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Peserta 'SJMC Run 2024 - Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness' memulakan larian di Mediplex, SJMC pada Ahad.

SUBANG JAYA - Seorang warga emas berusia 78 tahun yang juga peserta tertua program Subang Jaya Medical Center (SJMC) Run 2024 - 'Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness' membuktikan kemampuan menghabiskan larian sejauh tiga kilometer (km).

Datuk kepada tujuh cucu itu, Ng Ah Kow berkata, penglibatan aktif dan konsisten menyertai acara larian sejak 38 tahun lalu memberi kelebihan kepadanya untuk kekal bertenaga pada usia menginjak lapan dekad.



Ah Kow merupakan peserta tertua dalam program 'SJMC Run 2024 - Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness'.

"Paling jauh, saya pernah sertai larian 21km iaitu pada 1991 di Pulau Pinang. Saya cuma ambil bahagian dan jadikannya sebagai hobi sahaja.

"Untuk larian anjuran SJMC ini, saya telah menyertai sebanyak empat kali penganjuran sejak 2019," katanya kepada Sinar Harian selepas program berkenaan di Mediplex, SJMC pada Ahad.

Ah Kow yang berasal dari Seberang Perai, Pulau Pinang itu berkata, dari segi latihan dia mengamalkan aktiviti berlari atau berjalan laju selama satu jam setiap hari.

"Ada masa saya berjalan sejauh dua atau tiga km untuk membeli makanan. Itu sasaran saya.

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Bryan (tengah) menyampaikan sumbangan kepada wakil A&D sempena 'SJMC Run 2024 - Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness' di Mediplex, SJMC pada Ahad.

"Sekarang saya hanya sasar 10,000 langkah atau sekurang-kurangnya 6,000 langkah dalam satu hari," ujarnya.

Acara berkenaan dirasmikan oleh Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif SJMC, Bryan Lin.

Hadir sama Ketua Pegawai Operasinya, Rachel Woo; Ketua Polis Daerah Subang Jaya, Asisten Komisioner Wan Azlan Wan Mamat; Ketua Balai Bomba Subang Jaya, Syed Shahril Anuar Syed Sulaiman serta Ahli Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ), Ir Balachandran Naicker dan Chia Yew Ken.



Bryan (tujuh dari kiri) bersama barisan johan 'SJMC Run 2024 - Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness' bagi kategori

2000m lelaki. Beliau menyampaikan hadiah kepada pemenang. Beliau juga menyampaikan hadiah kepada pemenang kategori 5000m lelaki.

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Menurutnya, larian berkenaan menekankan kepentingan pencegahan diabetes sekali gus meraikan ulang tahun ke-39 kecemerlangan penjagaan kesihatan SJMC.

"Acara seperti 'SJMC Run 2024 - Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness' menyarlahkan peranan penting senaman tetap dan diet seimbang dalam pencegahan diabetes.

"Rasa kemasyarakatan juga memainkan peranan penting dalam meningkatkan kesedaran dan menggalakkan masyarakat untuk mengutamakan kesihatan mereka dalam memerangi penyakit yang semakin meningkat ini," kata beliau.

Tambah Bryan, bagi menggandakan usaha memerangi penyakit tersebut, pihaknya menyumbang peranti pemantauan glukosa berterusan (CGM) dan glukometer bernilai RM19,000 kepada pesakit kencing manis yang kurang bemasib baik melalui Action4Diabetes (A4D).

Jelasnya lagi, sumbangan berkenaan mencerminkan bukti dedikasi SJMC dalam menyokong dan membantu kumpulan tersebut menguruskan keadaan mereka dengan lebih berkesan.

"Terima kasih kepada semua kerana menyokong kami dalam menyumbang kepada tujuan yang lebih besar," katanya.

Sementara itu, Bryan berkata, diabetes menjadi kebimbangan kesihatan utama di negara ini kerana menjejaskan satu daripada enam orang dewasa, malah menjelang 2025, jumlah penghidap diabetes boleh mencecah angka 7 juta orang.

"Dengan tema, 'Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness,' tujuan SJMC adalah meningkatkan kesedaran dan menggalakkan gaya hidup sihat untuk mencegah serta mengurus diabetes.

"Pasukan pelbagai disiplin pakar penjagaan kesihatan kami termasuk ahli endokrinologi, pendidik diabetes dan jururawat menyediakan pengesanan awal, pendidikan dan sokongan untuk membantu individu membuat perubahan positif," ujarnya.

Beberapa kategori diperkenalkan antaranya 3km larian santai dan perlumbaan kompetitif sejauh 10km serta 21km.

Pertandingan larian 21km bagi kategori lelaki dimenangi oleh Job Minacho Kamonde manakala Noor Amelia Musa bagi kategori wanita.

Juara acara veteran lelaki bagi kategori 21km pula diraih Mohd Nazri Ahmad manakala kategori wanita pula dimenangi Tiffany Lee.

Bagi larian 10km kategori lelaki pula dimenangi oleh Nikos Tai Lee Onn manakala Pauline Barbet pula mendapat johan bagi kategori wanita.

Tempat pertama bagi kategori veteran lelaki untuk 10km diraih oleh Suresh Munianday manakala kategori wanita pula diraih oleh June Yap.

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Pandamaran new village residents fed up with frequent floods

A GROUP of Jalan Pandamar residents in Pandamaran's Chinese New Village are frustrated with recurring floods caused by overflowing drains.

They said every time it rained heavily, their stretch of eight houses becomes inundated with filthy water, causing damage and disrupting daily life.

"If it rains continuously for half an hour, the drain in front of my house overflows and inundates the porch area," said resident Tam Fook Weng, 62.

"If it rains for a longer period, the water will come up to ankle-deep and flood the entire house, from the living room to the kitchen."

Tam said the problem had been happening for a decade and most of the residents, who are senior citizens, find it difficult to clean up the flood aftermath as the blackish water stains the floor.

"The problem is due to poor drain design and shoddy cleaning works."

"The drain is filled with silt and sand, so it fills quickly when it rains," said resident Sim Yoke, 58.

"The local council needs to



Tam indicating the flood water level on his front door, which he says comes up to ankle-deep if it rains for more than half an hour. — KK SHAM/The Star

widen and raise the height of the drain."

Radha Batumalai, 54, said the drain's design was outdated and that was the reason for

the overflow.

"It is a nightmare if it rains at night or in the wee hours of the morning."

"We cannot sleep as we will

be worried about flooding and have to spend the next day cleaning if that happens."

"I hope the drain will be properly cleaned."

"Dirt and silt that has been scooped out must be disposed of and not left on the side of the drain, as these would be washed back into it when it rains," she said.

Salesman TF Yuen, 56, said residents had repeatedly complained to Klang Royal City Council (MBDK) for over 10 years but seen little progress.

He urged the council to prioritise the cleaning and improvement of the drainage system to prevent future floods.

When contacted, MBDK Environmental Services Department director Zaireezal Ahmad Zainuddin said they would do a thorough clean-up of the drain.

On the drain's design, MBDK Corporate Communications Department director Norfiza Mahfiz said the matter would be referred to the council's Engineering Department.

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(Holding banner, from second, left) Moorthy, Ummi, Poon and GIC students at the closing ceremony. — Photos: CHAN TAK KONG and LEW GUAN XI/The Star

KL targets zero-waste next year

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City Hall aims to lead the way in cutting down excesses and recycling

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KUALA Lumpur is working towards becoming a city with minimal waste next year in conjunction with Malaysia's Asean chairmanship.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) Health and Environment Department director Dr Ummi Ahmad said it was important for residents to start recycling to reduce pollution caused by excessive waste, especially plastics.

