



PENGURUSAN PEMANTAUAN KERATAN AKHBAR MBSJ
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Tebatan banjir atasi banjir kilat di Taman Kinrara 2

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Sze Han (dua dari kiri) menunjukkan pelan tebatan banjir di Taman Kinrara 2 di sini.

SUBANG JAYA - Projek tebatan banjir di Taman Kinrara 2 di sini dijangka menyelesaikan isu banjir kilat di kawasan berkenaan.

Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Kinrara, Ng Sze Han berkata, Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) mengenal pasti kawasan itu sebagai salah hotspot banjir kilat di bawah pentadbirannya.

Menurutnya, bagi mengatasi permasalahan itu, pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) itu menyediakan peruntukan sebanyak RM250,000 bagi projek mitigasi banjir.

"Projek itu merangkumi pembinaan flood wall atau tembok tebatan banjir sepanjang 185 meter dengan ketinggian 1.2 meter.

"Projek ini dijangka siap menjelang September dan bakal memberikan kelegaan buat penduduk setempat menyelesaikan isu banjir di kawasan berkenaan," katanya menerusi kemas kini di Facebook.

Beliau terdahulu meninjau lokasi bertemu penduduk setempat mendengar masalah dihadapi penduduk di kawasan berkenaan.

SINAR HARIAN ONLINE

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JER sentiasa dinanti, barangan dijual murah, kualiti setanding pasaran luar

by Sheeda Fathil 01 July 1, 2024 5:28 pm



Orang ramai tidak melepaskan peluang hadir untuk membeli barang keperluan pada Program Jualan Ehsan Rahmah DUN Kinrara di Bandar Puchong Jaya pada 01 Julai 2024. Foto MOHD KHAIRUL HELMY MOHD DIN/SELANGORKINI

SHAH ALAM, 1 JULAI: Penganjuran Jualan Ehsan Rahmah (JER) kendalian Perbadanan Kemajuan Pertanian Selangor (PKPS) sentiasa dinanti penduduk.

Ibu tunggal Irama Subramaniam, 57, berkata dia dapat menjimatkan perbelanjaan bulanan dapur dengan membeli barangan keperluan asas di jualan murah berkenaan.

"JER ini sangat membantu jimatkan belanja beli barangan asas. Saya harap ia dapat dianjurkan lebih kerap," katanya ditemui di JER Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Kinrara di Dapur Kinrara di sini



Irama Subramaniam, 57, ditemui pada Program Jualan Ehsan Rahmah DUN Kinrara di Bandar Puchong Jaya pada 01 Julai 2024. Foto MOHD KHAIRUL HELMY MOHD DIN/SELANGORKINI

Tang Sooi Far, 65, pula teruja membeli-belah di program JER kerana barang yang ditawarkan murah tetapi kualiti setanding barangan di pasaran luar.

"Saya sentiasa mengikuti Facebook PKPS untuk tengok bila JER dianjurkan terutama apabila ia diadakan berhampiran kediaman saya, setakat ini ada lebih 10 kali saya berkunjung ke JER

"Suka membeli-belah disini kerana selain harga ditawarkan itu murah barangannya juga sangat berkualiti dan segar," katanya

Sementara itu, Ahli Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya Ng Seow Chen berkata pihaknya bercadang mahu menganjurkan JER di DUN Kinrara sekurang-kurangnya dua kali sebulan agar lebih ramai dapat menikmati manfaatnya.

"Setakat ini rata-rata memberi maklum balas positif berkaitan jualan murah dan mereka harap ia diteruskan lagi. Kita cadang untuk anjur lebih kerap termasuk turut membuka kaunter berkaitan inisiatif negeri," jelasnya.

JER menawarkan ayam standard RM10 seekor, daging pejal segar (RM10 setiap pek), telur gred B (RM10 sepapan), ikan kembung (RM6 setiap pek), minyak masak lima kg (RM25) dan beras lima kg (RM13).



Ahli Majlis MBSJ Ng Seow Chen pada Program Jualan Ehsan Rahmah DUN Kinrara di Bandar Puchong Jaya pada 1 Julai 2024. Foto MOHD KHAIRUL HELMY MOHD DIN/SELANGORKINI

Lokasi terkini jualan murah boleh disemak di Facebook PKPS atau mengimbas kod QR di poster jualan atau pautan <http://linktr.ee/myPKPS>.

SELANGORKINI ONLINE
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Libat empat PBT

Kemuka bantahan sehingga Julai

SHAH ALAM - Majlis Bandaraya Peta-ling Jaya (MBPJ) dan Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) tidak membuat se-
makan kadar cukai taksiran sejak lebih
30 tahun.

Kali terakhir pada 1992, MBPJ tidak
membuat sebarang kenaikan sejak 33
tahun manakala MBDK pula menggu-
na pakai kadar nilaian berusia 31 tahun
iaitu sejak 1993.

Meski kedua-dua pihak berkuasa
tempatan (PBT) itu mahu menguat kua-
sa nilaian baharu mulai 1 Januari 2025,
pemilik hartanah boleh membuat ban-
tahan mengikut tarikh yang ditetapkan.

Bantahan terhadap MBPJ boleh di-
buat pada atau sebelum 4 Julai dengan

cara mengimbas kod QR atau mengisi
borang di laman sesawang PBT berke-
naan.

Bantahan terhadap MBDK pula
boleh dibuat menerusi laman se-
sawang, imbasan kod QR, e-mel atau
hadir di kaunter Jabatan Penilaian dan
Pengurusan Harta sebelum atau pada
16 Julai.

Sementara itu, Majlis Perbandaran
Hulu Selangor menetapkan 1 Julai se-
bagai tarikh akhir untuk pemilik hartanah
mengemukakan bantahan selepas kali
terakhir semakan cukai pada 1997.

Pemilik hartanah bawah Majlis
Perbandaran Hulu Selangor boleh
mengemukakan bantahan nilai taksir-

an sehingga 5 Julai selepas kali terakhir
semakan pada 1996.

Pada 30 Mei, Dato' Menteri Besar
Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari menjelaskan
proses penilaian baharu yang dijalan-
kan PBT penting demi memastikan ke-
berkesanan perancangan bandar.

Menegaskan rumah kos rendah ti-
dak dikenakan kenaikan meski mene-
rima notis itu, beliau berkata semakan
tersebut bertujuan mengetahui nilai
dan mutu perbandaran sesebuah ka-
wasan.

Katanya, pentadbiran negeri juga
akan meneliti pelbagai faktor sebelum
memberi kebenaran kepada PBT untuk
membuat kenaikan ataupun sebaliknya.

SELANGORKINI ONLINE

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Tingkat keselesaan pengunjung pasar

KLANG - Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) memperkenalkan Ekosistem Kondusif Sektor Awam (EKSA) di Kompleks Pasar Besar Meru di sini.

Datuk Bandar Klang Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan berkata sistem julung kali di pasar awam itu membolehkan pengunjung membeli keperluan dalam persekitaran selesa.

Menurutnya, EKSA salah satu elemen penting bagi menggalak pegawai dan kakitangan memberi mutu perkhidmatan terbaik kepada orang awam serta meningkatkan budaya kerja berprestasi tinggi.

"Dulu kita mempunyai konsep 5S (Sisih, Susun, Sapu, Seragam, Sentiasa Amal) tetapi tukar kepada EKSA yang diamalkan di pejabat kerajaan supaya persekitaran kerja lebih teratur, selamat dan sistematik.

"Kali ini, kita perluaskan ke pasar awam supaya infrastruktur kemudahan awam ini dapat ditambah baik menjadi persekitaran lebih selesa dan bertaraf 'BMW' iaitu 'Bersih, Menawan dan Wangi' seiring dengan status sebagai bandar raya," katanya pada 25 Jun.

Noraini turut menyarankan peniaga pasar awam beralih kepada pembayaran tanpa tunai bagi memudahkan urusan niaga.

"Peniaga kena tingkatkan diri dengan menerima kaedah pembayaran baharu supaya institusi pasar terus kekal relevan dengan menggunakan teknologi terkini," katanya.

Pendengaran MPAJ hingga 31 Julai

SHAH ALAM - Sesi pendengaran membabitkan 12.34 peratus pemegang harta yang membantah nilai baharu pemilikan hartanah di Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) berlangsung sehingga 31 Julai.

Yang Dipertuanya Dr Ani Ahmad memberitahu sesi tersebut diadakan secara berperingkat bermula 24 Jun melibatkan 22,352 daripada 181,144 pemegang harta di kawasan pentadbiran MPAJ.

"Panggilan dan jemputan ke sesi mendengar bantahan dihantar melalui surat, e-mel dan sistem pesanan ringkas (SMS) kepada pemilih harta yang membuat bantahan.

"Pemilik harta yang menerima jemputan diminta membuat pengesahan kehadiran melalui pautan yang dilampirkan bersama jemputan kelak," katanya baru-baru ini.

Atasi lambakan haiwan terbiar

AMPANG JAYA - Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) menjalankan program pemandulan melalui Kempen Kesedaran Kebajikan Haiwan Kesayangan bagi mengatasi masalah lambakan haiwan terbiar.

Yang Dipertuanya Dr Ani Ahmad ketika merasmikan Kempen Kesedaran Kebajikan Haiwan Kesayangan pada 23 Jun menjelaskan usaha berkenaan bertujuan mengurangkan pembiakan haiwan tersebut.

"MBPJ tidak mengambil pendekatan tangkap dan lupus kerana tindakan ini kejam dan menganiaya haiwan sebaliknya membuat program pemandulan percuma dengan kerjasama beberapa pihak.

"Kita kerjasama dengan Persatuan Mencegah Kekejaman Terhadap Haiwan (SPCA) bagi menjalankan program pemandulan anjing dan kucing dengan sasaran lebih 500 ekor pada Julai," katanya.

Bellau memberitahu MPAJ juga bercadang untuk mewujudkan rumah perlindungan bagi kucing dan anjing terbiar pada masa depan apabila memiliki dana.

"Perkara ini perlu dilihat secara komprehensif dan MPAJ dalam proses mengumpul dana seperti tabung endowmen untuk membuka rumah perlindungan bagi kucing dan anjing," kata beliau.

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PBT perlu kemuka rancangan naik taraf

SUBANG JAYA - Pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) perlu menyediakan laporan perancangan kerja naik taraf dan perkhidmatan selepas melaksana kadar baharu cukai tak-siran mulai 1 Januari 2025.

Ahli Dewan Negeri (ADN) Subang Jaya Michelle Ng Mei Sze berkata langkah itu penting dalam memastikan penduduk cakna penambahbaikan yang diperolehi hasil penilaian semula cukai tersebut.

"PBT perlu ada perancangan teliti, contohnya dalam tempoh 100 hari selepas kenaikan cukai dibuat, apakah lima perkara yang akan dilaksanakan.

"Saya cadang Kerajaan Negeri satukan naratif perkara ini dan PBT perlu sediakan laporan perancangan yang bakal dilaksanakan di kawasan masing-masing," katanya pada 21 Jun.

MPKL terima 1,600 bantahan cukai

SHAH ALAM - Sebanyak 1,628 bantahan kadar cukai taksiran baharu diterima Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Langat (MPKL) setakat 19 Jun, kata pengarah Jabatan Penilaian dan Pengurusan Hartanya.

Menjelaskan proses itu berakhir pada 25 Jun, Lisawati Abd Karim memberitahu pemilik hartanah jenis kediaman paling ramai berbuat demikian.

"MPKL menghantar notis semakan kadar cukai taksiran kepada 106,093 pemilik hartanah dan buat masa ini menerima 1,628 bantahan sehingga semalam (19 Jun)," katanya.

Beliau berkata MPKL dijadual mengadakan sesi pendengaran secara berperingkat selama sebulan mulai 16

Julai hingga 19 Ogos bagi memberi peluang kepada mereka menyuarakan pandangan.

"Selesai sesi pendengaran, perkara ini dibawa ke jawatankuasa bantahan sebelum diputuskan Kerajaan Negeri pada September," kata beliau.

Bantahan boleh dibuat dengan mengimbas kod QR, e-mel jpph@mpkl.gov.my atau muat turun borang menerusi pautan mpkl.gov.my/sumber/muat-turun-borang/jabatan-penilaian-dan-pengurusan-harta/

MPKL tidak membuat semakan kadar cukai taksiran membabitkan tanah kosong, perumahan, kilang dan perniagaan selama 37 tahun sejak 1987.

Tujuh PBT lain juga tidak membuat

semakan antara 20 hingga 40 tahun lalu termasuk Majlis Perbandaran Kajang yang paling lama tidak menaikkan kadar itu selama 39 tahun sejak 1985.

Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Langat (MPKL) pula tidak membuat proses tersebut selama 37 tahun sejak 1987 dan Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) 32 tahun sejak 1992.

Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) pula selama 32 tahun sejak 1992 bagi Subang Jaya dan Bandar Sunway manakala USJ, Puchong, Seri Kembangan dan Serdang selama 28 tahun sejak 1996.

Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) dan Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Selangor (MPKS) selama 27 tahun sejak 1997 manakala Majlis Perbandaran Hulu Selangor (MPHS) 28 tahun sejak 1996.



