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NEUTERING PROGRAMME

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Subang Jaya City Council are holding a fully subsidised neutering programme for cats and dogs in Subang Jaya and Kota Kemuning, at Dewan MBSJ in SS15. Neutering for cats, limited to 200 felines, is from 10am to 3pm on March 5 and 6. Registration is at <http://t2u.asia/e/34638> while neutering for dogs, limited to 200, is from 10am to 3pm from March 7 to 10. Registration is at <http://t2u.asia/e/34631>

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ) is organising activities for the school holidays (until March 6) every Wednesday from 10am to noon and 2.30pm to 4.30pm at Perpustakaan Hipermedia MBSJ in Kompleks 3C, Subang Jaya. For details, call 03-5637 1704.

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Section 14 gazetted as towing hotspot in Shah Alam

THE Section 14 administrative and commercial centre of Shah Alam, Selangor is a hotspot where vehicles will be towed away for being parked at non-designated parking zones or obstructing traffic.

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) will also tow away vehicles parked in similar conditions in parts of Kota Kemuning and Sungai Buloh.

"The entire Shah Alam city centre area in Section 14 has been gazetted as a vehicle towing zone," said MBSA Corporate and Public Relations Department director Mohd Azhar Mohd Sharif in a statement.

"Any vehicle found illegally parked here, such as around Kompleks PKNS and Plaza Alam Sentral, will be towed to MBSA's towing depot in Section 17."

He was responding to a letter by a reader who questioned MBSA's criteria for towing away

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Towed car sparks questions about city develop

MY car was towed by the Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) a few days ago. I had parked on the grass verge under a tree in an isolated area where traffic was not heavy, and I did not block anyone's way. I duly paid the fine (RM150) and got my car back.

Furthermore, when my car was towed, I was not informed about it. I only found out because I had a tracker installed in it. If I had not had the tracker, how would I have known that my car had been towed to the MBSA depot at Section 17, Shah Alam?

When I was at the depot retrieving my car, I saw an elderly gentleman venting his anger at his old car being towed. He said he went around the block three times to look for parking near the building where he needed to get some official matters sorted. Failing to find space, he parked by

the roadside and rushed to run his errands. However, the business took much longer than he estimated and when he came out, the car was gone.

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Flashback to the letter in The Star on Feb 16.

cars titled, "Towed car sparks questions about city development", published on Feb 16.

"While the complainant did not state which part of Shah Alam the incident happened, our internal checks showed that his car was parked in a towing zone

near a park.

"The enforcement officers took action based on procedures set by the council, including issuing a slip and affixing it to a cone at the site to notify the owner his car had been towed.

"This is also to deter other

vehicles parking at the same location and obstructing traffic."

Mohd Azhar said the towing action was carried out under Park By-law (MBSA) 2005

Provision 8(1), whereby motorised vehicles cannot be parked anywhere within a park area, except at spaces designated for parking.

To address the lack of parking, he said MBSA had implemented the two-hour parking system in 67 bays in selected areas under the council's administration.

The system, enforced from Jan 4 this year, aimed to provide parking spaces for the public, especially for those who need them for a short period.

The areas where the two-hour parking system had been implemented were Jalan Tengku Ampuan Zabedah D 9/D in Section 9, Jalan Pahat F 15/F in Section 15, Jalan Sepadu B

25/B in Section 25, Taman Sri Muda, Jalan Anggerik Vanilla N 31/N in Section 31, Kota Kemuning as well as Jalan Prima R U13/R and Jalan Prima F U13/F in Section U13, Setia Alam.

Mohd Azhar said a compound and towing charge of RM270 would be imposed on a car or van, while RM350 would be levied for 4WD vehicles and lorries.

There was also an impound cost of RM10 per night for storing a vehicle at the depot.

Owners could claim their vehicles according to location, namely MBSA towing depot in Section 17, MBSA Kota Kemuning branch office in Section 31 and MBSA Sungai Buloh branch office towing depot in Section U16, Bukit Subang.

For enquiries, call MBSA's main towing depot at 03-5541 6879 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/ddexdyfk>

MANJIT KAUR at the Perak State Assembly

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KAJANG Municipal Council (MPKJ) will instal six portable closed-circuit television (CCTV) at undisclosed locations to address illegal dumping in its jurisdiction.

Council president Nazli Md Taib said it is in the midst of procuring these high-security solar-powered CCTVs.

"The CCTVs will monitor illegal dumping hotspots.

"They are portable, which means we will change the location of the cameras depending on the severity of illegal dumping activities," he said at the council's full board meeting at Menara MPKJ.

Municipal services and health department director Shariman Mohd Nor said the council had identified the six locations as well as a concessionaire that would manage the CCTV.

He said they would not disclose the locations as they want to catch the culprits redhanded.

"We also have access to real-time surveillance of the CCTV footage so we can send our

MPKJ eyes litterbugs with high-tech cameras

CCTVs will address illegal dumping in Kajang hotspots

officers to check the situation.

"At the end of the week or month, we will get an executive summary of the footage from the concessionaire," he added.

Shariman said the CCTV rental costs about RM1,500 per unit, including digital storage for the footage and periodic reports.

"We had a trial period using it at Sungai Semungkis in Hulu Langat and managed to identify the patterns of those dumping illegally.

"We found that most of the illegal dumping were done by the same parties.

"The CCTV also managed to provide clear footage of the cul-

prits and number plate of the vehicles they used to dump rubbish.

"From there, we took action against these perpetrators and alerted immediate stakeholders like the village head of such activities," he said.

Shariman added that the CCTV could operate at night and during a downpour, providing quality 4K resolution video and images.

On Dec 11 last year, *StarMetro* reported that residents in Taman Suria had urged MPKJ to instal CCTVs in the area as the illegal dumping there had worsened.



Shariman inspecting a rubbish site in Kajang. — Filepic

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Overstaying to earn a living in Malaysia

Local traders cite unfair competition from foreigners, call on authorities to enforce rules

THE sun was high but the morning market at Meru in Klang, Selangor was still abuzz – customers could be heard haggling for bargains.

At a stall, a man in his 30s was busy cutting a whole chicken into pieces for customers.

"I'm from Bangladesh and have been in this business for a year," he told Bernama.

Karim, as he wanted to be known, said he had to make a living as a trader illegally as his employer did not renew his permit to work at a plastic processing factory in Selangor.

"I'm aware that the authorities may conduct a raid here but I need money to live on and send to my wife and two young children in Bangladesh," he said in broken Malay.

Karim did not return to Bangladesh when his permit expired because he did not have enough money.

"(But) now, I can make a profit of about RM100 a day," said Karim, who owns a van.

He feared being caught by the authorities, noting that he could not afford to pay the fines.

"That's why I have to save as much money as I can now."

Many migrants

According to local traders at the market, Karim was among a number of migrants doing business there, with most selling vegetables, fish and chicken.

"If there's a raid, they would run and just abandon their produce," said a trader who did not want to be named.

The growing presence of migrants like Karim is worrying local traders, who say the illegal migrants are giving them a run for their money.

Commenting on the issue, Malaysia International Humanitarian Organisation (MHO) secretary-general Datuk Hishamuddin Hashim said Malaysia was regarded as a haven for migrants.

"They originally had valid documents such as temporary work permit or social visit pass for a certain period, but have remained in the country although their permits have expired as they can still earn a living here regardless," he added.

The International Organisation for Migration had reported that there were about 1.2 million to 3.5 million undocumented migrants in Malaysia as of 2022.

A source from the Home Ministry said as of early this year, migrant workers in six formal sectors stood at about two million – below the 2.4 million projected by the Economy Ministry and 12th Malaysia Plan.

The source said the forecast was based on the premise that only 15% foreigners were allowed to work in the country at a given time compared to the total workforce.

Currently there are about 17 million Malaysians working in these sectors.

"Despite the risks of being fined RM1,000 or jailed not more than six months for those who fail to comply with conditions under the temporary work permit and social visit pass, they do not seem to be afraid of (our) laws. This is the reality," said Hishamuddin.

He did not dismiss the possibility that foreign workers who were terminated at the height of



Foreign workers have set up stalls at a morning market in Meru, Klang, Selangor. — Photos: Bernama



Foreign workers conducting business at the Meru market.

the Covid-19 pandemic chose to break the law by staying here illegally.

"At the time, they could not return to their country of origin as borders were closed.

"Now that the borders have reopened, many refuse to go home.

"In my opinion, the key driving factor is economic," he said.

Hishamuddin said the problem had worsened as many of these foreign workers had ventured into sectors previously dominated by locals such as grocery stores, laundry services as well as jobs like cashiers at supermarkets.

"In this regard, I propose that laws be tightened to prevent foreign workers from being involved in the business

sector," he added.

Uncomfortable situation

Based on surveys conducted among local traders, especially those at morning and night markets in Klang Valley, these migrants appear to acquire business spaces easily.

"How could these foreigners easily gain access?" asked Hamidah (not her real name), a trader at the morning market in Meru.

"It's unfair as we need to apply for a business permit from the local authority and pay rental, but they can just set up a tent without a licence or permit," said the produce vendor, who sells onions and potatoes.

Universiti Malaya Population and Migration Research Centre

deputy head Assoc Prof Dr Mashitah Hamidi said some of the migrants' attitudes had caused discomfort.

"They appear to be living in their own world and do not really understand the law."

She said migrants' domination in a certain area was due to absence of regular and continuous monitoring.

"If monitoring of work passes or social visits can be carried out in a consistent manner, we can definitely prevent such situations," she added.

Emir Research Social, Law and Human Rights head Jason Loh cited the prevalence of irresponsible parties who were manipulating the system of hiring foreigners.

"They are taking advantage of the demand for foreign labour," he said, adding that responsible employers would ensure workers were sent back to their country of origin on expiry of their work permit.

However, some employers shirk their responsibility.

"When this happens, these migrants seize opportunities to earn a living, including conducting business illegally," he added.