She emphasised that this effort was especially crucial among youths.

"You are the generation that will live in the future world."

"So, you have the responsibility to make sure that Malaysia is clean by recycling and reducing waste."

"As youths, you also have a lot of energy to come up with innovative ideas to help protect the environment," she said during the closing ceremony of the "Go Clean KL" programme at Wisma Eagle Eye in Kuala Lumpur.



Students helping clean the streets around Wisma Eagle Eye.

Ummi added that details of the zero-waste city plans would be announced by Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif.

The inaugural event, jointly organised by Goon International College (GIC) and non-govern-

mental organisation Pertubuhan Pemuliharaan Nilai Estetika Kuala Lumpur (PPNEKL), was attended by around 180 students from the college.

They cleaned the streets around Wisma Eagle Eye, including Lebu Pudu, Jalan

Petaling and Jalan Tun HS Lee.

Ummi said the programme should be continued, as maintaining cleanliness was not a short-term issue.

"Some still litter even when rubbish bins are available."

"Therefore, it is important that you as students bring this positive attitude you have today to wherever you go to protect our environment."

"We also need more sustainability-focused NGOs to work with us," she said.

Also present were GIC chief executive officer Dr Moorthy Seelan Perumal and PPNEKL president Datuk Ada Poon.

Moorthy said he was impressed by the programme's participation rate.

He felt that the programme allowed students to raise their concerns about the environment.

"It also enhanced relationships between students," he said.

Meanwhile, Poon said the programme was a collaborative effort between PPNEKL and GIC

to clean up the surrounding area.

"This is a good start. We call for more NGOs and government agencies to step forward and maintain our city's cleanliness," she said.

She also raised concerns about the distribution of food to the homeless around the area, claiming that it could cause hygiene problems, which in turn could affect businesses there.

"The waste generated from the food residue will negatively impact the area, which is a tourist spot."

"The authorities have designated places for NGOs or charity organisations to distribute food and daily essentials for the homeless community."

"It is important for them to follow this," she said.

Among places offering homeless services in Kuala Lumpur are Anjung Singgah in Jalan Hang Lekiu, Medan Tuanku Homeless Service Centre in Chow Kit, Anjung Kembara in Jalan Pahang and Chow Kit Community Learning Centre.

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THERE has been a spate of terrible traffic accidents recently resulting in death and injury.

Renewed calls have been made to relook at the reasons for mayhem on the roads and what needs to be done to raise the level of safety.

For a country with a population of only 34 million, our road fatality rate is rather high.

It has been reported that more than half a million road accidents happened this year, and that 5,364 fatal accidents occurred this year until October.

Our roads have become risky and unsafe.

The increasing number of motor vehicles and proliferation of highways are contributing to the spike in traffic accidents.

The authorities are doing as much as possible by way of tougher laws and enforcement but the accidents keep piling up.

Highways, although maintained reasonably well, have now become racing circuits for cars, motorcycles as well as heavy vehicles.

We need new ideas to combat speeding. For a start, a system could be implemented where a red light can be flashed at the toll gate indicating that the driver had been speeding (based on data recorded from existing speed cameras on the highway) and risks being charged for the offence.

For a month, the Transport Ministry can conduct this experiment and fine-tune it to seek solutions.

Those found speeding will have the fine deducted immediately either by way of cash or from their Touch 'n Go, RFID or other payment methods.

This way, highway users will be paying the toll charge as well as an immediate fine for speeding on the highway at the toll plazas.

Recently, Bukit Aman Traffic Investigation and Enforcement Department director Datuk Seri Mohd Yusri Hassan Basri revealed that 41 million traffic fines, amounting to an estimated RM4bil since 1990 through June of this

Breaking the cycle of road accidents

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Call for safer roads and solutions to reduce traffic fatalities



Speeding cars on the New Pantai Expressway (NPE) near Jalan PJS 1/2. — Filepic

year, remain unpaid by traffic offenders.

I am sure a system where the fines are immediate will prompt motorists to comply with speed limits.

Heavy vehicle drivers, who are the cause of many accidents as well as speedsters on the highways, will finally be nabbed.

Another issue is the poorly engineered upgrading of federal and state roads to avert floods.

Over the last two decades, some of these roads have been widened.

Old bridges over storm drains, streams and small rivers have also been rebuilt.

However, the problem here is that while the bridges were raised, the roads on both sides were not similarly elevated.

This results in many accidents due to the higher gradient.

I have noticed container trucks suddenly forced to brake when approaching these bridges, and this can cause the drivers to risk losing control of the vehicles and result in accidents.

Road maintenance, especially during the monsoon season, is critical with potholes needing to be quickly patched up, rubbish along the roads cleared to prevent flashfloods, street lights repaired, drains



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cleared and trees growing haphazardly along roads or blocking signboards pruned to avert accidents.

Ample warning signage of obstruction on the roads due to roadworks or construction should be installed to prevent mishaps.

Additionally, why isn't the Kejara demerit points system for traffic offences, where points are deducted according to the types of traffic infractions, being implemented? This system is effective and fair.

This demerit points system gives sufficient warning to offenders not to repeat the offences. Beyond 20 points, it could lead to heavier penalties and even suspension of the driving licence.

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'Hold authorities accountable for shoddy work, infrastructure failure'

THE picture with this letter is a testimony to why our infrastructure has failed. The simple process of linking an existing light post through new road barriers along the Federal Highway is done in the most shoddy manner.

How many clients' and contractors' supervisors have passed this daily and accepted such sub-standard work?

Klang Valley drainage infrastructure has failed us with recent floods too.

The most recent widespread floods in Kuala Lumpur was on Oct 15. Typical flash floods occur when roadside drains are choked with debris. Why are the local councils not held accountable for this deplorable state of affairs?

Regular flooding of railway tracks impacts scheduled services. Commuters cannot take advantage of the billions of ringgit used to build the existing electrified double tracks. A case in point is the Batu Tiga tracks which have been reduced to a single track.

Grandiose RM6bil projects have been proposed to eliminate flooding when it can be done at half the cost.

The Drainage and Irrigation Department under the Energy Transition and Water Transformation Ministry should be the implementing party responsible. Has it become a glorified department with no project responsibility?

Government departments and their respective ministers must be held accountable for infrastructure failures.

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Exposed non-standard street lighting connection along the Federal Highway.

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Realistic step towards safe senior road users

STATISTICS reveal that senior citizens are among the groups frequently involved in road accidents, often due to health issues and reflex impairments. To address this, countries like Japan and Singapore have long introduced additional requirements, such as health screenings and practical driving tests, for senior drivers.

Malaysia could emulate these measures to ensure only genuinely capable individuals are on the road, potentially reducing the rates of accidents caused by senior drivers.

However, several factors must be considered before implementation in this country.

For senior citizens in rural areas, limited access to health clinics and driving test centres could pose significant challenges, with villagers having to travel long distances to get an eye

exam or undergo a driving test. The government may need to introduce mobile clinics and test centres in such areas. Also, health screenings and competency tests could be a financial burden on low-income seniors. The government should consider subsidies or fee exemptions for this group.

Determining a fair minimum age for additional requirements is also crucial. For example, periodic health screenings could start at age 70, as most seniors remain active and healthy in their 60s. Flexible assessments based on health reports could help avoid discrimination against seniors capable of driving safely, irrespective of their age.

