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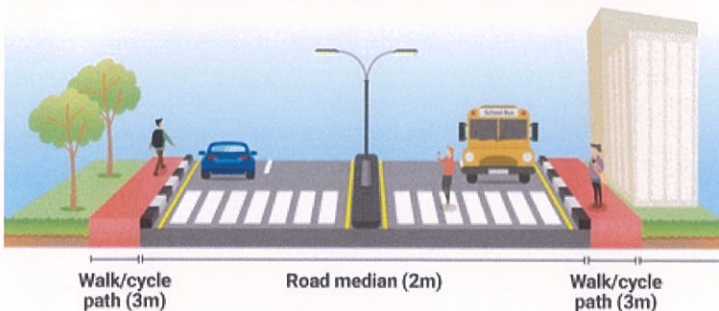
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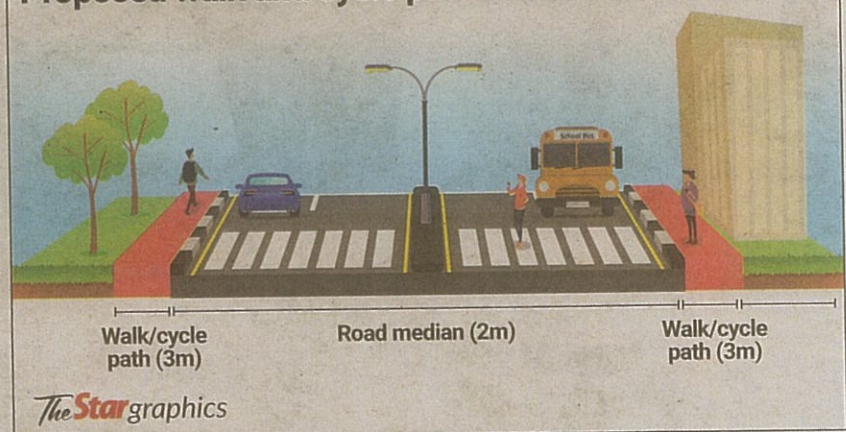
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>Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ) is organising a children's colouring contest on Sept 28 in conjunction with Cultural Heritage Fiesta programme at Subang Parade.

Registration is free. For details, call 012-261 9469 or visit MBSJ social media pages.

>The multipurpose hall in Laman Puteri 3, Bandar Puteri Puchong is temporarily closed until Oct 5 for repair and maintenance works.

>Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) is offering a discount for parking compounds until Sept 30. The rates start from RM15 and are not applicable for two-hour parking bays. For details, call 1 300 88 2025 or 03-6127 7595.

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Urban folk enjoying a leisurely time as they walk, run and cycle along the streets of Shah Alam.



Shah Alam Car-Free Day featured a patriotic and community theme. — Courtesy photo

Eco-friendly fun day in the city

Celebrating independence with community spirit, charity on Shah Alam Car-Free Day

A PATRIOTIC and community-themed event held in conjunction with Malaysia's National Day took place at the Shah Alam Car-Free Day.

Organised by Shah Alam City Council (MBSA), the car-free day is usually held on the second Sunday of the month at Dataran Kemerdekaan in Section 14, Shah Alam.

A highlight was the Shah Alam Eco Free Market, an event held in collaboration with "Be Kind Malaysia" to promote environmental awareness and charity.

"This initiative is to encourage community participation in eco-friendly activities.

"It also serves as a platform for the public to engage in charitable activities by distributing goods for free," MBSA corporate and public relations department director Mohd Azhar Mohd Sharif said in a statement.

"More than 100 people from the Shah Alam community set up stalls to give away for free their pre-loved goods or unwanted but still usable items, such as clothes, bags, shoes, plants, kitchenware and household items.

"Some private companies also had stalls offering essential goods or household items for free.

"To gain early entry, the public can exchange recyclable items such as plastic and glass bottles, aluminium cans and old newspapers for coupons that allow them early-bird access to Eco Free Market."

Other activities held at the event included a Merdeka Run by the Selangor Islamic



The 'Little Fighter Runners' from the Persatuan Pelari Anak Luar Biasa, which included special needs children, participating in the Shah Alam Car-Free Day August 2024 edition.

Religious Council (MAIS), Rakan Muda Merdeka Run by the Selangor Youth and Sports Department, leisure bicycle ride, a patriotic themed costume competition, lucky draw and free health screening.

Children were kept entertained with colouring sessions, a petting zoo, wall climbing as well as a mobile library and craft activities by MBSA's

Anggerik Vanilla Library.

In addition, MBSA distributed free Farm Fresh drinks and beverages to lucky visitors and had its Shah Alam on Wheels mobile office on hand to provide services such as checking and paying assessment taxes as well as traffic compounds.

MBSA also received a donation of RM15,000 from Malaysia Building Society Berhad (MBSB)

in the form of food baskets, distributed to 150 beneficiaries including orphans and *tahfiz* students.

Shah Alam mayor Datuk Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim flagged off participants at car-free day event.

Also present were MAIS chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof, Orang Besar Daerah Petaling Datuk Emran

Kadir, MBSB Group head of communications and branding Norsiah Jurani Johari, Shah Alam acting deputy mayor Madiyan Baweh, Selangor Youth and Sports Department assistant director (sports) Norazreen Sulaiman, MBSA councillor Tengku Ahmad Tengku Kasim and MBSA deputy secretary (management) Asmah Mohd Zin.



Pua says the relocation provides hawkers a safer and more suitable environment.



Hairin wants MBPJ to implement a two-session system instead of three.

By LEW GUAN XI
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SOME hawkers in People's Park, Damansara Damai, Petaling Jaya, want the current three-session trading system to be reduced to two to ensure they get equal number of operating hours.

Currently, traders take turns to operate from 6am to 10am, 11am to 5pm and 6pm to midnight at the place, also known as Hentian Damai.

Trader Hairin Mohd Anis, who sells banana fritters, proposed that Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) start the first session from 6am to 2pm and the second from 2pm to later at night.

"Most people come in after 5pm. Those who operate between 11am and 5pm are forced to close early to make way for hawkers trading between 6pm and midnight,"



People's Park in Damansara Damai, Petaling Jaya has 40 lots for traders. — Photos: KENJING KEN LIN and CHAN TAK KONG/The Star

Losing out due to unfair trading time

Relocated hawkers want MBPJ to reduce three sessions to two so business will improve

Hairin said.

He also urged MBPJ to promote the park to attract more visitors.

It was reported that the construction of hawker stalls in the park was completed at the end of June.

Unlicensed hawkers from Jalan PJU10/1 were relocated to the park and issued temporary permits.

A hawker, who declined to be named, expressed dissatisfaction with the relocation, stating that business had declined

compared to their previous roadside operations, adding that fewer people visited the park.

He also criticised the current system as being unfair to morning hawkers due to the longer evening session.

"MBPJ should consider assigning permanent spots to each trader to ensure smooth operations," he added.

The hawker added that the current system was hectic, as stalls needed to close quickly to make way for traders in the

next session.

Nur Hisyam Hamzah, a beverage seller, claimed some hawkers are occupying spots without actively trading.

The issue was raised during MBPJ's Mesra Rakyat community programme at the Damansara Damai Community Hall.

Bukit Lanjan assemblyman Pua Pei Ling, who was present at the event, defended the relocation, stating that it provided a safer and more suitable environment for hawkers.

"Those who operate between 11am and 5pm are forced to close early to make way for others in the later session."

Hairin Mohd Anis

"They previously operated near a Damansara Damai petrol station, which was dangerous," she said.

Pua added that all 40 lots in the park were occupied and that MBPJ would consider the hawkers' suggestions to reduce the number of sessions.

She said the sharing of facilities and three-session system was a pilot project by MBPJ.

Mechanical parking system under KL flyover awaiting approval

By JAROD LIM
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A PROPOSED mechanical parking system beneath the Jalan Yew-Jalan Sungai Besi flyover is awaiting approval from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

Cheras MP Tan Kok Wai confirmed that soil testing to build the structure for the mechanical parking bays has been completed and the results submitted to DBKL.

"The contractor has met all requirements and secured the support of most stakeholders," he told *StarMetro*.

Once approved, he said construction of the mechanical parking bays would commence, introducing Malaysia's first-of-its-kind system under a flyover.

Located in Jalan Yew near the Pudu wet market, the system will add 80 parking bays, increasing capacity in the area by 60%.

"The bays will be two to three decks high, depending on the

flyover's elevation," Tan added.

The mechanical parking system will utilise an automated vertical stacking system.

Plans for these bays were initiated following the government's decision to proceed with the flyover widening project despite stakeholder objections last year.

The project, budgeted at RM96mil, is under the Finance Ministry's purview and aims to improve connectivity between Sungai Besi Highway and Kuala Lumpur-Seremban Expressway.

Stakeholders had expressed concerns about the project's potential disruption to businesses and the proximity of the ramp to their premises.

Currently, work is underway to strengthen the flyover to accommodate widening.

Tan estimated that foundation work would take about one and a half months.

"We have secured RM6.5mil from the Finance Ministry for



Tan says the new mechanical parking system will add 80 bays to the area.

the mechanical parking bays," he said.

"This will greatly benefit residents and business owners, especially before the flyover widening project begins.

"We propose that the bays be free of charge for the first two years."

Tan added that he would follow up with DBKL on the matter.



The mechanical parking bay project under the Jalan Yew-Jalan Sungai Besi flyover is awaiting DBKL's approval. — LOW BOON TAT/The Star

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URBAN settlements often reflect
both fears and hopes.

While many cities trace their
origins to defence, trade or
agriculture, cities like Ipoh and
Kuala Lumpur began with valua-
ble minerals found by early
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Malaysia used to be the world's
top tin producer and this "white
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Finding the right balance for KL's River of Life

Modernising, conserving heart of downtown essential for city's future



The RoL project
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mosque in the city, the River of
Life (RoL) project's urban focus is
at the convergence point of
Sungai Klang and Sungai
Gombak.

The RoL, started as a long-term

project in 2011, is an attempt to
renew the entire 110km-long
Sungai Klang basin and spur eco-
nomic investment in adjacent
areas that were once the heart of
Kuala Lumpur.

If successful, the project will
help future generations under-
stand the city's history, including
the era when tin was vital and
rivers served as early highways.

However, the early 20th cen-
tury Klang and Gombak river sys-
tem was not clean or scenic, with
mining waste and human waste
entering the water, leading to sig-
nificant pollution.

Despite dangers like drownings
and crocodiles prior to Kuala
Lumpur being granted city status
in 1972, these rivers were vital
for transporting tin ore from the
hills of Ampang to Klang.