Bakal lengkap pelbagai kemudahan

Puchong nadi Lembah Klang Raya

Oleh **NORRASYIDAH ARSHAD**

SUBANG JAYA - Puchong yang menjadi titik tengah pembangunan Lembah Klang Raya bakal berkembang lebih pesat dengan pelbagai kemudahan rakyat.

EXCO Pelaburan Ng Sze Han berkata pembangunan tersebut seiring kelestarian alam sekitar yang menjamin kesejahteraan dan keseimbangan untuk kehidupan berdaya huni.

"Puchong akan jadi nadi kepada Lembah Klang Raya dan ini merupakan cabaran untuk kita sentiasa naik taraf dan sediakan kemudahan asas.

"Berbanding 20 tahun lalu, kita sudah lakukan banyak perubahan demi kepentingan rakyat. Kita kembangkan rangkaian pengangkutan dan akan datang kita suntik pelbagai lagi kemudahan," katanya pada 23 Jun.

Beliau yang merasmikan Festival Seni Komuniti Puchong (COART) di Taman Wawasan di sini berkata Puchong juga bakal memiliki kompleks sukan bertaraf antarabangsa bagi memudahkan penduduk beriadah.

"Kompleks ini lengkap dengan gelanggang futsal, bola keranjang dan trek jogging yang selamat. Harap semua kemudahan ini akan beri ke-selesaian dan generasi muda dapat

membina keluarga di sini," kata wakil rakyat Kinrara itu.

Lembah Klang Raya yang diumumkan menerusi belanjawan tahun ini dengan peruntukan RM2 juta menggabungkan Petaling Jaya, Subang Jaya, Shah Alam dan Klang.

Penggabungan ini berpotensi menjadi gagasan ekonomi utama Asia Tenggara dan mampu tersenarai antara lima lembah utama Asia sekiranya dapat dijayakan sepenuhnya.

Terdahulu, Sze Han berkata program menonjolkan seni budaya komuniti setempat selama dua hari itu dijangka menarik 8,000 peserta.

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Saran anjur kitar semula

SUBANG JAYA - KDEB Waste Management (KDEBWM) mengalu-alukan inisiatif menggalakkan budaya kitar semula di setiap dewan undangan negeri (DUN).

Pengarah Urusannya Dato' Ramli Mohd Tahir berkata pihaknya sentiasa menyokong usaha berkaitan ke arah mengurangkan sampah yang dibuang ke tapak pelupusan.

Beliau berkata inisiatif seumpama itu wajar dicontohi DUN lain ke arah meningkatkan kesedaran amalan kitar semula dalam kalangan penduduk.

"Ini usaha yang sangat membantu mengurangkan sampah dibuang ke tapak pelupusan sampah. Kepentingan kitar semula mungkin dipandang ringan namun kesannya besar kepada

alam sekitar dan ia sebenarnya perlu bermula dengan sekecil-kecil usaha.

"Jadi semua pihak diseru peka dengan sensitiviti alam sekitar dan KDEBWM sedia bekerjasama dengan mana-mana pihak DUN untuk merealisasikan hasrat ini," katanya dalam sidang media mengenal perluasan program kitar semula anjuran Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Subang Jaya.

Wakil rakyat Michelle Ng Mei Sze memaklumkan program kitar semula kerjasama pihaknya dengan KDEBWM akan diperluas melibatkan keseluruhan kawasan USJ 1 hingga USJ 22.

Ia susulan hasil kutipan memberangsangkan melibatkan hampir 140,000 kilogram barangan kitar semula sejak Januari hingga bulan lalu.

Kesan 215 aktiviti buang sampah

HULU LANGAT - Sebanyak 215 aktiviti pembuangan sampah haram dikesan di seluruh negeri sejak 2018 hingga tahun lalu dan semakin berkurang kepada 57 lokasi, kata EXCO kerajaan tempatan.

Dato' Ng Suee Lim berkata perkembangan itu hasil pemantauan dan penguatkuasaan berterusan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT), pejabat daerah dan tanah, Lembaga Urus Air Selangor serta Jabatan Alam Sekitar.

"Itu angka yang kita berjaya kenal pasti, saya percaya masih ada banyak lagi kegiatan haram ini berlaku di sekitar negeri ini yang mungkin disembunyi daripada pandangan kita.

"Bagaimanapun, saya menyeru pejabat daerah dan tanah, PBT serta agensi berkaitan untuk memantau aktiviti haram ini supaya dapat dikurangkan," katanya pada 24 Jun.

Suee Lim juga menyeru PBT tidak mengeluarkan kompaun kepada sindiket haram itu sebaliknya mengenakan hukuman lebih berat seperti sitaan atau pendakwaan di mahkamah.

"Saya turut memberi amaran kepada individu yang melakukan aktiviti sampah haram ini agar patuhi undang-undang buang sampah di tempat yang betul sekiranya tidak mahu dikenakan tindakan," katanya.

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Pulih 663 projek rumah terbengkalai

SHAH ALAM - Sebanyak 663 projek perumahan terbengkalai bernilai RM57.09 bilion melibatkan 78,554 pembeli diselamatkan Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan dalam dua tahun.

Menterinya Nga Kor Ming berkata Pasukan Khas Projek Perumahan Swasta Sakit dan Terbengkalai menyelesaikan 452 projek swasta melibatkan 53,697 unit bernilai RM39.814 bilion tahun lalu.

Beliau memberitahu sebanyak 211 projek sedemikian melibatkan 24,857 unit rumah dengan nilai RM17.28 bilion dipulihkan pada tahun ini setakat 31 Mei, lapor Bernama.

Kor Ming menjawab soalan lisan Ahli Parlimen Tenggara Manndzri Nasib mengenai bantuan kementerian terhadap pembeli rumah yang berdepan masalah projek sakit di Dewan Rakyat pada 25 Jun.

Katanya, kementerian membuat pementauan berkala, turun ke tapak projek dan libat urus bersama agensi teknikal serta pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) bagi mencari penyelesaian bersama pemaju.

"Kementerian sentiasa mencari alternatif terbaik yang bersesuaian dan berkesan dalam pemulihan projek perumahan swasta yang sakit dan terbengkalai," katanya.

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Tertinggi terima pelancong

SHAH ALAM - Selangor mencatat ke-
masukannya pelancong domestik tertinggi
bagi tahun ketiga berturut-turut de-
ngan rekod 27.6 juta pengunjung pada
2023.

Menurut ketua pegawai eksekutif
Tourism Selangor, angka berkenaan
mengatasi negeri lain termasuk Kuala
Lumpur pada kedudukan kedua (22.2
juta) diikuti Sarawak (17.9 juta).

Azrul Shah Mohamad menjelaskan
kira-kira 10 juta pengunjung domestik ke
Selangor pada 2021 dan bilangan terse-

but bertambah kepada 22 juta pada ta-
hun berikutnya.

"Pertumbuhan yang mampan ini
meningkatkan Keluaran Dalam Negara
Kasar (KDNK) Selangor dengan ketara,
menyumbang RM 2.571 bilion pada
2023," kata beliau dalam kenyataan ba-
ru-baru ini.

Katanya, prestasi itu membuktikan ke-
jayaan kempen pelancongan domestik
"Nak Bercuti? Pusing Selangor Dulu!" yang
mempromosi 10 segmen pelancongan
meliputi sembilan daerah di Selangor.

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PETALING Jaya City Council (MBPJ) partnered with The Water Project to promote water sustainability in the city's F&B industry.

An information session was held at MBPJ headquarters in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, to launch a Best Management Practice Programme for F&B businesses.

The programme attracted 24 attendees including hawkers as well as F&B business owners and staff.

Participants were shown community and nature-based solutions as part of The Water Project, led by Spark Foundation and Global Environment Centre (GEC).

Spark Foundation has been supporting various corporate social responsibility projects since 2007 while GEC, which was set up in 1998, works with global and local partners on environmental issues.

The water sustainability programme aims to increase public awareness of how kitchen scraps and fats can create new resources and sustainable incomes.

As part of the programme, several vendors demonstrated the collection of used cooking oil.

Participants were also shown how fats, oils and grease traps work, and how tools such as water thimbles conserve water.

ACO Water Management and Kualiti Alam Hijau (M) Sdn Bhd demonstrated how fats, oils and grease can be disposed of to prevent wastewater from clogging up drains that can cause

Protecting water sources by managing kitchen waste

MBPJ partners with others to educate F&B players on proper disposal of fats, oil and grease



odour and flooding.

Kualiti Alam Hijau explained an affordable option of pouring water into your drain and allowing the oil to float above the water, before releasing the water to stream back into rivers as the oil solidifies.

Another way of re-purposing used cooking oil was detailed by Capital Oil & Fats, which collects

used oil in households, restaurants, hospitals, malls, factories and hawker stalls.

The company also explained instances where cooking oil is rejected.

"We reject unused oil," said Capital Oil & Fats marketing manager Thomas Kok.

"Another type of oil we don't accept is shortening, which is

frozen oil."

MBPJ Health and Environment Department had their health enforcement unit show how they ensured food outlets trapped fats, oils and grease by enforcing shutdowns when necessary.

The unit often advises staff of commercial kitchens to clean grease traps every day.

GEC then demonstrated how

an average of 20 litres a day can be saved with water thimbles, a four-holed button-like item which reduces the volume of water exiting faucets and showers.

This can be achieved by removing the washer and inserting the thimble into faucet heads and showerheads.

"It reduces water pressure, resulting in lesser volumes of water being released," said GEC River Care programme senior programme officer Sathis Venkitasamy.

"Water thimbles are not available in the mass market but you can get them from either GEC or Air Selangor."

After these demonstrations, the event saw the launch of the Best Practice of Kitchen Waste Management and Water Conservation Competition 2024.

It offers cash prizes totalling RM5,200 and is open to participants of the programme.

MBPJ Solid Waste Management and Public Cleansing Department director Zain Azly Abdul Rahman said the competition was to encourage Petaling Jaya residents, including F&B premises, to practise environmental sustainability.

ACO Water Management sales manager Alex Ho (left) demonstrating a solution to manage grease to GEC River Care programme manager Dr K. Kalithasan (right) and other participants of the session at MBPJ.

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Cats enjoying the playpen at Catopia in Section 14, Shah Alam. — Photos: KK SHAM, AZLINA ABDULLAH and LOW LAY PHON/The Star

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IMAGINE a wonderland built just for cats – lush greenery with shaded trees providing a cool refuge while miniature wooden houses, hanging bridges and tunnels create a perfect playground for felines.

This is Catopia, Shah Alam's latest offering to its feline residents and their owners, giving them a purpose-built venue to spend some quality time together.

The brainchild of Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) landscape architect Khairunnisa Mohd Zaini, Catopia took over a month to design.

Khairunnisa knew creating the perfect space required understanding feline needs, so she met with local cat lovers to gather their input.

The result? A vibrant cat playground bursting with colour and boasting 14 cosy cat houses, across from Muzium Sultan Alam Shah at Persiaran Bandar Raya in Section 14.

Serenity within urban jungle

But Catopia isn't just about fun and games. It is MBSA recognising challenges cat owners face, especially those keeping their pets indoors.

Mayor Datuk Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim acknowledged Shah Alam's large cat population and concerns owners had about letting their felines roam free.

"Shah Alam is perhaps the most cat friendly city in Selangor.

"Most people keep their cats indoors, but there are owners who cannot decide if they should let their pets roam outdoors as many are afraid their cats will fight with other cats or contract skin diseases," he said.

This is where Catopia comes in. The 800sq m park, which is set to open to the public on July 4, provides a safe haven for cats to explore, exercise and soak up

Purr-fect place for feline frolics

Shah Alam cat park offers purpose-built outdoor space for pets and their owners

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Khairunnisa (left) with MBSA draughtsman Ahmad Azry Hamzah examining the cat grass patch at Catopia.



Majidah says Catopia has the potential to become a tourist attraction.

the sunshine, all within an area ringed by a 1.2m-high anti-climb fence.

"MBSA decided to allocate an open space for the cat playground to encourage owners to bring their pets outdoor and encourage their overall development," added Mohd Fauzi.

"Watching a cat's behaviour at Catopia can be revealing as it tells you a lot about their needs," he said.

But Catopia isn't just focused on felines. MBSA designed the area with owners in mind, providing vantage points for easy observation of their furry companions.

Mohd Fauzi said MBSA was dedicated to the well-being of both cats and their owners, adding that strict checks ensured only healthy, vaccinated and neutered cats enter the park to prevent issues like allergies, infections and rashes from arising.

Catopia offers a solution

Mohd Fauzi said the playground was built with safety in mind.

"Cats love sunshine as it can improve their physical and mental health, but the felines tend to wander off and with

fast-moving vehicles around, this might be dangerous."

The park even has an orange cat mascot named Oyen to attract children to Catopia and educate them about responsible pet care.

MBSA Landscape Department director Majidah Md Ali emphasised the importance of green spaces in Shah Alam's urban sprawl.

"Catopia seamlessly integrates with existing mature trees, creating a harmonious environment.

"The park cost an estimated RM360,000 with a significant portion dedicated to building

Outdoor exposure vital for cats' well-being, says vet

FRESH air and stimulation are important for the mental and physical health of cats, says veterinarian Dr Siti Zurida Jusoh.

Lauding Shah Alam City Council's (MBSA) initiative to set up Catopia, she described the free, public cat park in an urban setting as a groundbreaking step towards enriching feline lives.