Without thorough research, such measures could be perceived by some seniors as discriminatory. Thus, awareness

campaigns emphasising safety for all drivers, regardless of age, should be conducted. Road accidents are not solely caused by senior drivers after all.

Another factor is the advancement of vehicle technology, such as emergency braking systems and navigation aids, which can confuse seniors.

Special courses could help them understand these technologies, and such programmes could be held at local community centres, including village halls or mosques, with minimal fees.

When the time comes to deny licences, alternative solutions should be provided to protect the welfare of seniors who lose their driving privileges – they must not be trapped by a lack of mobility. For example, the government could introduce free community buses or discounted

fares for seniors, covering key destinations like clinics, supermarkets, and mosques.

In Singapore, the Silver Zones initiative offers dedicated bus routes and senior-friendly pedestrian pathways. Local communities, like mosques or residential associations, could provide community vans funded through endowments or community donations. Japan has implemented similar community bus services to assist rural seniors with mobility.

With the increasing prevalence of ride-hailing services, the government could introduce subsidy coupons for seniors to use such services for essential trips. The government could also encourage the use of small motorised vehicles like electric scooters, ideal for short-distance travel. In the Netherlands, electric scooters are popular among

seniors due to their ease of use and ecofriendliness.

Additionally, the government could establish volunteer programmes, as seen in Canada, where local youths help transport seniors to essential destinations. Initially, such programmes could start in residential areas, indirectly fostering intergenerational connections that are currently diminishing.

Despite potential objections, the positive impacts of these measures are undeniable. For instance, only drivers who pass strict competency and health screenings would be allowed on the road. Other road users would feel more confident about senior drivers who have met these requirements, contributing to reduced road accidents.

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No let-up in war against pigeons

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State arm introduces several mechanisms to discourage feeding practices

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THE ongoing pigeon issue in Penang has prompted further efforts to raise awareness about the birds' negative impact on public health and the environment.

Penang local government, town and country development committee chairman Jason H'ng said the authorities had issued notices to individuals feeding pigeons in designated areas across the state.

"We conduct pigeon-trapping operations four times a week to control their population and have installed signage in various areas to discourage feeding.

"So far, 88 operations have been carried out, resulting in 11 compounds issued to offenders.

"Similar efforts are being undertaken by Seberang Perai City Council to complement the work carried out by Penang Island City Council (MBPP)," he said during his winding-up speech at the Penang State Assembly sitting at its building in Light Street, George Town.

Meanwhile, Chee Yeeh Keen (PH-Bagan Jermal) highlighted the initiative to reduce carbon emissions through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Penang Green Agenda.

He said in addition to supporting the adoption of electric vehicles and its charging infrastructure, it was important to prioritise renewable energy, particularly solar power, as a sustainable solution.

"A comprehensive study should



A warning sign put up by MBPP along Penang Road in George Town. — ZHAFARAN NASIB/The Star

be conducted to assess electricity usage in state government buildings.

"For buildings with high energy consumption, solar panels can be installed to harness renewable energy efficiently.

"This approach aligns with the state's sustainability goals while addressing energy needs."

Chee added that the initiative would allow the state to lead by example and significantly reduce electricity costs through the implementation of a net metering system, which could also generate a return on investments from the

solar installation.

"This initiative not only supports sustainability effort but also delivers a long-term cost saving, making it a win-win solution for environmental and economic objectives," he said.

On 5G network coverage, state transport, infrastructure and digital committee chairman Zairil Khir Johari said as of Nov 17, the coverage rate in populated areas in the state had reached 91.7%.

"As many as 445 out of 450 communication structure transmitter sites have 5G coverage now.

"The rest will be completed by end of this year," he said.

Zairil said in addition to 5G coverage, the state government was focusing on indoor networks in the state.

"After Penang International Airport and Setia SPICE Arena were equipped with 5G coverage, Komtar has been equipped with similar coverage on certain floors," he said.

In another development, state agrotechnology, food security and cooperative development committee chairman Fahmi Zainol said the state government,



Fahmi says Penang Agrotech aims to explore and introduce advanced technologies to farmers and planters in the state.

through Chief Minister Incorporated, had established Penang Agrotech Sdn Bhd to bolster its food security efforts.

He said Penang Agrotech would be the "main executor and coordinator" for policies, programmes and activities under his portfolio.

"The company will collaborate closely with relevant departments and agencies.

"It is set to begin full operations on Jan 1," he said, adding the company's focus was on reducing dependence on pesticides and chemical-intensive farming methods.

"Penang Agrotech aims to explore and introduce advanced technologies to farmers and planters in the state.

"We must ensure that Penang folk have access to safe and high-quality food products."

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Funding for six out of 93 projects in Penang approved

PENANG applied for federal funding for 93 state infrastructure projects but only six were approved by the Federal Government, says Penang Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow.

He said applications for the projects were made under the fifth rolling plan 2025 of the 12th Malaysian Plan (RMK12).

In his winding-up speech,

Chow told the state assembly that Penang had applied for federal funding for RM17.67bil worth of projects, including an allocation of RM2.8bil for 2025.

"Based on a letter from the Economy Ministry on Oct 18 this year, six projects have been approved and these total RM199.14mil," he said.

"The approved projects include

the redevelopment of Dewan Seri Pinang and the TYT Gallery at a cost of RM52mil.

"Another RM61.2mil was approved for the construction of an outfall and structure to prevent beach erosion at Batu Ferringhi and Tanjung Bungah.

"There are also two projects involving the construction of a

flyover at Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah (from Section 9.5 to Section 10) costing RM75mil and the construction of a field at Sekolah Kebangsaan Sungai Batu in Teluk Kumbar, which will cost RM1.5mil," he said.

Chow said the other two projects were the replacement of a chiller at Kepala Batas Hospital, costing RM4.4mil, and a water

tank system upgrade and related works at Balik Pulau Hospital, costing RM5mil.

"Apart from that, there is one project approved under the fourth rolling plan of RMK12 to build a health clinic in Bayan Lepas, which will cost over RM72.6mil," he said.

The state assembly was adjourned *sine die* last Thursday.

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KL bus lane trial modified

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KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) has made adjustments to the trial bus lane project on Jalan Kelang Lama and Jalan Puchong following public feedback and for safety improvements.

A spokesperson from DBKL's Urban Transportation Department said the changes included reducing the dedicated bus lane along Jalan Puchong and making some modifications to the Jalan Kelang Lama section.

"The Jalan Puchong bus lane was reduced by about 600m, while the bus lane at the Jalan Kelang Lama-Jalan Desa intersection was modified to allow cars to use it to switch lanes.

"We made some adjustments based on our evaluation of the stretch, alongside feedback from the Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (MiroS), Rapid Bus and Transport Ministry," said the spokesperson, adding that the changes were implemented in phases and completed by the end of November.

"We realised that the Jalan Kelang Lama stretch was particularly challenging, especially during peak hours, when the number of buses plying the stretch is high."

The trial bus lane project was launched on Aug 15 this year, amid a myriad of complaints from stakeholders living in and around Jalan Kelang Lama and

Adjustments to traffic project at Jalan Kelang Lama, Jalan Puchong following public feedback



Rapid Bus says there has been an increase in ridership since the trial bus lane in Jalan Kelang Lama was implemented. — Filepic

Puchong, Selangor.

However, Rapid Bus said the decision to create the bus lane on Jalan Kelang Lama was influenced by positive results from earlier trials on Jalan Ampang and Jalan Genting Kelang, which showed increased ridership and reduced travel time.