Conservation efforts should
therefore aim to improve Kuala
Lumpur's quality of life rather
than idealise the past.

Any urban renewal project in

the city should thus be firmly
focused on the future, as citizens
deserve a future brighter than
their past.

Nevertheless, effective mod-
ernisation will only succeed in
future-proofing our cities if it
occurs hand-in-hand with
thoughtful conservation.

This is because conservation of
the past creates a framework
that enhances the appreciation
and success of urban renewal
efforts.

In downtown Kuala Lumpur,
the RoL project aims to improve
the water ecology, tourism and
economic vitality of the oldest
neighbourhood in the city by
enhancing both the sustainability
and liveability of Kuala Lumpur's
original "blue spine".

However, the local shophouse
dwellers who once traded at
Medan Pasar and Central Market
have long been displaced.

The need to create new devel-
opment magnets to attract local
families back to the heart of the

city is therefore urgent.

Creating a new urban water-
front in a city not previously
known for its water ecology is a
brave attempt to enhance Kuala
Lumpur's branding, not just for
tourists but also for Malaysians.

That new waterfront should
ideally be woven into Kuala
Lumpur's narrative to tell a cohe-
sive story — as a compelling story
can unite Malaysians across dif-
ferent backgrounds.

The RoL is an opportunity to
tell the city's story in a way that
instils pride in Malaysians and
sustains interest in visitors.

It requires continuous mile-
stones to truly "bring it to life"
and monitor its progress to
ensure that its ambitious goals
are met.

Let's get it right this time.

ASSOC PROF DR KEITH
TAN KAY HIN
Faculty of Innovation &
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Water sources at risk of contamination by effluents

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KLANG: The release of effluents into water sources is the bane of highly industrialised states such as Selangor.

Experts say there is a need for strict and all-encompassing legislation to protect watersheds and water catchments of critical rivers to prevent this contamination from recurring time and again.

Water quality specialist Dr Zaki Zainudin said there aren't any direct environmental legislation in Malaysia currently that fully covers pollution load control.

"In fact, even the Environmental Quality Act 1974 does not specifically control pollution load.

"The Act instead limits pollutant concentration, meaning that it does not holistically address total quantity or load of pollutants into

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rivers and water courses.

"Current laws only cover one half of the story since load consists of not only concentration but also effluent flow rate," he explained.

Zaki said there are many other strategies – such as catchment protection, in addition to pollution load control – that can be implemented to prevent contamination of water catchment areas.

"Catchment protection entails gazetting such areas as protected, which means development is limited or not allowed at all.

"This ensures pollution is kept to a minimum as development usually also brings pollution," he said, adding that for a start this could be carried out at selected critical water catchment areas and river systems in the country.

Zaki noted that other strategies include polluters-pay-principle

(PPP), under which premises that have discharged waste into water courses are made to pay according to the amount of discharge found.

He added that in June, the Selangor Water Management Authority (LUAS) had made changes to its enactment on effluent discharges.

"In an effort to deter discharge of effluents into rivers, LUAS will start charging according to the pollution load released. This is in tandem with the PPP approach."

Zaki's comments came following the recent case where residents in several areas in Selangor had to endure an unscheduled water disruption after the Rantau Panjang and Sungai Selangor phases 1, 2 and 3 (SSP1, SSP2 and SSP3) water treatment plants were shut down.

The abrupt halt came about

after a type of scheduled substance, poly methacrylic acid, leaked out from a storage tank of a factory processing acrylic material for recycling.

"My suggestion will be to come up with a list or schedule of potentially high-risk industries which should not be allowed to operate upstream of water intake points, particularly the critical intakes," said Zaki.

River reserves and buffer zones, he added, have to also be protected with no development allowed in these areas.

Zaki said state governments have a vital role to play when it comes to protecting their river basins because under the Federal Constitution, water resources fall under the purview of the states.

"Selangor, in my view, is ahead of other states, being the first to establish its own water authority

LUAS," he said.

Meanwhile, Prof Dr Rasyidah Md Khalid of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's law faculty explained that laws to control water pollution can be categorised into point source and non-point source pollution.

The Environment Department regulates the point sources of pollution, which cover effluents from industries as well as oil palm and rubber plantations, she said.

"The local government will regulate non-point sources such as pollution from activities that they have licensed to operate.

"However, these are sometimes not properly monitored and action is only taken upon complaints," she added.

Prof Rasyidah noted that state water resource authorities such as LUAS also have powers to deter water pollution.

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Kejayaan perang rasuah bergantung pada institusi

SHAH ALAM - Kejayaan beberapa pihak untuk memerangi gejala rasuah dalam sektor awam bergantung pada institusi yang berani, telus dan bertanggungjawab di semua peringkat.

Naib Presiden Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (ABIM), Zairudin Hashim berkata, ia memerlukan suatu pendekatan menyeluruh dan holistik yang boleh meliputi seluruh negara dengan keberanian semua pihak untuk bertindak.

Menurutnya, pendekatan literasi pendidikan, pencegahan dan hukuman berat juga perlu diseimbangkan bagi membentuk sebuah pentadbiran yang bersih tanpa sebarang perbuatan keji.

"Untuk membanteras rasuah dalam sebuah institusi dengan berkesan dan mengangkat martabat masyarakat, ia memerlukan pendekatan menyeluruh dengan tindakan berani semua pihak sama ada peringkat atasan mahupun bawahan.

"Tiada keazaman politik akan memanjangkan amalan rasuah yang sistematis seperti di banyak negara," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* pada Isnin.

Sebelum ini, seruan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yang mahu reformasi dilaksanakan dalam perkhidmatan awam mampu membantu melawan gejala rasuah.

**RASUAH
BUSTERS**

Ketua Pesuruhjaya Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM), Tan Sri Azam Baki berkata, negara perlu melakukan reformasi per-

khidmatan awam selari dengan kepesatan ekonomi agar penyampaian perkhidmatan berkualiti dapat dinikmati rakyat.

Tambah Zairudin, semua pihak disarankan untuk mendedahkan mengenai bahaya dan jijiknya perbuatan rasuah kepada generasi muda terutama anak-anak kecil.

Katanya lagi, mereka perlu dididik untuk mengadu atau membuat laporan kepada pihak yang bertanggungjawab sekiranya terlihat perbuatan keji itu.

"Laporan mesti dibuat dan hukuman berat mesti dijatuhkan kepada pelaku," ujarnya.



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16 negara sertai MAHA 2024

Antara negara terlibat ialah AS, China, Rusia, Jepun, Thailand, Brunei dan Indonesia

Oleh DIANA AZIS
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Sebanyak 16 negara telah mengesahkan penyertaan dalam Pameran Pertanian, Hortikultur dan Agro Pelancongan Malaysia (MAHA) 2024 yang akan berlangsung Rabu ini.

Menteri Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan, Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu berkata, antara negara terlibat termasuk Amerika Syarikat (AS), China, Rusia, Jepun, Thailand, Brunei dan Indonesia.

"Dalam tinjauan men-



Mohamad (tiga dari kanan) tiba di stesen MRT UPM ketika lawatan bersama media ke tapak MAHA di MAEPS, Serdang pada Isnin.

dapati sudah lebih 90 peratus (persiapan) sudah siap, hanya perkara terakhir misalnya nak lepaskan anak ikan, bawa (masuk) lembu dan letak pokok-pokok sensitif.

"Semua itu perlukan masa yang lebih dekat dengan hari MAHA. Harap acara ini berjalan

dengan lancar," katanya selepas sesi lawatan media sempena MAHA 2024 di Taman Ekspo Pertanian Malaysia (MAEPS) di sini pada Isnin.

Menurut Mohamad, penyertaan negara luar yang akan mempamerkan peralatan serta teknologi berkaitan pertanian

terkini mampu membuka peluang kepada petani tempatan berkongsi ilmu serta pengalaman masing-masing.

"Saya berkeyakinan kehadiran orang ramai tahun ini akan meningkat kerana kempen dan publisiti dilakukan sangat hebat. "Malah Kementerian turut

berazam supaya pertanian negara dapat dipertingkatkan dalam semua bidang termasuk mekanisme peralatan melibatkan penggunaan kecerdasan buatan (AI) dan Internet Kebendaan (IoT)," ujarnya.

Sementara itu, Mohamad menegaskan, Malaysia akan terus menjuarai hab halal global dan usaha itu akan berterusan.

Malah beliau berpandangan, kenyataan segelintir pihak mengenai isu pensijilan halal merupakan pandangan peribadi yang tidak mewakili pihak berkepentingan.

"Itu (isu sijil halal) adalah pandangan peribadi dan Malaysia akan terus menjuarai hal hal halal.

"Pandangan yang bersifat peribadi akan berlalu, sebab isu *contradict* (bertentangan) sentiasa timbul tetapi akan berlalu. Yang penting Malaysia memang terkenal dengan hab halal di seluruh dunia ketika ini," kata beliau.

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Program Jualan Rahmah Madani bantu jimat perbelanjaan

Cerminan keprihatinan, usaha kerajaan membantu rakyat

Oleh DIANA AZIS
KUALA LUMPUR

Program Jualan Rahmah Madani (PJRM) yang diperkenalkan Kementerian Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN) sejak tahun 2023 mencerminkan keprihatinan serta usaha berterusan kerajaan dalam membantu rakyat mengurangkan beban kos sara hidup.

Malah program di bawah inisiatif Payung Rahmah Madani itu sentiasa dinantikan masyarakat, terutama golongan berpendapatan rendah (B40) yang berpeluang mendapatkan barangan keperluan asas pada harga yang jauh lebih rendah berbanding di pasaran.

Menurut Pengarah KPDN Kuala Lumpur, Mohd Sabri Seman, PJRM menawarkan potongan harga sehingga 30 peratus bagi setiap barangan yang dijual, sama ada menerusi jualan di premis, luar premis (premium) atau bergerak.

"PJRM dilaksanakan bertujuan memberi penjimatan kepada rakyat dengan fokus untuk membantu meringankan beban kos sara hidup. Program ini dilaksanakan dengan pelbagai kaedah, ada yang berskala kecil iaitu menggunakan lori lima tan dan bergerak ke lokaliti yang telah dikenal pasti.

"Namun di bandaraya Kuala Lumpur, kita rasa kaedah itu tidak sesuai. Oleh sebab itu, ia dibuat berskala premium dengan menggunakan sekurang-kurangnya lima buah khemah yang diletakkan di kawasan tertentu," katanya ketika ditemui di Flat Sri Penara, Cheras, sempena PJRM peringkat Kuala Lumpur, baru-baru ini.