The Migrant Repatriation Programme, which starts on March 1, will allow foreigners staying in the country illegally to be sent home after they have settled compounds for various immigration offences including overstaying and entering Malaysia without valid documents.

The Home Ministry previously said the programme was meant to send home undocumented foreigners without them being prosecuted.



(Above and right) Some 250 residents took part in a major clean-up exercise at Flat PKNS, Taman Dagang following a rise in dengue cases. — Photos: Courtesy of MPAJ

Ampang Jaya records 44% rise in dengue cases

Council activates Combi programme and legal measures to hold property owners liable

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THE *mukim* (sub-districts) of Ampang and Hulu Kelang in Hulu Langat district recorded 1,180 dengue cases from Jan 1 to Feb 17, an increase of 43.5% compared to the same period last year.

With the spike, Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) said it was actively implementing various preventive measures.

Dengue hotspots include Taman Lembah Maju, Taman Bukit Teratai, Kampung Tasik Permai, Taman Melawati and Taman Ukay Perdana.

MPAJ president Dr Ani Ahmad said it had activated the council's community-based Communication for Behavioural Impact (Combi) teams besides its regular dengue prevention methods.

"Regular activities such as larviciding, search-and-destroy operations, thermal space spraying and ultra-low volume spraying are conducted to eliminate mosquito breeding sites.

"Additionally, targeted operations are carried out to eradicate Aedes mosquito breeding areas, including integrated dengue control operations and enforcement initiatives," she told *StarMetro*.

Ani added that MPAJ had organised community programmes to encourage individuals to take responsibility in keeping their surroundings clean.

"On Feb 18, there was a major clean-up drive at Flat PKNS, Taman Dagang involving 250 residents," she said.

Property owners could face fines of up to RM1,000 for failing to destroy mosquito breeding sites on their premises.

"Property owners will receive notices under Section 82 of the Local Government Act 1976, to remove breeding sites.

"Failure to comply may result in fines under Section 74 of the same Act," Ani said.

"In cases where mosquito breeding sites are found in abandoned properties, immediate larviciding and search-and-destroy operations are



Ani: Targeted operations being carried out to eradicate Aedes mosquito breeding grounds.

carried out.

"Notices will be posted and property ownership will be verified by the Property Assessment and Development Department.

"Subsequently, legal notices will be issued and fines imposed for non-compliance," she added.

MPAJ Zone 21 councillor R. Moganraj, who oversees Pandan Perdana, attributed the rise in dengue cases to improper



Abandoned houses and areas with overgrown vegetation can be potential mosquito breeding sites.

waste disposal.

"We have noticed an increase in dengue cases within our zone, particularly around areas where illegal dumping sites are prevalent.

"Enforcement is being carried out by MPAJ against those who throw rubbish haphazardly, which include installing surveil-

lance cameras and increased monitoring," he said.

Moganraj added that MPAJ was liaising with KDEB Waste Management Sdn Bhd to clear these dumpsites.

"I will activate the existing Combi teams and form new ones soon to help prevent further cases," he said.

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Selangor plans early

THE Selangor government is targeting seven billion local and international tourists to visit the state in conjunction with Visit Selangor Year 2025, with focus given to the promotion of ecotourism.

State Local Government and Tourism Committee chairman Datuk Ng Suee Lim said this target is based on the fact that Selangor's largest contribution to the country's GDP in 2022 – 26.5% – is from its tourism industry.

He said Selangor also recorded an increase in the number of tourists to the state at 6.54 million, compared to its target of five million, in 2023.

"The total expected tourist arrivals for this year is 5.6 million, comprising 4.5 million domestic tourists, with the rest being international tourists," he said in an interview on Bernama's *Temu Bual Radio* programme recently.

"Currently, I am intensifying ecotourism, and this year we have identified locations in the northern and southern parts (of the state) with attractive and worthwhile packages for tourists. The northern areas include the Sabak Bernama till Kuala Selangor districts, whereas the southern areas include the districts of Sepang and Kuala Langat."

He said his team, in collaboration with Tourism Selangor, is actively implementing the "Nak Bercuti? Pusing Selangor Dulul!" promotion for the domestic segment and the "Splendid Selangor, Take Me Anywhere!" campaign for the international segment.

"Selangor has the advantage of flights arriving at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport Terminal 1 and 2, or at the Subang Airport, all (located) in Selangor, so we have to make it clear to tourists that it is best to travel within the state first before going to other places," he said.

Earlier, Ng said that his team is planning to hold a Selangor Fair soon to make it easier for the public to learn about the state's special features in addition

tion to getting attractive holiday packages.

"We know about the Matta Fair where people buy cheap tickets with quality packages, so this will be the first one that is more focused on Selangor," he added.

Expanding China routes

Meanwhile, Batik Air and China's Jiangsu Topview Cultural Tourism Industry Development (Jiangsu Topview) recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to expand charter flights on China routes.

The agreement includes four routes: Nanning to Kuala Lumpur, Shanghai to Tawau (Sabah), Chengdu to Tawau, and Shenzhen to Tawau.

Tourism Malaysia in a statement said the expansion builds upon the existing charters initiated by Jiangsu Topview, which commenced on Jan 23 and would continue until the end of March 2024 to accommodate the Chinese New Year and spring festival holiday season.

"Due to the encouraging response to the charter, Jiangsu Topview decided to venture into the expansion of the additional routes with Batik Air," the statement said.

The MoU was signed by Batik Air's chief executive officer Datuk Chandran Rama Muthy and Jiangsu Topview Aviation and Tourism Centre general manager Rose Wan, witnessed by Tourism, Arts and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Tiong King Sing.

Tiong said the strategic collaboration between Jiangsu Topview and Batik Air signifies a strengthening bond between two nations, paving the way for an influx of Chinese tourists to Malaysia.

"This partnership also aligns with our efforts to bolster tourism ties and promote Malaysia as a premier destination for Chinese travellers," he said.

In 2023, Malaysia welcomed 1.47 million arrivals from China, an exponential growth of 593.4% in comparison to the same period in 2022 with 212,603 arrivals. — Bernama



Batu Caves in Gombak is one of Selangor's biggest – literally – attractions. — Bernama

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Quaint old buildings, like the Chop Guan Kee coffee house, dot the quiet town of Sungai Pelek.



Discover a different side of Sepang through the HoHo bus tour.

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THE vast spread of cactus fields, which dominate the landscape at HL Dragon Fruit Eco Farm, make for a truly unique sight in Sepang, Selangor.

These cacti produce the tropical fruits indicated in the farm's name. But among the many dragon fruits on the 12.1ha plantation, one immediately stands out for its massive size.

This particular "dragon fruit" is a multi-level building that towers over 9.3m, earning it a spot in the Guinness World Records as the world's largest dragon fruit-shaped structure in 2023. It doubles as a museum, with an air-conditioned interior that recounts the history of the farm through detailed murals and a rooftop deck that offers scenic views of the district.

We recently had the opportunity to visit this farm during a trip with Hop-On, Hop-Off Selangor – or HoHo for short. The Selangor HoHo started operations in June 2023, with a mission to introduce the state's attractions to local and international tourists.

On our day trip around Sepang, led by our amiable tourist guides Low Poh Kee and Christine, we experienced firsthand some of the sights and activities in town.

One of these was the aforementioned award-winning dragon fruit plantation that opened in 2011. Among its accolades is the

Uncovering local gems

Board a hop-on, hop-off bus and explore Selangor's quaint town of Sepang.



A mural depicting Sungai Sepang Besar, an important waterway in the district.

2022 Agriculture Innovation Award by the Selangor Department of Agriculture.

On the same property is the HL

Restaurant and Café. The unique diner, which employs a farm-to-table concept, started welcoming visitors in 2016. Its menu consists



HL Dragon Fruit Eco Farm is home to the world's largest dragon fruit-shaped structure, which stands at a height of 9.3m. — Photos: GISELE SOO/The Star

of local dishes such as nasi lemak and the "golden pillow" chicken curry bun – but all with a tasty dragon fruit spin!

Here are other interesting landmarks in and around Sepang that you can see on the bus tour.

BBST Walk: Colourful alleys

Stretched along the vibrant alleys of the two-storey shop lots, the Bandar Baru Salak Tinggi Walk (aka BBST Walk) is a unique mural attraction that illustrates the lifestyle and rich cultures of Sepang.

"The local councils spruced up the back lane with various pieces of murals in December 2021 as a way to share its history with the visiting public," Low explained.

The murals here include *Kapal Korek Dengkil*, *Sungai Sepang Besar* and *Kampung Orang Asli* – all done by local artists.

Kapal Korek Dengkil depicts the abandoned Sri Banting Dredge, which was once said to be the biggest floating factory in Malaysia, weighing over 5,000 tonnes. The council has plans to revive and convert the dredger into a museum.

The *Sungai Sepang Besar* mural showcases how the waterway is used by locals to navigate the area, while the *Kampung Orang Asli* painting of three women in a traditional bamboo hut represents the Orang Asli villages found in Dengkil.

Jeti Sirip Biru: Water activities galore

Located at Kampung Bagan Lalang, Jeti Sirip Biru or Sirip Biru Recreation Club hosts a variety of exciting adventures for visitors. You can spend the night on the boathouses, formerly fishermen's homes, or go on a boat

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cruise through the mangrove forests.

"Those who are more adventurous can go for a little kayak trip and get a taste of nature as they paddle along the calm waters," Low said.

"They can also try their hand at fishing."

He told us that the ikan bakar and pisang goreng sold at the stalls are not to be missed when visiting the jetty. "Even though the stalls are only open on the weekends, many visitors find themselves savouring the food during their time here."

Avani Sepang Goldcoast Resort: Over-water getaway

A five-star hotel offering stays in water villas, Avani Sepang Goldcoast Resort – when viewed from above – resembles a palm, formed by its 315 over-water villas and rooms.

A HoHo stop here means visitors get to take photos at the designated zone overlooking the villas and sea, while exploring the resort's offerings.

Located just 40 minutes from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), the resort is good for guests who seek a beach getaway. There are plenty of activities here, such as ATV rides, mangrove tours, village tours and dragon fruit planting.