Adjustments were made during the trial, including converting sections of bus lanes into mixed lanes and adding more signage based on public feedback.

These efforts were part of a broader plan announced under Budget 2025, which included upgrading bus stops and developing 47km of new dedicated bus lanes along key routes.

In a statement, Rapid Bus Sdn Bhd chief operating officer Ku Jamil Zakaria said Rapid Bus and DBKL had been gathering feedback and data on the necessary

improvements for the Jalan Kelang Lama trial bus lane.

"Coordination meetings were held between all relevant parties to finalise and streamline the improvement efforts.

"On Nov 25, we realigned the bus lane to minimise confusion among road users.

"This helped reduce traffic congestion, allowing the movement of buses and other vehicles in the area to become more efficient," he said.

Ku Jamil said that since its inception on Aug 15, the trial bus lane on Jalan Kelang Lama recorded a 6% increase in ridership (from 7,900 to 8,400) and an 11% reduction in travel time (from 81 minutes to 72 minutes), compared to the period before the project was introduced.

"To accommodate the increased ridership, Rapid Bus has added three more buses to the route," he said.

StarMetro had earlier reported that motorists in Jalan Kelang Lama and Jalan Puchong were calling for the dedicated bus lane project to be scrapped due to gridlocks and confusion.

Seputeh Residents Representative Council chairman Alvin T. Ariaratnam said he had observed DBKL contractors removing the lines along Jalan Puchong two weeks ago.

"So far, it has had very little impact on the congestion.

"The road remains narrow and we are still stuck in gridlock," said Alvin, adding that he preferred having the bus lane permanently removed.

"Even with the changes, the traffic situation hasn't improved much.

"The lanes are still confusing for many drivers, and during peak hours, it feels like nothing has changed," said Taman Desa resident James Nathan.

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Mampu habiskan
larian sejauh tiga
kilometer

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SUBANG JAYA

Seorang warga emas berusia 78 tahun yang juga peserta tertua program Subang Jaya Medical Center (SJMC) Run 2024 - 'Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness' membuktikan kemampuan menghabiskan larian sejauh tiga kilometer (km).

Datuk kepada tujuh cucu itu, Ng Ah Kow berkata, penglibatan aktif dan konsisten menyertai acara larian sejak 38 tahun lalu memberi kelebihan kepadanya untuk kekal bertenaga pada usia menginjak lapan dekad.

"Paling jauh, saya pernah sertai larian 21km iaitu pada 1991 di Pulau Pinang. Saya cuma ambil bahagian dan jadikan sebagai hobi sahaja.

"Untuk larian anjuran SJMC ini, saya telah menyertai sebanyak empat kali penganjuran sejak 2019," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* selepas program berkenaan di Mediplex, SJMC pada Ahad.

Ujar Ah Kow yang berasal dari Seberang Perai, Pulau Pinang, dari segi latihan, dia mengamalkan aktiviti berlari atau berjalan laju selama satu jam setiap hari.

"Ada masa saya berjalan

sejauh dua atau tiga kilometer untuk membeli makanan. Itu sasaran saya.

"Sekarang saya hanya sasar 10,000 langkah atau sekurang-kurangnya 6,000 langkah dalam satu hari," tambahnya.

Acara berkenaan dirasmikan oleh Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif SJMC, Bryan Lin.

Hadir sama Ketua Pegawai Operasinya, Rachel Woo; Ketua Polis Daerah Subang Jaya, Asisten Komisiner Wan Azlan Wan Mamat; Ketua Balai Bomba Subang Jaya, Syed Shahril Anuar Syed Sulaiman serta Ahli Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ), Ir Balachandran Naicker dan Chia Yew Ken.

Bryan berkata, penganjuran larian komuniti sempena Hari Diabetes Sedunia berjaya mengumpulkan lebih 2,000 peserta.

Menurutnya, larian berkenaan menekankan kepentingan pencegahan diabetes sekali gus meraikan ulang tahun ke-39 kecemerlangan penjagaan kesihatan SJMC.

"Acara seperti 'SJMC Run 2024 - Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness' menyerahkan peranan penting

Warga emas 78 tahun peserta tertua larian SJMC



BRYAN



AH KOW



Bryan (tujuh dari kiri) bersama barisan pemenang 'SJMC Run 2024 - Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness' bagi kategori 21km, 10km dan veteran.

senaman tetap dan diet seimbang dalam pencegahan diabetes.

"Rasa kemasyarakatan juga memainkan peranan penting dalam meningkatkan kesedaran dan menggalakkan masyarakat untuk mengutamakan kesihatan mereka dalam memerangi penyakit yang semakin meningkat ini," tegas beliau.

Tambah Bryan, bagi menggalakan usaha memerangi penyakit tersebut, pihaknya menyumbang peranti pemantauan glukosa berterusan (CGM) dan glukometer bernilai RM19,000 kepada pesakit kencing manis yang kurang bernaib baik melalui Action4Diabetes (A4D).

Jelasnya, sumbangan berkenaan mencerminkan bukti dedikasi SJMC dalam menyokong dan membantu kumpulan tersebut menguruskan keadaan mereka dengan lebih berkesan.

"Terima kasih kepada semua kerana menyokong kami dalam menyumbang kepada tujuan yang lebih besar," katanya.

Menurut Bryan, diabetes menjadi kebimbangan kesihatan utama di negara ini kerana menjejaskan satu daripada enam orang dewasa.

Kata beliau, menjelang 2025, jumlah penghidap diabetes boleh mencecah angka tujuh juta orang.

"Dengan tema, 'Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness', tujuan SJMC adalah



Peserta 'SJMC Run 2024 - Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness' memulakan larian di Mediplex, SJMC pada Ahad.

meningkatkan kesedaran dan menggalakkan gaya hidup sihat untuk mencegah serta mengurus diabetes.

"Pasukan pelbagai disiplin pakar penjagaan kesihatan kami termasuk ahli endokrinologi, pendidik diabetes dan jururawat menyediakan pengesanan awal, pendidikan dan sokongan untuk membantu individu membuat perubahan positif," ujarnya.

Beberapa kategori diperkenalkan, antaranya 3km larian santai dan perlumbaan kompetitif sejauh 10km serta 21km.

Pertandingan larian 21km bagi kategori lelaki dimenangi

oleh Job Minacho Kamonde manakala Noor Amelia Musa bagi kategori wanita.

Selain itu, johan acara veteran lelaki bagi kategori 21km diraih oleh Mohd Nazri Ahmad manakala kategori wanita pula dimenangi oleh Tiffany Lee.

Sementara itu, juara bagi larian bagi 10km kategori lelaki dimenangi oleh Nikos Tai Lee Onn manakala Pauline Barbet pula mendapat johan bagi kategori wanita.

Tempat pertama bagi kategori veteran lelaki untuk 10km diraih oleh Suresh Munianday manakala kategori wanita pula diraih oleh June Yap.



Bryan (tengah) menyampaikan sumbangan kepada wakil A4D sempena 'SJMC Run 2024 - Diabetes Dash: Empowering Steps to Wellness' di Mediplex, SJMC pada Ahad.

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Keadaan banjir seluruh negara lebih teruk daripada 2014

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SHAH ALAM - Keadaan banjir di seluruh negara ketika ini khususnya di Kelantan dan Terengganu amat membimbangkan kerana ia lebih teruk berbanding tahun 2014.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi berkata, lebih merisaukan adalah keadaan dijangka semakin buruk dengan fenomena air pasang besar di Laut China Selatan dan di Selat Melaka yang berada di puncaknya.