Dalam pada itu beliau menjelaskan, barangan yang dijual pada setiap PJRM adalah mengikut permintaan dan



Suasana Program Jualan Rahmah Madani (PJRM) peringkat Kuala Lumpur anjuran KPDN KL yang diadakan di Flat Sri Penara, Cheras pada Khamis.

cadangan daripada wakil penduduk dan penyelaras Parlimen terlibat.

Malah menurutnya, KPDN Kuala Lumpur akan meneliti jenis barangan yang akan dibawa dan dijual mengikut keperluan iaitu 10 hingga 13 jenis barang keperluan.

"Sebelum mengadakan PJRM di kawasan dikenal pasti, kita akan mendapatkan pandangan dan cadangan daripada penyelaras kawasan Parlimen supaya barang yang akan dijual mengikut kehendak penduduk setempat.

"Keperluan asas seperti beras, minyak dan telur wajib dijual, selebihnya berdasarkan kepada permintaan supaya semua orang dapat manfaat daripada program ini," ujarnya.

Kuala Lumpur lokasi aktif PJRM

Sehingga 5 September lalu, KPDN Kuala Lumpur telah melaksanakan sebanyak 358 PJRM di seluruh bandaraya berkenaan.

Mohd Sabri berkata, jumlah itu akan terus meningkat dan dianggarkan sebanyak 200 program lagi bakal dijalankan sehingga akhir tahun ini.

"Kuala Lumpur merupakan kawasan yang paling aktif PJRM berbanding negeri-negeri lain dan kami berharap dapat melaksanakan kira-kira 200 program lagi sehingga Disember nanti.

"Selain itu saya juga berharap program jualan ini dapat diteruskan pada

tahun hadapan dengan penambahbaikan lebih sesuai, tertakluk kepada permintaan rakyat serta kemampuan kerajaan," ujarnya.

Mengulas mengenai proses pembelian dan jualan PJRM, beliau menjelaskan, mekanisme yang digunakan setakat ini adalah yang terbaik kerana subsidi dapat disalurkan kepada golongan sasaran, sekali gus dimanfaatkan golongan B40.

Dalam masa sama katanya, program berkenaan tidak akan mengganggu perniagaan sedia ada di kawasan sekitar. "Kita tidak menyediakan banyak jenis barang sebab PJRM bukan pasar raya. Kita hanya menawarkan barang keperluan tertentu sahaja.

"Oleh itu, kita sangat terbuka dengan sebarang cadangan untuk memperluaskan Program Jualan Rahmah Madani ini agar sesuai untuk rakyat dan pelaksanaannya," jelasnya.

Permintaan meningkat, jadikan program bulanan

Mengakui ramai penduduk setempat yang mendapat manfaat daripada inisiatif kerajaan itu, Setiausaha Majlis Perwakilan Penduduk (MPP) Bandar Tun Razak (Sub Zon II), Syarifah Aini Zahrah berkata, pihaknya berharap KPDN Kuala Lumpur dapat mempertimbangkan kekerapan PJRM di lokaliti itu.

Menurutnya, ramai penduduk yang menyuarakan harapan agar program berkenaan dilaksanakan sekurang-kurangnya dua kali dalam tempoh sebulan bagi membantu kos sara hidup rakyat.

"Kami disaran untuk sampaikan kepada Pengarah (KPDN Kuala Lumpur) supaya adakan program PJRM lebih kerap, itu yang dimohon penduduk.

"Sekurang-kurangnya, penduduk dapat menarik nafas lega kerana barang keperluan harian tidak terputus dengan cepat," ujarnya.

Sebagai rekod sehingga 31 Julai tahun ini, PJRM telah dilaksanakan di 5,680 lokasi seluruh negara dengan kaedah dalam premis sebanyak 2,248, luar premis 400 dan bergerak 3,032.

Sebelum ini, Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup, Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali dilaporkan memaklumkan, program berkenaan telah diperluaskan ke 222 Parlimen dan Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) di seluruh negara.

Sehingga kini, seramai lebih lima juta pengunjung direkodkan sepanjang program tersebut dilaksanakan dan jumlah itu dijangka terus meningkat dari semasa ke semasa.

REAKSI

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Saya harap program seperti ini dapat dilaksanakan lebih kerap supaya golongan B40 dapat manfaat sebaiknya.”



- Maizatun Dura Azmi, 44
Surirumah

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Saya cadangkan supaya pelbagai jenis barangan yang dijual seperti keperluan harian lain dan tidak hanya tertumpu kepada makanan.”



- Hee Siew Fong, 66
Penduduk

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Saya antara rakyat yang mendapat manfaat daripada PJRM dan penjimatan sehingga RM6 bagi setiap jenis barangan boleh digunakan untuk membeli keperluan lain.”



- Muhammad Akram Mohd Razali, 45
Pekerja swasta

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Sebagai penyelaras Parlimen, saya akan pastikan kawasan yang dipilih bersesuaian dengan jumlah lokaliti supaya lebih ramai yang mendapat manfaat daripada inisiatif ini.”



- Muhammad Fitri Ramli
Penyelaras Parlimen Bandar Tun Razak



Mohd Sabri beramah mesra dengan pengunjung PJRM peringkat Kuala Lumpur anjuran KPDN KL yang diadakan di Flat Sri Penara, Cheras pada Khamis.

Pinjaman peribadi punca utama bankrap

Pelbagai alasan diberikan
untuk tambah hutang
baharu 8/10/9

Oleh NURATIKAH ATHILYA HASSAN
SHAH ALAM

Pinjaman peribadi menjadi penyumbang tertinggi kepada fenomena kebangkrutan baharu yang didaftarkan antara tahun 2021 hingga 2024 melibatkan penjawat awam.

Pakar Kewangan Pengguna, Profesor Dr Mohamad Fazli Sabri berkata, berdasarkan data yang dipaparkan Jabatan Insolvensi Malaysia, sebanyak 49.53 peratus punca muflis disebabkan pinjaman peribadi.

"Kebiasaannya, individu melakukan pinjaman untuk melangsaikan hutang sedia ada, bayar perbelanjaan isi rumah dan membaiki kenderaan.

"Dari sudut lain, ada antara mereka terpengaruh dengan skim pelaburan. Dia buat pinjaman untuk melabur dan mahu tambah sumber pendapatan tapi apa yang berlaku sebaliknya," katanya ketika dihubungi *Sinar Harian*.

Beliau yang juga Dekan, Fakulti Ekologi Manusia, Universiti Putra Malaysia berkata, kini juga semakin ramai yang terjebak dengan konsep beli dulu bayar kemudian ketika berbelanja.

Ujarnya, situasi tersebut akan



Seseorang mudah terjerat masalah hutang apabila melakukan perbelanjaan melebihi kemampuan. - Gambar hiasan



MOHAMAD FAZLI

menyebabkan seseorang melakukan perbelanjaan melebihi kemampuan sehingga terpaksa membuat pinjaman untuk membayar hutang.

Dalam pada itu, Mohamad Fazli berkata, kurang pengetahuan dalam literasi kewangan terutamanya berkaitan hutang dan pinjaman mengakibatkan individu terjebak dalam masalah itu.

"Majikan perlu memperkenalkan atau melaksanakan program intervensi berkaitan pendidikan kewangan di tempat kerja. Jemput hos atau penasihat yang pakar dalam bidang kewangan dan sebagainya.

"Kita kena jadikan pendidikan kewangan sebagai pendidikan sepanjang hayat. Tambahan pula, pada Disember

akan berlaku kenaikan gaji penjawat awam, kita bimbang keadaan ini akan membarah jika tidak diberi kesedaran awal," jelasnya.

Menurut beliau, kesan kemufilsan tidak hanya dirasai oleh individu tetapi juga memberi kesan kepada produktiviti di tempat kerja.

Katanya, individu yang tertekan dengan beban hutang mungkin kurang motivasi dan fokus di tempat kerja.

"Ini boleh membawa kesan domino kepada institusi kerajaan, kerana prestasi ekonomi yang merosot akan memberi kesan negatif kepada kewangan negara.

"Justeru, semua pihak terlibat perlu mengambil langkah proaktif untuk menangani isu ini, termasuk memperkukuh program pendidikan kewangan dan menggalakkan amalan pengurusan kewangan yang lebih baik dalam kalangan rakyat Malaysia," ujarnya.

9 SEBAB ORANG BUAT PINJAMAN PERIBADI

1. SEBAGAI SIMPANAN KECEMASAN

Contohnya untuk membayar bil perubatan luar jangka atau membaiki kereta yang tiba-tiba rosak.

2. PENYATUAN HUTANG

Teknik ini berfungsi untuk menghimpunkan pelbagai hutang yang tidak disediakan kemudahan pinjaman peribadi baharu dengan kadar faedah dan bayaran bulanan yang lebih rendah.

3. MEMBELI KENDERAAN

Khususnya bagi membeli kereta lama yang tidak disediakan kemudahan pinjaman sewa beli. Pinjaman peribadi untuk membeli motosikal juga lebih murah berbanding menggunakan loan kedai.

4. PERNIAGAAN

Bagi memulakan perniagaan kerana pemohon belum tentu layak memohon pinjaman perniagaan daripada TEKUN, Mara atau bank.

5. PENDIDIKAN

Susulan kos pengajian tinggi makin mahal di samping sebagai pelaburan masa depan.

6. DEPOSIT PINJAMAN RUMAH

Walaupun ada yang menawarkan pembelian sifar deposit, namun terdapat batasan seperti kadar faedah yang tinggi.

7. PERKAHWINAN

Terutama bagi pasangan yang inginkan majlis yang meriah dan besar-besaran.

8. UBAH SUAI RUMAH

Renovate rumah perlukan bajet yang besar lebih-lebih lagi ketika harga bahan binaan terus meningkat.

9. PERCUTIAN

Satu lagi cara untuk memenuhi impian meneroka dunia adalah menikmati percutian dengan membayar secara ansuran.

Sumber: www.directlending.com.my

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Ada yang mohon
membankrapkan diri
sendiri bagi kurangkan
tekanan hutang
berpanjangan

PUTRAJAYA

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10 hingga 13 peratus kes penjawat awam bankrap

Kira-kira 10 hingga 13 peratus daripada kes kebangkrutan baharu yang didaftarkan antara 2021 hingga tahun ini melibatkan penjawat awam, kata Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Insolvensi Malaysia (Mdi) Datuk M Bakri Abd Majid.

Beliau berkata, lebih membimbangkan data berkenaan menunjukkan trend peningkatan dari tahun ke tahun walaupun data kebangkrutan nasional menunjukkan penurunan.