Sungai Pelek: A heritage-rich village

On the way to the next stop, Sungai Pelek, Low regaled us with history lessons on how some of the villages in Sepang were formed.

For Sungai Pelek, the charming place was among 450 Chinese new villages that were formed in the 1950s, a result of the 12-year conflict between the British and Communist parties in then Malaya.

A majority of the people living in these villages were from the Chinese ethnic subgroups Hokkien and Hakka.

Sungai Pelek has a handful of old buildings that are decorated to reflect the cultural heritage of its people.

Do check out some of the old-school kopitiam here.



The HoHo bus also offers open-air top deck seating. — FLOREY D. MIKIL/The Star



There are plenty of things to do at Jeti Sirip Biru, like kayaking, fishing and going on a river cruise.

Mitsui Outlet Park KLIA Sepang: Time to shop

For shopaholics, this sprawling mall that houses more than 200 shops is a must-visit. A joint venture by Malaysia Airports and Japan's Mitsui Fudosan, Mitsui Outlet Park KLIA Sepang is the perfect place for travellers to get some shopping done before catching a flight.

The outlet shopping mall is located a mere 6km from both KLIA's Terminal 1 and 2, and there is a free shuttle bus that runs between the two terminals and the mall every 20 minutes.

Since this is an outlet mall, you can bet that most of the items sold here are much cheaper than what you can find at regular retail stores.

There are also many restaurant and cafe options within the mall, so you can spend long

hours shopping here without ever getting hungry, thirsty or bored.

Other stops

There are a few other places that are on the HoHo route. These include the IOI City Mall (Symphony 3), Farm Fresh at University Putra Malaysia (UPM), Xiamen University Malaysia and the Sepang International Circuit.

The tour bus only operates on the weekends, and the route for Saturday is slightly different than the one for Sunday. Both routes will, however, begin and end at MKT Stadium Kajang.

Ticket prices start from RM25. For more information, check out the HoHo Selangor website (hohoselangor.com) and its social media.



Pond or lake fishing can be fun and exciting for those who want to pass the time. (Left) Old mining ponds are known for their sudden and deceptive drop-offs, so prioritising safety when approaching these bodies of water is important.

Serenity fishing in old ponds

Casting lines into a public lake or old mining pool can be a rewarding experience as these aquatic sanctuaries have various fish species thriving under its calm water surface.



Reel Tales

By Eddie Chua

FISHING in public parks and abandoned mining ponds offers a blend of excitement and relaxation, with each location providing a distinct fishing experience.

These aquatic sanctuaries, brimming with various fish species, promise captivating adventures, particularly for beginners and those eager to cast their lines.

Anglers can expect to encounter species such as tilapia, keli (catfish), lampan (barb), and the elusive haruan and toman from the snakehead family, renowned for their fighting spirit.

Lake fishing, with its promise of patience-rewarding catches, presents an enriching experience, especially for those who want tranquillity to pass the time.

Old mining ponds have a different aquatic ecosystem. The waters that were once sites bustling with human activity now boast a thriving natural biodiversity.

Hidden within their depths, one might encounter the striking peacock bass, an introduced species that has become a local favourite for its colourful appearance and vigorous resistance.

These ponds may also hide the kaloi (giant gourami) and the belida (feather-back), both sought after for their size, culinary value, and the latter's use in making traditional fish balls.

There are also haruan or toman lurking in grassland on the side of the lake or pond, waiting for anglers to cast their line.

However, these inviting waters can conceal hazards, especially for those unacquainted with their hidden depths.

The old mining ponds, in particular, are notorious for their sudden and deceptive



The Shah Alam City Council charges a small fee for anglers fishing at the Taman Shah Alam lake.

drop-offs, which can harm the unsuspecting.

Thus, the excitement of fishing must be tempered with a deep respect for the unpredictability of nature. Prioritising safety when approaching these lakes and ponds is a must.

Lake or pond fishing can also be enjoyable as it offers a variety of fishing techniques and setups, depending on the target species or the lake's conditions.

But in general, or commonly used by many, the spinning rod, which is much easier and straightforward to use, is suitable for casting various lures and baits.

One of the common rigs used for lake or pond fishing is the Carolina rig, known for its effectiveness in catching bottom-feeding fish.

This rig is suitable for targeting species such as keli (catfish) or other bottom dwellers.

It has a hook attached to a leader line and a small sliding egg weight connected to the main line. The leader is attached to the main line via a snap clip or swivel.

The bobber rig is also a simple and popular fishing setup, great for beginners or those fishing in freshwater like lakes and ponds.

It is designed to keep the bait at a specific depth and visually signal when a fish bites.

This rig features a small slip float attached to the fishing line. At the bottom end of the line, there's a hook, and positioned between the float and the hook is a split shot weight.

A stopper prevents the float from sliding further down the line and sets the desired depth for the hook below the surface.

This setup allows you to adjust the length of the line between the float and the hook, effectively controlling how deep the hook and bait suspend in the water.

Of course, if you are going for haruan or toman, one can use a lure or live bait to snare these predators.

Lures are often effective in catching haruan or toman, though they may necessitate frequent casting.

Likewise, live bait can attract these predatory fish by allowing it to move freely at a designated depth and distance and wait for the fish to strike.

So, it's either bottom fishing or float fishing.

Bottom fishing involves presenting the bait on or near the lakebed, which is ideal for species that feed in this area.

Weights keep the bait down, and bites are detected through the rod tip or a bite alarm.

Float fishing involves suspending the bait at a predetermined depth using the float.

This method is effective for fish that feed mid-water or near the surface. This rig is also effective in lakes or ponds with much bottom debris.

For the line, a 10lb to 15lb line is ideal for this type of fishing, while a 1000 or 1500 series small spinning reel would be ideal.

The choice of weight depends on the fishing technique and the conditions.

For bottom fishing, heavier weights may be needed to keep the bait in place, while float fishing usually requires lighter, more streamlined weights to maintain natural bait presentation.

Understanding the pond, the type of species available, and their habits and preferences are important for successful lake or pond fishing.

Talking to regular anglers at the pond to get insights into the species and determine the type of rod, line, and rig to use when at the pond is beneficial.

Lastly, check with the local council or municipality to see if a fishing pass or permit is required. Some public lakes mandate these permissions to regulate the number of anglers and maintain their fish stocks.

Happy fishing!

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JKR has patched a stretch on Middle Ring Road 2 at the Bandar Sri Damansara interchange. — Courtesy photo



MRR2 repairs ongoing

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MOTORISTS using the Bandar Sri Damansara interchange towards Sungai Buloh on the Middle Ring Road 2 (MRR2) in Selangor should have a smoother drive on the congested stretch.

Bukit Lanjan assemblyman Pua Pei Ling said she was informed by the Public Works Department (JKR) that constant patching of the expansion joints had caused the road surface on the flyover to become bumpy,

which contributed to the congestion.

"JKR has temporarily patched up the road."

Pua said she requested for an allocation to repair the three expansion joints from Works Ministry as a long-term solution.

"JKR will begin repair works once funds are approved."

"There are plans to widen the road or build an alternative road," she said. — By AMANDA LEE

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Tarikh:.....

Progressive wage policy is timely ^{2/2} _{che}

THE government is expected to pilot its progressive wage policy programme this June. Aimed at increasing employee wages in parallel with productivity, this incentive-driven, voluntary opt-in programme has received mixed reactions. Workers have welcomed the move while employers have remained sceptical.

Most experts agree that wages must rise to improve the quality of life (especially among the B40 lower income group) and reduce socio-economic inequalities. Research by the Khazanah Research Institute and the Centre for Future Labour Market Studies suggests that higher wages can have a positive effect on the economy, for example, by raising productivity, addressing the brain drain, supporting Malaysia's attempts to become a high-income nation, and encouraging upskilling.

Raising wages, though, may not be enough. The introduction of a minimum wage has raised income levels, yet the share of Malaysia's Compensation of Employees (COE) to GDP for 2022 was 32.4%. This falls short of the 45% of GDP necessary to be on par with developed countries, or the national target of



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40% by 2025.

This points to the persistence of stubborn structural economic issues. Bank Negara Malaysia's *Economic and Monetary Review 2020* report highlighted that in addition to the prevalence of the low-cost production model, insufficient creation of high-skilled jobs and significant skills mismatches also contribute to Malaysia's sticky wages. The 2022 report also noted the relatively low wage-bargaining

power of workers.

There are long-standing efforts to address these structural problems. The 2010 National Transformation Plan endeavoured to raise income levels with strategic growth plans and major investments. Subsequent administrations followed this with policies and plans for growth by enhancing science, technology adoption, human capital development, and innovation.

To address the skills mismatch,

initiatives like MyFutureJobs and the Career Development

Programme, and numerous career carnivals organised by the Human Resources Ministry, aim to align jobseekers' skills with industry demands.

The introduction of the progressive wage policy must be viewed within this larger context. The white paper on it was tabled in Parliament in November 2023, proposing a model that would result in incremental salary increases that correspond with the rise in a worker's productivity. While beneficial for workers, there remain concerns that this will eventually hurt them by impacting the firm's profitability and sustainability.

According to the Finance Ministry (in its *Economic Outlook for 2024* report), the share of Gross Operating Surplus (GOS) to GDP (67% in 2022) continues to remain higher than the share of COE, which indicates that a higher portion of profits still channel to capital owners or firms, not workers. When compared with more advanced economies such as South Korea (COE 47.6%; GOS 42.2%), Australia (45.6%; 45.7%) and the United States (53.0%; 40.6%), it suggests there is room

here to accommodate the increases.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of the progressive wage policy, there must be both a pull and push factor. The pull factor will come if the policy leads to increased productivity, deeper employee loyalty, and enhanced firm competitiveness and profitability. The push factor will come from the impact of the policy on the labour market.

Although initially limited to 1,000 firms and confined to workers earning less than RM5,000 monthly (representing 66% of Malaysia's total workers), theoretically the policy should encourage some inter-firm competition that will push wages up, with the effects eventually spilling over to other wage groups.