AHMAD ZAHID

Bagaimanapun, Timbalan Perdana Menteri berkata, terbaru Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (MetMalaysia) menjangka berlaku pengurangan luruhan hujan nanti.

"Kita yakin dengan pengurangan luruhan hujan itu, ia akan mengurangkan pemindahan (mangsa banjir) ke pusat pemindahan sementara," katanya dalam sidang akhbar selepas merasmikan Konvensyen Barisan Nasional Selangor di Pusat Konvensyen Shah Alam di sini pada Ahad.

Susulan itu, Ahmad Zahid berharap agar penduduk di negeri yang terkesan dengan banjir dapat mengikut arahan jawatankuasa bencana negeri.

Katanya, ketika ini lebih 82,000 pegawai dan anggota keselamatan telah dimobilisasikan bagi membantu mangsa di kawasan terlibat.

Beliau berkata, ketika ini PPS yang ada di seluruh negara mampu menampung kira-kira 2.1 juta mangsa banjir.

"Namun kita merasakan kesiapsiagaan sahaja tidak mencukupi, penduduk di kawasan yang dijangkakan banjir terutama di kawasan rendah hendaklah mengikut nasihat diberikan jawatankuasa bencana negeri untuk berpindah awal.

"Kita tidak mahu jumlah kematian bertambah, maka kesiapsiagaan dan amaran awal mesti diikuti sepenuhnya agar dapat mengelakkan kehilangan nyawa," katanya yang turut meminta agar badan sukarelawan dan individu supaya bersedia untuk menyalurkan bantuan pascabencana bagi meringankan beban mangsa pascabanjir.

Ahmad Zahid seterusnya meminta semua pihak agar mengetepikan perbezaan fahaman politik demi membantu mangsa banjir yang terkesan. - *Bernama*

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Subsidi bersasar RON95 2/12 perlu lebih jelas, berkesan

Kuala Lumpur: Langkah kerajaan untuk melaksanakan subsidi bersasar bagi RON95 dilihat mampu meminimumkan kadar inflasi sekiranya mekanisme pelaksanaannya dibuat lebih jelas dan berkesan, kata Ketua Ahli Ekonomi Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd, Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid.

Beliau berkata, apabila harga RON95 diapungkan serta-merta kepada paras pasaran, kos bahan api ini akan meningkat dengan ketara.

Katanya, memandangkan pemberat RON95 dalam Indeks Harga Pengguna (IHP) adalah signifikan, inflasi boleh melonjak pada peringkat awal pelaksanaan.

"Namun, jika mekanisme subsidi bersasar dilaksana-

kan apabila golongan pendapatan tinggi membayar harga tanpa subsidi, maka golongan berpendapatan sederhana dan rendah menikmati harga bersubsidi, kesannya terhadap kadar inflasi dapat diminimumkan.

"Bagaimanapun, kejayaan mekanisme ini bergantung kepada kejelasan dan keberkesanan pelaksanaannya dan pada masa ini, kesan praktikalnya masih sukar untuk diramalkan," katanya kepada Bisnes Metro.

Menurutnya, kesan inflasi memang tidak dapat dielakkan, tetapi ia boleh diminimumkan melalui langkah mitigasi seperti bayaran tunai, Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah (STR) dan Sumbangan Asas Rahmah (Sara), bantuan awal persekolahan dan subsidi bersasar.

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Rujuk NADMA, JKM selaras agihan bantuan bah



Nancy melawat ruang klinik pada majlis Jalinan Kasih LPPKN 2024 dan perasmian Klinik Fertiliti LPPKN Full Paying Patient di Kuala Lumpur, semalam. Turut hadir, Pengerusi LPPKN, Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim. (Foto BERNAMA)

Kuala Lumpur: Individu, pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) dan swasta yang ingin membantu mangsa banjir dinasihat merujuk kepada Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM), Agensi Pengurusan Bencana Negara (NADMA) atau Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Daerah (JPBD) bagi menyelaraskan agihan bantuan.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat, Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri, berkata pihaknya menghargai inisiatif dan usaha murni dilakukan untuk membantu mangsa banjir, namun pelarasan perlu dibuat bagi memastikan agihan bantuan lebih tersusun dan menyeluruh.

Katanya, langkah itu bagi memudahkan agensi terbabit serta NGO atau swasta untuk mengatur pergerakan agihan bantuan terutama di kawasan terputus hubungan atau berdepan risiko keselamatan.

"Pihak NGO atau swasta juga dinasihatkan supaya bergerak melalui kerajaan dan tidak bekerja secara sendiri.

"Kita faham yang menjadi mangsa itu keluarga, rakan kita, tetapi kita perlu selaraskan.

"Hubungi NADMA, JKM atau pejabat daerah. Kita akan bantu selaraskan, kalau tanpa pemakluman kita juga tak dapat nak bantu kerana ada kawasan yang sukar diakses dan kita juga mahu tiada mangsa yang keciciran bantuan," katanya selepas menghadiri majlis Jalinan Kasih Lembaga Penduduk dan Pembangunan Keluarga Negara (LPPKN) 2024 dan perasmian Klinik Fertiliti LPPKN Full Paying Patient (FPP), di sini semalam.

Nancy memberi jaminan, Kementerian menerusi JKM bersama NADMA akan memastikan agihan bantuan bencana diselaraskan sebaiknya bagi memastikan tidak berlaku keciciran bantuan.

"Koordinasi dengan semua agensi terbabit juga dibuat dengan teliti. Ini pendekatan menyeluruh kerajaan untuk membantu mangsa banjir.

"Setakat ini, juga tiada laporan keciciran bantuan yang ada kes

di Rantau Panjang (Kelantan) kerana lokasi menjadi pulau akibat banjir, namun kita sudah ditangani segera," katanya.

Atur bantuan, sukarelawan

Di Shah Alam, Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari, berkata Selangor dalam perbincangan untuk menggerakkan sukarelawan negeri bagi membantu proses pembersihan pascabanjir di negeri yang terkesan dengan bencana itu.

Katanya, ketika ini pihaknya sedang berhubung dengan beberapa kementerian antaranya Kementerian Belia dan Sukan (KBS) bagi mengatur pergerakan bantuan dan sukarelawan.

Beliau sedang memuktamadkan perkara itu pada peringkat pentadbiran kerajaan negeri.

"Saya sudah mengadakan perbincangan awal untuk membantu proses pembersihan nanti selepas musim banjir. Kita akan buat bersama, terutama di Kelantan, Terengganu dan Kedah yang kita lihat kesannya amat buruk," katanya.

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Fahami punca banjir, usah salahkan fenomena alam

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Banjir melanda di sembilan negeri dengan lebih 150,000 mangsa dengan Selangor menjadi negeri terbaharu, manakala Kelantan menyaksikan bah terburuk dalam sejarah seperti disifatkan Ketua Polisnya, Datuk Mohd Yusoff Mamat memberikan peringatan kepada kita semua.

Pertama, apakah kita benar-benar memahami punca banjir atau hanya menyalahkan fenomena alam semata? Hakikatnya, ia bukan sekadar tragedi alam semula jadi, bahkan bayangan kesan tindakan manusia selama ini yang kini menghantui kita.

Pembangunan industri tidak lestari dan pengabaian keseimbangan alam sekitar menyumbang kepada keadaan seperti tikus membaiki labu kerana usaha pembangunan tidak bertanggungjawab membawa lebih banyak mudarat daripada kebaikan.