"Cats are naturally curious and the outdoors provide the perfect space for climbing, jumping and exploring – all activities crucial for their well-being."

"Cats enjoy the outdoors due to smells, sights and sounds that stimulate their senses," said Dr Siti Zurida.

She also commended the park's design, highlighting the inclusion of hanging bridges.

"Cats instinctively love to climb and explore high places," she said, adding that the bridges provided a safe vantage point, allowing them to indulge their natural inclinations.

Having 11 cats of her own, Dr Siti Zurida said she understood that many cat owners were hesitant to allow their pets outdoors for fear of them getting lost.

She said being able to take a cat to a public park like Catopia would be one of the most enriching things an owner could



Dr Siti Zurida says fresh air and being outdoors are vital for a cat's mental and physical health.

do for their furry friend.

Dr Siti Zurida said the park's design catered to various feline needs.

"Climbing towers, cat houses and scratching posts, reducing obesity risks and promoting healthy claws."

She added that the location of the cat park in a green space ensured the animals received fresh air, which promoted interaction with the outside environ-

ment that stimulates their awareness and sharpens their reflexes.

The cat park is poised to foster a stronger bond between humans and felines.

"Many pet owners in urban areas work long hours, leaving their cats alone indoors," she observed.

"Catopia presents an opportunity for owners to spend quality time with their cats, observing



Ely Mazlin (right) says Catopia is a sign of a caring city. Pictured with her is Syadah Azmin. — Photos: AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

their behaviour and understanding their pets."

Maintaining a healthy environment for pets was crucial, she added, underscoring the importance of strict regulations requiring vaccinations for cats entering the park.

Catopia is more than just a park; it's a sign of a caring city, said pet owner Ely Mazlin Julianto, who sees the park as a symbol of Shah Alam's commit-

ment to cats and their owners.

"Our cats bring us joy and purpose, and Catopia will help combat feline depression and loneliness," she said.

Another pet owner, Dr Siti Nur Amira Ghazali, said the cat park was an excellent avenue of support.

"It shows MBSA understands the needs of urban felines," she said. — By EDWARD RAJENDRA



Playhouses and hanging bridges offer a whimsical environment for cats.

the cat houses, bridges, tunnels and scratching posts, as well as a drinking fountain for the furry animals," said Majidah.

She said the goal was to enrich the lives of cats while offering peace of mind to their owners, even those living in Subang Jaya and Petaling Jaya.

"Catopia is an investment in Shah Alam's future as a liveable city for both humans and felines," she added.

a tourist magnet, attracting cat cafes, pop-up shops and even cat fairs that could partner with MBSA's Car Free Day event.

"The park's proximity to the Selangor-Japan Friendship Garden might even draw Japanese tourists," she said.

Khairunnisa, who is also MBSA Landscape Department deputy director, said Catopia will be managed by both MBSA's landscape and health departments.

She said it would require

council to operate the park, involving maintenance and upkeep, adding that they planned to strictly regulate Catopia, allowing a maximum of 20 cats for two-hour sessions with their owners.

"Free dry food will be provided as owners are not allowed to bring outside food into the park," she said, adding that MBSA will hold regular talks for cat owners on topics such as feline grooming, neutering, vaccination and



Catopia hopes to serve as a recreational space for cats and owners from Shah Alam as well as Subang Jaya and Petaling Jaya.

Catopia, Persiaran Bandar Raya, Section 14, Shah Alam



FEEDBACK SOUGHT

The public can give their views on Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) 2025 budget on July 6 at The Federal Kuala Lumpur for the Bukit Bintang constituency; July 13 at Pusat Komuniti Lembah Pantai for the Lembah Pantai constituency; July 20 at Auditorium Pejabat Cawangan Segambut for the Segambut constituency and July 27 at Dewan Serbaguna Jinjang Utara for the Kepong constituency. For details, call 03-2617 9000.

PARKING MATTERS

> Sepang Municipal Council (MPSepang) has enforced parking charges at Perdana Central Business District, Jalan Lingkaran Cyber Point, Tamarind Square, Nadayu Square and Dengkil. Payment can be made via eCoupon, monthly pass and smartphone apps. For details, call 1-300-88 2025.

> MPSepang has started towing vehicles parked illegally in Dengkil. For details, call 03-8319 0200 ext 230/296/ 266/271.

CASHLESS PAYMENT

Putrajaya Corporation will only use cashless payment at all its recycling centres. For details, visit www.ppj.gov.my

MBPJ BUDGET

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is calling for the public to give input for next year's budget. Deadline is July 21. For details, visit www.mbpj.gov.my

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GREEN SCHOOLS

Kajang Municipal Council (MPKajang) is organising its Green School Award for primary and secondary schools. Judging will be based on cleanliness, innovation, creativity and community involvement. Deadline is Aug 26. For entry forms, visit www.mpkj.gov.my

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Over 4,000 objections against land rezoning for Rawang incinerator project



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Rawang residents highlighting issues on the proposed incinerator during the presentation.

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RAWANG residents have submitted over 4,000 objection forms to Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) opposing its plan to rezone land for the proposed RM4.5bil incinerator project in Batu Arang, Selangor.

Jaringan Rawang Tolak Insinerator (JRTI) member and Bandar Seri Coalfields resident Woo Wai Kuan, who gave the figure, said the council was planning to convert land gazetted for agriculture into industrial use.

This was to accommodate the state government's plan to construct a waste-to-energy (WTE) facility, she told *StarMetro* after MPS' Local Draft Plan 2030

Inquiry and Hearing Committee Meeting at a property sales gallery in Rawang.

The local council did not allow reporters entry into the meeting.

The residents' objection forms outlined key issues such as conflicts with Rawang's status as a heritage town, traffic hazards, health risks, odour pollution, water pollution, land instability and impact on property value.

Woo said the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the Tanjung Dua Belas Incinerator was rejected by the Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Ministry on Nov 6.

"The rejection temporarily halted the state government's

efforts to proceed with the Tanjung Dua Belas incinerator project," said Woo.

She said over 300 attendees were present at the hearing and 17 individuals, comprising JRTI members and Rawang residents, opposed the WTE facility.

They also submitted a memorandum and petition to state local government and tourism committee chairman Datuk Ng Suee Lim.

Bandar Tasik Puteri Kawasan Rukun Tetangga (KRT) Blok 12 chairman and JRTI member Abdul Hanan Abd Mokti said that attendees who opposed the incinerator included those living around the vicinity including Batu Arang, Bandar Tasik Puteri and Kota Puteri.

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'Reduce park closure duration'

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Residents want parts of Taman Persekutuan Bukit Kiara to remain open during upgrade

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RESIDENTS of Taman Tun Dr Ismail (TTDI) in Kuala Lumpur are urging authorities to shorten the 18-month planned closure of Taman Persekutuan Bukit Kiara for landscaping and upgrades.

They said that the park is frequented by many TTDI residents as well as those from other neighbourhoods.

"The residents are currently working with the relevant authorities, namely Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) and Landscape Department (JLN) to look into the partial closure of the park," said Friends of Bukit Kiara (FoBK) president Leon Koay.

"A full closure is not ideal and the residents had urged authorities to leave open unaffected parts of the park during a June 19 town hall session, and JLN has agreed to look into the matter.

"We had also requested that the time taken for the project be shortened as the park is used by many people," he said.

The initial closure of the park was scheduled for June 10 but was delayed to July 8 upon residents' requests.

The upgrading project at Taman Persekutuan Bukit Kiara is estimated to cost RM6mil.



It includes desilting the park's pond, stream restoration, sediment basin rehabilitation and other pond rehabilitation works as well as repairs for pond railings and park lighting.

The project will take 18 months and requires that the park be closed for the entire period as a safety precaution.

Several other concerns raised by FoBK included the use of artificial lighting which should not have an adverse impact on nocturnal animals, a management plan to redirect the public to nearby recreational spaces such

as Bukit Kiara and Taman Rimba Kiara as well as traffic management to ensure the safety of pupils from SK TTDI 2, which is located opposite the park's entrance.

Koay said he hoped authorities could put up signage to redirect the public to nearby parks.

"There will definitely be more people visiting other parks and the authorities have to look at various aspects, including additional parking spaces," he said.

Frequent park-goer and TTDI resident Pola Singh suggested that JLN look into opening the

entrance of the park at the cul de sac of Jalan Datuk Sulaiman 5 so visitors could access unaffected parts of the park during upgrading works.

"There, visitors can still walk on the hilly part of Taman Persekutuan without entering the construction area," he said.

Pola also emphasised the need to upgrade the suspension bridge inside the park as part of the project.

"We learnt that the tender for the bridge upgrading was previously unsuccessful.

"I was told the project is pend-

ing input from Federal Territories Putrajaya Public Works Department (JKR).

"We want it to be done concurrently with the upgrades so that the park will not be closed once again," he said.

Pola also urged the authorities to fix the broken pond railings and wobbly exercise equipment as well as reopen the toilets located inside the park.

Segambut MP Hannah Yeoh's political secretary Yap Yee Vonne said a meeting with the main stakeholders would be held this week.



(Above) Closure notice at the entrance of the park.

(Left) Residents are also calling for repairs to the suspension bridge. — Photos: FAIHAN GHANI/The Star

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Clarity sought on Bangsar slope works by DBKL

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RESIDENTS of Bangsar Park are requesting clarification on an ongoing slope enhancement project by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) along Jalan Maarof.

The project is on an inner lane of Jalan Senuduk, adjacent to Bangsar Shopping Centre.

Pooba Mahalingam said construction machinery had obstructed the road, making it narrow and prone to accidents.

"Despite there being a traffic controller managing traffic flow, I have witnessed several near misses," he said.

"We have been waiting for a

signboard to be erected to make motorists aware of the project but there has been none so far."

When contacted, DBKL advisory board member Lai Chen Heng said City Hall also planned to cut down high-risk trees in the area.

He stressed that no signboard was needed for maintenance works being carried out on existing infrastructure.

"Only new projects – which is when new structures are being built – require a signboard."

He said the project had now entered the phase of rockfall netting installation and was expect-

ed to be completed by July 31.

"Previously, DBKL and the MP's office had conducted a site visit to engage with nearby residents.

"They should have been told about the project," he said.

Bangsar Park Residents Association president Nitesh Malani confirmed that Lembah Pantai MP Fahmi Fadzil's office held a site visit to brief residents about the project.

However, he said many residents were still confused and said a signboard at the construction site would provide greater clarity.



DBKL's slope enhancement project in Jalan Maarof, Bangsar.
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18 possible sites for waste-to-energy plants identified

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KUALA LUMPUR: The government has identified 18 possible sites for proposed waste-to-energy (WTE) plants that will serve the needs of every state in Peninsula Malaysia, says Nga Kor Ming (*pic*).

The Housing and Local Government Minister announced that the sites are: Jabi and Padang Cina in Kedah; Bukit Payung, Seelong and Sedili (Johor); Jabor-Jerangau and Belonggu (Pahang); Sungai Udang (Melaka); Rawang (Kuala Lumpur); Jeram, Tanjung Dua Belas and Rawang Dua (Selangor); Pulau Burung (Penang); Lahat, Taiping and Manjung (Perak); Tertak Batu (Terengganu); and Jedok (Kelantan).

"The construction of WTE plants

is still at the planning stage and is subject to the government's financial position as well as the sustainability of the WTE model offered," Nga told the House in response to a supplementary question by Bayan Baru MP Sim Tze Tzin.

"The ministry will continue to find the best model (of WTE) so its implementation is the best for the country.

"We will adopt technology with a proven track record before it is used."

Nga added that the ministry will continue to raise public awareness on the viability of using WTE plants as opposed to building more landfills to dispose of solid waste.

"One large-scale landfill will



require several tens of thousands of acres (of land) and the surrounding area from five to 10km cannot be developed when compared with WTE plants, even though the latter cost more."

He added that it costs the government around RM20mil to cover up a landfill.

Current WTE technology is not only safe but the experience in other countries also proves that it is effective in reducing the amount of solid waste that would otherwise be sent to landfills, Nga said.

WTE plants operate at a consistently high temperature and are equipped with a treatment system capable of preventing harmful gases from being released to the

environment, he added.

"This new technology does not require a large area of land and does not produce leachate, foul smell or methane gas that has a negative impact on public health and the environment.

"The WTE concept is one of the best options for the environment and people's well-being," he said.

Replying to a question from Kuantan MP Wan Razali Wan Nor, Nga said the government is conducting comprehensive reviews on countries that have used WTE technology.

"WTE plants started in the 1980s. Singapore has five WTE plants while Vietnam, China and Europe also have them, so they are proven to generate renewable energy.

"Even though Malaysia is run-

ning behind, this is a blessing in disguise where we can learn from other countries' experience."

On a similar matter, Nga said the ministry aims to raise the nation's recycling rate to 40% from 33% by 2025.

Among the measures to achieve this are installing 100 drive-through recycling centres at shopping malls across the country.

"The public can bring in newspapers and used cooking oil to the shopping mall and be paid with cash. This is aligned with our trash-to-cash initiative," he said.

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Keep SOP revision to the minimum, govt urged

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JOHOR BARU: People here are anxiously awaiting details following an announcement that the Covid-19 standard operating procedure (SOP) would be revised.