Berdasarkan data terbuka Mdi, beliau berkata, statistik kebangkrutan individu daripada sektor awam adalah sebanyak 12 peratus pada 2020, 2021 (10 peratus), 2022 (11 peratus), 2023 (13 peratus) dan 14 peratus setakat ini bagi tahun ini.

"Kegagalan pegawai awam menguruskan kewangan dengan baik bukan sahaja memberi kesan kepada individu dan keluarga, malah kepada ekosistem perkhidmatan awam negara.

"Bagi penjawat awam yang diisytiharkan bankrap, tindakan tatatertib boleh diambil akibat keterhutangan yang serius selain mencemarkan imej perkhidmatan awam, sekali gus menjejaskan peluang kenaikan gaji dan pangkat selain kelayakan pembayaran bonus dan bantuan kewangan turut terjejas," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Ahad malam.

KES KEBANKRAPAN MENGIKUT AMBANG KEBERHUTANGAN (JULAI 2021 HINGGA MAC 2024)

AMBANG KEBERHUTANGAN (RM)	JUMLAH	PERATUS
30,000 hingga 49,999	113	0.76
50,000 hingga 99,999	2,083	14.01
100,000 hingga 499,999	10,438	70.18
500,000 hingga 999,999	1,484	9.98
1 juta ke atas	755	5.08
JUMLAH	14,873	100

Sumber: Jabatan Insolvensi Malaysia

KES KEBANKRAPAN MENGIKUT SEBAB KEBANKRAPAN (2020 HINGGA MAC 2024)

KATEGORI KEBANKRAPAN	JUMLAH	PERATUS
Pinjaman peribadi	13,328	49.53
Pinjaman perniagaan	5,018	18.65
Sewa beli kenderaan	2,565	9.53
Pinjaman perumahan	2,057	7.64
Hutang kad kredit	1,350	5.02
Kebertutangan yang lain	907	3.37
Hutang cukai pendapatan	595	2.21
Penjamin korporat	660	2.45
Caruman KWSP	372	1.38
Blasikswa/	54	0.20
Pinjaman pelajaran	2	0.01
Penjamin sosial	2	0.01
JUMLAH	26,908	100

Sumber: Jabatan Insolvensi Malaysia

harkan bankrap, tindakan tatatertib boleh diambil akibat keterhutangan yang serius selain mencemarkan imej perkhidmatan awam, sekali gus menjejaskan peluang kenaikan gaji dan pangkat selain kelayakan pembayaran bonus dan bantuan kewangan turut terjejas," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Ahad malam.

Beliau menjelaskan, dalam sesetengah kes, terdapat juga penjawat awam yang memohon untuk membankrapkan diri sendiri bagi mengurangkan tekanan hutang yang berpanjangan.

Kakitangan yang mempunyai hutang yang serius (keterhutangan) adalah satu kesalahan dan ia dinyatakan secara jelas di bawah Peraturan Pegawai Awam (Kelakuan dan Tatatertib) 1993.

Keterhutangan serius bagi kakitangan sektor awam bermaksud jumlah pendapatan dibawa pulang kurang daripada 40 peratus.

Di bawah Akta Insolvensi 1967 (Pindaan 2023), mana-mana orang yang mempunyai hutang tertunggak melebihi RM100,000 boleh dibankrapkan melalui tindakan mahkamah.

Di pihak jabatan pula, M Bakri ber-

KES KEBANKRAPAN MENGIKUT JENIS PEKERJAAN (2020 HINGGA MAC 2024)

JENIS PEKERJAAN	JUMLAH	PERATUS
Tiada maklumat	9,738	36.19
Sektor swasta	8,684	32.27
Berniaga	4,377	16.27
Sektor awam	3,137	11.66
Bekerja sendiri	601	2.23
Profesional	47	0.17
Tidak bekerja	279	1.04
Pesara kerajaan	42	0.16
Pelajar	2	0.01
Ahli sukan	0	0.00
Sektor hiburan	1	0.00
JUMLAH	26,908	100

Sumber: Jabatan Insolvensi Malaysia



M BAKRI

kata, ketua jabatan seharusnya memantau tahap keterhutangan petugas di bawah seliaan masing-masing dan peka terhadap perubahan kelakuan mereka.

"Tindakan pencegahan awal harus dijalankan dengan memperbanyakkan aktiviti berkaitan pengurusan kewangan peribadi dan jabatan juga boleh bekerjasama dengan pakar atau penasihat kewangan bertauliah bagi membincangkan hal berkaitan pengurusan kewangan," katanya menambah, kegagalan ketua jabatan melaksanakan tanggungjawabnya boleh mengundang gejala rasuah dan salah guna kuasa dalam jabatan.

Mengenai Sistem Saran Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) dengan pelarasan gaji yang lebih baik, beliau berkata, biarpun ia melegakan keresahan penjawat awam, tidak kurang ada pihak yang bersedia 'menanggung di air keruh' untuk menawarkan pinjaman baharu yang 'tidak sihat' kepada penjawat awam yang lalai khususnya.

M Bakri berkata, 'kitaran jahat' berkenaan perlu dihindarkan daripada terus merencatkan aliran tunai penjawat awam dan peranan semua pihak termasuk ketua jabatan amat diperlukan

JUMLAH KES KEBANKRAPAN (2020 HINGGA MAC 2024)

CAWANGAN	JUMLAH
Wilayah Persekutuan	3,442
Selangor	6,364
Johor Bahru	2,254
Perak	1,423
Pulau Pinang	1,472
Kedah	1,686
Muar	671
Sabah	1,532
Kelantan	1,184
Melaka	692
Negeri Sembilan	1,244
Temerloh	485
Pahang	715
Sarawak	806
Terengganu	858
Miri	452
Sibu	308
Taiping	407
Tawau	462
Sandakan	290
Perlis	161
JUMLAH	26,908

Sumber: Jabatan Insolvensi Malaysia

bagi mengekang masalah berkenaan. "Selaras dengan pengumuman gaji baharu, pekerja sektor awam dilihat telah menjanjikan perubahan cara kerja atau tahap produktiviti lebih baik, namun ia bukan sekadar dua perkara itu sahaja malah pemikiran juga perlu diubah," katanya.

Pada 16 Ogos lalu, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengumumkan pelaksanaan SSPA menggantikan Skim Saran Malaysia (SSM) yang menyaksikan kira-kira 1.6 juta penjawat awam mendapat pelarasan gaji baharu selepas kali terakhir disemak pada 2013.

Anwar yang juga Menteri Kewangan mengumumkan pelarasan gaji sebanyak 15 peratus kepada pegawai Kumpulan Pelaksana dan pegawai Kumpulan Pengurusan dan Profesional serta tujuh peratus kepada pegawai Kumpulan Pengurusan Tertinggi.

Pelaksanaan pelarasan gaji berkenaan akan dilaksanakan secara berfasa iaitu pada 1 Disember 2024 bagi Fasa 1 dan pada 1 Januari 2026 bagi Fasa 2.

SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh: 10 SEP 2024

APM kenal pasti 6,000 'hotspot' bencana seluruh negara

Machang: Angkatan Pertahanan Awam Malaysia (APM) mengenal lebih 6,000 hotspot bencana di seluruh negara membatinkan lokasi banjir, tanah runtuh dan kepala air.

Ketua Pesuruhjaya APM, Datuk Aminurrahim Mohamed berkata, kriteria yang dikenal pasti lokasi bencana adalah berdasar-

kan trend yang berlaku dalam tempoh tiga tahun.

Katanya, maklumat mengenai bencana diambil daripada jabatan teknikal untuk digabung serta dikumpulkan bagi mengenal pasti bahawa kawasan berkenaan perlu diberikan perhatian.

"Pada masa sama, pihak kami juga akan menjalin-

kan kerjasama dengan Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS), Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (MetMalaysia) dan agensi lain bagi memberi fokus kepada kawasan hotspot yang dikenal pasti itu.

"Kawasan ini akan diberi perhatian termasuk melaksanakan tindakan awal menyelamatkan dengan

menghantar keperluan penyelamat termasuk bot dan jaket keselamatan.

"Di Kelantan terdapat 617 hotspot yang dikenal pasti dan akan diberikan perhatian terutama apabila bermulanya Monsun Timur Laut (MTL)," katanya.

Aminurrahim berkata, meskipun belum berlaku

peralihan monsun, APM sentiasa berada dalam keadaan berjaga-jaga serta bersedia sedia sekiranya berlaku sebarang kemungkinan.

"Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Pusat akan diadakan pada bulan Oktober depan di Kota Tinggi, Johor yang di-pengerusikan oleh Timba-

lan Perdana Menteri.

"Di Kelantan, pihak APM juga akan mengadakan beberapa siri perjumpaan dengan badan bukan kerajaan (NGO) termasuk di luar Kelantan dan mereka akan diberikan beberapa pendekatan yang baharu mengenai persediaan menghadapi MTL," katanya.

HARIAN METRO
Tarikh: 10 SEP 2024

Bernama

Putrajaya

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Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim semalam melancarkan Pelan Induk Kerjasama Awam-Swasta 2030 (Pikas 2030) untuk mengukuhkan tatakelola dan pengurusan projek yang dilaksanakan melalui pendekatan kerjasama awam-swasta.

Menurut kenyataan Unit Kerjasama Awam Swasta Jabatan Perdana Menteri, langkah itu sebagai usaha mempercepat pertumbuhan ekonomi di samping menguruskan cabaran fiskal.

Matlamat pelan strategik itu bagi menyediakan landskap Kerjasama Awam-Swasta (PPP) yang teguh dan mampan untuk memacu kesejahteraan negara.

Pikas 2030 adalah kesinambungan daripada dasar dan garis panduan kerjasama awam-swasta sedia ada yang diberi nilai tambah dengan hala tuju lebih jelas dan terangkum, jelas kenyataan itu.

Di samping itu, Pikas 2030 menetapkan beberapa sasaran penting yang menjadi penanda aras kejaya-



PIKAS 2030 DILANCAR

Perkukuh tatakelola projek awam-swasta

ANWAR (tengah) ketika hadir pada Majlis Peluncuran Pelan Induk Kerjasama Awam-Swasta 2030 di Multimedia Universiti.

annya.

"Melalui projek kerjasama awam-swasta, kerajaan menjangkakan peningkatan pelaburan swasta kepada RM78 bilion, sumbangan Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) kepada RM82 bilion, dan penciptaan 900,000 peluang pekerjaan menjelang 2030," kata kenyataan itu.