Perubahan iklim hasil kerakusan manusia antara penyebab utama bencana banjir kita hadapi hari ini. Pembangunan industri tidak terkawal seperti pelepasan gas rumah kaca daripada

pembakaran bahan bakar fosil, menyebabkan pemanasan global.

Gas berbahaya terperangkap di atmosfera, mencetuskan kesan rumah hijau meningkatkan suhu bumi, akhirnya menyebabkan cuaca ekstrem, termasuk banjir. Ironinya, 'pembangunan' ini membawa kemusnahan kepada komuniti dan alam sekitar.

Pastinya tidak semua pernah merasai keperitan akibat banjir, tetapi kita semua dapat melihat kerosakannya seperti rumah musnah, kehidupan terganggu dan kesengsaraan mangsa berusaha bangkit semula. Banjir kerap berlaku akibat kerakusan menjejaskan kemajuan mengingatkan kita betapa pentingnya Matlamat Pembangunan Mampan (SDG), khususnya Matlamat Ke-12 Sasaran Ke-6 (SDG 12.6) yang menggalakkan amalan lestari dalam kalangan industri.

Tingkat kesedaran amalan hijau

Kerajaan proaktif meningkatkan kesedaran industri terhadap amalan hijau. Program MyHI-JAU mempromosikan penggunaan dan pembelian produk serta perkhidmatan hijau di negara ini sejak 2012 lagi.

Malah, Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 (RMK-12), di bawah fokus utama kelapan, iaitu mempercepatkan pertumbuhan hijau, juga menekankan

kepentingan amalan hijau sebagai pemangkin untuk memastikan amalan hijau lebih praktikal dan diterapkan semua pihak dalam industri.

Selain kerajaan, sudah ada beberapa usaha positif daripada sektor perkilangan patut kita teladani. Ajinomoto Malaysia misalnya memasang panel suria di bumbung kilang untuk menghasilkan tenaga elektrik bersih, mengurangkan pelepasan karbon, usaha mendapat pengiktirafan SILVER daripada Indeks Bangunan Hijau (GBI).

Namun, usaha industri tidak mencukupi tanpa sokongan masyarakat. Pengguna mempunyai peranan besar menyokong amalan pembuatan lestari. Dengan memilih produk dihasilkan secara mesra alam, kita memberi insentif kepada syarikat untuk terus mengadaptasi teknologi hijau.

Walaupun industri terutama kilang menjadi tunjang ekonomi Malaysia, pengembangan pesat memberi tekanan besar kepada alam sekitar. Bagi memastikan kemajuan berterusan, keseimbangan antara pembangunan ekonomi dengan kelestarian alam adalah kunci utama. Jika tidak, kita mungkin hanya mewariskan kemusnahan kepada generasi akan datang.

Pilihan ini berada di tangan kita semua dan jawapannya akan menentukan nasib masa depan. Adakah kita mahu melihat kehancuran memusnahkan atau kesejahteraan lestari?

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NSTP edar 900 akhbar percuma

Inisiatif syarikat sokong kempen, budaya membaca kepada pengunjung

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Shah Alam: Sebanyak 900 naskhah akhbar *BH*, *Harian Metro* dan *New Straits Times* (NST) percuma diedarkan kepada pengunjung Pesta Buku Antarabangsa Selangor (SIBF) 2024 di Pusat Konvensyen Setia City, di sini setiap hari sepanjang acara itu berlangsung hingga esok.

Pengurus Pembangunan Perniagaan dan Projek Khas The New Straits Times Press (M) Bhd (NSTP), Tengku Kaifimirza Tuan Cherit, berkata inisiatif istimewa pihaknya itu bertujuan menyokong kempen dan budaya membaca, sekali gus memberikan manfaat kepada pengunjung

SIBF 2024.

"Edaran akhbar *BH*, *Harian Metro* dan *NST* masing-masing 300 naskhah setiap hari itu diharapkan dapat memeriahkan SIBF ini dan menyemarakkan budaya membaca dalam kalangan masyarakat terutama generasi muda.

"Selain itu, setiap pengunjung hadir ke pesta buku ini berpeluang untuk menikmati langganan *BH* versi akhbar digital atau e-paper percuma selama satu tahun," katanya kepada *BH*, di sini semalam.

Tengku Kaifimirza berkata, langganan itu bertujuan memberi akses mudah terhadap berita terkini dan bahan bacaan digital relevan.

"Pengunjung hanya perlu mengimbas kod QR yang disediakan untuk menerima hadiah istimewa berupa satu kotak biskut sarapan tajaan Nestle," katanya.

"SIBF antara acara penting menyemarakkan budaya membaca dalam kalangan masyarakat. Dengan menyediakan akhbar percuma, langganan e-akhbar dan hadiah, kami berharap dapat me-



Tengku Kaifimirza mengedar akhbar *BH* kepada pengunjung pada Pesta Buku Antarabangsa Selangor (SIBF) 2024, di Shah Alam, semalam. (Foto NSTP/BH)

narik lebih ramai pengunjung dan memberi pengalaman bermakna kepada mereka," katanya.

Tujuh ruang program

Selain menawarkan pilihan pelbagai judul dan genre, SIBF 2024 turut menyediakan tujuh ruang

program dan aktiviti setiap hari, iaitu pentas utama, ruang piano, dewan, peringkat kanak-kanak, pentas foyer, mencari harta karun serta bilik fungsi.

Antara program menarik diadakan semalam semalam ialah *Hati dan Minda Sasterawan/Karyawan*, *Pertandi-*

ngan Lagu Pantun Bersama Roslan Madun, Forum Si Cilik Persekitaran Kanak-Kanak Sempena Sambutan Hari Kanak-Kanak Antarabangsa serta Persembahan Drama Pantun 'Syurga Yang Terbuang' dan Persembahan Puisi 'Rindu Tanpa Noktah'.

Graduan, universiti perlu tunai amanat diraja cantas akar rasuah

Titah Sultan Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah yang mengingatkan rasuah, ketirisan, penyelewengan, penyalahgunaan kuasa dan pecah amanah ibarat barah sedang merosakkan anatomi negara serta mengakibatkan rakyat menanggung beban berat semasa Istiadat Konvokesyen Universiti Malaya (UM) ke-64, kelmarin sangat signifikan.

Ini kerana titah Sultan Nazrin yang juga Canselor UM itu boleh diibaratkan amanat besar kepada lebih 10,000 graduan diploma, sarjana dan doktor falsafah yang akan menggalas pelbagai tanggungjawab sama ada sebagai profesional, teknokrat, korporat atau meneruskan taklif ilmu dalam dunia akademik.

Bermakna, amanat baginda supaya sistem pentadbiran, tadbir urus dan tatakelola berasaskan nilai, prinsip dan amanah perlu dijadikan teras membentuk budaya kerja menjangkau batasan kaum serta agama, status sosial dan ekonomi perlu dibawa keluar dari dewan berkenaan bersama skrol ijazah. Malah, amanat sama wajar diberikan perhatian semua graduan menjalani acara konvokesyen sama ada universiti awam mahupun institusi pengajian tinggi swasta lain.

Hakikatnya dalam tempoh lima tahun ini sahaja, negara kerugian RM277 bilion akibat jenayah rasuah berdasarkan anggaran kumulatif Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar sejak 2018. Jumlah itu menyamai 5,540 sekolah menengah; 277 universiti seperti Massachusetts Institute of Technology memfokuskan pendidikan kecerdasan buatan (AI) secara merentas disiplin dan 554 hospital daerah dilengkapi 304 katil, 16 bilik bedah, 16 bilik bersalin serta 65 bilik konsultasi rawatan pesakit luar.