They hope that the Health Ministry would not make significant changes to the existing SOP, which has been in place since 2022 under the "transition to endemic" phase.

Businessman S. Sures, 51, said many are still recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic, and any move to tighten the existing SOP would make matters worse.

"It's unclear whether these revisions will relax the current SOP further or impose stricter measures. I hope it's not the latter.

"We are still recuperating from the economic impact of the pandemic, and any move to reintroduce a strict SOP will make it harder and longer for us to recover," he said.

Having lost six out of his eight shops due to the pandemic, Sures emphasised the importance of clarity from the government regarding these adjustments.

"However, I welcome any move to loosen the existing SOP. I believe we have reached a point where we are comfortable living side by side with Covid-19.

"With a significant portion of the population vaccinated, Covid-19 could be considered another flu.

"We may do away with the home surveillance order or reduce the duration as the government sees fit," he added.

Echoing his sentiments was second-hand car dealer Tan Choo Oo, 65, who stressed the importance of a timely release of the SOP details to prevent unnecessary panic and to give the public time to prepare.

"We cannot go through that again. I believe it is very unlikely for the government to impose stricter regulations.

"Even if it does, it is probably in terms of wearing face masks, which I have no problem with. I am in favour of such a move as it can also help prevent the spread of other diseases.

"At the same time, I feel there is no need to further relax the SOP. The existing five-day home quarantine period and obligation to declare when one tests positive for Covid-19 should not be removed," he said.

Housewife Siti Sarah Suraya Muhammad, 36, said there was no need to impose sterner regulations as people are still on high alert against Covid-19.

"Although we have passed the pandemic phase, many are still taking the necessary precautions without being forced to do so.

"I think it is best to leave things as they are unless necessary due to an extraordinary rise in the number of cases, which is not what we are seeing now," she said.

Johor Indian Muslim Entrepreneurs Association secretary-general Hussein Ibrahim said Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad's remarks on the matter recently caught many off guard.

"We are worried as we do not know the details. Many are waiting anxiously to know how the revision of the SOP will change their lives.

"I do not think there is a need for the SOP to be tightened or relaxed further. People are already comfortable with the existing SOP and taking their initiatives to protect themselves," he said.

On Saturday, Dzulkefly said his ministry will release details of a revised SOP soon, following the country's transition to the "living with the pandemic" phase.

He said this revised SOP would cover the home surveillance order, the use of face masks, and the declaration of local areas of infection.

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Ringgit ends marginally higher

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KUALA LUMPUR: The ringgit ended marginally higher against the US dollar yesterday after trading in a narrow range throughout the day, says an analyst.

At 6pm, the ringgit traded at 4.7120/7155 against the greenback versus last Friday's close of 4.7160/7190.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said the US dollar/ringgit was as low as RM4.7130 during the morning session but went up to as high as RM4.7158 during the afternoon session.

"US dollar versus yen remained in the spotlight as the Japanese currency weak-

ened to 161.80 yen.

"The Japanese government revised its gross domestic product growth downwards from minus 1.8% to minus 2.9% in the first quarter this year, suggesting the Bank of Japan may refrain from raising its policy rates soon," he told *Bernama*.

In general, he said, the prevailing condition still favours the US dollar and the data points for this week would be quite critical to determine whether the Federal Reserve might resort to more rate cuts this year.

Meanwhile, the ringgit was mostly lower against a basket of major currencies.

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MoU promotes sustainability at industrial park in south S'gor ^{Star} 2/7

A WASTE management company and a property developer's subsidiary have signed an agreement to establish a strategic partnership and promote sustainability at an industrial park in south Selangor.

KDEB Waste Management and NCT Smart Management Sdn Bhd inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to transform waste management at NCT Smart Industrial Park located in Selangor's Integrated Development Region in South Selangor (IDRISS).

The collaboration encompasses comprehensive waste collection services, enhanced public cleaning and robust recycling programmes.

The implementation of these services will start once the industrial park's first phase is completed.

This partnership is expected to deliver significant benefits not just for the park itself, but also for the entire Kuala Langat district.

NCT Smart Industrial Park holds the distinction of being Malaysia's first managed industrial park situated within IDRISS.

The MoU was signed by KDEB Waste Management managing director Datuk Ramli Mohd Tahir and NCT Group executive director Datuk Yap Fook Choy.

Also present were KDEB Waste Management subsidiary management and project delivery general manager Ahadi Mohd Nasir and NCT Group project director Yap Chun Theng.

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Kenaikan kadar inflasi 1.7 peratus bersifat sederhana

KUALA LUMPUR – Kementerian Ekonomi memaklumkan, kadar inflasi negara mencatatkan peningkatan kepada 1.7 peratus bagi suku pertama tahun ini.

Bagaimanapun kata Timbalan Menteri Ekonomi, Datuk Hanifah Hajar Taib, peningkatan tersebut bersifat sederhana kerana pada suku keempat tahun lalu inflasi negara adalah pada paras 1.6 peratus.

Ujar beliau, dengan kadar in-

flasi di bawah paras dua peratus bagi kedua-dua suku berkenaan, ia menunjukkan bahawa peningkatan kadar harga barangan dan perkhidmatan adalah sederhana.

"Secara amnya, kadar inflasi di paras dua hingga tiga peratus dapat menjamin keseimbangan terhadap ekonomi sesebuah negara," katanya di Dewan Rakyat di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika menjawab pertanyaan Da-

tuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein (**BN-Sembrong**) yang mahu kerajaan menyatakan sejauh manakah kadar inflasi mencerminkan realiti ekonomi dan peningkatan kos sara hidup yang sedang dihadapi oleh majoriti rakyat dan pengguna di negara ini.

Mengulas lanjut, Hanifah Hajar berkata, kerajaan sentiasa berusaha bagi memastikan keperluan dan kesejahteraan rak-

yat Malaysia dapat dipenuhi.

Menurutnya, pelbagai program dan inisiatif telah dikenal pasti dan mula dilaksanakan terutamanya melibatkan program jangka panjang seperti meningkatkan bekalan dan jaminan makanan.

"Selain itu, kerajaan turut membangunkan Indikator Kos Sara Hidup oleh Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia bagi mengukur tahap kos sara hidup rakyat hingga ke peringkat daerah.

"Ketiga, melaksanakan Kajian Penstabilan Harga di Sabah, Sarawak dan Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan oleh Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup bertujuan untuk mengenal pasti isu semasa, di samping mengesyorkan tindakan susulan bagi menstabilkan harga barangan di Wilayah Borneo.

"Kajian ini dijangka dibentangkan pada Ogos depan," katanya.

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Kerja melebihi 55 jam seminggu juga dikatakan antara sebab banyak kes kematian ini.

Takashima Shingo ialah seorang doktor perubatan di sebuah hospital di Jepun. Beliau baru berusia 26 tahun. Tahun lalu, beliau didapati telah membunuh diri. Menurut banyak laporan, beliau telah bekerja 200 jam kerja lebih masa selama sebulan sebelum kemati-

annya. Tidak juga mengambil cuti selama tiga bulan.

Itu seorang doktor yang terdidik dengan cara hidup sihat. Bayangkan orang lain.

Tapi di Jepun, memang sudah diketahui budaya bunuh diri dalam kalangan rakyatnya. Kerja juga kehidupan mereka. Mereka yang tertekan disebabkan oleh kerja mungkin boleh membunuh diri. Tapi jarang-jarang kita dengar orang Malaysia membunuh diri disebabkan oleh kerja.

Walaupun tidak membunuh diri, tetapi penyakit jantung dan strok sudah menjadi cerita biasa untuk orang kita. Malangnya, kita jarang mengklasifikasikannya sebagai penyakit berkaitan kerja.

Akhirnya kita lebih menyalahkan gaya hidup individu sebagai tidak menjaga kesihatan. Majikan dan kerja tak pernah dipersalahkan.

Terbaharu, negara kita heboh dengan satu dapatan kajian yang menunjukkan bahawa Malaysia sebagai negara kedua terburuk dalam keseimbangan kerja dan kehidupan.

Walaupun kajian yang dilakukan ini boleh diperdebatkan, tetapi ia beri kita isyarat bahawa pekerja di Malaysia sedang berdepan dengan krisis kerja dan kehidupan. Sama ada ia teruk atau kita

sendiri lebih mengetahui.

Lihat sahajalah berapa kali kita bercakap tentang jalan sesak untuk ke tempat kerja setiap hari? Berapa banyak pula masa kita merungut untuk berkejaran menghantar anak pergi dan pulang ke sekolah atau tadika.

Walaupun teruk bekerja, bukannya kita juga merungut gaji tidak mencukupi. Semua ini boleh membayangkan tentang kita sendiri.

Di masa dahulu, jarang kita bercakap keseimbangan kerja dan kehidupan. Orang tua kita yang tinggal di kampung, hanya bekerja di bendang atau kebun.

Mereka tak perlu sibuk berkejaran mengejar *deadline* seperti kita. Mereka juga boleh membawa bersama anak-anak dan menunggu di petak sawah, atau bersama mengutip susu getah. Jadi kerja adalah kehidupan mereka, dan kehidupan itu sendiri ialah pekerjaan mereka.

Sebenarnya untuk melihat keseimbangan antara kerja dan kehidupan, kita tak sangat memerlukan kajian saintifik. Jika kita melihat pada jam 6.30 pagi jalan raya sudah mula sesak dengan kenderaan, dan malamnya jalan raya juga masih sesak berbondong-bondong orang berebut untuk pulang, itu tandanya kita telah melebihi ker-

ja berbanding rumah.

Dalam dunia hari ini, kerja boleh diarahkan dan dilakukan dengan menggunakan WhatsApp, Zoom dan e-mel. Setelah pulang ke rumah pun, adakalanya kerja masih perlu diselesaikan. Dan biasanya ia tak berbayar kerana dalam kebanyakan sistem penggajian, kita hanya dibayar apabila bekerja di pejabat atau berada di tempat kerja.

Akhirnya kerana kita melebihi pekerjaan, keluarga biasanya menjadi mangsa. Ada anak yang mungkin mengenal pengasuh lebih banyak daripada ibu bapanya sendiri.

Kita juga mungkin tak begitu sempat melihat kerja sekolah anak-anak kerana kita juga sibuk dengan kerja yang tak pernah selesai.

Tapi kita semua kian berusia. Kita mungkin kehilangan saat indah melihat anak membesar. Tatkala kita terlanjar sakit, anak-anak kita juga sibuk dengan pekerjaannya.

Waktu itu kita mungkin sudah terlewat untuk memahami makna keseimbangan kerja dan kehidupan.

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Jimat kos elektrik hingga 50 peratus

Sektor industri di Malaysia disaran guna tenaga solar

Oleh NURHIDAYAH HAIROM
SHAH ALAM

Sudah tiba masanya sektor perindustrian di negara ini mengambil langkah serius dengan melabur dalam penggunaan tenaga solar yang mampu menjimatkan kos elektrik yang signifikan dalam jangka masa panjang, seterusnya sebagai langkah mengawal peningkatan harga barangan.

Pengarah Institut Penyelidikan Solar Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM),

Profesor Ir Dr Nofri Yenita Dahlan berkata, setelah kos pemasangan sistem solar diambil kira, industri boleh menikmati bil elektrik lebih rendah atau hampir sifar, yang seterusnya mengurangkan kos operasi secara menyeluruh.

Bagaimanapun katanya, pengurangan kos elektrik bergantung kepada beberapa faktor, termasuk saiz sistem tenaga solar, kadar penggunaan tenaga dan tarif elektrik yang dikenakan oleh syarikat utiliti kuasa.

"Industri yang menggunakan tenaga solar boleh jimat 20 hingga 50 peratus daripada bil elektrik mereka.

"Pengurangan kos elektrik ini boleh terhasil daripada penjimatan penggunaan tenaga elektrik dari grid, penjimatan kehendak maksimum caj ketika beban puncak, penjimatan daripada jualan tenaga solar berlebihan ke grid melalui NEM (Net Energy Metering) kredit yang diperoleh di dalam bil dan penjimatan dari pengurangan tenaga daripada grid yang tidak dikenakan surcaj Pelepasan Kos Tidak Berimbang (ICPT).

"Penggunaan tenaga solar boleh

digabungkan dengan sistem pengukuran tenaga pintar dan teknologi kecerdasan buatan (AI), yang membolehkan pemantauan dan pengawasan penggunaan tenaga boleh dilakukan secara *real-time* dan optimum. Ini boleh meningkatkan kecukupan tenaga dan mengurangkan pembaziran," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* pada Isnin.

Pada masa sama, Nofri Yenita berkata, pihak industri juga wajar memanfaatkan pelbagai insentif dan program sokongan disediakan oleh kerajaan yang boleh membantu mengurangkan kos pemasangan awal, mengurangkan bil elektrik dan mempercepatkan pulangan pelaburan.

Jelas beliau, dengan teknologi tenaga solar yang semakin efisien dan kos pemasangan semakin rendah, pulangan pelaburan dapat dicapai dalam masa beberapa tahun bergantung kepada sejauh mana industri tersebut dapat menghasilkan tenaga solar dan penggunaannya secara langsung.