There is no better time to initiate these changes than now. The unemployment rate remained steady at 3.4% as at October 2023. Waiting too long may see circumstances and conditions change and any pill more bitter and difficult to swallow.

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Tarikh:.....

Tindakan tegas akan diambil terhadap pihak cuba kaut untung atas angin

Kosmo
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(MBSA)

Skuad khas pantau peniaga 'ali baba'

SHAH ALAM – Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) mewujudkan skuad khas pemantau dalam mengesan mana-mana individu yang mengaut keuntungan dengan 'mengalibabakan' permit bazar Ramadan mereka.

Exco Belia, Sukan dan Keusahawanan Selangor, Najwan Halimi berkata, kaedah tersebut dilakukan bagi membendung budaya tidak sihat itu yang telah lama wujud dalam penganjuran bazar.

Katanya, MBSA akan melakukan pemeriksaan tapak bazar tersebut dari masa ke semasa bagi memastikan hanya peniaga berdaftar yang mengurus niaga di kawasan bazar.

"Setiap pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) mempunyai kaedah masing-masing dan penubuhan skuad khas pemantau adalah pendekatan digunakan MBSA," katanya ketika ditemui selepas majlis penyerahan permit dan kit bazar Ramadan di Pusat Konvensyen MBSA di sini semalam.

Kosmo! semalam melaporkan tindakan peniaga dan penjaja makanan melakukan urusan sewaan tapak bazar Ramadan secara 'ali baba' kepada pihak lain menyebabkan mereka mampu meraih keuntungan lumayan sehingga puluhan ribu ringgit.

Di **Kluang, Johor**, tindakan menjual lesen bazar dalam bulan Ramadan bukan sesuatu yang baharu, malah sudah berlatutan sejak sekian lama tanpa ada jalan penyudah untuk mengatasinya.

Ketua Whips, Majlis Perbandaran Kluang (MPK), Md. Norhalim Md. Amin berkata, pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) selaku pemberi lesen kepada penganjur bazar sewajarnya bertindak lebih tegas kepada pihak terbabit.

"Pihak berkuasa perlu buat semakan secara lebih teliti terhadap pemilik sebenar setiap tapak atau khemah bazar Ramadan," katanya.



NAJWAN (dua kiri) menyampaikan permit bazar Ramadan kepada seorang peniaga sambil disaksikan Datuk Bandar Shah Alam, Ir. Cheremi Mohd. Tarman (dua kanan) pada majlis di Pusat Konvensyen MBSA Shah Alam semalam.

KERATAN Kosmo! semalam.

KOSMO

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Fokus tambah baik kebajikan pekerja sektor tidak formal

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PETALING JAYA – Kerajaan akan terus memberi fokus terhadap usaha menambah baik kebajikan golongan pekerja bagi sektor tidak formal seperti yang diketengahkan dalam Kajian Separuh Penggal Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 (RMK12).

Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha (Dasar) Kementerian Ekonomi, Datuk Zunika Mohamed berkata, kerajaan telah memperuntukkan sebanyak RM100 juta untuk geran padanan caruman Skim Keselamatan Sosial Pekerjaan Sendiri menerusi Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial (Perkeso).

"Program i-Saraan secara sukarela di bawah Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) ditambah baik dengan meningkatkan nilai caruman padanan kepada maksimum RM500 setahun untuk setiap individu," katanya ketika berucap pada majlis pelancaran laporan Pekerjaan Sektor Tidak Formal di Malaysia: Trend, Cabaran dan Peluang untuk Pembaharuan di Kuala Lumpur semalam.

"Pekerjaan tidak formal merujuk kepada 'Pekerja Akaun Sendiri' iaitu mereka yang berpendapatan harian bekerja sebagai peniaga kecil, penjaja, pengusaha gerai makanan, pekebun kecil



KERAJAAN memperkenalkan pelbagai program untuk meningkatkan kemahiran pekerja tidak formal. – GAMBAR HIASAN

dan juga pekerja gig.

Laporan yang dilancarkan itu merupakan usaha kerjasama antara Kementerian Ekonomi dan Kumpulan Bank Dunia melalui Reimbursable Advisory Services yang mengkaji analisis skala dan trend pekerjaan sektor tidak formal serta meneliti peratur, dasar dan program yang dijalankan.

Sementara itu, Zunika berkata, untuk meningkatkan kemahiran dan keupayaan pekerja tidak formal, kerajaan bersedia untuk

mengembangkan program peningkatan kemahiran dan kemahiran semula.

Katanya, skim kredit mikro juga disediakan untuk menambah baik akses perkhidmatan kewangan untuk pekerja tidak formal.

Dalam pada itu, Zunika turut memaklumkan bahawa pekerja tidak formal di negara ini masih berdepan dengan isu tabungan dan perlindungan persaraan termasuklah risiko kesihatan serta kecederaan.

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SELANGOR merekodkan jumlah tertinggi individu yang mengemas kini maklumat Padu setakat semalam.

3.8 juta individu selesai kemas kini maklumat Padu

PETALING JAYA - Sistem Pangkalan Data Utama (Padu) telah merekodkan jumlah pengemaskinian maklumat individu seramai 3.8 juta orang berdasarkan sumber data pentadbiran setakat kelmarin.

Menerusi perkongsian di Facebook Padu Official semalam, pihaknya berterima kasih kepada rakyat Malaysia atas sokongan diberikan dalam mengemas kini maklumat diri dan keluarga dalam sistem tersebut.

"Jumlah pengemaskinian maklumat individu yang direkodkan sehingga 25 Februari 2024 pukul 11.59 malam telah mencapai seramai 3.8 juta orang daripada 30.08 juta rekod individu dalam sistem Padu," katanya.

Menurut infografik yang turut dikongsikan bersama hantaran itu, Selangor merekodkan jumlah tertinggi iaitu seramai 0.57 juta individu, diikuti Sarawak (0.49 juta), Johor (0.37 juta), manakala Perak (0.34 juta) dan Sabah (0.32 juta) individu.

Bagi negeri-negeri lain pula, Kedah dan Kelantan masing-

masing merekodkan (0.26 juta) individu, Kuala Lumpur (0.25 juta), Pahang (0.21 juta), Terengganu (0.20 juta), Pulau Pinang (0.19 juta), Negeri Sembilan (0.16 juta), Melaka (0.11 juta), Perlis (0.05 juta), Putrajaya (0.02 juta) dan Labuan (0.01 juta) individu.

Orang ramai boleh mengemas kini maklumat mereka di Padu menerusi laman sesawang www.padu.gov.my, yang dibuka hingga 31 Mac depan.

Padu dilancarkan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim pada 2 Januari lalu dan pendaftarannya dibuka sehingga 31 Mac 2024 bagi membolehkan orang ramai mengemas kini serta mengesahkan maklumat peribadi seperti nombor kad pengenalan, bilangan isi rumah dan alamat.

Padu dibangunkan sepenuhnya oleh penjawat awam dari tiga agensi utama iaitu Kementerian Ekonomi, Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM) dan Unit Pemodenan Tadbiran dan Perancangan Pengurusan Malaysia (MAMPU) yang melibatkan kerjasama semua agensi lain.

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tarikh:

Kerling di Selangor paling ramai penduduk tua

557 mukim capai kategori menua

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PETALING JAYA – Sebanyak 557 daripada 1,065 mukim di negara ini telah mencapai kategori menua dengan lebih daripada 7 peratus penduduknya berusia 65 tahun ke atas.

Ketua Perangkawan Datuk Seri Dr Mohd. Uzir Mahidin berkata, statistik Banci Malaysia 2020: Mukim, Bandar dan Pekan yang diterbitkan Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM) semalam turut melaporkan 155 daripada 260 bandar telah mencapai kategori menua.

Katanya, Mukim Kerling di Selangor pula mencatatkan jumlah penduduk berusia 65 tahun ke atas paling ramai.

"Jumlah penduduk tertinggi bagi umur 0-14 tahun ialah Mukim Ayer Molek, Melaka (73.4 peratus), manakala 15-64 tahun ialah Mukim Pulau Babi, Johor (96.2 peratus).

"Mukim Kerling di Selangor mencatatkan penduduk terting-

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Mukim Kerling di Selangor pula mencatatkan jumlah penduduk berusia 65 tahun ke atas paling ramai.”

MOHD. UZIR

gi bagi umur 65 tahun dan lebih dengan 25.2 peratus, katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Terdapat 1,730 mukim, bandar dan pekan di Semenanjung Malaysia yang merangkumi 13 negeri seperti dinyatakan dalam Kanun Tanah Negara (Disemak - 2020) (Akta 828).

Daripada jumlah berkenaan, 1,065 ialah mukim, bandar (260) dan pekan (405).

Bagi Sarawak, Sabah dan Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan, sempadan statistik adalah berdasarkan pewartaan pusat pentadbiran negeri dan Banci Malaysia dengan persempadanan data statistik adalah berdasarkan peringkat negeri, bahagian dan daerah/daerah kecil (tanpa mukim, bandar dan pekan).

Mohd. Uzir turut berkongsi mengenai jumlah penduduk di kawasan mukim, pekan dan bandar yang dilaporkan meningkat dalam tempoh 10 tahun.

"Penduduk di mukim meningkat daripada 15.3 juta orang pada 2010 kepada 18.6 juta orang pada 2020. Penduduk di bandar juga meningkat kepada 5.9 juta orang pada 2020 berbanding 5.0 juta orang pada 2010.

"Bagi jumlah penduduk di pekan turut meningkat kepada 2.0 juta orang pada 2020 berbanding 1.6 juta orang pada 2010," katanya lagi.



JABATAN Perangkaan merekodkan jumlah penduduk yang berusia 65 tahun semakin meningkat setiap tahun.
— GAMBAR HIASAN

KOSMO

Tarikh: 27 FEB 2024

SH 27/2 (DBKL)

79 kompaun dikeluarkan dalam Operasi Sepadu Bersih

KUALA LUMPUR - Sebanyak 79 kompaun dikeluarkan atas pelbagai kesalahan dalam Operasi Sepadu Bersih Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) terhadap premis makanan dan minuman di sekitar ibu negara.

