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MBSJ selenggara pokok berisiko, lindungi keselamatan penduduk

by Fitri Hazim Hazam @ October 9, 2024 11:23 am



Anggota Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) akan memangkas dahan dan menebang pokok dalam kawasan pentadbirannya pada 27 Jun 2024. Foto ihsan MBSJ

SHAH ALAM, 9 OKT: Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) akan menyelenggara pokok berisiko di 17 lokasi sekitar pentadbirannya mulai bulan ini untuk keselamatan penduduk dan pengguna jalan raya.

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"Kerja-kerja penyelenggaraan ini melibatkan pemangkasan dahan pokok, penilaian struktur pokok serta penebangan pokok-pokok yang dikenal pasti berisiko tinggi," jelas MBSJ.

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SELANGORKINI ONLINE

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MBSJ to carry out tree maintenance at 18 locations

By MEGAT SYAHAR



THE Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ) will begin tree maintenance works this month in 18 locations to reduce the risk of falling trees.

In a statement on Wednesday (Oct 9), the council said the work is expected to last four months and involve pruning, assessing tree structures and removing high-risk trees.

It will be carried out in parts of Subang Jaya, Puchong, Kinrara and Seri Kembangan.

Areas covered are:

Subang Jaya:

Jalan SS 13/1, Jalan SS 14/1A, Jalan SS 15/2, Jalan SS 15/5A, Jalan SS 17/2A, Jalan SS 19/4A, Jalan Utama Wangsa Baiduri, Persiaran Jengka.

Jalan USJ 9/1, USJ 14 and Jalan USJ 16.

Jalan USJ 6/3, Jalan USJ 6/2, Jalan TP 1/1 and Persiaran Subang.

Jalan Putra Indah, Luar Pangsapuri Seri Mutiara, Jalan Putra Permai and Jalan Putra Setia.

Jalan Putra Bistari 2/1, Putra Height.

Puchong:

Jalan TPP 5, TPP 6, Jalan Sri Puchong, Jalan Denai and Taman Tasik Sri Aman.

Jalan PPK 1, PPK 2, Persimpangan Kinrara Seksyen 3 and Jalan Pipit 3.

Jalan Tiong 6, Taman Merak1, Jalan Utama Merbuk, Jalan Kenari 17 and Taman Kasawari 6.

Persiaran Saujana Puchong, Saujana Puchong 3/11, Saujana Puchong 9 and Saujana Puchong 10.

Jalan Utama 1/9, Jalan Utama 2/7, Jalan Utama 2/18, Puchong Utama 6/1, Puchong Utama 12/1, Puchong Utama 12/2, Taman Puchong Utama 7 and Lingkaran Putra Prima, Persiaran Puchong Utama.

Jalan Taman Tasik Prima, Lingkaran Putra Prima, Persiaran Puchong Permai, Jalan Permai 1, Jalan Permai 2 and Jalan Permai 3.

Jalan Puteri 9, Jalan Puteri 12, Jalan Puteri 5/1 and Taman Permainan Puteri 10/9.

Jalan Bandar, Persiaran Puteri 1 and Jalan Wawasan 5/2.

Kinrara:

Jalan BK 1/1, BK 2/7, BK 5A/1, and BK 5/6.

Seri Kembangan:

Jalan PBS 14/2, 14/6, 14/16, and Jalan Damai 1/7.

Jalan Utama Seri Serdang, Jalan Serdang Selatan, Jalan 18/38, 18/42, Perusahaan Utama 1, Jalan 3/15 Serdang Jaya, and Jalan SR 7/4, 7/9 Taman Serdang Raya.

Jalan SB Indah 1, 2, 3, and 4, Taman Sungai Besi Indah.

MBSJ said it will monitor the work on-site as well as traffic flow in the areas concerned.

Road users are advised to exercise caution when passing through these areas.

For any issues or complaints, residents can use the Aduan MBSJ public complaints app or contact the call centre.

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Subang Jaya city council needs to improve basic service, cleanliness



Uncollected garden waste left for weeks in SS18, Subang Jaya.

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Over time, the garden waste become rubbish dumpsites for passersby.

Unsanitary and unhygienic to say the least.

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I wonder why the different treatment as we are all part of MBSJ's jurisdiction.

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15 contractors in Klang axed

MBDK kicks them off panel for flouting rules on industrial waste disposal

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KLANG Royal City Council (MBDK) terminated the services of 15 industrial waste contractors on its panel for non-performance or failing to comply with its requirements.

"Thirteen operators had their contracts to handle industrial waste terminated as they all failed to submit monthly reports," said MBDK Environmental Services Department director Zaireezal Ahmad Zainuddin.

"One operator had illegally dumped and burnt waste along a quiet road in Kampung Jawa, Klang, but was caught due to the vigilance of local residents who lodged a complaint.



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"Another operator collected waste from factories and stored them by the roadside near his premises in Meru, which caused

a nuisance to neighbouring properties," he elaborated.

Zaireezal said the city council had a strict list of conditions for its industrial waste contractors.

"Operators listed on the panel are required to give a report on the amount of industrial waste collected, and whether it has been disposed of at the landfill or sent for recycling," he told *StarMetro*.

"The monthly report also needs to include updates on the number of businesses the operator has secured," he added.

MBDK's industrial waste contractors panel was formed in mid-2022.

Zaireezal said the panel comprised a list of companies that has the best practices in terms of transporting and disposing waste

from factories and the industrial sector.

MBDK currently has 164 companies on its panel.

Factory owners and operators can refer to this list, which is available online on the city council's website, to engage the services of waste contractors approved to dispose of industrial waste.

Zaireezal said industrial waste contractors on MBDK's panel were required to pay an annual administrative fee of RM500.

"Having a list of recognised industrial waste contractors allows us to manage illegal dumping incidents," he said.

"Our department reviews the progress of all operators on a monthly basis.

"Companies on the panel must take proper measures to ensure

agents working for them remove and dispose of waste within the limits of the law and not resort to illegal dumping," he said.

Zaireezal said companies located in other parts of Selangor tasked to remove industrial waste in the Klang district also needed to be on the panel.

"We believe that this approach to have a panel of approved industrial waste contractors to dispose of industrial waste is viable, but we plan to improve it through the use of a tracking app.

"We hope that in the long run unauthorised waste disposal companies will not be contracted by factories to remove their industrial waste," he said, adding that his department would work on increasing the number of contractors on the panel.

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Councils have wherewithal to take action

I REFER to the letter "Query on oversight of local authority over landlords" (*The Star*, Oct 9).

I faced a similar problem in the past when the house next to mine was rented to a sewerage company. I lodged complaints with the local authority as well as the state assembly representative. However, their actions only addressed the symptoms but not the root cause of the problem, which was only solved after I took the house owner to a tribunal.

It appears to me that the local authority has the legal means to address this particular problem based on the report headlined "Ambulance operator moves out of residential area following MBPJ (Petaling Jaya City Council) order" (*The Star*, July 16, 2022).

On May 23, 2022, Star Metro highlighted the residents' grievances in a report headlined "Ara Damansara folk tired of din caused by ambulance service in their midst".

Operating from the terrace house were four ambulances that at times were parked in a haphazard manner close to the road median, making it difficult for immediate neighbours to drive in or out of their houses.

On May 26, 2022, MBPJ issued a notice to the ambulance operator and owner of the residential unit to cease all operations within six weeks. The notice was issued under Section 70 of the Street, Drainage and Buildings Act 1974 (133) for misuse of a building meant for housing.

The MBPJ corporate communications assistant director who handled the case then advised all business owners and operators of premises in Petaling Jaya to always adhere to the council's by-laws and get the necessary prior approvals before starting their business.