"Kos pemasangan sistem tenaga solar boleh berbeza-beza bergantung kepada beberapa faktor, termasuk skala sistem, jenis teknologi panel solar dan

sistem yang digunakan selain lokasi pemasangan.

"Untuk sistem tenaga solar berskala komersial dan industri, kos purata pemasangan adalah antara RM 3,000 hingga RM 5,000 per kWp (*kilowatt peak*). Sistem yang lebih besar biasanya mempunyai kos per kWp yang lebih rendah," katanya.

Tambah beliau, pelaburan dalam tenaga solar bukan sahaja mengurangkan kos operasi tetapi juga meningkatkan daya saing dan kelestarian industri.

"Ini bukan sahaja mengurangkan jejak karbon tetapi juga meningkatkan imej syarikat di mata pelanggan dan pelabur yang semakin prihatin terhadap isu-isu alam sekitar.

"Dengan sokongan kerajaan dan teknologi pintar yang ada, industri di Malaysia mempunyai peluang besar untuk memanfaatkan tenaga solar sebagai sumber tenaga utama mereka," katanya.

Muka depan *Sinar Harian* pada Isnin melaporkan peniaga dan pengilang berkemungkinan tidak mampu untuk menurunkan harga barangan semata-mata disebabkan oleh penurunan tarif elektrik kerana masih menanggung banyak perbelanjaan lain dan kos bahan mentah yang tinggi.



NOFRI YENITA

INFO INSENTIF DAN PROGRAM SOKONGAN PEMASANGAN SISTEM SOLAR:

- **Net Energy Metering (NEM) Skim:** Konsep NEM ialah tenaga yang dihasilkan dari pemasangan solar PV akan digunakan dahulu oleh pengguna elektrik, dan lebihan akan dijual kepada syarikat utiliti kuasa dan dikreditkan di dalam bil.
- **Pembiayaan hijau:** Pinjaman berfaedah rendah atau jaminan pinjaman melalui bank milik kerajaan atau skim pembiayaan hijau seperti *Green Technology Financing Scheme* (GTFS).
- **Insentif cukai:** Terdapat insentif cukai untuk pemasangan sistem tenaga solar, yang boleh mengurangkan kos pemasangan keseluruhan.

la susulan pengumuman bahawa tarif elektrik komersial dan industri mengalami penurunan kadar surcaj sebanyak 1 sen per kilowatt sejam (kWj) bermula 1 Julai sehingga 31 Disember ini.



Laporan muka depan *Sinar Harian*.

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Jakoa pastikan tiada Orang Asli tercicir subsidi diesel

SHAH ALAM - Jabatan Kemajuan Orang Asli (Jakoa) menyusun semula proses permohonan subsidi bahan api diesel melalui bantuan Pegawai Kemajuan Orang Asli Daerah (PKOAD) bagi mengelakkan keciciran dalam kalangan Orang Asli yang layak.

Jakoa dalam satu kenyataan pada Isnin memaklumkan, Program Bantuan Subsidi Madani (Budi Madani) akan membantu meringankan beban kos bahan api yang ditanggung oleh masya-

rakat Orang Asli dalam menjalankan aktiviti harian dan ekonomi mereka.

Menurutnya, ia turut meliputi mereka yang tidak termasuk dalam kategori Budi Agri-Komoditi dan Budi Individu.

"Jakoa menyambut baik pengumuman pelaksanaan Budi Madani. Bagi memastikan tidak berlaku ketirisan, pihak Jakoa akan memperkemas proses permohonan melalui bantuan PKOAD untuk turun padang," menurut kenyataan itu.

Mengulas lanjut, Jakoa memaklumkan bahawa bantuan subsidi bahan api diesel kepada masyarakat Orang Asli akan disalurkan bermula 30 Jun 2024 berdasarkan permohonan mereka.

Mengambil kira kekangan dan rintangan masyarakat Orang Asli yang tinggal jauh di pedalaman, Jakoa akan memperhalusi mekanisme pembayaran bantuan serta menjadi agensi pemudah cara supaya proses tersebut dapat dilaksanakan dengan lancar.

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Kerajaan disaran kurangkan subsidi RON95 berperingkat

SHAH ALAM - Pakar ekonomi menyarankan kerajaan supaya melaksanakan pengurangan subsidi petrol RON95 secara berperingkat dan bukannya drastik.

Pro Naib Canselor Universiti Kolej Icats Kuching, Prof Datuk Dr Shazali Abu Mansor berkata, pengurangan subsidi RON95 secara drastik bukan sahaja membebaskan rakyat malah memberikan kesan negatif kepada ekonomi negara.

Bagaimanapun katanya, pengurangan itu wajar ditangguhkan sementara waktu sehingga sentimen dan keadaan kembali normal susulan kejutan penarikan subsidi diesel secara drastik.

"Kalau mahu tarik subsidi RON95 jangan tarik terus kepada harga pasaran, buat sikit-sikit. Sekarang belum sesuai, rakyat pun masih tidak stabil dan belum bersedia dengan kenaikan harga diesel

selepas kerajaan tarik subsidi," ujarnya.

Sementara itu, pakar ekonomi dan kewangan dari UNIKL Business School, Profesor Madya Dr Aimi Zulhazmi Abdul Rashid berpendapat, penstrukturan semula pembahagian subsidi adalah langkah penting untuk memperbaiki kewangan negara iaitu dalam usaha mengurangkan hutang kerajaan dan defisit perbelanjaan tahunan negara.

Jelas beliau, data yang diberikan oleh rakyat melalui sistem Pangkalan Data Utama (PADU) seharusnya boleh memberikan cadangan jumlah yang sesuai mengikut pendapatan bersih setiap isi rumah dan bukan hanya secara purata seperti diesel.

"Di sinilah kebijaksanaan kerajaan diperlukan untuk memberikan bantuan yang tepat demi kebajikan rakyat," katanya.

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Akibat gagalnya integriti kita



VANGUARD

MUHAMMAD FUAD MAT NOOR

Dalam satu penulisan kolumnis jemputan Iaman Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) pada Jun lalu, Penolong Setiausaha Unit Integriti Kementerian Kewangan Malaysia memberikan pencerahan terbaik berkaitan 'penyakit kronik' yang sekian lama merebak menjadi kanser dan lebih sedih menjadi satu 'budaya' di negara ini.

Apa yang menjadi tanda tanya ialah apakah kolum-kolum sedemikian mendapat tempat untuk ditatap dan dicerna dengan serius oleh golongan profesional, pihak pengurusan kerajaan dan korporat serta rakyat marhaen. Lebih membimbangkan bagi sebahagian besar rakyat negara ini, perkataan integriti dan tatakelola hanyalah sesuatu yang kerap dilaungkan orang-orang politik, dibaca oleh pemberita stesen televisyen atau terpampang di dada-dada akhbar.

Ini adalah sesuatu perlu diberi perhatian serius kerana jika tidak, nasib rakyat dan masa hadapan negara akan menjadi

bertambah gelap dengan kegagalan pelbagai program dan projek kerajaan mengakibatkan hutang terus berganda akibat ketirisan di pelbagai sektor. Lebih menyedihkan, status atau hak yang dijamin perlembagaan berkaitan warga khususnya bangsa Melayu turut terjejas teruk akibat perbuatan tidak berintegriti dan tatakelola yang hanya mementingkan poket sendiri, saudara-mara dan juga kroni.

Menurut artikel tersebut, integriti dan tatakelola merupakan asas penting dalam memastikan kestabilan dan kemakmuran masyarakat, selain membentuk landasan kukuh untuk pembangunan berkesan dan mampan, seterusnya manfaat kepada setiap individu serta keseluruhan komuniti.

Integriti merujuk kepada kejujuran diri dan amalan moral yang konsisten. Ini sesuatu yang dilihat sukar diamalkan pelbagai pihak, baik awam mahupun korporat akibat kerap dikaburi oleh fahaman dan budaya politik yang memejamkan mata dan memekakkan telinga terhadap salah laku 'geng' sendiri.

Dalam konteks tatakelola, ia kritikal kerana bakal menjurus kepada pengurusan berkesan dan bertanggungjawab. Ia merangkumi proses, struktur dan amalan yang memastikan keadilan, ketelusan dan keberkesanan. Dari sudut kerajaan, baik di peringkat negara, negeri, daerah, malah majlis perbandaran, tatakelola yang baik merujuk kepada cara dan kaedah kerajaan

menjalankan fungsi urusan awam termasuk proses pembuatan keputusan dan pengurusan sumber.

Apabila membincangkan kedua-dua faktor iaitu integriti dan tatakelola, tentunya salah satu sektor yang paling terkesan ialah pertahanan. Sektor tersebut banyak melibatkan kerjasama antara pihak kerajaan dan juga swasta.

Suatu masa dahulu urusan pembangunan, perolehan dan pembelian sistem pertahanan negara ini adalah aktiviti kerajaan atau khususnya pihak Angkatan Tentera Malaysia (ATM). Namun sejak tahun 1990-an, ia tidak lagi bersifat sedemikian.

Contoh terbaik ialah Limbungan Tentera Laut Diraja Malaysia yang dikenali sebagai Royal Malaysian Navy Dockyard. Ia bagaimanapun bertukar menjadi entiti korporat pada 1991 dan mengambil nama PSC Naval Dockyard Sdn Bhd dengan harapan mengguna bakal menjadi entiti limbungan platform pertahanan maritim terulung negara.

Pada awal Ogos 2005, ia diambil alih dan diberi nama Boustead Naval Shipyard Sdn Bhd, manakala pada Januari tahun ini, sekali lagi ia bertukar tangan dan bernama kepada Lumut Naval Shipyard Sdn Bhd atau LUNAS.

Uniknya, LUNAS merupakan entiti sepenuhnya milik Kementerian Kewangan. Ini bermakna, akhirnya setelah 33 ta-

hun melalui pelbagai proses penjenamaan, eksperimen dan percubaan penambahbaikan ia kembali semula ke pangkuan kerajaan.

Perkara ini seakan membuktikan kegagalan serius pelbagai pihak terlibat terutama dalam pengurusan sehinggakan entiti limbungan yang telah diswastakan ini akhirnya terpaksa mengangkat tangan menyerah agar ia kembali diambil alih kerajaan seperti sebelum tahun 1991. Tentunya kegagalan yang dimaksudkan telah dan bakal menelan belanja bukan sedikit perlu ditanggung kerajaan dan rakyat marhaen.

Lebih menyedihkan saban hari SPRM mendedahkan bagaimana golongan tidak berintegriti dan mengabaikan tatakelola ini telah mengaut keuntungan dan menjalani kehidupan mewah melampau daripada hasil aktiviti tidak bermoral mereka.

Mungkin masanya telah tiba untuk kita mengkaji jenis hukuman lebih setimpal terhadap golongan sedemikian.

China dan Vietnam umpamanya adalah negara yang telah meletakkan hukuman mati kepada perasuah kes berprofil tinggi melibatkan kepentingan negara dan rakyat.

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Graduan perlu tonjol keunikan kepakaran pikat hati majikan



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Aspirasi sesebuah universiti adalah untuk melahirkan graduan berkualiti menyumbang kepada pembangunan negara dalam pelbagai sektor. Graduan berkualiti adalah mereka yang berpengetahuan luas, mahir dalam penggunaan peralatan moden dan mempunyai kemahiran insaniah tinggi.

Kualiti seseorang graduan perlu diukur dan diketahui supaya menjadi asas kepada tindakan pemerkasaan selanjutnya. Secara amnya terdapat beberapa instrumen boleh digunakan untuk menilai kesediaan graduan memasuki alam pekerjaan.

Statistik Kebolehpasaran/Kebolehgajian dan Gaji Permulaan Minimum (GPM) adalah kayu ukur untuk menilai keberkesanan universiti dalam menghasilkan graduan memenuhi cita rasa bakal majikan. Bagaimanapun sehingga hari ini universiti masih melakukan usaha berterusan dalam mencari ramuan terbaik menghasilkan graduan bercirikan 'minda kelas pertama'.

Corak pengurusan sesebuah program juga memainkan peranan penting dalam membentuk ciri graduan bakal dilahirkan. Ini digambarkan melalui sistem pengurusan akademik diamalkan di setiap universiti. Graduan perlu menonjolkan keunikan kepakaran bidang mereka sebagai nilai tambah untuk dipilih sebagai pekerja.

Di samping itu, graduan perlu mengambil peluang memperkayakan pengetahuan dengan sumber terbuka menerusi program latihan dalam ta-

lian. Mereka boleh memperoleh sijil kemahiran melalui pembelajaran dalam talian ditawarkan organisasi dalam dan luar negara.

Pelbagai inisiatif ditawarkan dalam meningkatkan kemahiran graduan, sama ada dianjurkan universiti, industri, institusi latihan, kerajaan atau pihak berkepentingan lain. Secara umumnya, terdapat tiga faktor yang menyumbang kepada kebolehpasaran dan kebolehgajian tinggi.

● Usaha membentuk daya saing.

Usaha membentuk pelajar berdaya saing dapat dicapai menerusi struktur kurikulum dinamik dan berhala tuju, penilaian berkeboleharapan dan reflektif, suasana pengajian kondusif berserta aktiviti merangsang pembangunan diri khususnya kemahiran insaniah.