Majlis pelancaran turut dihadiri Timbalan Perdana

Menteri Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, Menteri Perladangan dan Komoditi Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani dan Menteri Besar Selangor Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Bagi memastikan pencapaian matlamat itu, Pikas 2030 dibangunkan berdasarkan empat teras strategik dan 17 inisiatif strategik.

Bagi mencapai objektif untuk terus mengukuhkan

tatakelola dalam pelaksanaan projek PPP, kerajaan mengutamakan pelaksanaan cadangan projek PPP secara bidaan bersaing melalui *Request for Proposal* (RFP).

Proses itu mempertingkatkan persaingan, inovasi, kualiti perkhidmatan dan memberi

nilai faedah terbaik kepada kerajaan serta rakyat, kata kenyataan itu.

Beberapa model PPP baharu seperti Bangun Semula/Jana Semula-Kendali-Pindah (ROT), Bina-Bangun Semula/Jana Semula-Kendali-Pindah (BROT) akan diperkenalkan.

Kenyataan itu

turut memaklumkan kerajaan juga memberi tumpuan kepada pelaksanaan projek PPP yang berorientasikan *user-pays* selaras hasrat mengurangkan cabaran fiskal.

"Model monetisasi konsesi seperti pembiayaan secara Amanah Perniagaan dan Amanah Pelaburan Hartanah (REIT) diteroka sebagai alternatif dalam pembiayaan projek PPP," katanya.

**Pikas 2030
dibangunkan
berdasarkan empat
teras strategik dan
17 inisiatif strategik**

HARIAN METRO

Tarikh: **10 SEP 2024**

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Kajang

Pasaran hartanah Malaysia mencatatkan prestasi kukuh pada separuh pertama 2024 dengan jumlah transaksi meningkat lapan peratus kepada 198,906 dan nilai transaksi meningkat 23.8 peratus kepada RM105.65 bilion, pertumbuhan tertinggi dalam tempoh lima tahun.

Timbalan Menteri Kewangan Lim Hui Ying berkata, pengukuhan pasaran hartanah didorong oleh prestasi transaksi yang positif merentas semua subsektor, disokong oleh pelbagai inisiatif yang digariskan oleh kerajaan dalam Belanjawan 2024.

Tambahan pula, katanya, beberapa usaha baharu dan projek pemangkin yang diperkenalkan oleh Kerajaan Madani secara serentak merangsang pembangunan pasaran hartanah.

Beliau menjelaskan, inisiatif itu termasuk penambahbaikan baru-baru ini kepada program Malaysia Rumah Kedua (MM2H), pembangunan Zon Ekonomi Khas Johor-Singapura (JS-SEZ) dan penubuhan Zon Kewangan Khas di Forest City.

"Prestasi kediaman siap dibina tidak terjual turut memperlihatkan momentum yang lebih membebangsangkan.

"Unit siap dibina tidak terjual merekodkan penurunan sebanyak 12.3 peratus berjumlah 22,642 unit dan sebanyak 19.5 peratus dalam nilai berjumlah RM14.24 bilion, berbanding tempoh yang sama tahun lalu, katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada majlis pelancaran Laporan Pasaran Harta Se-

Bisnes



BEBERAPA usaha baharu dan projek pemangkin diperkenalkan Kerajaan Madani secara serentak merangsang pembangunan pasaran hartanah.

PERTUMBUHAN TERTINGGI DALAM LIMA TAHUN

TRANSAKSI PASARAN HARTANAH NAIK 8%

paruh Pertama 2024 oleh Jabatan Penilaian dan Perkhidmatan Harta (JPPH) dan merasmikan Jubli Perak Pusat Maklumat Harta Tanah Negara (NAPIC) serta Simposium Penyelidikan Harta Tanah Antarabangsa (IRERS) 2024 di Institut Penilaian Negara (INSPEN) di sini, semalam.

Hui Ying berkata, prestasi aktiviti pasaran mengikut subsektor menunjukkan peningkatan dengan mencatat pertumbu-

han yang kukuh tahun ke tahun iaitu subsektor kediaman (6.1 peratus), komersial (22.4 peratus), industri (2.3 peratus), pertanian (6.5 peratus) dan tanah pembangunan (12.1 peratus).

Beliau berkata, data awalan Indeks Harga Rumah Malaysia (IHRM) pada separuh pertama 2024 berada pada paras 218.7 mata, memper-

lihatkan harga purata RM471,918 seunit dengan pertumbuhan tahunan pada kadar 0.9 peratus.

Katanya, semua negeri menyaksikan pertumbuhan positif yang sederhana kecuali Kuala Lumpur, yang mencatat penguncupan 0.8 peratus.

Laporan Pasaran Harta Separuh Pertama 2024 oleh Jabatan Penilaian dan Perkhidma-

tan Harta (JPPH) menunjukkan prestasi penghuni-an kompleks perniagaan merekodkan peningkatan marginal.

Kadar penghuni-an kompleks perniagaan merekodkan 78.1 peratus berbanding 76.6 peratus pada tempoh sebelumnya, manakala kadar penghuni-an pejabat binaan khas milik persendirian mencatat 71.6 peratus berbanding 72.4 peratus yang direkodkan pada tempoh sebelumnya.

Unit siap dibina tidak terjual rekod penurunan

HARIAN METRO
Tarikh: 10 SEP 2024

Boleh disita, masuk mahkamah untuk dilucutkan hak

PETALING JAYA — Pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) boleh menyita kenderaan yang dibiarkan tersadai sebelum membawa kes tersebut ke mahkamah untuk tindakan lucut hak dan pelupusan.

Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Langat, Datuk Amirul Azizan Abd.Rahim berkata, perkara itu antara tindakan lanjut yang boleh diambil selepas pemiliknya ingkar terhadap notis pemberitahuan yang dikeluarkan MPKL mengikut Seksyen 46(1)(e), Akta 133 kerana meletakkan kenderaan buruk di tempat awam yang menyebabkan halangan awam.

"Individu yang telah dikenakan tindakan sitaan kenderaan juga berdepan surat peringatan setelah carian senarai hitam daripada Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) dan Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ)," katanya.

Beliau berkata, di Kuala Langat sahaja, sebanyak 22 buah kenderaan terbiar telah disita sepanjang Januari hingga Mei tahun ini.

Katanya, berdasarkan rekod sepanjang tahun lalu, sebanyak 430 notis pemberitahuan dan 460 notis kesalahan telah dikeluarkan melibatkan sitaan sebanyak 35 buah kenderaan pelbagai jenis.

"Antara punca banyak kereta terbiar adalah disebabkan kemalangan kereta, tidak cukup wang bagi pembaikan selain tidak boleh dibaiki lagi dan tidak memiliki geran yang sah.

"Rata-rata penduduk juga tidak tahu kaedah melupuskan kenderaan sehingga dibiarkan terbiar seterusnya mencacatkan pemandangan dan menjadi kacau ganggu kepada penduduk setempat," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Dewan

Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) sebelum ini mengangarkan terdapat lebih 1,500 kenderaan tersadai di Perumahan Awam (PA) dan Projek Perumahan Rakyat (PPR).

Unit Media Jabatan Perancangan Korporat DBKL berkata, jumlah itu berdasarkan penelitian pihaknya di 64 PA dan PPR.

"Tindakan penguatkuasaan susulan akan diambil dengan menunda kenderaan tersadai jika pemilik masih gagal mengalihkan selepas tempoh notis tamat.

"Kesemua tindakan penguatkuasaan ini diambil di bawah Seksyen 46(1)(e) Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974," katanya.

DBKL berkata, sekiranya pemilik gagal menuntut kenderaan dalam tempoh ditetapkan, tindakan pelupusan seperti dipe-run-tukkan di bawah Seksyen 116 Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974 akan dilaksanakan.



KERETA yang dibiarkan tersadai di bahu jalan boleh dikenakan tindakan sitaan oleh pihak berkuasa.

KOSMO

10 SEP 2024

Tarikh:

DBKL mendapati premis itu menghalang laluan tempat awam

Penjaja asing kena serbu di Segambut

Oleh **TUAN NURHIDAYAH**
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Kosmo (DBKL)
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KUALA LUMPUR – Barang perniagaan dua penjaja warga asing disita Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) ketika operasi dilaksanakan Sabtu lalu.

Selain sitaan terbabit, premis perniagaan yang menghalang tempat awam di sekitar Jalan Sri Bintang dan Jalan Pintasan Segambut juga dikenakan tindakan.

DBKL dalam kenyataan semalam berkata, operasi itu dibuat pihaknya melalui Jabatan Penguatkuasaan bersama Pejabat Cawangan Segambut.

"Dalam operasi tersebut, sebanyak dua barangan penjaja warga asing yang menjalankan perniagaan tanpa lesen telah dikenakan tindakan sita serta merta di bawah UUK Pelesenan Penjaja (WPKL) 2016.

"Selain itu, berdasarkan aduan yang diterima, dua lagi premis perniagaan telah dikenakan tindakan pindah halangan terhadap



DUA penjaja warga asing yang mengganggu laluan orang awam telah disita di Jalan Pintasan dan Jalan Sri Bintang di Segambut, Kuala Lumpur semalam.

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Dalam operasi tersebut, sebanyak dua barangan penjaja warga asing yang menjalankan perniagaan tanpa lesen telah dikenakan tindakan sita.”

barangan perniagaan yang diletakkan di tempat awam di bawah Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974,” katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Ujarnya, kesemua barangan yang diambil tindakan telah dibawa ke Setor Sitaan Jalan Lombong, Taman Miharja Cheras, di sini, untuk tindakan rekod dan dokumentasi.

"Pihak DBKL akan meneruskan tindakan dan pemantauan dari masa ke semasa di lokasi tumpuan yang telah dikenalpasti.

"Sebarang aduan, orang awam boleh disalurkan maklumat di <https://adukl.dbkl.gov.my/>," jelas kenyataan itu.

KOSMO

10 SEP 2024

Tarikh:

Kosmo 10/9

Syarikat swasta diarah titik berat soal kadar upah, kemudahan pekerja

Projek PIKAS, terap prinsip tatakelola

Oleh MUHAMMAD NAJIB
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CYBERJAYA – Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mahu setiap projek dalam Pelan Induk Kerjasama Awam-Swasta (PIKAS) 2030 menerapkan prinsip tatakelola lebih tegas dan tidak bertolak ansur terhadap sebarang kecurangan.

Perdana Menteri berkata, syarikat yang diswastakan ini bukan hanya perlu mengejar keuntungan semata-mata, namun harus memikirkan tiga aspek penting dalam membantu 'keluarga' iaitu pekerja mereka.