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RM101,600 for boom gates to reduce Shah Alam flats' parking woes

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TEN boom gates have been installed at the carpark of Kampung Baru Hicom PPR in a move aimed at alleviating parking woes at the public housing flats in Section 26, Shah Alam, Selangor.

Prior to this, double-parking and hogging of parking bays were common as there was no parking management system.

Now, those wanting to park their cars will need an access card and each unit is entitled to only one card.

Those with a motorcycle can apply for an additional card.

The gates were built by Permodalan Negeri Selangor Bhd (PNSB) as part of its corporate social responsibility initiative.

They cost a total of RM101,600.

The low-cost flats are owned and managed by Selangor



Borhan (right) trying out the newly installed boom gate at Kampung Baru Hicom PPR in Shah Alam. — ART CHEN/ The Star

Housing and Property Board (LPHS).

An LPHS spokesperson said those who want to get an access card must register their vehicles

with the board.

"Registration is free. There will be a one-month pilot test to ensure the system is working," he said.

Selangor housing and culture committee chairman Datuk Borhan Aman Shah and PNSB chief executive officer Raja Ahmad Shahrir Iskandar Raja Salim attended a ceremony to mark the completed installation of the gates.

Kampung Baru Hicom PPR comprises three 16-storey blocks. There are 980 units and some 5,000 residents living in the flats.

Its residents association chairman Yahaya Abd Aziz hoped the gates would deter thieves and vandals from entering the parking lot.

"Although not widespread, such cases have been known to happen," he said.

Block C residents representative Azizan Awang thanked the authorities, but hoped other facilities in the area could be upgraded too.

"The rubbish house is small and no longer sufficient to cater

to residents' needs," he said.

"The windows in our flats are old and need to be replaced. Many residents have put up plastic sheets to prevent water from entering our units when it rains heavily," said Azizan.

Meanwhile, Borhan said RM5.4mil had been disbursed to low-cost strata residences in the state for maintenance works under the Skim Ceria initiative.

"So far, 12 out of 41 applications from various management bodies have been approved.

"Most of the approved applications are to repaint residential buildings," he said.

He added that applications for funds to repair lifts in low-cost strata buildings would be forwarded to Housing and Local Government Ministry, due to their high costs.

It had been reported that Selangor government had allocated RM7mil for Skim Ceria.

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Taman Bukit Maluri folk want snake-infested overgrowth cleared

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RESIDENTS of Jalan Burung Garuda in Taman Bukit Maluri, Kuala Lumpur, want the authorities to clear overgrowth behind their terrace houses, following a video that showed a pet cat fighting with a snake.

This overgrown strip of land is about 9m from the nearest houses.

The 11-second video showed a cat biting the reptile on the head before flinging it to the ground.

In the battle between mammal and reptile, the cat, fortunately, emerged as victor.

Experts who had identified the snake said that it was a monocled cobra.

Though still a snakelet, its venom can be just as strong as a mature serpent's, which means that its bite can be fatal.

Jalan Burung Garuda residents said the incident, which took place a week ago, was not an iso-

lated one.

They said sightings of snakes in their premises has become a common occurrence because of the overgrowth of vegetation behind their houses, and this has made them fearful for their safety.

"The area behind our houses has been left unattended for a long time," said resident Lim Tong Foo, 70.

"One tenant took advantage of the situation to build an illegal extension to store construction materials, without having any action taken against him.

"In addition, the drains have not been cleared for years.

"As a result, they are blocked and have become a breeding ground for mosquitoes, causing a rise in dengue cases in our neighbourhood," said Lim, who has lived in Taman Bukit Maluri for the past 40 years.

Lim and several other residents highlighted their concerns during a press conference organ-

ised by social activist Yee Poh Ping.

As the land is parallel to the tracks near the Kepong KTM station, Yee urged Railway Assets Corporation (RAC) – which manages KTMB railway assets – to upkeep and upgrade areas under their purview.

"This will enhance the surroundings for public transport users from Taman Bukit Maluri and Bandar Manjalara as well as encourage more people to use public transport," said Yee.

When contacted, RAC in a media statement to *StarMetro*, confirmed that the area with the overgrowth fell under its land reserve, where part of a walkway linking to the Kepong KTM Station is located.

"In order to ensure the area remains well-maintained, the frequency of cleaning work in the area will be increased to once a month starting this year-end, compared to once every two months before this.



A screenshot of the video showing a Jalan Burung Garuda resident's pet cat fighting a cobra snakelet.

"We will take immediate action to clear the overgrowth behind residents' houses," said RAC.

On illegal encroachments, RAC said that as many as 15 houses had built illegal extensions on RAC land.

"This was found during a site visit conducted on Oct 7.

"Notices will be issued to the homeowners to vacate the area. The matter will also be

referred to the Federal Territories Director Lands and Mines Office and Kuala Lumpur City Hall for further action," said RAC.

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Proper tree care goes a long way

Local authorities must adopt proactive steps for public safety

THE recent incident of two Chinese tourists being killed in Penang when a large tree fell on the car they were in, is shocking.

In May, a man was killed when a tree fell on his car in Jalan Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur.

Trees planted for aesthetic and environmental reasons by local authorities nationwide are now becoming a source of danger to unsuspecting people.

Numerous letters have been published in the media about potentially dangerous trees and what needs to be done.

The government, through the local authorities and other relevant departments such as the National Landscape Department, spends millions of ringgit for tree pruning programmes nationwide.

There are a large number of trees, posing danger, growing in cities in the Klang Valley.

Many trees have low branches hovering over roads and are hazardous to container lorries, buses and other heavy vehicles.

Local authorities turn a blind eye to all of these, including trees blocking signboards.

In some places, tree roots break walls and drains, and the shedding of leaves creates a major problem.

A lot of urban trees are too big with heavy trunks and branches, some tilting, some with weak roots and they can easily crash or be uprooted during strong winds or storms.

Damage to property due to uprooted trees can cause a lot of money.

As such, the problem associated with urban trees is in need of serious attention.

Presently, with climate change things are expected to



Trees uprooting in a storm is common, as seen here in SS2 in Petaling Jaya. — Filepic

get worse.

One need not be a qualified arborist to know about the danger trees pose.

A lot of old trees in towns and cities, some planted before Merdeka by the British, need to be felled and if possible replaced with proper trees which do not endanger the public.

The growth of trees in urban areas may be affected by the building of drains, concrete surfaces and roads.

These trees need to be checked on to prevent them from toppling during strong winds or storms.

The only way to reduce tree-falling incidents is for proper pruning to enable them

to withstand strong winds.

A paradigm shift in the planting and upkeep of trees, especially in urban areas, is needed.

Trees require proper care and maintenance according to schedule.

One sees a lot of emaciated trees with yellow leaves in Malaysian cities.

In Singapore, I noticed that trees have dark green, healthy leaves due to good upkeep.

A proper selection of trees for urban areas is necessary, and large and tall species such as Rain Tree, African Tulip, Indian Almond or Angsana should not be chosen.

Tree pruning is much easier and safer nowadays due to cranes and skylifts but

oftentimes, there is hardly any local authority staff monitoring pruning works being carried out by contractors.

Pruning of trees must be done throughout the year.

Trees should be monitored closely for potential signs of danger.

Such trees need to be pruned, if not cut down.

Many residents object to tree felling or heavy pruning because of the shade and greenery they provide.

Trees may look alright in good weather but it is only during a bad storm that they start swaying and pose a risk to people and property.

Local authorities should carry out their duty to chop



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trees or prune them without public interference.

Furthermore, residents in housing areas grow their own mango, jackfruit and coconut trees on road reserves.