Operasi dijalankan di The Garden Mall dalam kawasan Parlimen Lembah Pantai, Jalan Jalil Perkasa (Parlimen Seputeh), Jalan Manis 3, Taman Segar (Parlimen Cheras) dan Jalan Leboh Ampang.

Selain itu, pelaksanaan operasi turut dijalankan di Jalan Tingkat Tong Shin (Parlimen Bukit Bintang), Taman Sri Sinar dan 1Mont Kiara (Parlimen Segambut).

DBKL menerusi kenyataan berkata, sebanyak 93 premis dilawati namun 34 premis tidak beroperasi,

menjadikan hanya 59 sahaja premis yang diperiksa dalam operasi berkenaan.

"Hasil pemeriksaan, tiga premis dikenakan tindakan arahan penutupan di bawah UUK 28(1) Undang-undang Kecil Pelesenan Petempatan Makanan (WPKL) 2016.

"Selain itu, 79 kompaun dikeluarkan atas pelbagai kesalahan di bawah Undang-Undang Kecil Pelesenan Petempatan Makanan (WPKL) 2016, Undang-undang Kecil Pengendali Makanan 1979 dan Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976," kata kenyataan itu.

DBKL akan meneruskan tindakan seumpama ini dari semasa ke semasa bagi memastikan pengusaha premis makanan mematuhi kehendak kesihatan yang telah ditetapkan.



Pegawai penguat kuasa DBKL mengeluarkan kompaun atas pelbagai kesalahan dalam Operasi Sepadu Bersih di Kuala Lumpur baru-baru ini.

SINAR HARIAN

27 FEB 2024

Tarikh:

Masih ada yang gagal kuasai bahasa kebangsaan, jangan sentuh isu 3R

SH 27/2

KUALA LUMPUR - Yang di-Pertuan Agong menitahkan kerajaan merangka satu dasar untuk mengukuhkan keharmonian dan perpaduan dalam kalangan rakyat Malaysia.

Sultan Ibrahim bertitah, ini kerana berdasarkan pengamatan Seri Paduka, hubungan perpaduan antara kaum di negara ini masih belum sempurna, walaupun setelah lebih 60 tahun Malaysia dibentuk.

"Masih ada generasi yang gagal menguasai bahasa kebangsaan dan memahami budaya hidup kaum lain.

"Pepatah Melayu ada menyebut meluntur buluh biarlah dari rebunginya, yang bermaksud jika kita hendak melahirkan generasi masa depan yang bersatu padu dan saling memahami, kita mesti membentuk mereka sejak dari kecil," titah Sultan Ibrahim.

Pada masa yang sama, Yang di-Pertuan

Agong turut menyeru semua lapisan masyarakat untuk menjaga keharmonian negara, serta tidak menyentuh isu-isu sensitif yang melibatkan raja, kaum dan agama (3R).

Sultan Ibrahim bertitah, perlembagaan telah mengiktiraf Islam sebagai agama rasmi Malaysia dan perkara itu akan terus kekal terpelihara.

Bagaimanapun Seri Paduka bertitah, agama-agama lain boleh diamalkan dengan aman, tetapi tidak boleh disebar kepada orang Islam.

"Oleh itu janganlah ada mana-mana pihak yang cuba menggugat atau mempolitikkan asas perlembagaan ini. Saya berpuas hati dengan usaha kerajaan dalam menyelesaikan perkara-perkara berkaitan perjanjian Malaysia 1963 dan berharap agar ia memenuhi hasrat dan aspirasi demi kemakmur-

an bersama," titah Seri Paduka.

Kepada rakyat Malaysia yang selama ini mengekalkan perpaduan, hidup bersatu padu dan berpegang teguh kepada prinsip Rukun Negara, Sultan Ibrahim menzahirkan ucapan terima kasih.

"...marilah kita berdoa ke hadirat ALLAH SWT semoga negara Malaysia dikurniakan rahmat dan keberkatan, kekal aman, maju dan makmur," titah Seri Paduka.

Sementara itu, Seri Paduka mahu Malaysia lebih tegas dalam mendukung soal keamanan dan menentang keganasan di peringkat antarabangsa.

Sultan Ibrahim bertitah, ini termasuk dalam isu Palestin, dengan menggesa supaya gencatan senjata segera dilaksanakan dan bantuan kemanusiaan kepada penduduk Gaza dipercepatkan. - *Bernama*

SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh:2.7.FEB.2024....

SH 27/2

Sokong subsidi bersasar, perbelanjaan kerajaan jika betul perlu sahaja

KUALA LUMPUR - Sultan Ibrahim bertitah menyokong hasrat kerajaan untuk segera mengambil langkah penjimatan, termasuk melaksanakan pemberian subsidi secara bersasar.

Seri Paduka bertitah, kerajaan hari ini sedang menanggung beban hutang yang semakin besar dan berada dalam ke-

dudukan defisit fiskal sejak tahun 1998.

"Keadaan kewangan yang lemah ini akan menyukarkan kerajaan untuk melaksanakan projek-projek pembangunan baharu atau memberikan suntikan kewangan bagi merancakkan pertumbuhan ekonomi," titah Seri Paduka.

Sultan Ibrahim bertitah, dasar-dasar baharu yang lebih menyeluruh juga perlu terus diperkenalkan oleh kerajaan.

Ini termasuk pengenalan Akta

Kewangan dan Tanggungjawab Fiskal 2023 yang merupakan satu langkah pembaharuan bagi meningkatkan urus tadbir pengurusan kewangan awam supaya lebih telus dan bertanggungjawab.

"Saya juga akan meneliti perbelanjaan kerajaan dan memastikan setiap cadangan perbelanjaan adalah untuk perkara yang betul-betul diperlukan.

"Semasa pemerintahan saya ini, saya juga berharap kerajaan akan berjaya

memperoleh lebih fiskal setiap tahun," titah Sultan Ibrahim.

Seri Paduka juga bertitah meminta kerajaan bersikap tegas bagi membendung ketirisan dan penyelewengan dana awam.

Malah, titah Sultan Ibrahim, sebarang kelemahan urus tadbir di semua peringkat perlu diperiksa, termasuk di peringkat badan berkanun, syarikat milik kerajaan serta anak-anak syarikat.

SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh: 27 FEB 2024

KONGRES

KEB 2024 akan terus pacu pertumbuhan ekonomi bumiputera – Menteri

SH 21/2

PUTRAJAYA – Kongres Ekonomi Bumiputera (KEB) 2024 yang dijadual berlangsung pada 29 Februari ini, dirancang bagi memperluas agihan ekonomi dan mengembangkan lagi ekonomi bumiputera selaras dengan kerangka ekonomi Madani.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan berkata, ini juga sejajar dengan usaha kerajaan yang sentiasa meneliti idea untuk dimanfaatkan dalam mewujudkan lebih banyak kekayaan bagi masyarakat bumiputera di tengah-tengah cabaran kos sara hidup tinggi dan pada

masa yang sama mengetatkan aspek pembaharuan fiskal.

"Satu mesej jelas yang ditekankan oleh Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim ialah usaha itu mesti bersifat inklusif. Oleh itu, apabila menyelesaikan isu seperti kemiskinan, anda melakukannya untuk risiko tertentu tetapi anda menyelesaikannya untuk seluruh masyarakat," katanya kepada *Bemama* baru-baru ini.

Amir Hamzah berkata, isu kemiskinan biasanya lebih banyak terkesan dalam kalangan masyarakat India dan Melayu dan dengan me-

nyelesaikannya, kerajaan pada masa yang sama dapat mencari penyelesaian untuk seluruh masyarakat.

"Saya ingin mengajukan falsafah yang sangat mudah... bagaimana cara saya boleh membuat kek menjadi lebih besar daripada bagaimana cara saya nak memotong kek itu?," katanya.

Sementara itu, Amir Hamzah berkata, dengan kestabilan kerajaan sekarang ditambah kekuatan institusi tempatan, Malaysia akan dapat terus menjamin pelaburan jangka panjang pelabur asing.

SINAR HARIAN

tarikh: 27 FEB 2024

DBKL keluar 79 kompaun, tutup 3 premis kotor

BH 27/2 (DBKL)

Kuala Lumpur: Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) mengeluarkan 79 kompaun dan mengarahkan tiga premis makanan di ibu kota ditutup selepas tahap kebersihan masing-masing termasuk petugas serta persekitaran didapati tidak memuaskan dan melanggar undang-undang.

DBKL dalam kenyataannya, berkata Operasi Sepadu Bersih itu membabitkan pemeriksaan ke atas 93 premis perniagaan di sekitar The Garden Mall (Parlimen Lembah Pantai), Jalan Jalil Perkasa (Parlimen Seputeh), Jalan Manis 3, Taman Segar (Parlimen Cheras), Jalan Leboh Ampang dan Jalan Tengkat Tong Shin (Parlimen Bukit Bintang), Taman Sri Sinar dan 1 Mont Kiara (Parlimen Segambut).

Bagaimanapun katanya, ketika pemeriksaan dijalankan, 34 premis didapati ditutup atau tidak beroperasi, menyebabkan

hanya 59 premis diperiksa.

"Berdasarkan pemeriksaan, tiga premis dikenakan tindakan arahan penutupan mengikut Undang-Undang Kecil (UUK) 28(1) Undang-undang Kecil Pelesenan Petempatan Makanan (WPPL) 2016.

"Selain itu, 79 kompaun dikeluarkan atas pelbagai kesalahan di bawah UUK Pelesenan Petempatan Makanan (WPPL) 2016, UUK Pengendali Makanan 1979 dan Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976," kata DBKL menerusi perkongsian di Facebook kelmarin.

DBKL berkata, pelbagai kesalahan bersabit aspek kebersihan, petugas serta persekitaran premis dikenakan tindakan.

