the best team group this season.

"The league competition has just entered the fifth match and

we are confident that Selangor FC will be able to rise because this team has good players in every position.

"Besides that, we also show recordings of the matches to the players. This is important because they can evaluate their own perfor-



mance," he told *SelangorKini* on March 23.

On calls by supporters to rest head coach Karsten Neitzel, he said it is unfair to place the blame on certain individuals because football is a team game.

Selangor FC has only collected five points from one win, with two draws and two defeats after five matches.



# KITA SELANGOR PACKAGE\*

**IN NUMBERS**  
(AS OF MARCH 22)

**8 out of 20 initiatives completed**

Including food baskets for frontliners and the setting up of the C5i Smart Selangor Operations Centre and the Selangor Smart Centre of Excellence



**65,042 individuals** received benefits through special allocations from state reps



**7,401 persons** screened for Covid-19 at a total cost of **RM688,293** to the state



**15,542** low-risk Covid-19 patients used the **Smart Selangor Bus** to get to their quarantine centre



**442 children** from **338** frontline families were cared for at **12 childcare centres** in public hospitals



**742 Orang Asli** received food assistance worth a total of **RM200,000**



**910 members** of the farming community received assistance in the form of compost fertilisers valued at **RM456,000**



**150 more applications** approved for the Niaga Darul Ehsan (NaDI) scheme with a total spending of **RM175,300**

\*The Selangor government had announced the Kita Selangor Package on Jan 23 with a total allocation of RM73.877 million to help the people manage during the movement control order (MCO) 2.0, which was enforced on Jan 13