Some of these trees can endanger people in the long run.

Local authorities need to be strict about the people planting trees on road reserves.

Action also needs to be taken against private property owner whose trees are leaning outward from their premises, as these pose a risk too.

The local authority has every right to issue a notice to have trees pruned or felled as the case may be.

Now that more tree-falling incidents are happening, it is time for the authorities to take this matter seriously and be strict with contractors hired to prune trees.

Do also check on the health of trees to keep urban areas safe for the public.

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Report food safety concerns to authorities, public urged

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PETALING JAYA: From pots being cleaned with a broom and rinsed in the drain to kissing pretzel dough, several errant eateries have come under fire over the past week for poor hygiene and questionable practices.

The Health Ministry has reminded eateries to always comply with proper hygiene practices as listed under the Food Hygiene Regulations 2009.

"This includes cleaning utensils with a clean source of water, storing ingredients and food at a safe and right temperature, and practising optimum hygiene while handling food. In addition to that, it is the responsibility of the premises operators to ensure that all their workers attend food handler training at the food handler training schools approved by the Health Ministry (MOH) and get anti-typhoid vaccination," according to MOH.

The ministry said it views the recent incidents that had gone viral seriously. It added that the ministry constantly carries out surveillance and enforcement activities at food premises to ensure that these outlets are continually complying with the Food



Recipe for disaster: A screen shot of a man, believed to be an employee of a restaurant, cleaning pots using a broom. — Screengrab from social media

Hygiene Regulations 2009 and the Food Act 1983.

"The public is also advised to be careful while choosing an eatery and ensure that the food consumed is clean and safe," it said, adding that the people must observe, choose, feel, smell and taste the food they are consuming to avoid food poisoning.

Throughout this year, the ministry has also conducted the BeBAS initiative, which focuses on two aspects, namely hygiene of

premises and compliance with anti-smoking laws.

Clean and safe eateries are also acknowledged by MOH under the BeBAS. This, it said, is to ensure that premises comply with the standards and regulations and, at the same time, boost consumers' confidence in the safety and hygiene of restaurants.

Consumers who have any doubts about food safety or have witnessed any incidents can contact their district health office or

state health department. They can also surf the websites of the Public Complaints Management System or the ministry's Food Safety and Quality Programme (PKKM).

Malaysian Medical Association President Datuk Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira urged authorities to immediately act against a stall operator who washed cookwares in an unhygienic manner.

"It is sad that such practices are taking place in the open. Such unhygienic practices in the handling of cookware (and food) can put the health of consumers at serious risk of food poisoning."

"Additionally, they run the risk of contracting waterborne infections, which can result in hospitalisation or even death. It is time the authorities get tough on food vendors who aren't complying with the Food Hygiene Regulations 2009 by stepping up enforcement."

"Checks by the authorities on the registration of this and other similar food stall operators are vital and should be done regularly, as food stall vendors have to attend a food handling course and obtain a food handling certificate to be able to operate in the country."

"We also hope that the public will continue highlighting incidents to the authorities for

their further action," he said.

A poll on *The Star*, which queried readers if they had spotted unsanitary practices at eateries near them, drew well over 400 responses. Alarming, over 86% of poll-takers replied in the affirmative, indicating that unhygienic food handling is a fairly common sight.

Prof Dr Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh, a health economist and public health specialist with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's Faculty of Medicine, said the recent incidents that went viral were outrageous.

Touching on the incident where a broom was used to clean pots, she said there is a risk for cross-contamination, as it cannot be ascertained what else the broom was used for.

"Food handlers must be vaccinated for typhoid. They must wear proper gear as well as aprons too, not only when preparing the food," he said.

Aside from that, she said those handling food must always cover their heads, wear facemasks or keep their nails short. If the water source or the handler is infected (they are disease carriers), the can have a few diseases.

"It can transmit cholera, typhoid, hepatitis A, food poisoning and salmonella," she added.

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Getting local communities to take care of rivers

OUR increasing exploitation of freshwater resources has led to a significant decline in freshwater biodiversity along with the degradation of ecosystem services provided by rivers.

Mismanagement of water resources not only reduces access to clean water but also threatens rivers, which are vital to human life.

Rivers worldwide are being damaged by over-extraction, pollution and ill-conceived infrastructure projects. Freshwater species have suffered the most, with studies revealing that freshwater biodiversity has declined more sharply than biodiversity in terrestrial or marine ecosystems.

This decline is alarming when we consider that freshwater ecosystems, which occupy less than 0.01% of the Earth's surface, are home to 40% of all fish species.

They support a third of all global vertebrate biodiversity, including amphibians, reptiles and mammals. Yet, these ecosystems have seen a dramatic 70% decline in species populations from 1970 to 2020.

At the same time, human consumption of water from rivers is growing, often with little concern for long-term consequences. Worse still, rivers are frequently



viewed as simple water sources or waste disposal systems when they are in fact living ecosystems that provide critical functions for both nature and people.

Like any natural resource, rivers can be beneficial when managed responsibly, but they can also become dangerous when neglected.

Rivers with reduced flow or choked with pollution, for example, can become breeding grounds for diseases like cholera, hepatitis, and polio.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Unicef, waterborne diseases are responsible for 80% of illnesses, and one-third of deaths in developing countries. Poor hygiene, inadequate

sanitation and contaminated water supplies are the main culprits. Recently, there's been evidence that Covid-19 can spread through rivers contaminated with human waste.

The growing connection between water scarcity and climate change makes addressing river management more urgent.

As the climate crisis continues to disrupt weather patterns, rivers around the world are drying up or being polluted at an alarming rate.

Global cooperation and local initiatives are essential in improving water management. One local initiative is the Rimba Project 2.0. Led by scientists at Universiti Malaya, it aims to con-

serve forest ecosystems in the Rimba Ilmu Botanical Gardens.

Forests play a crucial role in maintaining clean water supplies, and by preserving these ecosystems, we can also protect freshwater sources.

Another initiative called Water Warriors, a community-driven project at Universiti Malaya, aims to help revive and rehabilitate the water bodies in the campus.

Through campaigns and citizen science activities, the group empowers local communities to take charge of protecting and conserving water bodies.

In recent years, there has been increased concern globally about water-related risks with warnings from influential figures that they pose significant threats to businesses and economies.

We must recognise the vital role freshwater ecosystems play in maintaining the health of our planet and take collective responsibility for their preservation.

Let's take action now to protect our rivers and ensure they continue to sustain life on this planet.

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WE refer to the report "Serial litterbugs to clean toilets if proposed amendments passed, says Nga," (The Star, Sept 28).

The Malaysian Plastics Manufacturers Association (MPMA) fully supports the Housing and Local Government Ministry's proposal to amend the Local Government Act 1976 to incorporate community service as a form of punishment for serial litterbugs.

This proactive approach aimed at punishing serial litterbugs by making them clean public spaces such as drains and toilets is long overdue. It will also create awareness and encourage a culture of cleanliness and responsibility among Malaysians.

Countries like Singapore,

Ready to help end the littering problem

Norway and Sweden have successfully implemented similar measures and reduced littering incidents by making the consequences more visible and hands-on.

As part of our broader sustainability initiative, MPMA organises campaigns that promote responsible consumer behaviour, such as proper plastics disposal and recycling. This ties in with the government's anti-littering campaigns, which MPMA supports by raising awareness about the detrimental effects of littering.

Since 2015, MPMA has been organising "Don't Be a Litterbug" campaigns to address the need

for individual responsibility in waste disposal. The campaign has been implemented at national festivals and public events such as Thaipusam and Chingay celebrations, marathons, Ramadan bazaars and night markets.