Menurutnya, tiga aspek berkenaan adalah menitikberatkan soal kadar upah pekerja yang setimpal, kemudahan perumahan dan pendidikan untuk anak-anak mereka mengikut keupayaan syarikat masing-masing.

"Jadi apa saya nak sampaikan bagaimana harus kita teruskan dalam pelan kerjasama awam-swasta perlu mengambil kira konsep ini.

"Peranan Unit Kerjasama Awam-Swasta (UKAS) adalah memastikan kepesatan kelulusan yang tidak terikat kerenah birokrasi berlebihan, tetapi tidak berganjak dengan prinsip utama



ANWAR pada Majlis Peluncuran Pelan Induk Kerjasama Awam-Swasta 2030 di Dewan Tun Canselor, Universiti Multimedia, Cyberjaya semalam.

tentang tatakelola dan mengelak daripada sebarang kecurangan yang telah menjahanamkan sebahagian perubahan negara

kita," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika berucap pada Majlis Peluncuran Pelan Induk Kerjasama

Awam-Swasta (PIKAS) 2030 di sini semalam.

Menurut Anwar, sejak 1981 dan ketika memegang jawatan

sebagai Timbalan Perdana Menteri dan Menteri Kewangan pada 1991, beliau telah melakar pelan penswastaan berdasarkan keperluan ketika itu walaupun diakui banyak dari segi tatakelola harus diperbaiki.

Jelasnya, biarpun lebih 510 projek kerjasama awam-swasta dijalankan dengan sebahagian besarnya mengikut kaedah yang ketat, namun ada daripadanya mempunyai kelemahan.

Katanya, kerjasama awam-swasta ini tidak harus dipertikai berikutan sumbangan kepada Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) lebih RM50.5 bilion selain memberi peluang pekerjaan kepada lebih 600,000 orang.

"Angka-angka ini menyenangkan, tapi percaya lah angka-angka ini tak mampu memukau kita dan melonjak negara ini sebagai negara maju. Angka-angka ini hanya permulaan.

"Kehadiran rakan-rakan ketua setiausaha, ketua pengarah baharu saya tegaskan kita mahu menjadi penyumbang utama tenaga penggerak untuk jayakan Malaysia baharu yang berpotensi negara hebat dan maju, maka cara dan kaedah kerja kita mesti berubah," ujarnya.

KOSMO

10 SEP 2024

Tarikh:

Projek PIKAS terap tatakelola tegas

Tidak boleh tolak ansur terhadap kecurangan bagi pastikan kejayaan projek

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Cyberjaya: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mahu setiap projek dalam Pelan Induk Kerjasama Awam-Swasta (PIKAS) diterapkan prinsip tatakelola yang tetap, tegas dan tidak bertolak ansur terhadap sebarang kecurangan.

Perdana Menteri berkata, sebarang projek penswastaan juga perlu mengambil kira tiga perkara utama iaitu kadar upah, perumahan dan aspek pendidikan anak pekerja.

"Apabila kita memulakan penswastaan (buat pertama kali), kita catat banyak kemajuan tetapi sering kali kita lupa mengenai kerangka asas dan hala tuju negara.

"Sebab itu, dalam projek PIKAS ini, mesti diterapkan prinsip tatakelola yang tetap, tegas dan tidak bertolak ansur (terhadap sebarang kecurangan).

"Mesti juga memikirkan soal keluarga (pekerja syarikat) yang mampu mendirikan syarikat itu, kemampuan keluarga maknanya kadar upah, perumahan dan pendidikan mengikut kadar dan keupayaan syarikat," katanya.



Anwar bersama Fadillah, Amirudin (dua dari kanan) dan Shamsul Azri (kiri) pada Majlis Peluncuran Pelan Induk Kerjasama Awam-Swasta (PIKAS) 2030 di Cyberjaya, semalam.
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Beliau berkata demikian ketika berucap pada Majlis Peluncuran Pelan Induk Kerjasama Awam-Swasta (PIKAS) 2030 di sini, semalam.

Majlis tersebut turut dihadiri Timbalan Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, Menteri Perladangan dan Komoditi, Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani, Ketua Setiausaha Negara (KSN), Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar dan Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Anwar mengakui, sejak kerjasama awam-swasta (PPP) dilaksanakan mulai 1981 dan ketika beliau menjadi Timbalan Perdana Menteri serta Menteri Kewangan pada 1991, pelbagai pelan dilakar, namun banyak yang perlu diperbaiki dari segi tatakelola.

Katanya, daripada 510 projek PPP yang dilaksanakan setakat ini, sebahagian besar mengikut

kaedah yang ketat, namun ada juga yang menunjukkan kelemahan kerana tidak diselaras mengikut kaedah ditetapkan.

"Soal sumbangan PPP, tidak dipertikai, umpamanya sumbangan lebih RM50.5 bilion kepada Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) dan (mewujudkan) peluang pekerjaan kepada lebih 600,000 (orang), itu angka membanggakan," katanya.

Lakukan perubahan

Beliau yang juga Menteri Kewangan, menegaskan perubahan mesti dilakukan dari segi cara dan kaedah jika mahu bersama menjadi penyumbang utama dan tenaga penggerak untuk menajayakan Malaysia baharu yang berpotensi menjadi negara hebat serta maju.

"Negara pada era pasca normal menuntut kaedah berbeza, tak

mungkin kita kekalkan pelan 20 tahun lalu untuk mencapai kemajuan 10 tahun akan datang.

"Apa yang disebut era pasca normal itu menuntut satu perubahan pesat, sama juga teknologi dengan AI (kecerdasan buatan), itu memungkinkan perubahan dalam sekelip mata," katanya.

Anwar menjelaskan, jika semua perkara dibangkitkan itu diberi penekanan, beliau yakin konsep MADANI memberi makna jelas kepada ekonomi yang prihatin serta mampan kerana ia bukan sekadar dari sudut keuntungan dan kelestarian sahaja.

"Kemampuan mengambil kira aspek yang menyeluruh untuk mengangkat martabat insan itu sendiri, dimensi keinsanan dalam pembangunan," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan berasingan, Anwar berkata, Malaysia mendapat pengiktirafan lebih

PELAN INDUK KERJASAMA AWAM-SWASTA (PIKAS) 2030

• Menyediakan lanskap kerjasama awam-swasta (PPP) yang teguh dan mampan memacu kesejahteraan negara.

TIGA OBJEKTIF UTAMA

• Meningkatkan pelaburan swasta sebanyak **RM78 bilion**

• Menjana sumbangan KDNK sebanyak **RM82 bilion**

• Meningkatkan peluang pekerjaan sebanyak **900,000** menjelang 2030.

4 TERAS STRATEGIK

Teras Strategik 1

Menambah baik ekosistem PPP untuk membantu penyampaian perkhidmatan yang cekap.

Teras Strategik 2

Memusat penyelarasan untuk mengukuhkan pelaksanaan PPP.

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Memperluas model PPP untuk mempelbagai projek.

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Menambah baik mekanisme pembiayaan PPP untuk merencanakan pelaburan mampan.

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baik peringkat antarabangsa berbanding sebelumnya, hasil kerjasama dengan kuasa besar seperti China dan Russia tanpa menjejaskan hubungan sedia ada dengan rakan dagangan tradisional termasuk ASEAN, Eropah dan Amerika Syarikat (AS).

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh 10 SEP 2024

Teknologi AI bakal perkasa sistem pertahanan

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Sistem pertahanan negara akan diperkasakan dengan teknologi Kecerdasan Buatan (AI), khususnya dalam bidang ketenteraan.

Untuk peringkat awal, Kementerian Pertahanan (MINDEF) sedang mendalami intipati sewajarnya dalam menyediakan teknologi AI ke dalam sistem pertahanan negara.

Menteri Pertahanan, Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin, berkata perkara yang turut diberi penekanan adalah memahami bagaimana kemajuan AI dalam aplikasi bidang ketente-

raan mendatangkan manfaat kepada pertahanan negara.

"Atas dasar itulah, kita (MINDEF) menyertai Persidangan Kecerdasan Buatan (AI) yang Bertanggungjawab dalam Bidang Ketenteraan (REAIM) 2024 di Seoul yang dianjurkan oleh Korea Selatan untuk kita mendalami kemajuan AI yang semestinya membawa manfaat kepada negara dan perkara sewajarnya dihindari daripada AI.

"Pada masa ini, tidak banyak negara yang berada pada kedudukan dan pencapaian tertinggi. Atas sebab itulah kita melihat hanya beberapa negara yang mengambil peluang menyertai REAIM 2024 ini.

"Kehadiran kita akan membolehkan (MINDEF) meninjau dan melihat mana-mana aplikasi yang telah diguna pakai negara

yang terbabit dalam persidangan REAIM 2024 ini supaya kita dapat membuat perbandingan dan mengambil maklumat teknologi AI dalam bidang ketenteraan yang sedang diaplikasi," katanya selepas menghadiri sesi 1, REAIM 2024, di sini, semalam.

REAIM 2024 dianjurkan oleh Kementerian Luar dan Kementerian Pertahanan Korea Selatan, selain dianjurkan secara bersama oleh Belanda, Singapura, United Kingdom dan Kenya manakala delegasi Malaysia bersama lebih 90 negara lain adalah sebagai negara jemputan.

Mohamed Khaled berkata, antara isu penting yang dibangkitkan pada sidang REAIM 2024 adalah persoalan mengenai perlunya garis panduan berhubung penggunaan teknologi AI dalam bidang ketenteraan.



Mohamed Khaled pada Persidangan REAIM 2024, di Seoul, semalam.

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Tarikh..... 10 SEP 2024



Mohamad bersama timbalannya, Datuk Arthur Joseph Kurup (dua dari kanan) serta Presiden dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Kumpulan Prasarana, Mohd Azharuddin Mat Sah (tiga dari kanan) pada Program Media Tour MAHA 2024 di MAEPS, Serdang, semalam. (Foto Hairul Anuar Rahim/BH)



Petugas landskap menyusun pokok bunga matahari yang menjadi tarikan terbaharu ketika persiapan MAHA 2024, semalam.

MAHA sedia terima pengunjung

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Tiga juta dijangka kunjungi tapak pameran sehingga 22 September

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Serdang: Pameran Pertanian, Hortikultur dan Agropelancongan Malaysia (MAHA) 2024 yang dijadual bermula 11 hingga

22 September ini kini bersedia menerima tiga juta pengunjung yang disasarkan sepanjang pameran berlangsung.

Menteri Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan, Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu, berkata tapak

pameran itu akan bersedia sepenuhnya dengan pelbagai program dan acara menarik yang akan berlangsung sepanjang tempoh berkenaan.