Malah, kerugian itu akan berganda jika kita mengambil kira apa boleh dilakukan dengan wang sebanyak itu untuk mengeluarkan isi rumah miskin tegar dan B40 daripada lingkaran ganas kemiskinan atau menampung kos pendidikan yang dapat melahirkan sumber manusia berilmu dan berkepakaran. Lebih penting, rasuah membarah merosakkan sifat empati dan kemanusiaan sehingga menjadikan manusia berhati binatang yang mengejar kekayaan tanpa mempedulikan negara serta masyarakat.

Dalam konteks ini juga, titah Sultan Perak bukan sahaja perlu diambil perhatian graduan, bahkan ahli akademik dan pentadbir universiti itu sendiri. Ini kerana universiti mempunyai tugas penting bukan sahaja mempersiapkan siswazah untuk tuntutan pembangunan negara dan industri, bahkan menyediakan modal insan memiliki sifat amanah serta integriti tinggi.

Universiti perlu menjadi benteng utama dengan menerapkan pendidikan menyeluruh, menggabungkan elemen budaya ilmu, etika dan spiritual. Apatah lagi, mantan Naib Canselor UM, Allahyarham Dr Syed Hussein Alatas sendiri memberikan penekanan kepada bahaya rasuah seawal 1960-an lagi termasuk melalui bukunya, *The Sociology of Corruption, The Problem of Corruption* dan *Corruption: Its Nature, Causes and Functions*.

Hakikatnya, usaha kerajaan membanteras rasuah bergantung sejauh mana universiti dapat membentuk pemimpin dan pemikir, profesional, teknokrat serta korporat mencantas akar jenayah itu. Pada masa sama, graduan menerima skrol dan amanat daripada titah diraja itu akan menentukan sama ada mereka akan keluar ke tengah khalayak sebagai pengubat kepada barah rasuah atau penambah parah yang terus merosakkan anatomi negara, sekali gus terus membebankan rakyat.

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PENYAKIT BERJANGKIT KETIKA BANJIR

LEPTOSPIROSIS (Kencing Tikus)

Jangkitan bakteria yang tersebar melalui kontak dengan air kencing haiwan terutama tikus dalam persekitaran selepas banjir. Gejala, termasuk demam, sakit kepala, sakit otot dan ada kala loya, muntah serta sakit perut.



DEMAM DENGGI

Disebabkan oleh nyamuk *Aedes*, meningkat dengan ketara selepas banjir disebabkan oleh pertambahan air bertakung yang menjadi tempat pembiakannya, serta hujan yang berlebihan semasa musim tengkujuh. Gejala teruk seperti demam panas, sakit kepala, sakit otot dan sendi, dan mungkin loya, muntah serta cirit-birit.

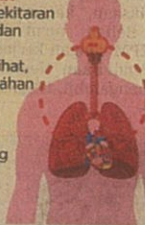


MALARIA

Bawaan nyamuk yang disebabkan oleh parasit *Plasmodium*, terutama disebabkan melalui gigitan nyamuk tiruk (*Anopheles*) betina yang dijangkiti.

JANGKITAN SALURAN PERNAFASAN

Kerana persekitaran yang sesak dan pemakanan yang tidak sihat, serta kemudahan penjagaan kesihatan yang terhad menyumbang kepada peningkatan risiko.



DEMAM KEPIALU (tifoid)

Akibat dijangkiti bakteria spesifik *Salmonella Typhi* (*S. Typhi*). Bacteria ini dijumpai dalam sumber makanan, minuman, dan bekalan air yang telah dicemari.

DISENTRI

Sejenis gastroenteritis, merujuk kepada jangkitan dan keradangan pada usus yang menyebabkan cirit-birit berdarah atau berlendir. Dua jenis disentri iaitu yang berpunca daripada jangkitan bakteria (Bacillary dysentery) atau akibat jangkitan parasit (Amoebic dysentery). Contoh jangkitan disentri yang paling diketahui adalah *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*).



TAUN (Kolera)

Akibat termakan atau terminum sebarang sumber yang mengandungi bakteria *Vibrio cholera* (*V. cholera*).



Sebaik bakteria menyerang usus, ia boleh menyebabkan cirit-birit berair yang teruk sehingga hilang nutrien penting dalam badan, termasuk cecair, elektrolit, natrium, dan potasium.

HEPATITIS A

Keradangan hati yang terjadi akibat virus hepatitis A. Gejala hepatitis A boleh muncul antara dua hingga empat minggu selepas dijangkiti.



DEMAM CAMPAK

Mudah berjangkit ketika bersesak di PPS. Berjangkit jika terkena titisan batuk, selesema atau percakapan jarak dekat daripada individu yang menghidap demam campak.



KONJUNGTIVITIS (Sakit mata)

Dikenali sebagai pink eye merujuk kepada keradangan pada konjungtiva, iaitu selaput jernih yang melitupi mata putih dan bahagian dalam kelopak mata. Konjungtivitis boleh berpunca sama ada daripada alahan, jangkitan bakteria, atau jangkitan virus. Simptom biasa seperti kegatalan, kemerah-merahan, mata berair dan kerak mata yang berlebihan.



AMALAN KESIHATAN DAN KESELAMATAN DIRI SEMASA BANJIR

- Minum air sudah dimasak atau air minuman berbotol
- Jika makan buah, kupas kulitnya
- Larang kanak-kanak bermain air banjir
- Jaga kebersihan diri dan persekitaran
- Balut luka jika cedera
- Makan makanan yang sudah dimasak dan elak makan makanan mentah
- Jaga kebersihan dan keselamatan makanan
- Jangan merokok dan menghisap vape di pusat pemindahan sementara
- Pesakit kronik perlu patuh dengan arahan pasukan perubatan
- Segera dapatkan rawatan sekiranya mengalami demam, cirit-birit, muntah dan lain-lain masalah kesihatan

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Monsoon season turbulent time for street hawkers

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► Vendors complain of downpours spoiling prepared food, storms damaging tents and delivering orders in heavy rain

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KUALA LUMPUR: The monsoon season has brought persistent thunderstorms, heavy rains and strong winds to urban and rural areas, and the Meteorological Department's forecast predicts persistent rain and thunderstorms.

Street hawkers who depend on their roadside stalls for livelihood are greatly affected by the poor weather conditions.

Devi Bala Manugara, 42, who operates a food stall in Brickfields under a tent, said heavy rain often spoils the food she prepares for sale, leaving her with no choice but to discard it.

"Sometimes, we have to hold onto our tents to stop them from flying off in strong winds. It is tough but we have little choice," she said, expressing gratitude that despite the challenging weather, some customers still step out of their cars to buy her food.

Devi and her husband also deliver orders to their customers waiting in their vehicles, with one hand holding an umbrella and the other clutching the packed food.

"If a customer forgets something, we have to walk back in the rain to get it for them."

She said many customers do not realise how difficult it is for hawkers during the

monsoon season as, unlike restaurants with proper roofs, hawkers rely on temporary setups that can barely withstand the weather.

"It is not easy but we do our best to serve everyone, even in the rain, to earn an income."

Another stall owner, who operates in Shah Alam and asked to be known as Samsiah, 49, said one of her tents was seriously damaged during a recent rainstorm.

"When such things happen, I am unable to operate my stall, which means I have no income for a few days. I hope the government would give us a permanent place to operate from."