During the campaigns, the public are also educated on how to correctly separate waste into recyclables and non-recyclables to encourage the adoption of waste separation at source (SAS) among Malaysian households.

This effort is crucial because only through the effective implementation of SAS can the value of recyclables, including plastics, be realised.

By ensuring that recyclable materials are correctly sorted, they can be directed to recycling facilities where they are transformed into new products. This not only reduces waste but also promotes a circular economy.

This nationwide initiative aligns with the Housing and Local Government Ministry's efforts to combat littering and promote environmental responsibility.

By working together, we can ensure a cleaner, healthier environment for future generations.

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MBSA giat
bangunkan
kemudahan dan
infrastruktur
baharu untuk
warganya

Oleh **NORSHAHZURA
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SHAH ALAM

Tanggal 10 Oktober sentiasa diingati oleh seluruh warga Shah Alam dan warga kerja Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) kerana ia merupakan tarikh keramat Shah Alam dinaiktaraf sebagai sebuah bandar raya pada 24 tahun lalu.

Datuk Bandar Shah Alam, Datuk Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim berkata, saban tahun, dapat dilihat pembangunan, kemudahan dan infrastruktur baharu yang disediakan di Shah Alam untuk memudahkan urusan dan

aktiviti harian khususnya untuk warganya.

Menurut beliau, bermula pada tahun 2023, MBSA telah melaksanakan Program Rejuvenasi Bandar Raya Shah Alam iaitu pengindahan semula landskap di pusat bandar.

"MBSA juga telah melaksanakan pelbagai projek seperti menaiktaraf sistem saliran projek tebatan banjir di Seksyen 25," katanya dalam satu kenyataan pada Rabu.

Mohd Fauzi berkata, MBSA juga menaiktaraf sebahagian dewan di bawah seliaannya, membina lima unit perhentian bas di laluan bas henti, membaik pulih dua unit gelanggang rekreasi di Seksyen 24.

"Dengan impian merealisasikan Matlamat Pembangunan Mampan, penglibatan dan penyertaan

seluruh komuniti Shah Alam dalam bersama-sama mencapai matlamat ini adalah tidak mustahil.

"Matlamat ini perlu dilaksanakan secara holistik dan komprehensif dengan sokongan padu dan kerjasama komuniti Shah Alam," katanya.

Beliau berkata, sempena Sambutan Ulang Tahun Bandar Raya Shah Alam Kali Ke-24 Tahun, pelbagai aktiviti telah dirancang bagi menghargai warga Shah Alam.

Menurutnya, antara program yang dilaksanakan ialah Program Isi Minyak Motosikal Percuma pada 10 Oktober di stesen minyak Petronas Kota Kemuning, Seksyen 31.



MOHD FAUZI

Sementara itu, Mohd Fauzi berkata, MBSA juga menganjurkan Shah Alam Hari Tanpa Kenderaan serta Hari Mesra MBSA yang akan berlangsung di Dataran Kemerdekaan, di sini pada 13 Oktober depan.

"MBSA juga menganjurkan Bicara Ilmuan dan Shah Alam Berselawat pada 19 Oktober di Pusat Konvensyen Shah Alam, Seksyen 13 dan *Treasure Hunt* Madani @ Shah Alam pada 26 Oktober di Dataran Kemerdekaan," katanya.

Menariknya, MBSA juga mengadakan Shah Alam Art Fiesta pada 26 Oktober nanti di Laman Budaya, Taman Tasik Shah Alam dan Pertandingan

Memancing Shah Alam pada 27 Oktober di Taman Tasik Shah Alam.

"MBSA juga turut menawarkan beberapa insentif untuk dikongsi bersama masyarakat bermula 1 hingga 31 Oktober nanti.

"Antaranya kempen pengurangan sebanyak 75 peratus kompaun terpilih dan RM20 kompaun kesalahan di bawah Perintah Pengangkutan Jalan MBSA 2007," katanya.

Beliau berkata, insentif dan program yang disediakan ini adalah untuk menghargai warganya yang telah bersama-sama menjadikan ibu negeri Selangor ini sebagai bandar raya yang hebat.

"Terima kasih kerana setia menyokong dan menjadikan Shah Alam bandar raya pilihan untuk didiami," kata beliau.

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Ringgit mengukuh kepada 14.4 peratus

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terutamanya oleh
pengurangan
kadar dasar Rizab
Persekutuan AS

KUALA LUMPUR

Ringgit merupakan antara mata wang yang sedang menunjukkan prestasi terbaik pada peringkat global, mengukuh kepada 14.4 peratus berbanding dolar AS pada suku ketiga 2024 dan 11.4 peratus pada asas sejak awal tahun sehingga kini, menurut Jawatankuasa Pasaran Kewangan (FMC) Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM).

Hal ini didorong terutamanya oleh pengurangan kadar dasar sebanyak 50 mata asas oleh Rizab Persekutuan Amerika Syarikat (AS) serta trajektori yang lebih jelas mengenai pengurangan selanjutnya.

"Walaupun dengan prestasi yang lebih kukuh, mesyuarat mengambil maklum perkembangan utama menyokong prestasi positif berterusan ringgit termasuk usaha terselaras yang berterusan oleh kerajaan dan BNM untuk galakkan penghantaran balik dan penukaran pendapatan pelaburan asing oleh syarikat berkaitan kerajaan, syarikat pelaburan berkaitan kerajaan dan syarikat korporat.



Ringgit antara mata wang menunjukkan prestasi terbaik peringkat global.

"Ini telah menyumbang kepada mudah tunai pasaran pertukaran asing domestik yang mencukupi, yang mencatatkan purata jumlah dagangan harian sebanyak AS\$17.6 bilion," jelasnya dalam ringkasan mesyuarat FMC BNM.

Ahli FMC juga menjelaskan bahawa pengaturanan semasa boleh dikekalkan untuk memastikan mudah tunai yang lebih baik dalam pasaran pertukaran asing tempatan.

Selain itu, keyakinan kalangan pelabur terhadap Malaysia telah bertambah baik susulan pertumbuhan ekonomi negara yang teguh di samping komitmen berterusan kerajaan terhadap pembaharuan struktur.

"Aliran masuk portfolio asing yang ketara juga diperhatikan pada suku ketiga 2024 berikutan prestasi KLCI yang kukuh dan spread Sekuriti Kerajaan Malaysia-Perbendaharaan

AS yang semakin normal.

"Mesyuarat juga berpendapat bahawa libat urus yang kerap bersama pelabur oleh pihak berkuasa membolehkan hasil dalam meningkatkan kesedaran pelabur mengenai Malaysia sebagai destinasi pelaburan yang menarik serta menekankan semula kepentingan dasar yang koheren dan konsisten," kata FMC.

Ahli mesyuarat juga berkongsi pemerhatian mengenai perubahan amalan syarikat korporat berikutan pemulihan ringgit.

"Dalam kalangan pengeksport, terdapat perubahan sentimen yang membawa kepada minat yang lebih besar untuk menukar hasil eksport, manakala pengimport juga telah mengurangkan kecenderungan untuk membeli secara berlebihan dengan membeli kuantiti yang diperlukan sahaja," katanya. - Bernama

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RUGI RM4 BILION ENAM TAHUN LAGI

Kehilangan air dijangka cecah 9,037 juta liter sehari akibat NRW

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Dalam tempoh enam tahun akan datang, Malaysia bakal kerugian RM4.05 bilion apabila jumlah kehilangan air negara dijangka mencecah 9,037 juta liter sehari (JLH) akibat isu air tidak berhasi (NRW).

Pengarah Unit Komunikasi Korporat dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna, Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN), Mohd Fazil Ismail berkata, NRW adalah air yang dirawat dan dibekalkan ke dalam sistem agihan, namun 'hilang' atau tidak mendatangkan hasil kepada syarikat operator air.