Pengukuhan jati diri graduan

Melalui usaha ini, persepsi bakal majikan atau industri dapat diubah terhadap kualiti graduan dilahirkan. Meningkatkan kebolehan graduan secara dalaman menerusi pengukuhan jati diri melalui suasana pembelajaran kondusif.

Antara usaha perlu dilakukan antaranya melahirkan pelajar cemerlang akademik, pencapaian Purata Nilai Gred Kumulatif (PNGK) yang baik, aktif dalam pelbagai lapangan ilmu, bersedia menyalurkan tugas lebih mencabar, mampu menyelesaikan permasalahan, persediaan tempat dan program terbaik, pemerkasaan nilai diri idaman industri dan banyak lagi.

Prasarana lengkap dan kondusif juga memainkan peranan bentuk dalam membentuk graduan holistik dan kompetitif. Ia merangkumi prasarana pembelajaran meliputi bilik kuliah, makmal, studio dan

lain-lain yang menyokong aktiviti pembelajaran.

Makmal Pengajaran Industri antara prasarana boleh ditumpukan kerana kewujudan prasarana ini membolehkan kepakaran, peralatan dan kemudahan daripada industri di bawa masuk ke universiti.

● Instrumen kebolehpasaran

Strategi ini bertujuan menjadikan graduan sesebuah universiti unik dan nampak berbeza menerusi pengenalan komponen menyerlah mereka. Ia penting untuk menambah nilai graduan atau disebut sebagai pakej pelajar.

Instrumen kebolehpasaran juga penilaian kepada kebolehan pelajar diperoleh daripada aktiviti luar akademik yang mampu meningkatkan kebolehpasaran mereka.

Di antara aktiviti terbabit adalah sijil profesional, portfolio akademik pelajar, diploma pelengkap, ciri keusahawanan, program dwi-ijazah, pengalaman berada di industri, fasih pelbagai bahasa, mengikuti pertandingan, program mobiliti, fasih berbicara, pembangunan sahsiah, penampilan, anugerah pencapaian kokurikulum dan anugerah kecemerlangan.

● Pemangkin kebolehgajian

Pemangkin kebolehgajian adalah usaha dan sokongan universiti mendekatkan industri dengan pelajar. Strategi proaktif ini termasuk menawarkan pengajian sarjana bagi calon layak, kolaborasi berstrategik dengan industri, pesta kerjaya dan minggu khas industri bersama pelajar.

Tiga faktor ini dapat dicapai melalui pelaksanaan sistem pengurusan akademik mantap. Ia boleh dijadikan model teladan bagi sistem pengurusan akademik setiap universiti yang diketahui pelbagai dan ia biasa dibangunkan secara unik mengikut acuan masing-masing.

BERITA HARIAN

Tarikh...D. 2 JUL 2024.....

Peraturan lebih ketat babit vape berkuat kuasa Ogos

KKM berusaha pastikan Jabatan Peguam Negara luluskan Akta 852

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Kuala Lumpur: Selepas beberapa kali tertangguh, Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, berkata peraturan lebih ketat berhubung vape akan berkuat kuasa mulai bulan depan.

Dalam jawapan kepada komen pengguna di X semalam, beliau berkata, pihaknya sedang melakukan yang terbaik untuk memastikan Akta Kawalan Produk Merokok Demi Kesihatan Awam

Persatuan Farmasi kecewa Akta 852 belum dikuat kuasa



Keratan akhbar BH, semalam.

2024 (Akta 852) & Perintah 2b diluluskan Jabatan Peguam Negara (AGC).

Antara peraturan termaktub bawah akta itu ialah berkaitan pendaftaran, penjualan, pembungkusan dan pelabelan serta satu perintah berkaitan larangan merokok di tempat awam.

Katanya, semua peraturan dan perintah berkenaan akan dikuatkuasakan serentak dengan Akta 852, termasuk rokok elektronik.

"Tiga peraturan sudah diluluskan oleh AGC dengan dua lagi peraturan dan satu perintah tambahan kini dalam proses kelulusan."

"Peraturan dan perintah akan dikuatkuasakan bersama dengan Akta 852 pada Ogos, apabila semuanya berada dalam keadaan teratur. Insya-Allah, dengan izin Tuhan, tiada lagi kelewatan," katanya dalam benang hantaran itu.

Tiga peraturan sudah diluluskan oleh AGC dengan dua lagi peraturan dan satu perintah tambahan kini dalam proses kelulusan

Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad,
Menteri Kesihatan

Beliau mengulas mengenai kenyataan beberapa pihak yang mempersoalkan kelewatan penguatkuasaan Akta 852 yang masih tertangguh pelaksanaannya, termasuk daripada pihak Persatuan Farmasi Malaysia (MPS).

Persoal halangan sebenar

Semalam, Presiden MPS, Amrahi Buang, dilaporkan berkata penguatkuasaan akta terbabit

sepatutnya bermula awal Jun, tetapi hingga kini belum dilaksanakan kerajaan.

Justeru, Amrahi mempersoalkan, apakah halangan sebenar penguatkuasaan akta terbabit, yang didakwa masih 'tersangkut' di pejabat Penasihat Undang-Undang (PUU) KKM.

Dalam pada itu, Dr Dzulkefly berkata, beliau memahami keresahan pelbagai pihak berhubung kelewatan pelaksanaan penguatkuasaan Akta 852 terbabit.

"Saya benar-benar memahami keresahan (orang ramai) disebabkan kelewatan dalam pelaksanaan Akta 852 ini."

"Saya memohon empati anda bahawa KKM sedang berusaha sebaik mungkin untuk mendapatkan pengesahan AGC berhubung kelulusan peraturan dan perintah ini," katanya.



BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh...0.2 JUL 2024

La Nina: NADMA siap sedia hadapi kemungkinan banjir Julai - Oktober

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PETALING JAYA: Agensi Pengurusan Bencana Negara (NADMA) sentiasa bersedia menghadapi kemungkinan banjir berikutan fenomena La Nina yang dijangka bermula Julai sehingga Oktober ini.

Presiden NADMA, Datuk Khairul Shahril Idrus berkata, Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (MetMalaysia) dan Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) sentiasa memantau situasi cuaca semasa dan mengeluarkan amaran awal jika diperlukan.

Katanya, kedua-dua agensi sentiasa mengeluarkan amaran berkaitan kemungkinan banjir di sesuatu tempat berdasarkan pemantauan mereka dan NADMA akan memaklumkan kepada agensi-agensi kerajaan, jawatankuasa pengurusan bencana negeri dan daerah dan juga badan bukan kerajaan untuk



Banjir-banjir yang berlaku telah dikendalikan dengan baik di peringkat daerah tanpa penglibatan langsung NADMA dan ini menunjukkan kesiapsagaan orang ramai di peringkat tempatan.”

persediaan menghadapi kemungkinan banjir.

“Setakat ini, banjir-banjir yang berlaku dikendalikan dengan baik di peringkat daerah tanpa penglibatan langsung NADMA dan ini menunjukkan kesiapsagaan orang ramai di peringkat tempatan,” katanya ketika dihubungi *Utusan Malaysia*.

Sebelum ini, media melaporkan Malaysia bakal menyaksikan taburan hujan tinggi dan

cuaa lembap ekoran fenomena La Nina yang dijangka bermula Julai sehingga Oktober ini.

Felo Akademi Sains Malaysia, Dr. Fredolin Tangang berkata, suhu permukaan laut ketika ini memaparkan tren penurunan sekali gus konsisten menunjukkan keadaan di Lautan Pasifik mula bertukar kepada fasa sejuk.

Mengulas lanjut, Khairul Shahril berkata, jawatankuasa pengurusan bencana negeri sen-

tiasa diperkasa dengan peruntukan awal dan latihan-latihan yang berkaitan untuk memastikan kesiapsiagaan mereka dan latihan ini termasuk simulasi banjir dan latihan kecemasan yang melibatkan pelbagai pihak untuk memastikan semua pihak tahu tanggungjawab mereka semasa kejadian banjir.

Katanya, kerjasama antara pelbagai agensi adalah penting dalam memastikan keberkesanan pengurusan bencana banjir dan NADMA memastikan semua agensi berkaitan bersedia dengan mengadakan mesyuarat berkala dan simulasi kecemasan.

“Ini termasuklah memastikan bekalan makanan, perubatan, dan tempat perlindungan sementara adalah mencukupi untuk menampung mangsa banjir,” kata beliau.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA
Tarikh: ...02 JUL 2024

Penyasaran RON95 dijangka dilaksanakan suku kedua 2025

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KUALA LUMPUR: Kerajaan dijangka melaksanakan penyasaran RON95 pada suku tahun kedua 2025.

Penyasaran bahan api RON95 dilihat akan memberi kesan negatif kepada negara sekiranya kerajaan melakukannya tergesa-gesa dan dibuat tanpa kajian impak menyeluruh.

Pakar-pakar ekonomi berpandangan, pendekatan yang diambil dalam penyasaran diesel tidak sesuai digunakan untuk RON95 kerana diesel kebanyakannya digunakan pengguna komersial berbanding RON95 oleh 20 juta warganegara terutama B40 dan M40.

Penganalisis ekonomi, Profesor Dr. Barjoyai Bardai berkata, penyasaran RON95 memerlukan masa, iaitu kerajaan perlu terlebih dahulu membuktikan bahawa penyasaran diesel tidak menjejaskan inflasi dan harga pasaran.



PENYASARAN petrol RON95 dilihat boleh memberi kesan negatif kepada negara sekiranya kerajaan melakukannya secara tergesa-gesa tanpa kajian impak menyeluruh.

"Kaedah nak memberi subsidi RON95 dan menentukan siapa yang layak adalah satu perkara yang rumit, ia memerlukan data Pangkalan Data Utama (PADU) sempurna dan lengkap terlebih dahulu," katanya ketika

dihubungi *Utusan Malaysia*.

Beliau menjelaskan, penyasaran RON95 memang perlu dilakukan kerana aktiviti salah guna petrol itu masih berleluasa.

Bagaimanapun, beliau menegaskan, kerajaan tidak boleh

melakukannya secara terburu-buru supaya majoriti rakyat tidak akan terjejas.

"Dalam kes petrol, kesan daripada penyasaran akan lebih nyata dan besar, sebab itu ia memerlukan satu kaedah atau mekanisme yang rapi jika kita mahu mengelak kesan ke atas inflasi, kos sara hidup serta kesejahteraan rakyat," katanya.

Terdahulu, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim memaklumkan kerajaan masih belum memutuskan tempoh untuk melaksanakan penyasaran RON95 walaupun Menteri Ekonomi, Rafizi Ramli berkata, kerajaan tidak akan melakukan pengumuman awal seperti mana diesel.

Rafizi sebelum ini berkata, kerajaan akan menggunakan strategi sama, iaitu dengan tidak membuat makluman awal kepada umum berkenaan sebarang keputusan berkaitan penyelarasan subsidi RON95.

Dalam pada itu, Pengarah Program MBA, Putra Business School, Profesor Madya Dr. Ahmed Raz-

man Abdul Latif berkata, kerajaan perlu memastikan PADU dilengkapi oleh seluruh rakyat untuk mengelak berlaku keciciran.

Malah, kata beliau, kerajaan juga perlu menawarkan alternatif kepada pengguna kenderaan persendirian, iaitu meningkatkan akses pengangkutan awam supaya mereka tidak terlalu terkesan dengan penyasaran RON95.

Katanya, kerajaan juga perlu meningkatkan jaringan sosial seperti menaikkan gaji pekerja tempatan.

"Kalau semua ini sudah tercapai, iaitu pendapatan rakyat sudah meningkat dan majoriti lebih memilih untuk menaiki pengangkutan awam, barulah saya rasa kerajaan boleh lakukan penyasaran RON95 sebab rakyat dan negara sudah bersedia.

"Saya menjangkakan majoriti rakyat Malaysia akan menerima bantuan tunai untuk RON95 selepas kerajaan melakukan penyasaran iaitu merangkumi mereka dari kumpulan B40 dan M40," ujarnya.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA

Tarikh: 02 JUL 2024

Lakukan program pencegahan dadah dengan lebih luas

PETALING JAYA: Kerajaan disaran melakukan program-program pencegahan dadah dengan secara meluas dalam mengurangkan penyalahgunaan bahan terlarang itu di negara ini.

Sehubungan itu, tindakan kerajaan meminda Akta Penagih Dadah (Rawatan dan Pemulihan) 1983 dalam menukar gelaran penagih atau penyalahgunaan dadah kepada pesakit adalah untuk mengurangkan jumlah penagih di dalam penjara.

Setiasaha Agung Majlis Penyalahgunaan Bahan Malaysia (MASAC), Raja Azizan Suhaime berkata, dianggarkan 800,000 penagih dadah dipercayai terlibat dengan kes penyalahgunaan bahan terlarang itu, tahun lalu.

Katanya, isu dadah adalah masalah yang sangat kompleks dan ia tidak mampu diselesaikan dengan satu kaedah sahaja.

"Model i-Pulih Agensi Anti Dadah Kebangsaan (AADK) tidak boleh digunakan untuk semua penagih dadah dan itu menyebabkan sehingga sekarang masih gagal untuk mengurangkan ketagihan kepada

dadah.

"Seorang penagih dadah dimasukkan ke dalam pusat pemulihan hampir empat kali setelah mendapatkan modul pemulihan yang sesuai untuk dirinya.