"MAHA 2024 bersiap sedia untuk menerima tiga juta pengunjung yang disasarkan pada pengunjuran kali ini bersempena 100 tahun MAHA," katanya kepada pemberita pada Program Media Tour MAHA 2024 di Taman Ekspo Pertanian Malaysia

(MAEPS) di sini, semalam.

16 negara sertai MAHA 2024
Mohamad berkata, sebanyak 16 negara menyertai MAHA 2024, termasuk Amerika Syarikat (AS), China, Russia, Jepun, Thailand, Brunei, Indonesia.

Media Tour MAHA 2024 adalah sebahagian daripada aktiviti khas Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan (KPKM) bersama media bagi meninjau

persiapan di tapak selain bertujuan untuk mempromosi MAHA 2024 yang menjadi pameran pertanian terbesar dan berprestij.

MAHA 2024 bakal menampilkan pelbagai produk baharu berkaitan pertanian bersandarkan kepada teknologi terkini, inovasi tempatan dan luar negara, strategi pemasaran dan pengeluaran secara efektif serta pendekatan lain yang mampu membantu sektor terbabit.

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh... 10 SEP 2024

13 peratus kes bankrap babit penjawat awam

Jabatan Insolvensi rekod 159,781 kebangkrutan, jumlah kakitangan kerajaan muflis membimbangkan

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Kuala Lumpur: Jabatan Insolvensi mendedahkan kira-kira 10 hingga 13 peratus daripada kes kebangkrutan baharu yang didaftarkan di seluruh negara dalam tempoh hampir empat tahun ini membabitkan penjawat awam.

Jumlah kakitangan awam yang muflis itu amat membimbangkan kerana ia semakin meningkat dari tahun ke tahun walaupun data kebangkrutan nasional menunjukkan penurunan.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Insolvensi, Datuk M Bakri Abd Majid, berkata perkara itu tidak seharusnya berlaku kerana dalam perkhidmatan awam, kakitangan yang mempunyai hutang yang serius (keterhutangan) adalah satu kesalahan dan ia dinyatakan secara jelas di bawah Peraturan Pegawai Awam (Kelakuan dan Tatatertib) 1993.

Beliau berkata, antara faktor

menyebabkan muflis dalam kalangan kakitangan awam adalah kerana tatapemikiran dan gaya hidup berisiko hingga menyebabkan mereka terperangkap dalam kitaran hutang berterusan.

"Keterhutangan serius bagi kakitangan sektor awam bermaksud jumlah pendapatan dibawa pulang kurang 40 peratus.

"Di bawah Akta Insolvensi 1967 (Pindaan 2023), mana-mana orang yang mempunyai hutang tertunggak melebihi RM100,000 boleh dibankrapkan melalui tindakan mahkamah.

"Selepas seseorang itu diisytiharkan muflis, pelbagai perkara berkaitan kewangan individu itu akan disekat dan aset dirampas oleh kreditor atau ditadbir Jabatan Insolvensi," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, M Bakri berkata, sehingga Julai lalu, Jabatan Insolvensi merekodkan 159,781 kes kebangkrutan di seluruh negara.

Beliau berkata, dalam sesetengah kes terdapat penjawat awam yang memohon untuk membankrapkan diri sendiri bagi mengurangkan tekanan hutang yang berpanjangan.

Katanya, kegagalan kakitangan awam menguruskan kewangan dengan baik bukan saja boleh memberi kesan kepada individu dan keluarga tetapi juga kepada ekosistem perkhidmatan awam negara.

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Bagi penjawat awam diisytiharkan bankrap, tindakan tatatertib boleh diambil akibat keterhutangan yang serius, selain mencemarkan imej perkhidmatan awam

M Bakri Abd Majid, Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Insolvensi



lain mencemarkan imej perkhidmatan awam.

"Hukuman tatatertib diterima boleh menjejaskan peluang kenaikan gaji dan pangkat, selain menjejaskan kelayakan pembayaran bonus, bantuan kewangan dan sebagainya," katanya.

Pantau tahap hutang

Justeru, M Bakri berkata, ketua jabatan perlu memantau tahap keterhutangan kakitangan seliaan masing-masing dan tidak boleh hanya beranggapan semuanya berada dalam keadaan baik, selain perlu peka dengan peru-

bahan kelakuan kakitangan.

Katanya, tindakan pencegahan awal harus dijalankan dengan memperbanyakkan aktiviti pendidikan berkaitan pengurusan kewangan peribadi.

"Selain itu, surat tunjuk sebab juga perlu dikeluarkan kepada kakitangan yang mempunyai keterhutangan serius supaya menjadi peringatan kepada yang lain.

"Pada masa sama, jabatan boleh bekerjasama dengan pakar atau penasihat kewangan bertauliah untuk membincangkan hal berkaitan keterhutangan dan pengurusan kewangan peribadi.

"Tindakan ini penting kerana kegagalan ketua jabatan mengambil tindakan sewajarnya boleh mengundang kepada amalan rasuah dan salah guna kuasa di jabatan," katanya.

Sementara itu, M Bakri berkata, pengumuman kenaikan gaji penjawat awam oleh Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, baru-baru ini memberi kelegaan dan mengurangkan keresahan penjawat awam.

Bagaimanapun, katanya, ada pihak yang cuba 'menanggung di air keruh' dengan menawarkan pinjaman baharu yang tidak sihat kepada penjawat awam yang lalai.

"Perkara ini perlu dihentikan kerana ia merencatkan aliran tunai penjawat awam dan peranan semua pihak khususnya ketua jabatan perlu untuk mengekang masalah ini daripada berterusan," katanya.

Semangat MERDEKA pacu reformasi penjawat awam

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Arahan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim supaya langkah reformasi dirancang dalam pentadbiran awam dilaksanakan dengan segera bagi memastikan semua usaha dapat berjalan dengan lebih berkesan, perlu diberi perhatian serius seluruh warga perkhidmatan awam.

Apa diharapkan ialah perubahan signifikan secara drastik dan besar-besaran diperlukan dari segi pemikiran, cara dan budaya kerja penjawat awam. Ia termasuk rombakan terhadap prosedur dan dasar lapuk di pelbagai agensi serta penambahbaikan pendekatan menyampaikan perkhidmatan kepada rakyat di setiap lapisan dan organisasi.

Maka, dalam konteks ini, akronim semangat MERDEKA diperkenalkan Ketua Setiausaha Negara (KSN) Datuk Seri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar boleh jadi platform terbaik memacu reformasi menyeluruh perkhidmatan awam.

Shamsul Azri berkongsi semangat MERDEKA yang mewakili 'Menumpah Taat Setia, Empati kepada rakyat, Relevan, Dedikasi, Emosi, Karismatik serta Amanah' dan mahukan seluruh jentera perkhidmatan awam bekerja berpaksaan semangat ini sepanjang masa.

Dalam hal ini, penjawat awam perlu sedar

perkhidmatan ditawarkan kepada rakyat tidak boleh statik atau ketinggalan zaman, sebaliknya perlu pantas melakukan perubahan seiring dengan tuntutan masa.

Maka, prosedur dan peraturan yang ada perlu diteliti serta ditambah baik, selain pendekatan penyampaian perkhidmatan perlu diubah suai berpaksaan empati kepada rakyat.

Laksana tugas dengan cekap, berkesan

Setiap penjawat awam perlu ada keupayaan menyelami serta memahami perasaan, emosi dan keperluan rakyat yang memerlukan pelbagai perkhidmatan dan bantuan dengan cuba meletakkan diri kita pada tempat mereka.

Justeru, penjawat awam juga perlu memastikan diri mereka sentiasa kekal relevan dengan pengetahuan, pengalaman dan kemahiran diperlukan untuk mampu melaksanakan tugas dengan cekap lagi berkesan.

Penjawat awam tidak boleh mengelak untuk menguasai teknologi baharu dan kecerdasan buatan (AI) kerana ia boleh membantu meningkatkan kecekapan, memberi impak besar kepada pelaksanaan dasar dan penyampaian perkhidmatan dalam pelbagai cara.

Kesungguhan dalam melaksanakan tugas serta kesediaan mengorbankan masa dan tenaga membolehkan proses reformasi kerajaan bergerak pantas mencakupi setiap lapisan dalam organisasi.

Dalam hal ini ketua jabatan perlu memainkan

peranan memupuk semangat kerja berpasukan dan jati diri kental dalam diri setiap warga kerja supaya bekerja bersungguh-sungguh, sanggup menerima dan bertolak ansur dengan perubahan dan berani melakukan perubahan diperlukan.

Namun, sifat amanah penjawat awam akan menjadi antara kunci utama melancarkan proses reformasi perkhidmatan awam kerana tiada gunanya perancangan penambahbaikan dibuat tetapi masih ada kelompok kecil sanggup menormalisasikan rasuah, penyelewengan dan salah guna kuasa.

Budaya ini bukan saja akan menghancurkan organisasi tetapi akan merencatkan segala inisiatif untuk memacu reformasi perkhidmatan awam secara keseluruhannya.

Kerajaan sudah mengotakan janji dengan bersetuju melaksanakan pelarasan gaji melalui Skim Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) menggantikan Skim Saraan Malaysia (SSM) mulai 1 Disember ini.

Maka, sudah tiba masanya penjawat awam membalas kepercayaan kerajaan dengan mengimbangi pelarasan gaji itu melalui peningkatan kualiti perkhidmatan lebih cekap dan efisien di semua peringkat dengan penuh taat setia.

Sebagai tulang belakang pentadbiran kerajaan, penjawat awam perlu terus memainkan peranan signifikan menyumbang kepada kemajuan negara dan kesejahteraan rakyat dengan segera melakukan reformasi melalui semangat MERDEKA.

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh..... 10 SEP 2024.....

Banteras rasuah bukan seperti tampal empangan bocor

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Tahun ini kita meraikan ulang tahun ke-67 kemerdekaan Malaysia. Namun, tahukah erti kemerdekaan yang sebenar? Apakah jiwa merdeka itu hanya terbatas kepada kebebasan daripada penjajahan fizikal atau adakah ia turut menyentuh pembebasan jiwa dan minda daripada segala ketidakadilan, termasuk rasuah?

Dalam perjalanan panjang sebagai negara merdeka, tidak dapat dinafikan rasuah dan penyelewengan menjadi satu penyakit berpanjangan menghakis integriti dan maruah kita sebagai rakyat.