Katanya, jumlah kerugian negara akan bertambah daripada RM2.32 bilion pada 2023 kepada RM4.05 bilion pada 2030 sekiranya tiada tindakan proaktif diambil bagi mengekang isu NRW.

"Jika NRW tidak diuruskan dengan baik, ia akan menyebabkan kadar NRW terus meningkat sekali gus mendatangkan pembaziran dan kerugian kepada negara."

"Unjuran SPAN menunjukkan jumlah kehilangan air boleh meningkat kepada 9,037 JLH dengan anggaran



Jika NRW tidak diuruskan dengan baik, ia akan menyebabkan kadar NRW terus meningkat sekali gus mendatangkan pembaziran dan kerugian kepada negara"

Mohd Fazil



kebocoran paip terlalu lama dan terdedah kepada pencemaran.

"Malah, operator air juga akan terjejas dari segi kerugian dalam kutipan hasil disebabkan air yang tidak dibilkan, peningkatan kos pengoperasian air terawat kerana terpaksa merawat air melebihi permintaan sebenar pengguna."

"Selain itu, mereka berdepan peningkatan kos perbelanjaan modal (Capex) untuk pembinaan loji rawatan air baharu kerana naik taraf loji sedia ada diperlukan bagi memenuhi peningkatan permintaan bekalan air serta mengurangkan rizab margin," katanya.

Menurutnya, isu berkenaan akan meningkatkan penggunaan sumber air baharu dan menyumbang kepada kesan perubahan iklim kerana NRW akan mening-

katkan pelepasan gas rumah kaca (GHG).

Katanya, selain Program Pengurangan NRW Kebangsaan (2021-2025), SPAN juga memainkan peranan bagi meningkatkan pengurusan NRW.

"SPAN melaksanakan penetapan NRW dalam Petunjuk Prestasi Utama (KPI) Pelan Perniagaan operator, menetapkan garis panduan berkaitan NRW sebagai rujukan, pengauditan operasi NRW operator air serta penguatkuasaan ke atas kesecurian air dengan kerjasama operator air."

"SPAN juga bertindak mengawal kualiti bahan dan produk setiap kelengkapan, peranti, bahan, sistem dan kemudahan mematuhi standard diiktiraf, berkualiti dan berdaftar dengan SPAN bagi mengurangkan kebanggalian berlakunya paip bocor atau pecah."

"Bagi tujuan penguatkuasaan modal insan dan kompetensi tenaga kerja, SPAN juga menjalin kerjasama dengan Lembaga Pembangunan Industri Pembinaan Malaysia (CIDB) dan Jabatan Pembangunan Kemahiran (JPK) membabitkan pembangunan Standard Kemahiran Pekerjaan Kebangsaan (NOSS) dan modul latihan NRW bagi melahirkan tenaga kerja mahir dan kompeten dalam pengurusan NRW," katanya.



ISU penyumbungan air haram dan kebocoran paip antara sebahagian faktor yang menyumbang kepada NRW. - Gambar Ihsan SPAN

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Paip bocor, pecah antara penyumbang besar NRW

Cyberjaya: Kebocoran paip dan kelengkapan, paip pecah serta limpahan tangki air akibat masalah pengoperasian mahupun teknikal antara faktor penyumbang paling banyak dikesan berlakunya isu air tidak berhasil (NRW).

Pengarah Unit Komunikasi Korporat dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN), Mohd Fazil Ismail berkata, faktor itu menyumbang kepada kira-kira 75 peratus NRW akibat kehilangan fizikal.

"Kehilangan komersial juga menyumbang kira-kira 20 peratus daripada NRW yang dikesan berpunca daripada meter pengguna yang terkurang catat, kesilapan pengendalian data, sambu-

ngan tidak sah dan kecurian air.

"Selain itu, penggunaan sah tidak dibilkan (Unbilled Authorized Consumption - UAC) pula menyumbang kurang lima peratus daripada keseluruhan NRW.

"UAC ialah air yang digunakan operator air untuk tujuan operasi seperti pencucian saluran paip dan tangki, air yang digunakan untuk pasukan bomba memadamkan kebakaran, air yang dibekalkan secara percuma kepada pengguna semasa gangguan bekalan air serta pihak lain seperti rumah ibadat," katanya.

Beliau berkata, pelbagai faktor lain turut dikesan menjadi penyumbang kepada berlakunya NRW.

"Air yang digunakan da-

ripada pili bomba bukan untuk tujuan memadam kebakaran melainkan mendapat kebenaran pihak berkuasa berkaitan serta air yang diguna melalui meter yang dikacau ganggu.

"Kehilangan air juga dikesan akibat ketidaktepatan bacaan meter pengguna, kebocoran air yang dilaporkan atau tidak dilaporkan yang berlaku pada paip bekalan dan agihan yang diselenggarakan pemegang lesen agihan," katanya.

Katanya, Perlis merekodkan kadar NRW paling tinggi pada 2023 dengan 64.5 peratus diikuti Kelantan (54.5 peratus) serta Kedah (50.7 peratus).

"Pahang dan Terengganu masing-masing mencatatkan 47.7 peratus dan 40.1

"Kehilangan komersial juga menyumbang kira-kira 20 peratus daripada NRW yang dikesan berpunca daripada meter pengguna yang terkurang catat,

kesilapan pengendalian data, sambungan tidak sah dan kecurian air. Penggunaan sah tidak dibilkan pula menyumbang kurang lima peratus daripada keseluruhan NRW"

Pengarah Unit Komunikasi Korporat dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna SPAN, Mohd Fazil Ismail

peratus, manakala Negeri Sembilan (38.8 peratus), Labuan (37.6 peratus), Melaka (35.1 peratus), Perak (30.2 peratus), Lembah Klang (27.8 peratus), Pulau Pinang (26.8 peratus) dan Johor (25.0 peratus)," katanya.

Dalam usaha memben-
dang isu terbabit, Mohd Fazil
berkata, kerajaan melaksana-

kan pelbagai inisiatif menerusi peruntukan RM1.9 bilion di bawah Program Pengurangan NRW Kebangsaan.

"Negeri yang mempunyai kadar NRW 40 peratus dan ke atas iaitu Pahang, Kedah, Kelantan dan Perlis diberikan geran untuk melaksanakan penggantian meter pengguna, pemasangan

atau penggantian meter System Input Volume (SIV), pembangunan sistem GIS dan penggantian atau pembaikan tangki.

"Negeri yang mempunyai kadar NRW di bawah 40 peratus iaitu Johor, Selangor, Perak, Terengganu, Pulau Pinang, Melaka dan Negeri Sembilan pula diberikan insentif melalui geran sepadan.

"Sekiranya operator air negeri berjaya mencapai sasaran NRW yang ditetapkan, kerajaan Persekutuan akan memberi imbuhan balik sebanyak 50 peratus daripada perbelanjaan tahunan bagi kerja yang dilaksanakan untuk menurunkan kadar NRW dan imbuhan balik sebanyak 75 peratus sekiranya pencapaian NRW itu berjaya digandakan," katanya.

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Kuala Lumpur catat sewa tertinggi, pertumbuhan sewa paling kukuh

Kuala Lumpur: Purata sewa di Malaysia meningkat 3.9 peratus kepada RM1,995 pada suku kedua tahun ini daripada purata pada suku pertama dan 2.9 peratus daripada suku kedua 2023, menurut laporan Indeks Sewa Rumah IQI Malaysia bagi Suku Kedua 2024, dikeluarkan oleh Juwai IQI.