"Program-program pencegahan juga perlu dilakukan dengan lebih meluas dalam mengurangkan penagih dadah," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Semalam akhbar ini melaporkan, tiada lagi gelaran penagih dadah jika pindaan Akta Penagih Dadah (Rawatan dan Pemulihan) 1983 yang bakal dibentangkan di Parlimen sebelum 18 Julai ini mendapat sokongan majoriti.

Menteri Dalam Negeri, Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail berkata, penagih atau penyalahgunaan dadah akan diklasifikasikan sebagai pesakit selepas pindaan diluluskan.

"Kami (Kementerian Dalam Negeri atau KDN) telah menyelesaikan semua aturan untuk pindaan itu. Cadangan pindaan tersebut sebenarnya melibatkan proses libat urus yang lama dengan semua pemegang taruh dan semua agensi di bawah ke-

menterian (KDN).

"Kemudian, kita bentangkan kepada jemaah menteri sebelum diberikan kelulusan. Dalam hal ini, Jabatan Peguam Negara juga telah memberikan kelulusan," katanya.

Raja Azizan menambah, akta yang mahu dipinda ini perlu dibaiki kerana terdapat kelonggaran walaupun fokus utama pindaan adalah untuk mengurangkan kemasukan penagih dadah ke dalam penjara.

"Apabila mahu mengubah Akta Penagih Dadah (Rawatan dan Pemulihan) 1983, perlu diubah juga Akta Dadah Berbahaya 1952. Sebagai contoh, Seksyen 15(1) yang terpaksa digunakan bagi kes-kes yang sudah kacau ketenteraman awam.

"Akta yang mahu dipinda ini perlu dilakukan dengan teliti bagi mencapai matlamat penyahjenayahan dengan baik.

"Elemen penyahjenayahan adalah untuk menyalahjenayah kepada pengguna dadah. Namun, matlamatnya bukan sahaja tidak mahu dihantarkan ke penjara malah diberikan rawatan mengikut keparahan kerana terdapat banyak kategori pengguna dadah," ujarnya.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA
Tarikh: 02 JUL 2024

Bayaran caj cetak VOC turun kepada RM20 ^{um} 7/7

PUTRAJAYA: Bayaran untuk mencetak Sijil Pemilikan Kenderaan (VOC) di Semenanjung, Sabah dan Labuan diturunkan kepada RM20 manakala di Sarawak dikekalkan berkuat kuasa semalam.

Menteri Pengangkutan, Anthony Loke berkata, penyelarasan ini bertujuan merapatkan perbezaan bayaran antara Semenanjung, Sabah dan Sarawak.

Menurutnya, kekerapan pemeriksaan berkala untuk kenderaan sekolah memandu pula akan diturunkan dari setiap enam bulan kepada setiap tahun bagi kenderaan berusia bawah 10 tahun dan dikecualikan bagi kenderaan berusia bawah tiga tahun.

"Kekerapan pemeriksaan berkala untuk kenderaan sekolah memandu yang melebihi 10 tahun adalah setiap enam bulan.

"Dasar ini akan menggalakkan sekolah memandu untuk menyediakan kenderaan yang lebih baharu untuk calon-calon mereka," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata, permohonan Peraturan Permit Kemasukan Kenderaan (VEP) asing melonjak kepada 23,649 bagi tempoh antara 28 Mei hingga 29 Jun lalu, melebihi jumlah keseluruhan pada tahun lalu iaitu



Kekerapan pemeriksaan berkala untuk kenderaan sekolah memandu yang melebihi 10 tahun adalah setiap enam bulan."

15,424 permohonan.

Menurutnya, sebanyak 6,120 tag VEP dikeluarkan kepada pemohon manakala 1,080 tag VEP telah diaktifkan.

Katanya, pihaknya juga menambah baik sistem dan proses pendaftaran VEP yang mula dilaksanakan dalam portal VEP mulai Jumaat lalu yang akan meminimumkan keperluan untuk berurusan secara e-mel atau di kaunter.

"Turut dilaksanakan ialah pembaharuan VEP boleh dibuat secara dalam talian tanpa perlu menunggu tag VEP sedia ada tamat tempoh dan notifikasi akan dihantar kepada pemilik kenderaan 60 hari, 30 hari dan 10 hari sebelum tamat tarikh tempoh VEP," katanya.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA

Tarikh: ...0.2 JUL 2024

Pengekalan tarif elektrik tidak jejakkan operasi TNB

PENCAWANG
Tenaga Nasional
Bhd. (TNB) di
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PETALING JAYA: Operasi perniagaan Tenaga Nasional Bhd. (TNB) tidak akan terjejas susulan keputusan Kementerian Peralihan Tenaga dan Transformasi Air (Petra) mengekalkan tarif elektrik sehingga akhir tahun ini.

TNB dalam makluman kepada Bursa Malaysia berkata, kumpulan memahami keputusan tersebut dibuat bagi menangani kos penjanaan tambahan.

Menurutnya, hal ini berikutan kenaikan harga bahan api digunakan bagi bekalan elektrik dalam tempoh 1 Januari hingga 30 Jun 2024.

"TNB ingin memaklumkan kesan pelaksanaan Ketidakseimbangan Pelepasan Kos Bahan Api (ICPT) adalah neutral dan tidak akan memberi kesan kepada operasi perniagaan dan kedudukan kewangan kumpulan.

"Sehingga kini, kerajaan telah berjaya melaksanakan 20 kitaran ICPT sejak pengenalan mekanisme itu pada 2015" katanya dalam kenyataan.

Sabtu lalu, Petra mengumumkan pelaksanaan ICPT akan diteruskan bagi tempoh

Julai hingga Disember tahun ini.

Kementerian tersebut turut mengumumkan pengguna komersial dan industri akan mendapat pengurangan kadar ICPT sebanyak satu sen kilowatt per jam (KWj) sehingga akhir tempoh tersebut.

Penurunan kadar surcaj ICPT kepada kategori ini diharap dapat terus mengekalkan kestabilan harga barangan di pasaran di samping menggalakkan pelaburan di Malaysia, seterusnya meningkatkan peluang pekerjaan kepada rakyat dan merancakkan ekonomi negara.

Dalam pada itu, Petra memaklumkan surcaj yang lebih rendah, sebanyak satu sen/kWj, bagi kategori lampu jalan (tarif G dan G1) di bawah seliaan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) bagi tempoh yang sama.

Langkah itu bagi membolehkan PBT menyediakan perkhidmatan pencahayaan menyeluruh di kawasan awam seperti lampu jalan, taman perumahan dan kawasan rekreasi.

Menurut kementerian, jumlah subsidi elektrik yang disasarkan bagi tempoh Julai hingga Disember 2024 adalah sebanyak RM2.192 bilion.



UTUSAN MALAYSIA
Tarikh: 02 JUL 2024

Nga: Govt to set up 18 waste-to-energy plants

THE Housing and Local Government Ministry plans to modernise the country's solid waste management by setting up 18 waste-to-energy (WTE) plants by 2040.

Its minister, Nga Kor Ming, told the Dewan Rakyat that the WTE plants can generate up to 600 megawatts of renewable energy.

The initiative, he added, aimed to achieve the targeted 70 per cent renewable energy capacity and reduce carbon emissions by 45 per cent, as outlined in the National Energy Transition Roadmap 2050.

"The WTE concept is used worldwide because it is effective in treating and reducing solid waste sent to disposal sites by up to 85 per cent," he said yesterday.

Compared with landfills, Nga

said, WTE plants did not require huge parcels of land, or produced leachate, odour or methane that would impact public health and the environment.

He said the ministry would continue to engage stakeholders to identify sustainable and competitive technologies for the plants.

Nga said although the cost of implementing the WTE model was high, it was more environmentally sustainable than a landfill, which required thousands of acres of land.

"It is a balance between environmental sustainability and a sustainable financial model.

"We will adopt technologies that have a proven track record and are effective before using them in our country.

"It is also costly to clear a landfill.

"We would need to spend RM20 million, and it uses up a lot of government resources."

He said this in a reply to a supplementary question from Sim Tze Tzin (PH-Bayan Baru) at the Dewan Rakyat.

Sim had asked Nga to explain the use of WTE plants to manage waste, which had a higher operating cost compared with landfills.

Nga said his ministry would continue to raise awareness among the public to shore up support for the government's efforts to maintain environmental sustainability and ensure that there were no foul odours, leachate or methane gas escaping landfills.

NEW STRAITS TIMES
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Tackling teenage depression

THE prevalence of mental health problems among young people is worrying and requires immediate attention and creative solutions.

The National Health and Morbidity Survey 2022 showed that one in four teenagers had experienced depression, one in eight had suicidal thoughts and one in 10 had attempted suicide.

Young people face a variety of issues that have an impact on their mental health, from the constant presence of social media to the rising demands of social and academic life.

Dr Nurashikin Ibrahim, a public health specialist, stated that the increase in the percentage of teenagers feeling lonely, which is one of the symptoms of mental illness, could be due to a lack of communication with their parents rather than a lack of peers.

"When they feel lonely, they choose gadgets. When we use gadgets too much, we will communicate less physically," she said.

She said that depression, at any age, must be identified before further therapy is provided. Therefore, parents and communities need to take the initiative which will strengthen young people's mental health.

Young people can benefit from a supportive atmosphere that is created by encouraging good living practices, reducing the stigma associated with mental health disorders, and maintaining open lines of communication.

The pervasiveness of social media has affected how young people interact and view themselves.

Certain postings on social media can worsen feelings of failure and anxiety by exposing users to idealised illustrations of other people's lives.

Another major source of stress is the pressure to perform well academically.

Many students are under intense pressure to achieve excellent grades, gain college entrance, and perform well in extracurricular activities, frequently at the price of their mental health.

Ignoring the silent struggles of our youth in all spheres of life is not an option.

With the advancement of technology, several applications and online platforms now provide mental health solutions focused on young people.

These tools provide access to treatment, mindfulness exercises, and peer support networks, making mental health care more accessible.

Therefore, ignoring the silent struggles of our youth is not an option. The rising rates of sadness, anxiety and suicidal thoughts among young people should serve as a wake-up call to us.

Help our youngsters overcome these issues by prioritising mental health, creating supportive surroundings and encouraging open channels of communication.

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NEW STRAITS TIMES
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'Eradicating hardcore poverty a priority' ^{Sun 47}

KUALA LUMPUR: The government is focusing on states and regions with a higher percentage of hardcore poverty than the national average, such as Sabah, Kelantan, Sarawak and Kedah, in an effort to eradicate hardcore poverty nationwide, said Deputy Economy Minister Datuk Hanifah Hajar Taib.

He said the government is ensuring the involvement of more target groups in the hardcore poverty eradication programmes implemented by various ministries and agencies.

"The government remains committed to eradicating hardcore poverty regardless of race and region or state, in line with the inclusive development goal to ensure that no one is left behind or marginalised from the current socioeconomic development," she said during a question and answer session at the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

She was responding to a question from Ahmad Fadhli Shaari (PN-Pasir Mas), who wished to know which states are targeted next by the government to achieve zero hardcore poverty; and the action plans. – Bernama

THE SUN
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Poor work-life balance bane of Malaysian workers

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysia needs cultural shifts, governmental regulations supporting flexible working hours and educational reforms to achieve better work-life balance, said Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation lecturer Dr Teh Choon Jin.

Teh, who specialises in human resource management and organisational behaviour, was commenting on Malaysia's ranking as the worst Asian country for poor work-life balance.

A recent study conducted by Remote, a global human resource services company, revealed that globally, Malaysia was ranked 59 out of 60 with a meagre score of 27.51 out of 100, placing it right above Nigeria, which scored 17.03.

The study done in March 2023 showed that Malaysians work excessively hard, averaging a 40.8 hour workweek, with only an average of 16 days annual leave and a minimum wage of RM5.05 per

► Nation needs cultural shifts, governmental regulations supporting flexible working hours and educational reforms to overcome grim situation: Lecturer

hour, leaving little time to rest and recover from work stress.

Teh said the culture of overwork is deeply ingrained in Malaysian workplaces.

"Malaysia's poor work-life balance ranking is largely attributed to long working hours, high workloads and insufficient staffing, especially in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor."

"Moreover, high economic pressures and low wages exacerbate this issue, compounded by cultural norms favouring long hours."

A software company human resources manager Kavinthiran Shanmugam said companies should begin efforts to promote work-life balance to ensure

their sustainability.

"In 2022, our HR team initiated a pilot test by implementing flexible work arrangements, parental leave policies, defined remote work boundaries, flexible scheduling options and mental health support measures for our staff."

"This balanced approach to work has not only improved overall job satisfaction but has also enhanced efficiency and creativity among the staff."

Kavinthiran emphasised that working in an environment that prioritises employee well-being is truly invigorating.

"Hence, it is crucial to remain proactive in updating company policies to align with the

current era."

However, a digital designer with seven years experience, Farith Syahidan, 34, who works at an animation studio in Shah Alam, said the animation industry has intense workloads, tight deadlines and long hours.

"The creative demands and constant push for innovation add to the pressure, often requiring us to work late into the night. I rarely have time to relax or pursue hobbies, and the stress is beginning to affect my health and well-being."