"DBKL akan meneruskan tindakan seumpama ini dari semasa ke semasa bagi memastikan pengusaha, premis makanan mematuhi kehendak kesihatan yang telah ditetapkan," katanya.



DBKL mengeluarkan 79 kompaun dan mengarahkan tiga premis makanan ditutup.

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Tidak wajar naikkan OPR 'selamatkan' ringgit

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**Peningkatan
jejas pendapatan
pengguna, beri
kesan keseluruhan
ekonomi**

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Langkah menaikkan kadar dasar semalaman (OPR) bukanlah wajar untuk 'menyelamat' atau menyokong ringgit ketika ini, demikian menurut TA Securities.

Penganalisis TA Securities, Farid Burhanuddin, berkata ini kerana ia boleh memberi kesan negatif kepada pendapatan pengguna.

Selain itu, katanya, jika OPR dinaikkan, ia akan memberi kesan kepada kelembapan dalam perbelanjaan swasta, di mana akibatnya berpeluang memberi kesan kepada keseluruhan ekonomi.

"Tambahan pula, Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM)

menyatakan bahawa kurang daripada 10 peratus barangan import menjadi sebahagian daripada kumpulan Indeks Harga Pengguna (CPI).

"Akibatnya, kelemahan dalam ringgit mungkin tidak memberi kesan sepenuhnya kepada inflasi utama kerana pengguna sentiasa boleh mencari barangan pengganti, seperti yang dicadangkan oleh 'kesan penggantian'," katanya dalam nota penyelidikan.

OPR adalah instrumen yang digunakan bank pusat untuk mengawal inflasi, namun ketika ini kadar itu adalah rendah iaitu 1.5 peratus pada Januari lalu.

Farid berkata, kesan penggantian ialah prinsip asas dalam mikroekonomi yang menerangkan bagaimana pengguna cenderung untuk menggantikan satu barangan atau perkhidmatan dengan yang lain apabila terdapat perubahan dalam harga relatif.

"Kesan ini terutama dikaitkan dengan undang-undang permintaan, yang menyatakan bahawa semua yang lain adalah sama, apabila harga barang menurun, kuantiti diminta untuk barang berkenaan me-

ningkat dan sebaliknya," katanya.

Mesyuarat Dasar Monetari (MPC), Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) yang kedua tahun ini dijadualkan berlangsung pada 6 hingga 7 Mac ini.

Mesyuarat penting itu dijangka memberikan pandangan tentang penilaian bank pusat tentang keadaan ekonomi dan potensi tindakan dasar monetari.

Inflasi semasa terurus

Farid berkata, persekitaran inflasi semasa di Malaysia nampaknya terurus dengan baik dan nampaknya tiada tekanan segera daripada BNM untuk menaikkan kadar faedah.

"Jangkaan kadar semasa dijangka berada pada 3.00 peratus untuk tahun ini, dan kami percaya bahawa bank pusat berkemungkinan mengekalkan pendirian ini. Walaupun ringgit berada pada paras lemah dan melepasi paras rintangan seperti yang dicatatkan pada 23 Oktober 2023 iaitu RM4.7937, sesetengah peserta pasaran bimbang tentang kemungkinan kenaikan kadar faedah sebagai penyelesaian," katanya.

Nilai ringgit terus mencatat penurunan ketara Selasa lalu, apabila mencecah paras 4.795 berbanding dolar Amerika Syarikat (AS) paras terendahinya.

Jika disingkap semula, mata wang negara mencapai paras terendah dalam sejarah iaitu 4.88 pada Januari 1998 iaitu ketika kemuncak Krisis Kewangan Asia.

Ketua Ahli Ekonomi Bank Muamalat, Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid dilaporkan berkata, berdasarkan analisis teknikal, ringgit telah pun melepasi paras rintangan iaitu RM4.7958.

"Kita sedia maklum bahawa tren mata wang banyak dipengaruhi oleh faktor luaran. Terbaru, bank pusat China sudah mengurangkan kadar faedah sebanyak 25 mata asas dan ia melebihi jangkaan penganalisis ekonomi. Situasi ini sudah pasti akan melemahkan mata wang Yuan.

"Ringgit pula dilihat ada kaitan ketara dengan mata wang yuan. Maka sebarang pergerakan Yuan sudah pasti akan memberi kesan kepada ringgit. Persoalannya, apa yang harus dilakukan oleh pembuat dasar?," katanya.

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Ambil langkah proaktif perkukuh nilai ringgit

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Rakyat Malaysia kini bergelut dengan cabaran ekonomi semakin meruncing seiring dengan kejatuhan nilai ringgit, kenaikan harga barang dan pertikaian berkaitan subsidi. Cabaran ini membawa kesan signifikan kepada kehidupan harian rakyat serta menimbulkan kebimbangan terhadap kestabilan kewangan negara.

Jatuhnya nilai ringgit adalah isu membimbangkan ramai pihak. Keadaan ini menyebabkan harga barang diimport meningkat ketara, mengakibatkan beban tambahan kepada rakyat memenuhi keperluan asas. Rakyat merasakan kesan terus kepada daya beli mereka akibat nilai ringgit terus merosot menyebabkan harga barang tempatan turut naik.

Kenaikan harga barang adalah isu membebankan rakyat. Apabila kerajaan meningkatkan Cukai Jualan dan Perkhidmatan (SST) kepada lapan peratus, pengeluar dan peniaga menyalurkan kos itu kepada pengguna dengan menaikkan harga barang, sekali gus menjejaskan daya beli rakyat.

Walaupun keadaan ekonomi global sering menjadi faktor utama menyumbang kepada kenaikan

harga, faktor dalaman seperti kadar cukai dan kos pengeluaran tempatan turut memberi kesan. Peningkatan cukai dapat memberi impak signifikan kepada kos sara hidup rakyat.

Bukan sahaja golongan pertengahan dan rendah, malah golongan T20 juga menjadi pihak terkesan dengan keperluan asas seperti makanan, perubatan dan pendidikan turut meningkat. Semua golongan terpaksa menanggung bebanan lebih berat dalam pembelian barangan asas sehingga menyebabkan penurunan taraf hidup.

Dalam usaha meredakan beban kewangan rakyat, isu subsidi juga menjadi tumpuan penting. Subsidi dilihat sebagai satu cara membantu rakyat menghadapi kos sara hidup meningkat terutama bagi golongan berpendapatan rendah. Bagaimanapun, pertikaian berkaitan subsidi sering kali timbul dengan kritikan mengenai keberkesanan dan keadilan dalam pengagihannya.

Ketidakstabilan ekonomi

Apa yang penting, ketidakstabilan ekonomi dan kewangan negara menuntut tindakan segera kerajaan. Kerajaan perlu mengambil langkah proaktif mengukuhkan nilai ringgit, mengawal kenaikan harga barang dan menyemak semula dasar subsidi. Langkah ini penting untuk memastikan kesejah-

teraan ekonomi rakyat terjamin dan menjamin kestabilan ekonomi negara.

Pada masa sama, kesedaran dan pendidikan mengenai pengurusan kewangan peribadi juga perlu ditingkatkan. Rakyat perlu dilatih dengan kemahiran baharu dan terkini untuk menguruskan belanjawan dengan bijak serta menyimpan. Ini akan membantu meringankan beban kewangan individu sambil memperkukuhkan daya tahan ekonomi negara secara keseluruhan.

Jatuhnya nilai mata wang, perubahan subsidi, kenaikan cukai dan harga barang semuanya menyumbang kepada bebanan ekonomi lebih berat kepada rakyat. Isu ini cabaran kompleks memerlukan pendekatan holistik daripada kerajaan dan penggubal dasar ekonomi negara.

Kerajaan perlu mengambil kira impak sosioekonomi lebih besar sebelum membuat keputusan mempengaruhi kesejahteraan rakyat seperti menilai secara mendalam implikasi cadangan menaikkan kadar dasar semalaman (OPR).

Ini termasuk meneliti kaedah mengurangkan bebanan fiskal sambil memastikan keperluan asas rakyat terus terjaga.

Dengan kerjasama kukuh dan usaha berterusan, diharapkan keadaan ekonomi negara dapat dipulihkan, manakala kesejahteraan rakyat dipertahankan.

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Usah cepat 'melatah' cadangan mansuh pencen kakitangan awam

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Pengumuman pemansuhan pencen penjawat awam bagi pelantikan baharu bermula 1 Februari 2024 menimbulkan pelbagai reaksi kakitangan awam. Dalam hal ini, CUEPACS turut memberikan reaksi dengan meminta kerajaan tidak menghapuskan skim pencen.

Pemansuhan sistem pencen turut diperikatkan siswazah dan lulusan institusi pendidikan terutama yang sedang mencari pekerjaan dengan meletakkan sektor kerajaan sebagai pilihan utama. Bagaimanapun, pekerja swasta dilihat lebih bersetuju dan memuji langkah kerajaan memansuhkan skim pencen kerana menganggap bayaran pencen membebaskan kewangan negara.

Pandangan itu berlandaskan pengalaman mereka dalam menerima perkhidmatan kerajaan tetapi tidak berpuas hati dengan mutu diberikan kerana mendakwa penjawat awam seperti tidak kompeten, lambat, membuang masa dan curi tulang ketika bekerja.

Penerima pencen juga tidak bersetuju dengan pemansuhan skim itu kerana kemudahan pencen membantu mereka meneruskan kehidupan selepas berpuluh tahun berkhidmat untuk rakyat dan negara.

Antara kemudahan pencen dinikmati pesara ialah bayaran gratuity, award gantian cuti rehat, pencen bulanan seumur hidup. Sebagai tambahan, pesara turut menikmati kemudahan kesihatan percuma. Sebagai contoh, perbelanjaan rawatan jantung di Institut Jantung Negara yang mencecah ratusan ribu ringgit ditanggung kerajaan.

Bagaimanapun, perubahan skim pencen kepada

skim caruman Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) bukan sesuatu yang buruk dan tidak menarik sepenuhnya. KWSP memainkan peranan penting dalam menyokong aspek kewangan pekerja apabila pencen.