Pengasas Bersama dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Kumpulan Juwai IQI, Kashif Ansari berkata, buat pertama kali dalam tahun ini, kadar pertumbuhan tahunan dipercepat berbanding lembap.

Beliau berkata, Indeks Sewa Rumah Malaysia bergerak dengan aliran penawaran dan permintaan hartanah sewa, peralihan bermusim, kemasukan pelajar antarabangsa dan aktiviti pelabur.

"Jangkaan awal kami adalah kadar sewa akan meningkat secara sederhana

daripada sifar peratus kepada tiga peratus namun, indeks sedia meningkat sebanyak 3.9 peratus, lebih cepat daripada jangkaan.

"Kami kini mengemaskinikan jangkaan kami dan

mengunjurkan Indeks Sewa Rumah meningkat pada kadar tahunan 5.5 peratus pada suku pertama 2025," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Selasa lalu.

Di Kuala Lumpur, kadar sewa adalah 44 peratus lebih tinggi daripada purata nasional, dengan premium 51 peratus daripada purata sewa Selangor.

Kuala Lumpur bukan sahaja menawarkan purata sewa tertinggi,

malah juga mencatatkan pertumbuhan sewa paling kukuh pada suku lepas, meningkat lima peratus kepada RM2,863.

Sementara itu, sewa Selangor sebahagian besarnya kekal stabil, meningkat hanya satu peratus.

"Purata sewa RM1,899 di Selangor adalah lima peratus lebih tinggi daripada trend dua tahun. Bagi masa akan datang, kami menjangkakan sewa di Selangor menjadi sederhana daripada kadar semasa kepada pertumbuhan kira-kira 3.0 peratus," katanya.

Indeks Sewa Rumah IQI Malaysia menganalisis lebih 70,000 transaksi penyewaan kediaman antara 2018 dan S2 2024.

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Belanjawan 2025 perlu tumpu tarik pelaburan teknologi tinggi

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- Kerjasama sektor awam, swasta dan institusi pendidikan diperlukan untuk memastikan program latihan serta pendidikan benar-benar relevan dengan keperluan industri

- Malaysia perlu memposisikan negara sebagai destinasi pelaburan menarik melalui kelebihan strategik seperti kestabilan politik, kos operasi kompetitif dan kedudukan geografi strategik di Asia Tenggara



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Belanjawan 2025 menjadi landasan penting untuk Malaysia memperkukuh kedudukan ekonomi di pentas global, terutama menghadapi perkembangan pesat Revolusi Industri 4.0 (IR4.0).

Antara keutamaan dalam Belanjawan 2025 adalah memperkasa ekosistem pelaburan boleh menarik pelaburan berteknologi tinggi, sekali gus mencipta peluang pekerjaan berkualiti kepada rakyat.

Kerajaan perlu memperkenalkan dasar menggalakkan pelaburan dalam sektor teknologi tinggi seperti kecerdasan buatan (AI), automasi, teknologi hijau dan digitalisasi, sekali gus membawa kesan jangka panjang kepada ekonomi negara.

Malaysia menyasarkan Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) sektor pembuatan kepada RM587.5 bilion pada 2030 dan pertumbuhan ekonomi 6.5 peratus setahun serta 3.3 juta peluang pekerjaan.

Dengan menyelaraskan belanjawan kepada Pelan Induk Perindustrian Baharu (NIMP) 2030, Pelan Hala Tuju Peralihan Tenaga Negara (NETR) dan Pelan Hala Tuju Ekonomi dan Teknologi Hidrogen (HETR), Malaysia perlu memanfaatkan teknologi tinggi serta sumber tenaga baharu.

Teknologi tinggi merangkumi sektor seperti semikonduktor dan elektronik, teknologi maklumat dan komunikasi (ICT), tenaga boleh diperbaharui, nanoteknologi, bioteknologi serta teknologi pembuatan termaju.

Justeru, Belanjawan 2025 perlu memperuntukkan dana dan insentif khas untuk menarik pelabur asing serta tempatan ke dalam sektor ini.

Ia juga dapat membantu Malaysia mencapai sasaran pembangunan mampan seperti pelaburan dalam tenaga boleh diperbaharui dapat mengurangkan pergantungan sumber tenaga fosil dan memperbaiki kualiti alam sekitar, manakala pelaburan dalam automasi serta AI mampu meningkatkan produktiviti sektor pembuatan dan perkhidmatan.

Oleh itu, Belanjawan 2025 perlu memperkenalkan

“Melalui inisiatif seperti Pendidikan Teknikal dan Latihan Vokasional (TVET), Belanjawan 2025 boleh menyokong pembinaan modal insan berkualiti dan berdaya saing

kan beberapa strategik utama. Pertama, insentif komprehensif untuk menarik pelabur antarabangsa dan tempatan seperti pengecualian cukai, rebat pelaburan dan subsidi bagi syarikat melabur dalam sektor berteknologi tinggi.

Infrastruktur digital kukuh adalah prasyarat menarik pelaburan berteknologi tinggi. Menurut laporan Global Competitiveness Report, Malaysia menduduki tempat ke-27 daripada 141 negara dalam indeks infrastruktur digital.

Justeru, peruntukan mencukupi diperlukan untuk meningkatkan kecekapan rangkaian internet, terutama di luar bandar dengan pelaburan dalam 5G dan rangkaian fiber optik perlu diberi keutamaan.

Reformasi birokrasi mengurangkan halangan pentadbiran dan mempercepat proses perlesenan serta kelulusan kepada syarikat teknologi tinggi juga kritikal. Melalui dasar lebih mesra pelabur, Malaysia boleh lebih kompetitif dalam menarik pelaburan langsung asing (FDI).

Pembangunan zon ekonomi khas memberi tumpuan kepada sektor teknologi tinggi boleh menjadi strategik berkesan. Zon ini boleh menawarkan kemudahan infrastruktur bertaraf dunia, akses kepada rangkaian logistik cekap serta sokongan penyelidikan dan pembangunan (R&D).

Permintaan tinggi kemahiran teknikal

Seiring perkembangan teknologi, permintaan terhadap pekerja mempunyai kemahiran teknikal tinggi semakin meningkat, sekali gus memerlukan peruntukan bagi meningkatkan tahap pendidikan dan latihan kemahiran kepada tenaga kerja.

Kerajaan perlu memperkenalkan program latihan kemahiran khusus dalam bidang seperti pengaturcaraan, kejuruteraan perisian data sains dan automasi. Melalui inisiatif seperti Pendidikan Teknikal dan Latihan Vokasional (TVET),



Belanjawan 2025 boleh menyokong pembinaan modal insan berkualiti dan berdaya saing.

Kerjasama antara sektor awam, swasta dan institusi pendidikan diperlukan untuk memastikan program latihan serta pendidikan benar-benar relevan dengan keperluan industri.

Pada masa sama, kita berhadapan dengan pelbagai cabaran terutama peningkatan persaingan di peringkat global dengan negara jiran seperti Singapura, Vietnam dan Indonesia yang turut menawarkan pelbagai insentif menarik pelaburan berteknologi tinggi.

Malaysia perlu memposisikan negara sebagai destinasi pelaburan menarik melalui kelebihan strategik seperti kestabilan politik, kos operasi kompetitif dan kedudukan geografi strategik di Asia Tenggara.

Ini menuntut kerajaan memperkenalkan dasar mesra inovasi dan penyelidikan, dengan memberi insentif kepada syarikat melabur dalam R&D. Negara berjaya menarik pelaburan berteknologi tinggi seperti Korea Selatan dan Jepun membuktikan pelaburan dalam R&D adalah kunci kejayaan sektor ini.