In Budget 2025, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said RM100 million would be allocated to build better facilities for hawkers and petty traders, aiming to enhance their working conditions by providing improved infrastructure and reducing rental costs.

It is also expected to provide them with much-needed relief by enabling the construction of sturdier stalls and creating safer, more weather-resistant trading spaces. For many, this could mean fewer disruptions to their businesses and a steadier income during challenging weather conditions.

Negeri Sembilan Night Market Hawkers Association president Datuk Lee Teong Chwee said if funds are available, they would be used to improve infrastructure, provide

financial aid or organise programmes to support hawkers during challenging periods.

"Associations traditionally do not provide direct financial aid or funding to hawkers. We might step in during emergencies, helping with financial assistance to help cover medical needs or education for the children of our members."

Hawkers operating in indoor markets managed by local councils have fixed rental rates that will not be reduced regardless of weather conditions whereas night market organisers sometimes offer reduced daily rental charges during bad weather as a small relief to help hawkers sustain operations.

Lee said hawkers must save money during good times to sustain themselves when times are bad.

"They work tirelessly, knowing that any day could bring challenges such as rain or wind. Personal savings are their backup."

He said one pressing issue for hawkers is the lack of proper shelter, and although covered stalls or waterproof canopies could provide much-needed protection, the association faces financial and logistical constraints in implementing such solutions.

"We need to collaborate with local councils to create sheltered spaces. However, progress has been slow due to limited interest from authorities."

"There are no programmes or efforts made to help hawkers promote their businesses through digital platforms. This is an area that holds great potential for future development as many hawkers could benefit from wider exposure and access to online customers."



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Tarikh:

Support for City Hall action on non-bilingual signboards

► Status of Malay language enshrined in Federal Constitution and use in official matters mandated, says expert

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PETALING JAYA: Bilingual signboards in Malaysia that prioritise the Malay language are in line with the Advertisement By-Laws (Federal Territories) 1982 and the Local Government Act 1976, and should not be questioned, said experts.

They were responding to Tourism, Arts and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Tiong King Sing, who disagreed with enforcement of bilingual signboard regulations by Kuala Lumpur City Hall, stating that it has caused dissatisfaction and created negative perceptions among tourists.

Tiong was reacting to a large-scale operation last Thursday in Segambut, Pudu and Jalan Silang in Kuala Lumpur targeting signboards that do not feature the Malay language or were not bilingual.

Linguistic expert Prof Emeritus Datuk Dr Nik Safiah Karim said efforts should focus on strengthening the role of the national

language rather than over-accommodating tourists as this is essential for preserving national identity and unity.

"Tourists generally understand and respect each country's rules and regulations regarding the use of their national language on signboards. As long as sufficient information is provided in English to aid navigation, there should be no issue," she said.

Nik Safiah added that the National Language Policy is clear and has been in place for a long time, yet it is still not being respected.

"I support signboards in the national language with some bilingual elements for the benefit of foreign tourists. I urge all parties to be aware of the policy and to respect it," she said.

UiTM Academy of Language Studies Centre for Malay Language Studies head Dr Rozaimah Rashidin said criticism by the minister regarding signboards does not need to be politicised.

She noted that every local authority has established laws and regulations, and such issues should be handled with care and tact.

"The status of the Malay language as the national and official language is enshrined in Article 152 of the Federal Constitution, which mandates its use in official matters, including public displays such as road signs, noticeboards and public information boards," she said.

Rozaimah explained that enforcement by City Hall aims to ensure business premises

adhere to the Advertisement By-Laws (Federal Territories) 1982 and the Local Government Act 1976.

"Are signboards emphasising the national language truly creating dissatisfaction and negative perceptions among tourists? Comprehensive surveys or studies considering tourist feedback are needed to substantiate such claims.

"The Malay language, along with local dialects, other languages and ethnic tongues, represents unique cultural elements that the ministry itself should highlight as part of Malaysia's tourism products, underscoring that 'language is the soul of the nation,' she said.

She emphasised that the sovereignty of the Malay language must be upheld without sidelining other languages in the country.

"Current regulations do not negatively impact tourist perceptions of Malaysia's inclusiveness if enforced firmly. Prioritising the national language highlights the Malay language as a cultural symbol, offering tourists a meaningful and authentic experience that fosters deeper engagement with Malaysia's rich and diverse heritage."

Rozaimah said in cultural preservation, language is the most accessible asset to symbolise and sustain a community's heritage.

"Tourism industry players incorporating the Malay language and other local languages into their offerings adopt a smart strategy to preserve cultural heritage."



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'Be transparent about new education assessment plan'

► Govt must play proactive role in providing clear explanation on move to shift from exam-focused learning to school-based evaluation, says expert

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PETALING JAYA: Reforming the education syllabus and providing clear and transparent explanations about the new assessment system must be the priority if the government shifts to school-based assessment instead of national exams, said Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia senior lecturer Dr Anuar Ahmad.

He was commenting on Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek's announcement in the Dewan Rakyat on Nov 26 that her ministry is moving away from exam-focused learning to reduce stress among students.

She said the ministry is shifting to enquiry, exploration, and holistic learning methods to support students' overall growth rather than focus solely on academic results.

The *Ujian Pencapaian Sekolah Rendah* was abolished in 2021, followed by the cancellation of the *Pentaksiran Tingkatan Tiga* in 2022. These reforms marked a shift away from

high-stakes exams and aimed to reduce the emphasis on tests.

Anuar said the current syllabus, which was drafted in 2012 and reviewed in 2017, remains exam-oriented. As a result, the existing assessment system does not fully align with the vision of a less exam-centric education system.

"Parents have not received a clear and reassuring explanation about how this new assessment will be implemented, making it difficult for them to trust and understand the change.

"They are not even clear about how the assessment will work. As long as this continues, they will question the changes. The ministry must play a proactive role in communicating the details to the public."

Anuar said while exams are still a necessary part of the education system, they should not be viewed solely as sources of stress. Instead, they should be balanced with other forms of assessments that support holistic development.

"Our education system still requires examinations, which may cause stress for children, but this stress is manageable."

Anuar advocated the concept of "eustress", which is a positive form of stress that helps students prepare, concentrate, and perform better.

"It is a short-term and manageable experience. After achieving their goals, students experience relief, happiness and enhanced self-esteem.

"However, stress becomes harmful when comparisons from parents, teachers, or schools, transform manageable stress into chronic stress, which leads to burnout, anxiety, and

diminished motivation. Effectively managing stress requires cooperation from all parties."

On April 25, a World Bank report titled "Bending Bamboo Shoots: Strengthening Foundation Skills" raised concerns about Malaysia's education system.

Despite significant government investment, Malaysian students are still performing poorly in comparison with their regional counterparts.

By the end of Year 5, only 58% of Malaysian pupils are proficient in reading, trailing behind neighbouring nations with similar economic standing.

This highlights the need for reforms that not only reduce stress but also improve academic outcomes.

In a related move, Sarawak recently announced that Year Six pupils will sit for the state's standardised assessments in Mathematics, Science and English starting next year.

This initiative aims to assess the progress of the dual-language programme and better prepare them for the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia.

Anuar praised Sarawak's move, signalling its effort to address gaps in the current education system while offering a more tailored, state-level approach to evaluating students.

He expressed hope that the education minister will address the issue effectively and emphasised the need for careful planning.

"Transitioning from an exam-oriented to a non-exam education system depends on the government's commitment and how well parents and educators collaborate for a more balanced and effective educational environment for students," he said.

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