"Despite the work-load, my salary of RM3,400 is relatively low compared with the high cost of living. My room rent alone of RM750 takes up a significant portion of my income, leaving me with limited funds for other necessities."

This financial strain forces Farith to take on additional freelance projects, further cutting into his personal time.

Teh said apart from the healthcare and education sector, individuals working in animation related jobs often experience stress and burnout, compromising their work-life balance.

"While the demand for flexible work arrangements is growing, many companies resist adopting hybrid or remote work models."

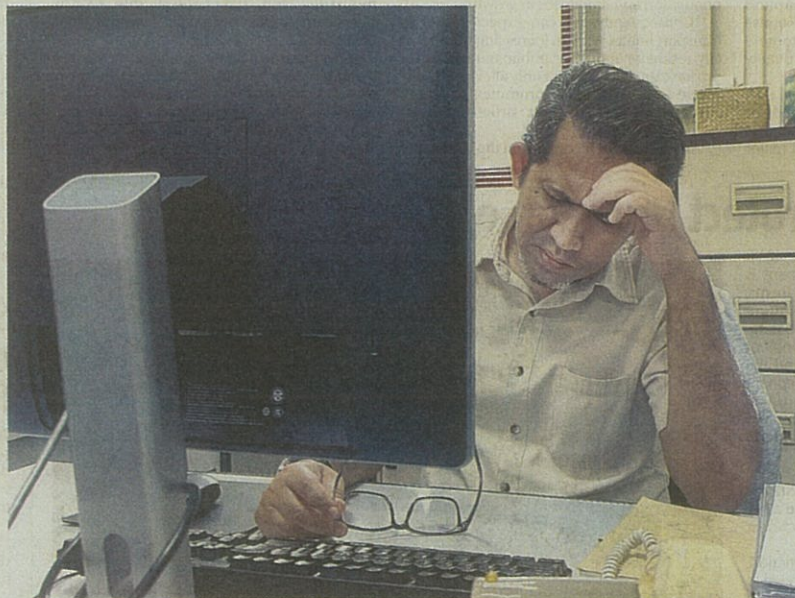
"This is often because they lack the infrastructure or resources needed, such as secure and reliable internet access, VPNs and remote collaboration tools."

Teh added that long and stressful commute times in major cities reduce personal time and increase employee stress levels.

"Even countries with rigorous work cultures like Japan and South Korea are improving work-life balance through government policies. In countries like Thailand and Indonesia, flexible work arrangements are more common."

"If our government and private sectors do not address this, poor work-life balance in the country will lead to increased stress, health issues and lower job satisfaction."

Teh said it is also crucial to have practical measures for Malaysian companies, including offering remote work options, ensuring realistic workloads and promoting mental health resources.



The culture of overwork is deeply ingrained in Malaysian workplaces and is causing a lot of stress to employees.

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Serious corruption ^{Sun} issue among youths ^{2/7}

KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has arrested 2,332 individuals aged 16 to 40 for various corruption offences since 2019.

Its community education division director Nazli Rasyid Sulong said the arrests involved offences such as bribery, false claims, abuse of position and money laundering.

He said the statistics depict a serious corruption issue among young people that must be prevented from becoming normalised in society.

"If this continues, what would happen in 10 years? By then, we may not be able to change anything.

"In view of this, MACC is making efforts to educate young people," he said at the 9th Anti-Corruption Student Force convention closing ceremony at Kem Permata Resort in Alor Gajah, Malacca on Sunday.

The student force was established 17 years ago and has been spreading its anti-corruption message across campuses, with 2,988 programmes implemented involving the participation of 816,734 students.

Nazli said it is not easy for students to manage their study schedule, complete assignments and face exams each semester, while also dedicating time to carry out anti-corruption education activities on campus.

"Student force members are fulfilling their social responsibility as Malaysian citizens who desire a country and society free from the shackles of corruption," he said, and expressed hope that the student force would remain relevant in disseminating its message across the country. - Bernama

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Forgoing life comforts to care for abused, injured animals

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► Former nurse rents house and factory to devote total dedication in tending to 216 strays, while struggling to source funds for operational expenses

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KAJANG: Malathi Nimayah, 39, has always had a soft spot for animals and in 2019, she witnessed a dog fighting for its life after a hit-and-run incident. Despite taking it to a veterinary clinic for treatment, its injuries were too severe and it died soon after.

Malathi, who previously worked as a nurse and has a Diploma in Multimedia, said she ran her own event management company but felt distraught by how strays live on the streets.

She decided to dedicate herself to looking after them and is now a full-time independent animal rescuer. She looks after 65 cats, 148 dogs and three rabbits, some of which are disabled due to abuse or being involved in road crashes.

"In the beginning, I picked up injured strays and sent them for treatment before releasing them. But in time, I realised the strays I helped had nowhere to go.

"I did not have the heart to return them to

the streets, knowing their chances of survival would be low, so I took them home. But as their numbers increased, my family started to complain and so did the neighbours."

There were even complaints to the Kajang Municipal Council and enforcement officers visited her house to conduct an inspection.

"I had many issues with the council. Its officers threatened to forcibly remove the strays from my house. I cannot blame my neighbours for complaining because not everyone loves animals."

She said the council gave her two weeks to remove the strays and with such a short notice, she contacted all her friends in search of a house to rent.

She rented one in Saujana Palma Residences here, where the neighbours were more compassionate and did not mind her animal rescue activities.

However, she eventually needed an even bigger space for her growing "animal kingdom". Through an estate agent, she rented an abandoned factory in Taman Industri

Villaraya in Semenyih to house the strays.

"I could not find any empty land to rent and build a shelter for the animals, so renting the factory was the next best option. The factory owner, who is also an animal lover, agreed to rent the property after he learned of my predicament."

She said renting the factory is worthwhile as the strays are happier and have more space to run around.

Malathi said every month, she needs to raise about RM17,000 for food, RM2,000 for utilities, RM2,500 for supplements, RM5,900 to rent the house and factory, between RM6,000 and RM10,000 for veterinary bills and RM3,000 for cleaning agents and disinfectants.

"With a monthly expenditure of between RM36,000 and RM40,000, I am in desperate need of funds and am appealing to the public to please come forward with any assistance they can provide."

"Some individuals have asked why I am trying to save the strays if I cannot afford it. But those in my care include disabled animals that nobody wants to adopt. We cannot just leave them on the streets to die, right?"

Those who wish to donate to Malathi to support her animal rescue work can WhatsApp her at 017-366 4443 or directly deposit funds into her Maybank account at 1143 8426 6411.



Malathi looks after 65 cats, 148 dogs and three rabbits, some of which are disabled due to abuse or being involved in road crashes.

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Malaysia to implement carbon pricing, explore taxation: Liew

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia will soon begin pricing carbon to facilitate carbon trading and explore carbon taxation, said Deputy Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Liew Chin Tong.

Revenue from these measures, he added, should be channelled into green investments, including investments in green steel.

"The European Union will implement a carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) in 2026. Carbon pricing, trading, and taxation are critical aspects of the decarbonisation agenda. Under CBAM, the export of steel and other listed items from Malaysia will be taxed by the European Union (EU) unless Malaysia collects the tax," Liew stated at the launch of the Malaysian Iron and Steel Industry Federation's (Misif) 15th report on the status and outlook of the Malaysian iron and steel industry yesterday.

He reiterated the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry's commitment to collaborating with the industry to address the scrap metal challenge, find solutions to shortages, and create a better ecosystem.

Liew highlighted the concerning utilisation rate of Malaysia's crude steel production capacity, which stood at 39.1% in 2023. This is significantly lower than the global average of 75.7% and the Asean-6 average of 60.1%.

"Flat products may have a brighter prospect, given the ongoing, once-in-a-generation relocation of supply chains from China to Southeast Asia," he noted.

Misif president Datuk Lim Hong Thye said the federation understands the necessity of aligning with the government's aspirations to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Lim noted that global trends show more regions and countries developing mechanisms similar to the EU's CBAM. "It is imperative for the industry to proactively engage and leverage all available support to enhance green initiatives and align with the government's aspirations," he said.

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OUR work environment is where we spend a significant portion of our lives, thus forming relationships with colleagues is almost inevitable. These bonds can be both a source of great support and joy, as well as potential challenges. Understanding the dynamics of getting attached to colleagues is essential for maintaining a healthy and productive professional life.

Upside of workplace attachments

Enhanced job satisfaction

One of the most immediate benefits of forming strong relationships at work is increased job satisfaction. When you have friends at work, your job can feel less like a chore and more like an engaging and enjoyable activity. Shared breaks, inside jokes and a supportive network can transform the daily grind into a more pleasant experience.

Improved collaboration and teamwork

Trust among colleagues can significantly enhance teamwork and collaboration. When people get along well, they communicate more openly and honestly, leading to better brainstorming sessions, more effective problem-solving and higher overall productivity. A team that enjoys working together is more likely to support each other and work towards common goals efficiently.

Emotional support

The workplace can be a source of significant stress, whether due to tight deadlines, high-stakes projects or interpersonal conflicts. Having colleagues who are also friends provides a built-in support system. These relationships offer a safe space to vent frustrations, seek advice and gain perspective on work-related challenges.

Networking and career development

Strong professional relationships can extend beyond immediate workplace benefits and influence your broader career trajectory. Colleagues who know and respect you are more likely to recommend you for new opportunities, endorse you for promotions or connect you with other professionals in your field. This networking can be invaluable for career growth and development. Potential employers favour such positive feedback when scouting for talent. It indicates a personable character who is a team player.



Being friendly at work is essential.
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Workplace bonds

Getting attached to colleagues

Downside of workplace attachments

Blurred professional boundaries

One of the primary risks of forming close relationships with colleagues is the potential blurring of professional boundaries. When personal and professional lines become indistinct, it can lead to situations where decisions are influenced more by personal feelings than by professional judgment. This can result in perceived or actual favouritism, which can undermine team dynamics and fairness.

Potential for distractions

While friendships at work can

enhance job satisfaction, they can also be a source of distraction. Personal conversations and socialising can take time away from work tasks, leading to decreased productivity. It is essential to strike a balance between maintaining friendships and staying focused on professional responsibilities.

Conflict of interest

Close personal relationships can sometimes lead to conflicts of interest, especially in situations where one person has authority over another. This can create challenging situations where objective decision-making becomes difficult.

Challenges in providing honest feedback

When you are close friends with a colleague, giving and receiving constructive feedback can become



Not getting too attached will distance you from work drama.

more complicated. The fear of hurting a friend's feelings might lead to sugar-coating feedback or avoiding difficult conversations altogether. This can hinder professional growth and the overall effectiveness of the team.

Strategies for managing workplace attachments

Maintain professionalism

Even in close friendships, it is important to maintain a level of professionalism at work. Keep personal conversations and activities appropriate for the workplace, and be mindful of how your relationships are perceived by others.

Set clear boundaries

Establish clear boundaries between your personal and professional lives. This can include setting limits on how much personal information you share at work and being conscious of when and where you engage in social activities with colleagues.

Communicate effectively

Open and honest communication is key to managing workplace relationships. If you find that a personal relationship is impacting

your work, address it directly and constructively. Clear communication can help prevent misunderstandings and resolve potential conflicts before they escalate.

Be mindful of perceptions

Consider how your relationships with colleagues might be perceived by others in the workplace. Favouritism, whether real or perceived, can lead to resentment and tension among team members. Strive to treat all colleagues with fairness and impartiality, regardless of personal ties.

Focus on common goals

Keep the focus on shared professional goals. Use your personal relationships to enhance teamwork and collaboration, rather than letting them become a source of division or distraction. When everyone is aligned towards common objectives, personal attachments can become a strength rather than a liability.

Ultimately, the key is to balance personal connections with professional responsibilities, ensuring that your workplace relationships contribute positively to your career and the overall success of your team.



Make sure to decide where you want to set boundaries.

Ringgit ends higher against dollar in narrow range trading Sun 2/7

THE ringgit ended marginally higher against the US dollar yesterday after trading in a narrow range throughout the day, said an analyst.

At 6pm, the ringgit traded at 4.7120/7155 against the greenback versus last Friday's close of 4.7160/7190.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said the US dollar/ringgit was as low as RM4.7130 during the morning session but went up to as high as RM4.7158 during the afternoon session.

"US dollar versus yen remained in the spotlight as the Japanese currency weakened to 161.8 yen.

"The Japanese government revised its gross domestic product growth downwards from -1.8% to -2.9% in the first quarter this year, suggesting the Bank of Japan may refrain from raising its policy rates soon," he told Bernama.

Meanwhile, the ringgit was mostly lower against a basket of major currencies.

The local currency appreciated against the Japanese yen to 2.9254/9278 from 2.9345/9365 at last Friday's close but fell vis-a-vis the British pound to 5.9706/9750 from 5.9639/9676 previously and decreased versus the euro to 5.0682/0720 from 5.0494/0526 at the end of last week.

On the other hand, the ringgit was mostly higher against its Asean peers.

The ringgit rose against the Singapore dollar to 3.4772/4801 from 3.4792/4816 at Friday's close, firmed versus the Thai baht to 12.8329/8481 from 12.8508/8646 previously, and strengthened against the Philippine peso to 8.03/8.04 from 8.05/8.06 last Friday.

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