Oleh itu, Belanjawan 2025 perlu memperuntukkan dana untuk menyokong inovasi dan pembangunan teknologi baharu.

Pelaburan dalam teknologi hijau antara sektor berteknologi tinggi semakin mendapat perhatian global. Dengan cabaran perubahan iklim semakin mendesak, banyak negara berusaha menarik pelaburan dalam teknologi dapat mengurangkan impak negatif terhadap alam sekitar.

Malaysia kaya dengan sumber semula jadi, mempunyai potensi besar untuk menjadi peneraju dalam teknologi hijau.

Belanjawan 2025 boleh berperanan untuk menggalakkan pelaburan dalam sektor tenaga boleh diperbaharui seperti solar, angin dan hidro. Dengan memperkenalkan insentif cukai, kerajaan boleh menggalakkan lebih banyak pelabur terbabit dalam industri ini.

Pelaburan dalam teknologi hijau bukan sahaja membantu mengurangkan jejak karbon negara, bahkan mewujudkan ribuan peluang pekerjaan baharu dalam bidang tenaga boleh diperbaharui.

Justeru, kerajaan perlu menjadikan Belanjawan 2025 sebagai landasan untuk memperkukuh ekosistem pelaburan berteknologi tinggi dan mewujudkan peluang pekerjaan berkualiti.

Dengan strategi baik, Malaysia mampu mencapai matlamat menjadi hab teknologi tinggi, sekali gus memastikan pertumbuhan ekonomi mampan dan peningkatan kualiti hidup rakyat.

Pelaburan dalam teknologi tinggi bukan sahaja penting untuk meningkatkan daya saing ekonomi negara, bahkan mewujudkan masa depan lebih baik kepada generasi akan datang.

Malaysia perlu bersedia untuk menghadapi cabaran baharu dan memanfaatkan peluang, sekali gus menjadikan Belanjawan 2025 sebagai pemacu pertumbuhan ekonomi dan peningkatan kualiti hidup diimpikan rakyat Malaysia.



Tangki minyak kilang bocor punca aliran masuki Sungai Gong

LUAS laksana langkah kawalan, buat sekatan guna pasir elak pencemaran merebak

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Shah Alam: Aliran tercemar yang memasuki Sungai Gong pada 7 Oktober lalu disyaki berpunca daripada kebocoran tangki yang dipercayai mengandungi minyak milik sebuah kilang di kawasan Industri Rawang Integrated.

EXCO Alam Sekitar Selangor, Jamaliah Jamaluddin, berkata punca pencemaran itu dikesan hasil semakan Lembaga Urus Air

Selangor (LUAS).

"Berdasarkan semakan, terdapat kebocoran daripada tangki disyaki minyak milik premis berkenaan ekoran daripada kerosakan injap tangki.

"Kebocoran daripada tangki dengan kapasiti 1.84 meter padu itu menyebabkan anggaran 1.23 meter padu kapasiti aliran minyak melimpah keluar dan memasuki longkang berhampiran, seterusnya ke Sungai Gong.

"LUAS sudah mengarahkan pihak premis untuk menghentikan aliran minyak ini serta-merta termasuk meletakkan pasir di dalam premis sebagai tindakan kawalan," katanya menerusi kenyataan, semalam.

Laksana kerja pembersihan

Jamaliah berkata, LUAS juga sudah mengeluarkan Pemberitahuan Bertulis di bawah Seksyen 121(1) Enakmen LUAS 1999 kepada premis terbabit untuk me-



Kerja pembersihan keseluruhan longkang bagi mengelak aliran berminyak memasuki Sungai Gong.

laksanakan kerja pemulihan dan pembersihan dengan segera di premis serta jajaran sungai yang terkesan dan kawalan tumpahan di dalam premis daripada terus memasuki aliran Sungai Gong.

Katanya, LUAS turut meletakkan sebanyak empat unit 'oil pad' di keseluruhan longkang dan pre-

mis terbabit serta di Sungai Gong sebagai langkah kawalan pencemaran dan membuat sekatan menggunakan pasir dalam premis bagi meningkatkan pencegahan daripada kemasukan apa-apa aliran berminyak ke dalam longkang.

"Kerja-kerja pembersihan dan penyedutan sisa minyak di ke-

semua lokasi terbabit merangkumi di Sungai Gong dalam premis dan kawasan longkang berhampiran sudah dilaksanakan kontraktor yang dilantik premis berkenaan dan selesai semalam.

"Sebanyak 10,000 liter isi padu air yang tercemar dengan sisa minyak dibersihkan dan disedut membabitkan sebuah lori tangki berkapasiti 13,000 liter.

"LUAS seterusnya melakukan verifikasi di semua lokasi terbabit dan ia berjaya dikawal sepenuhnya, di mana bacaan bau serta keadaan sungai adalah normal," katanya.

Beliau berkata, pensampelan LUAS di kesemua lokasi berkaitan insiden sudah dihantar untuk analisis Jabatan Kimia Malaysia dan kertas siasatan dibuka mengikut Seksyen 79(1) Enakmen LUAS 1999.

Terdahulu, LUAS mengesan kesan dan bau minyak di Sungai Gong dengan bacaan satu ton pada jam 9.50 pagi, Isnin lalu.

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KUALA LUMPUR: Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia (MCMC) memberi masa dua bulan kepada semua platform media sosial untuk meneliti draf pertama kod tatalaku melibatkan platform media sosial yang bakal siap hujung Oktober ini.

Menteri Komunikasi, Fahmi Fadzil berkata, masa dua bulan turut diberikan kepada semua penyedia perkhidmatan untuk mendaftar di bawah agensi itu sebelum sebarang tindakan undang-undang dikenakan terhadap mereka.

Ia akan melibatkan platform media sosial yang menyediakan aplikasi seperti Facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram, Wechat, Tiktok atau sebarang penyedia perkhidmatan yang mempunyai lapan juta pengguna di Malaysia.

"Kita telah mengusahakan perbincangan dengan platform-platform media sosial untuk membangunkan kod tatalaku yang akan disiapkan draf pertamanya hujung Oktober dan kita beri masa kepada semua platform media sosial untuk menekuni isi kandungan kod tatalaku tersebut

"Kita juga beri masa selama dua bulan yang berbaki tahun ini kepada mereka untuk berdaftar dengan MCMC.

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"Kegagalan berdaftar, sekiranya mereka cukup syarat, maka akan ada beberapa tindakan undang-undang yang boleh diambil," kata Fahmi dalam sidang akhbar Sambutan Hari Pos Sedunia di Kompleks Dayabumi di sini, semalam.

Terdahulu, Fahmi mengemukakan, MCMC sedang membina kod tatalaku sebagai panduan kepada platform media sosial agar tindakan boleh dikenakan kepada pengguna sekiranya mereka melanggar kod berkenaan.

Menurutnya, pusingan pertama perbincangan melibatkan kod itu telah dilakukan pada 3 September yang lalu.

Sementara itu, MCMC turut mengikuti rapat perkembangan berhubung aspek pornografi dan jenayah seksual melibatkan aplikasi *Telegram* dengan mengadakan beberapa pertemuan bersama pihak aplikasi itu.

"MCMC telah mengadakan siri pertemuan dengan pihak *Telegram* dan kita mengikuti dengan rapat apa yang sedang berlaku.

"Pihak kerajaan juga tidak ber-

hasrat untuk menahan kakitangan daripada mana-mana platform media sosial termasuk sistem penghantaran mesej dalam internet seperti *Telegram* dengan syarat mereka memberikan kerjasama yang baik," jelasnya.

Dalam pada itu, MCMC telah melantik satu badan penasihat bagi meneliti keperluan meminda Akta Perkhidmatan Pos 2012 agar bersesuaian dengan perkembangan semasa dalam industri pos dan kurier di Malaysia.