Melalui Akta KWSP 1991 (Akta 452), pekerja diberi kemudahan menyimpan sebahagian daripada pendapatan mereka melalui potongan gaji bulanan untuk masa depan disamping menerima bayaran syer daripada majikan serta dividen tahunan KWSP.

Selain menyediakan simpanan pencen, KWSP turut menyediakan kemudahan Pengeluaran Akaun 2, membolehkan pekerja menggunakan dana itu untuk tujuan pembiayaan perumahan, pendidikan dan belanja kesihatan. Perkara ini tidak berlaku dalam skim pencen penjawat awam.

Kemudahan insentif lebih baik

Cuba kita lihat organisasi kerajaan bertukar daripada skim gaji kerajaan kepada skim KWSP, seperti Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri, Tenaga Nasional Berhad dan Telekom Malaysia Berhad. Pe-

kerja organisasi ini menerima kemudahan dan insentif lebih baik seperti gaji lebih kompetitif, bayaran bonus tahunan, serta kemudahan kesihatan di hospital atau klinik jauh lebih baik daripada hospital kerajaan.

Selain itu, pekerja juga ditawarkan membeli saham syarikat dengan harga lebih rendah daripada pasaran di samping kemudahan lain diputuskan di peringkat ahli lembaga pengarah syarikat sahaja.

Oleh demikian, pihak mempersoalkan pengumuman ini tidak sepatutnya melatah terlalu awal. Ini disebabkan Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam masih belum memperincikan kaedah serta skim gaji baharu untuk penjawat awam berkonsepkan KWSP.

Bahkan, kerajaan juga komited untuk mengkaji Sistem Saran Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) pada tahun ini. Meskipun berdepan kekangan kewangan dan masalah ekonomi, kerajaan bertanggungjawab mencari jalan mengkaji SSPA memandangkan sudah lebih 10 tahun tiada perubahan dari segi kajian semula.



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IZHAM Hashim meninjau Stesen Pam Skim Jaminan Air Mentah (SJAM) di Kampung Rantau Panjang, Bestari Jaya semalam.
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Banyak jalan sudah lama di Selangor

KUALA SELANGOR: Lebih separuh daripada ratusan jalan raya di Selangor didapati sudah tamat tempoh jangka hayat.

Kesemua jalan raya itu meliputi jalan persekutuan, jalan negeri dan jalan perbandaran.

Exco Infrastruktur dan Pertanian negeri, Izham Hashim berkata, pemerhatian mendapati kebanyakan jalan berkenaan sememangnya telah berusia lebih 40 tahun.

"Usia sesuatu jalan raya itu kebiasaannya hanya boleh bertahan antara 20 hingga 25 tahun dan memerlukan proses penaiktarafan," katanya ketika ditemui selepas meninjau Stesen Pam Skim Jaminan Air Mentah (SJAM) di Kampung Rantau Panjang, Bestari Jaya di sini, semalam.

Muka depan *Utusan Malaysia* semalam melaporkan kebanyakan jalan raya di Malaysia menghampiri tempoh jangka hayat yang menyebabkan daya tahannya merosot, sekali gus menjadi punca uta-

ma strukturnya mudah rosak dan berlubang.

Mengikut rekod data penyelenggaraan jalan Persekutuan di Semenanjung di bawah kendalian Kementerian Kerja Raya (KKR), dianggarkan 3,821 kilometer jalan mencapai jangka hayat reka bentuk.

Jarak itu hampir menyamai lima kali perjalanan ulang-alik menggunakan jalan darat dari Johor Bahru ke Perlis dan ia mewakili 25 peratus daripada keseluruhan 14,918 kilometer panjang jalan Persekutuan.

Izham memberitahu, isu utama dihadapi kini berkaitan kos atau peruntukan bagi menaiktaraf semua jalan tersebut.

"Peruntukan daripada Sistem Maklumat Rekod Jalan-raya Malaysia (MARRIS) tidak boleh digunakan bagi proses penaiktarafan.

"Kita telah mengenal pasti jalan-jalan itu namun sukar dijalankan sepenuhnya kerana peruntukan tidak mencukupi," ujarnya.

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IJN discharging civil servants, pensioners: Clarification soon

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THE authorities will soon issue a clarification with regard to a letter published in a health news portal that the National Heart Institute (IJN) is discharging all civil servants and pensioners due to the government's cost-cutting measures.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan, when contacted, only said the Health Ministry will shed light on the matter soon.

"The ministry, (or) health minister (Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad) will respond soon. It won't be long," he told the *New Straits Times*.

This follows a letter published

by the portal in which an unnamed government pensioner claimed that he was discharged after receiving extensive care at IJN.

The pensioner said he had been told by IJN doctors that the ministry had issued a directive that all civil servants and pensioners should be discharged to the Health Ministry's cardiac centre nearest to their homes.

"I protested that my problem was highly complicated.

"The senior IJN cardiologist agreed with me. But I was told that their hands were tied as the government was cutting costs.

"I also found out that my predicament is shared by other pensioners and civil servants all over the country, these past months.

"So, with a sinking heart, I re-

turned home and arranged to see the doctors at the ministry's cardiac centre near my home. This was not easy as I had to make an appointment and the clinic was busy," he said.

He said after over two months, he managed to see a doctor with concerns that he could run out of medication soon.

Alarms were also raised when the cardiac centre that the pensioner went to stated that they did not have the expertise to handle his case and the limited number of drugs.

"The cardiologist then said that he would write a new referral for me to go back to IJN, and that I would have to make an appointment with IJN as a new patient and hopefully get back the same senior cardiologist.

"This would be another hassle

and possibly two to three months of waiting, or longer."

The pensioner expressed his disappointment as a former civil servant who served for 35 years after going through such a predicament.

Meanwhile, an IJN spokesman, when contacted, referred the NST to a statement the institute issued in September last year (saying that the Public Service Department required a referral from the government, private hospitals or clinics for treatments at IJN).

After 12 months of treatment, procedure or surgery, the September statement said, patients were expected to be discharged back to the referring hospital.

"This is done when the patient requires continuous follow-up



Datuk Dr Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan

treatment and management.

"IJN strictly adheres to this guideline regulated by Health Ministry.

"IJN remains committed to providing excellent healthcare to government employees and retirees," it said.

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Tarikh:

Selangor Aviation Show 2024 targets RM1.3 billion potential transaction value

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PETALING JAYA: Selangor Aviation Show 2024 (SAS 2024), to be hosted by the Selangor state government and organised by Invest Selangor, is eyeing RM1.3 billion potential transaction value, up from RM823 million recorded in 2023.

Selangor exco for investment, trade and mobility Ng Sze Han said this is on the back of higher participation expected from 45 countries compared with 42 last year.

SAS 2024, themed "The One & Only Business & General Aviation Show in the Region", will be held from Sept 12 to 14 at Skypark Regional Aviation Centre (RAC), Subang. It aims to promote regional business aviation and general aviation, as well as drone-related activities.

"This year we expect to attract 25,000 visitors, with more than 30 memorandums of understanding and sale and purchase agreements with potential transaction value of RM1.3 billion from RM823 million last year. To date, SAS 2024 has confirmed participation from 10 companies, mainly from the region," Ng said at a press conference on SAS 2024 yesterday.

SAS 2024 anticipates a bigger number of commercial aviation and air transport services companies ranging from sub-sectors of aviation including aircraft maintenance, suppliers of aircraft components and structures, or any activities related to the aviation industry, to be participating and



Ng speaking at a press conference on Selangor Aviation Show 2024 yesterday.

hopes to offer a bigger number of employment opportunities for job seekers. A career fair will be organised on the second and third day of SAS 2024.

SAS 2024 has expanded its size by adding additional hangars for the event, and offers several types of booths and chalets that aim to meet the preferences and demands of the industry players.

There will be 52 shell scheme booths that will be made available for SAS 2024 participants, occupying two hangars. In addition, SAS 2024 will offer a range of chalet set-ups for bigger participants wanting to have their own personalised discussion areas.

SAS 2024 also anticipates a bigger participation of static aircraft displays, and

hope the big OEMs and other major industry players will return with their latest aircrafts to be displayed in the show. This three-day event will bring programmes and activities including networking cocktails, forums and talks, career fair, children's activities and airshow.

This year, SAS will incorporate some new segments such as space technology as well as search and rescue.

Among the programmes planned during SAS 2024 will be the Career in Aviation, a job placement fair that will feature 40 companies in the industry seeking to find employees.

In the 2023 edition, a total of 28 MoUs were signed, involving RM823 million in potential transaction value. The show attracted a total of 19,217 international and domestic visitors.

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Tarikh:

City attraction that awakens at night

► Some 10,000 visitors daily enjoy vast variety of local delicacies, that include seafood, fruits and sweets

KUALA LUMPUR: Jalan Alor at Bukit Bintang is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the federal capital that has an "ordinary" look and feel during the day.

The 500m street is like any other commercial area, with constant honking, engine roars and the hustle and bustle of busy streets in a city.

However, the street, which was once dubbed a "Red Light District", starts getting busy after sunset as tourists and locals flood the area every night.

Tourists visit the street, decorated with neon lights, for its beauty during the night and also to indulge in a variety of local delicacies, especially seafood that are sold at reasonable prices, earning Jalan Alor its reputation as a seafood paradise.

Stalls offering fruits such as Musang King durian and vendors selling sweets are also popular choices for visitors. The street, which hosts 100 stalls and 50 restaurants, attracts nearly 10,000 visitors every day.

Seafood trader Ah Ling, 55, who has been operating for 32 years in Jalan Alor, said there have been various changes in the area, the

most noticeable being the condition of the streets, cleanliness and the increased number of visitors.

"The roads here used to be very bad, with many potholes. But now, they are much better since the government repaved them and added more street lamps.

"The pipes have also been replaced and the cleanliness of the street is better maintained. The government did this eight years ago before Covid-19," said Ah Ling, who runs her business with her husband and owns six shops.