Fahmi memberitahu, kewajaran untuk meminda Akta Perkhidmatan Pos 2012 mengambil

masa dalam tempoh lapan hingga 12 bulan.

Katanya, pindaan Akta Perkhidmatan Pos 2012 dijangka dapat digunakan pada awal tahun 2026.

"Melalui pindaan Akta Perkhidmatan Pos 2012, perkhidmatan pos dan juga kurier akan berdasarkan transformasi yang bersesuaian dengan perkembangan semasa.

"Pindaan akta ini juga bagi menambah baik taraf perkhidmatan serta memastikan isu yang melibatkan kepuasan pelanggan dapat diatasi," katanya.

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Kanser payudara wanita berusia 40 tahun semakin membimbangkan

SEREMBAN: Kes kanser payudara dalam kalangan wanita berusia 40 tahun semakin membimbangkan dengan 38.9 kes bagi setiap 100,000 populasi wanita.

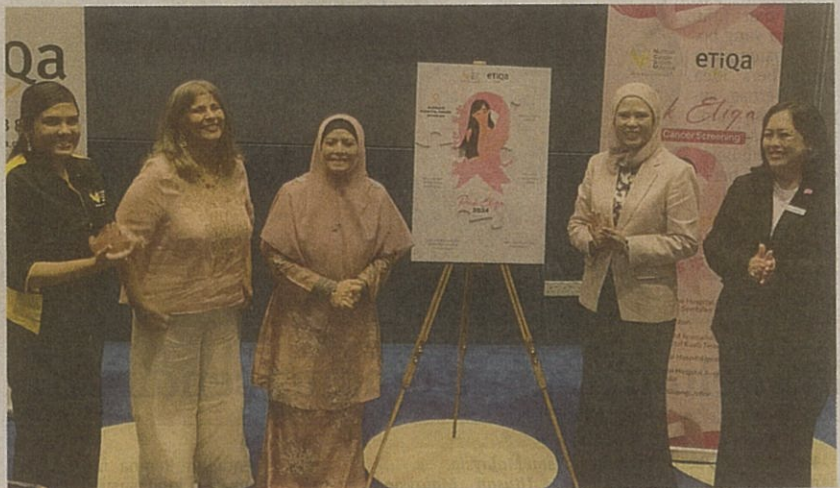
Menurut Laporan Registri Kanser Kebangsaan Malaysia 2017-2021, sebanyak 50.5 peratus daripada kes kanser payudara telah dikesan pada tahap tiga dan empat.

Timbalan Pengarah (Perubatan) Persatuan Kanser Kebangsaan Malaysia (NCSM), Dr. S. Vignesvari berkata, justeru keadaan itu semakin membimbangkan berikutan trend penghidap kanser payudara juga sudah berubah.

Malah katanya, turut membimbangkan apabila lebih ramai wanita bermula usia 40 tahun didiagnosis menghidap kanser berbanding pada usia 65 tahun sebelum ini.

"Namun, kita tidak boleh berputus asa, pengesanan awal melalui mamogram adalah kunci kepada peningkatan kadar kemandirian pesakit kanser payudara," katanya kepada pemberita pada Majlis Pelancaran Pink Etiqa di Bandar Baru Nilai, Nilai di sini, semalam.

Majlis berkenaan dirasmikan oleh isteri kepada Menteri Kesihatan, Datin Seri Azlin Hezri dan turut hadir, Timbalan Ketua



AZLIN Hezri (tiga dari kiri) merasmikan Majlis Pelancaran Pink Etiqa yang turut disaksikan Dr. Vignesvari (kiri) serta Siti Nita Zuhra (dua dari kanan) di Bandar Baru Nilai, Nilai, semalam. - UTUSAN/NUR SHARIEZA ISMAIL

Pegawai Eksekutif Etiqa International Holdings Sdn. Bhd, Siti Nita Zuhra Mohd Nazri.

Vignesvari sementara itu berkata, inisiatif Pink Etiqa merupakan program membantu wanita kurang berkemampuan untuk mendapatkan saringan mamogram secara percuma.

"Pink Etiqa akan mengunjun-

gi enam lokasi utama di seluruh negara untuk memastikan wanita dari komuniti kurang berkemampuan dan berpendapatan rendah dapat mengakses saringan mamogram dan mendapat pendedahan maklumat mengenai kanser payudara.

"Jelajah ini akan memberi tumpuan kepada wanita yang

berusia 40 tahun ke atas kerana pengesanan awal secara signifikan meningkatkan kadar kelangsungan hidup," kata beliau.

Katanya lagi, sejak tahun 2017, program mamogram percuma anjuran NCSM dan Etiqa telah berjaya menyediakan saringan kepada 27,500 wanita di seluruh negara.

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Naikkan caj rawatan, jangan bergantung dana kerajaan

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PETALING JAYA: Hospital kerajaan di Malaysia disaran menajana pendapatan sendiri tanpa hanya bergantung kepada peruntukan khas daripada kerajaan bagi meningkatkan kualiti perkhidmatan kesihatan.

Pakar Kesihatan Komuniti Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Prof. Dr. Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh berkata, hospital kerajaan memang perlu diberikan peruntukan khas tetapi perlu diingatkan setiap kementerian juga mahukan peruntukan khas seperti Kementerian Pendidikan.

"Antara cara untuk menambah pendapatan hospital adalah meningkatkan caj rawatan kepada pesakit-pesakit yang berkemampuan agar duit itu boleh digunakan oleh pihak hospital bagi menambah pen-

dapatan hospital dan ia perlu dijalankan dengan berhemah tanpa membebankan golongan yang susah," katanya kepada Utusan Malaysia.

Semalam akhbar ini melaporkan, Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL) yang dibina sejak 1870-an, memerlukan hampir RM100 juta bagi menggantikan peralatan perubatan yang telah tamat tempoh atau usang.

Pengarah HKL, Datuk Dr. Harikrishna K. R. Nair berkata, ini bagi memastikan kelengkapan dan peralatan perubatan berada dalam keadaan baik, sempurna serta selamat digunakan bagi memenuhi keperluan pesakit demi penjagaan kesihatan yang lebih baik.

Menurut beliau, sebagai sebuah hospital utama di negara ini, HKL perlu melakukan pemantauan kualiti peralatan perubatan secara berkala su-



Ini bagi memastikan kelengkapan dan peralatan perubatan berada dalam keadaan baik, sempurna serta selamat digunakan."

paya ia tidak menjejaskan keberkesanan proses rawatan.

"Anggaran kos bagi mengganti peralatan perubatan yang telah luput tempoh penggunaannya adalah mencecah sehingga RM100 juta.

"Peralatan perubatan yang telah luput tempoh dan boleh dilupus akan dicatat untuk

permohonan penggantian peralatan perubatan baharu berdasarkan Tatacara Pengurusan dan Perolehan Aset Kerajaan," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Presiden Persatuan Pengguna Kedah (Cape), Mohamad Yusrizal Yusoff berkata, kerajaan perlu menaikkan caj rawatan daripada RM1 kepada RM5 atau RM10 bagi meningkatkan pendapatan hospital.

Menurutnya, kenaikan tersebut masih relevan pada ketika ini dan tidak membebankan rakyat serta membantu pihak hospital untuk menambah baik peralatan yang sudah usang.

"Kerajaan juga perlu bantu sedikit sebanyak pihak HKL bagi selenggara dan penyediaan mesin-mesin baharu kerana setiap peralatan perlu dikemaskini dari masa ke semasa dan tidak perlu menunggu sehingga tarikh luput," katanya.

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