She said the number of restaurants and stalls is increasing, and the street is made more lively with entertainers such as buskers.

"This situation is much different now. The place was quieter back then. There were not many shops when I first opened my stall (in 1992) but since 20 years ago, people from all corners of the world started visiting the street."

She also said her regular customers include a man from Holland, who has been enjoying her seafood for 28 years.

Jalan Alor Hawkers Association secretary Simon Ang said visitors typically start flocking to the street



Decorated facades in Jalan Alor adds to its allure, making it a popular tourist attraction. — BERNAMAPIC

at 6pm, adding that safety is a major concern, especially over pickpocketing cases.

"The problem could be reduced with the installation of CCTV and the presence of People's Volunteer Corps personnel, but we need proper documentation from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL)."

Ang, who also runs a food shop in the area, said an application was submitted to DBKL in

August last year, Bernama reported.

He also said various community activities such as a Chap Goh Mei parade were also held at the street and an arch made of LED lights is set to be built across Jalan Alor.

"We received the approval to build the arch in 2020 from DBKL but now, we are thinking of upgrading to new technology (LED) to make the place more attractive."

A tourist, Firma Winda, 24, said

she learnt about the excitement of the street through TikTok and came to experience it herself.

Firma, who is from Riau, said she would like to try the South Korean and Chinese fruit snack called *Tanghulu*, which became famous on social media recently.

"I want to try unique street food. So, I searched on TikTok and found Jalan Alor. This is my first visit to the street."

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Gabung empat PBT utama

Urus tadbir cekap, mesra rakyat

Oleh **SITI ROHAIZAH ZAINAL**

KLANG - Inisiatif mewujudkan Lembah Klang Raya mencakupi empat pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) Petaling Jaya, Subang Jaya, Shah Alam dan Klang dapat memastikan pentadbiran lebih cekap.

EXCO kerajaan tempatan berkata rancangan menyediakan simulasi digital seperti pengurusan trafik, bencana, proses serta reka bentuk pembangunan lokasi berteras pengurusan mampan.

Dato' Ng Suee Lim menjelaskan pembentukannya menjadikan lokaliti pentadbiran mesra warga emas, orang

kurang upaya, mesra kanak-kanak dan bandar neutral karbon pertama di Malaysia.

"Kita boleh lihat perubahan baik segi landskap pembangunan Klang yang melalui era pembangunan bermula era tradisional, moden, globalisasi dan kini merintis ke pendigitalan," katanya.

Beliau merasmikan Karnival Bandaraya Diraja Klang di Kompleks Sukan Pandamaran di sini pada 17 Februari sempena pengisytiharan Klang sebagai Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK).

Suee Lim juga menyingkap peranan Klang sebagai pusat pentadbiran negeri antara 1875 hingga 1903 seterusnya daerah itu menjalani proses perban-

daran dan pembangunan yang pesat.

Datuk Bandar Klang Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan pula menjelaskan MBDK mahu menyusun rancangan pembangunan bandar dengan memberi wajah baharu kepada bandar-bandar utama di Klang.

"Perancangan semula melibatkan bandar Klang, Pelabuhan Klang, pusat pertumbuhan Meru dan Kapar di samping pembangunan baru yang terancang.

"Dengan pelan dan perancangan yang dirangka dan jaringan kerjasama semua pihak tanpa mengira perbezaan kaum, agama dan latar belakang sosial, ia dapat dijayakan," katanya lagi.

SELANGORKINI ONLINE

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5,000 meriahi karnival Klang

KLANG - Lebih 5,000 pengunjung memeriahi Karnival Bandaraya Diraja Klang di Kompleks Sukan Pandamaran di sini pada 17 Februari.

Karnival tiga hari sejak 16 Februari itu dirasmikan EXCO Kerajaan Tempatan Dato' Ng Suee Lim diiringi Datuk Bandar Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan.

"Dengan adanya karnival ini diharap dapat mengekalkan nilai perpaduan dan kesejahteraan dalam kalangan komuniti Klang," kata Noraini.

SELANGORKINI ONLINE

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Kaunter pandu lalu mudahkan bayaran

SHAH ALAM - Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) membuka kaunter pandu lalu pada aras 1 bangunan ibu pejabatnya bagi memudahkan orang ramai membayar cukai taksiran.

Menurut pihak berkuasa tempatan itu, kaunter berkenaan dibuka antara Isnin hingga Jumaat dari 9 pagi hingga 4 petang.

"Jom Bayar Cukai Taksiran MPAJ. Bersama kita tunaikan tanggungjawab kita. Kerjasama Anda, Kejayaan Kita Bersama," menurut kenyataan di Facebook pada 14 Februari.

Sebarang pertanyaan hubungi 03-4285 7004 / 7282/7122/7043 atau e-mel pelanggan.hasil@mpaj.gov.my

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Dakwa pemilik premis tanpa lesen

SHAH ALAM - Pemilik premis kitar semula dan barangan lusuh dihadapkan ke Mahkamah Telok Datuk, Kuala Langat atas kesalahan menjalankan perniagaan tanpa lesen pada 14 Februari.

Menurut Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Langat (MPKL) di Facebook, lelaki berumur lewat 20-an didakwa bawah Undang-Undang Kecil (UUK) 3 UUK Pelesenan Tred dan Perindustrian (MDKL) 2007.

Majistret Khairul Farhi Yusob menjatuhkan hukuman denda RM1,000 terhadap lelaki berkenaan yang sebelumnya dikenakan waran tangkap mahkamah pada 17 Januari berdasarkan pengakuan bersalahnya.

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Giat usaha tanam 11 juta pokok

KUALA LANGAT - Usaha ke arah mencapai matlamat penanaman 11 juta pokok menjelang 2026 giat dilaksanakan dengan kerjasama pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT), pejabat daerah dan pihak swasta.

EXCO alam sekitar berkata pihaknya sedang melaksanakan pengumpulan data dan mengenal pasti kawasan penanaman pokok dalam usaha memelihara dan memulihara kawasan hijau di Selangor.

"Insya-Allah enam bulan pertama tahun ini kita susun data dan buat perancangan seterusnya pembahagian penanaman dan sebagainya.

"Kita juga akan mengadakan lebih banyak program bersama pihak swasta dan akan datang mungkin melibatkan pihak sekolah juga," kata Jamaliah Jamaluddin pada 17 Februari.

Beliau menjelaskan pelbagai inisiatif dijalankan untuk menyebarkan pelaksanaan program Kerajaan Negeri demi memelihara kelestarian alam sekitar.

"Ini penting dalam merealisasikan matlamat Selangor sebagai bandar rendah karbon menjelang 2030 dan mencapai sasaran mengurangkan pelepasan gas rumah kaca sebanyak 45 peratus menjelang 2030," katanya.

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RM18.1 juta subsidi jualan murah

SHAH ALAM - Subsidi RM18.1 juta disediakan Kerajaan Selangor untuk menganjurkan Jualan Ehsan Rahmah (JER) di serata negeri meliputi lebih 3,000 lokasi sepanjang tahun lalu.

Ketua pegawai eksekutif kumpulan Perbadanan Kemajuan Pertanian Selangor (PKPS) menjelaskan hampir RM50 juta nilai jualan dicatat dalam penganjuran program berkenaan.

Dr Mohamad Khairil Mohamad Razi menegaskan matlamat utama jualan murah itu untuk membantu golongan berpendapatan rendah melalui

tawaran harga 30 peratus lebih rendah dari pasaran.

"Kita akan teruskan lagi tahun ini termasuk jualan mega ketika musim perayaan," katanya pada 14 Februari.

Dianjur sejak dua tahun lalu, JER menawarkan ayam RM10 seekor, daging pejal segar (RM10 per pek) dan telur gred B (RM10 sepapan), ikan kembung (RM6 setiap pek), minyak masak lima kilogram (RM25) dan beras lima kilogram (RM13).

Selain diadakan di lokasi terpilih kecuali Jumaat dan cuti umum, PKPS ada

menandatangani bekerjasama dengan Segi Fresh bagi memperluas jualan meliputi 55 premis pasar raya tersebut.

PKPS juga menerima pengiktirafan Malaysia Book of Records (MBOR) menerusi jualan ayam dan telur bersubsidi terbesar dalam tempoh dua hari sempena Aidilfitri pada April tahun lalu.

Selain itu, PKPS turut menerima Anugerah Pengurusan Berkualiti 2023 sempena Persidangan Iklim Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (PBB) eko-ran kejayaan cemerlang termasuk pengendalian JER.

Giat promosi destinasi pelancongan

SUBANG JAYA - Tourism Selangor giat mempromosi destinasi menarik kepada pengunjung tempatan dan luar negara menjelang Tahun Melawat Selangor 2025.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutifnya Azrul Shah Mohamad berkata usaha itu membantu Selangor mencapai sasaran lebih 5.6 juta pelancong tahun ini.

"Kita tidak menunggu lama untuk mempromosi destinasi menarik seluruh negeri kerana selain menjelang Tahun Melawat Selangor 2025, ini juga sempe-

na Tahun Melawat Malaysia pada 2026.

"Kita perlu merebut peluang Selangor terus menjadi tarikan pelancong. Bagaimanapun usaha ini memerlukan kerjasama semua pihak termasuk pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT)," katanya sempena program terokai alam semula jadi dan makanan Selangor di sini pada 14 Februari.

Azrul Shah turut menyeru semua PBT memainkan peranan menghebahkan lokasi menarik di kawasan masing-masing.

"Banyak perkara hendak dilakukan dan ia memerlukan sokongan PBT. Kita ada empat bandaraya Shah Alam, Subang Jaya, Petaling Jaya dan terbaharu Klang.

"Kita berharap mereka dapat bantu promosi Selangor untuk capai sasaran 5.6 pelancong pada tahun ini," katanya.

Sebelum ini, EXCO Pelancongan Dato' Ng Suee Lim memaklumkan Kerajaan Negeri menyasarkan lebih 5.6 juta pengunjung tempatan dan luar negara melalui Selangor sepanjang tahun ini.

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