Sudah banyak pemimpin, individu, organisasi dan masyarakat membincangkan isu rasuah. Rasuah seperti kanser secara perlahan-lahan, tetapi pasti, membunuh jiwa sebuah negara. Setiap kali ada pembongkaran kes rasuah, kecil atau besar, ia diiringi dengan gesaan untuk penambahbaikan tatacara pengendalian tugas.

Namun, dilema dalam usaha membanteras rasuah ini seakan-akan memperbaiki empangan sentiasa berkemungkinan berlaku retak atau bocor di sana sini. Tampil di sini, bocor di sana. Kepung di sana, tiris di sini. Keadaan ini berlaku berulang kali, walaupun sistem pengawasan dan pengendalian dipertingkatkan.

Sering kali, pendekatan memerangi rasuah adalah dengan berlembut, berdiplomasi dan menasihati. Namun, ini umpama mencurahkan air ke daun keladi.

Semakin dilarang, semakin menjadi-jadi.

Daripada nilai rasuah kecil, kini ia meningkat kepada ribu hingga jutaan ringgit.

Kemerdekaan bukan sekadar kebebasan penjajahan fizikal, tetapi pembebasan jiwa daripada cengkaman rasuah. Setiap rakyat harus mempunyai jiwa merdeka, bebas daripada ketamakan dan kerakusan merosakkan negara.

Seperti pernah dikatakan 'cukuplah kematian sebagai nasihat', tetapi malangnya nasihat ini seakan tinggal sebagai kata-kata sahaja. Rasuah menjangkiti setiap lapisan masyarakat, termasuk urusan sepatutnya suci seperti pengurusan mayat di hospital, yang mana tiada rasa hormat terhadap jasad sudah mati, malah ia dijadikan sumber rasuah.

Pendekatan berlembut tak relevan

Pendekatan berlembut dan diplomasi dalam menangani rasuah sudah tidak relevan lagi. Kita perlu berubah, bertindak tegas. Gunakan hadis Nabi SAW sebagai senjata dan jadikan ayat-ayatnya sebagai peluru yang dapat merobek hati nurani manusia bersifat tamak.

Hadis Nabi SAW bukan sekadar ilmu pengetahuan, tetapi panduan untuk dimanfaatkan, terutama dalam menghadapi situasi buntu seperti ini.

Perasuah tidak ragu-ragu melakukan rasuah dengan sewenang-wenangnya hingga tahap jutaan, bahkan bilion ringgit. Maka, tiada alasan untuk berasa ragu-ragu mencela perbuatan mereka. Jika kita benar-benar serius memerangi rasuah, ketepikan ego dan bersatu tanpa mengira pangkat atau darjat. Hala tuju kita adalah satu, 'menghancurkan' gejala rasuah merosakkan negara.

Merdeka sejati adalah apabila rakyat bebas daripada segala bentuk penindasan dan ketidakadilan, termasuk rasuah. Setiap daripada kita mempunyai tanggungjawab memastikan jiwa kita merdeka daripada cengkaman rasuah. Ini bukan sahaja tanggungjawab kerajaan atau pihak berkuasa, tetapi tanggungjawab setiap rakyat.

Penting untuk kita sedar usaha mencegah rasuah dari peringkat awal sekurang-kurangnya dapat mengurangkan kes pendakwaan membatalkan pelbagai prosedur rumit. Kadangkala, pelaku rasuah terlepas daripada hukuman disebabkan kelemahan dalam membuktikan kes.

Sudah tiba masanya untuk kita mengubah pendekatan memerangi rasuah. Tidak boleh lagi menggunakan pendekatan berkonsepkan 'nasihat dengan berhikmah' semata-mata. Jumlah kerugian diakibatkan rasuah kini mencapai angka tidak boleh dimaafkan.

Kita perlu bertindak dengan ketegasan dan keberanian, bersama-sama tanpa mengira pangkat atau darjat untuk menghancurkan gejala rasuah merosakkan negara. Rakyat kena bersatu membebaskan setiap 'urat dan sendi' daripada cengkaman rasuah.

Inilah erti kemerdekaan sebenar dengan prinsip 'satu negara bebas rasuah', setiap rakyatnya hidup dengan maruah, integriti dan kesejahteraan.

Pada ulang tahun kemerdekaan Malaysia ke-67 tahun ini, rakyat perlu berjanji kepada diri sendiri akan terus berjuang, tanpa ragu-ragu untuk menghancurkan rasuah dan memastikan setiap rakyat dapat menikmati kemerdekaan sebenar - jiwa merdeka, bebas rasuah.

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh.....10 SEP 2024.....

Putrajaya simbol teknologi hijau, bandar lestari

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Putrajaya, ibu kota pentadbiran Malaysia adalah contoh unggul kelestarian bandaraya bersepadu dengan elemen landskap indah dan ekosistem terjaga. Dirancang dengan teliti, bandar ini mengutamakan keseimbangan antara pembangunan moden dan pemeliharaan alam sekitar.

Perancangan dan reka bentuk landskap di Putrajaya dirancang dengan konsep menyatukan elemen alam semula jadi bersama reka bentuk bandar moden, mewujudkan persekitaran nyaman dan indah.

Putrajaya juga terkenal dengan reka bentuk 13 tamannya yang luas dan berfungsi sebagai paru-paru hijau bandar. Taman Wetland Putrajaya misalnya, adalah kawasan tanah lembap buatan manusia terbesar di Malaysia, memainkan peranan penting dalam penapisan air dan pengawalan banjir.

Terdapat tasik buatan di Putrajaya meliputi kawasan seluas 650 hektar berfungsi sebagai elemen estetika dan rekreasi, serta sistem pengurusan air efektif. Tasik ini direka untuk mengumpul air hujan dan mengurangkan risiko banjir di samping menyediakan kawasan untuk aktiviti air dan rekreasi kepada pelawat.

Tasik ini menjadi lokasi utama bagi pertandi-

ngan sukan air bertaraf antarabangsa seperti Water Ski World Championship, Asian Canoe Championship, Putrajaya Boat Race, Formula 1 Power Boat Competition.

Bangunan mesra alam, jimat tenaga

Reka bentuk bangunan di Putrajaya dibina berdasarkan penerapan teknologi hijau dan cekap tenaga. Banyak bangunan kerajaan di situ menerima pensijilan hijau, menandakan penggunaan bahan mesra alam dan teknologi penjimatan tenaga seperti bangunan Kompleks Seri Perdana menggunakan sistem pengumpulan air hujan dan pengudaraan semula jadi.

Putrajaya juga menekankan kepentingan pendidikan dan kesedaran alam sekitar melalui pelbagai inisiatif serta program komuniti. Taman Botani Putrajaya memaparkan koleksi tumbuhan dari seluruh dunia, bukan sahaja memperkayakan estetika bandar, tetapi memberikan nilai pendidikan kepelbagaian tumbuhan global.

Putrajaya menekankan penggunaan teknologi pintar untuk memantau dan menguruskan sumber alam sekitar dengan lebih efisien. Sistem pengurusan air dan tenaga di bandar ini menggunakan teknologi internet kebendaan untuk memastikan penggunaan sumber optimum dan

mengurangkan pembaziran.

Putrajaya juga menjadi lokasi penganjuran pelbagai acara dan festival berorientasikan alam sekitar seperti Festival Bunga dan Taman Floria, acara tahunan mempamerkan keindahan taman bunga serta menggalakkan kepentingan hortikultur dan landskap.

Acara ini menarik pelancong dari dalam dan luar negara, memberi kesedaran kepada masyarakat tempatan mengenai kepentingan memelihara alam sekitar.

Akhir sekali, kerjasama antara pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT), pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) dan komuniti setempat memainkan peranan penting memastikan inisiatif kelestarian di Putrajaya berjaya.

Program seperti Komuniti Hijau menggalakkan penduduk tempatan terbahit secara aktif dalam projek pemuliharaan dan aktiviti kitar semula.

Pendekatan holistik pembangunan Putrajaya dalam pengurusan bandar raya lestari menjadikan ia contoh bagi bandar lain di Malaysia dan rantau ini membuktikan kemajuan dan kelestarian boleh berjalan seiring, mewujudkan persekitaran bandar kondusif dan hijau untuk generasi akan datang.



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Tarikh 10 SEP 2024



Transaksi hartanah separuh pertama cecah RM105.65b

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Pasaran catat prestasi kukuh didorong pelbagai inisiatif digariskan dalam Belanjawan 2024

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Pasaran hartanah Malaysia mencatatkan prestasi kukuh pada separuh pertama 2024 dengan jumlah transaksi meningkat lapan peratus kepada 198,906 dan nilai transaksi meningkat 23.8 peratus kepada RM105.65 billion, pertumbuhan tertinggi

dalam tempoh lima tahun.

Timbalan Menteri Kewangan, Lim Hui Ying, berkata pengukuhan pasaran hartanah didorong oleh prestasi transaksi yang positif merentas semua subsektor, disokong oleh pelbagai inisiatif yang digariskan oleh kerajaan dalam Belanjawan 2024.

Tambahan pula, katanya, beberapa usaha baharu dan projek pemangkin yang diperkenalkan oleh Kerajaan MADA-NI secara serentak merangsang pembangunan pasaran hartanah.

Beliau menjelaskan, inisiatif itu termasuk penambahbaikan baru-baru ini kepada program Malaysia Rumah Kedua (MM-

2H), pembangunan Zon Ekonomi Khas Johor-Singapura (JS-SEZ) dan penubuhan Zon Kewangan Khas di Forest City.

"Prestasi kediaman siap dibina tidak terjual turut memperlihatkan momentum yang lebih memberangsangkan.

"Unit siap dibina tidak terjual merokodkan penurunan sebanyak 12.3 peratus berjumlah 22,642 unit dan sebanyak 19.5 peratus dalam nilai berjumlah RM14.24 bilion, berbanding tempoh yang sama tahun lalu," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada majlis pelancaran Laporan Pasaran Harta Separuh Pertama 2024 oleh Jabatan Penilaian dan Perkhidmatan

Harta (JPPH) dan merasmikan Jubli Perak Pusat Maklumat Harta Tanah Negara (NAPIC) serta Simposium Penyelidikan Harta Tanah Antarabangsa (IRERS) 2024 di Institut Penilaian Negara (INSPEN), di Kajang, semalam.

Pertumbuhan kukuh

Hui Ying berkata, prestasi aktiviti pasaran mengikut subsektor menunjukkan peningkatan dengan mencatat pertumbuhan yang kukuh tahun ke tahun iaitu subsektor kediaman (6.1 peratus), komersial (22.4 peratus), industri (2.3 peratus), pertanian (6.5 peratus) dan tanah pembangunan (12.1 peratus).

Beliau berkata, data awalan Indeks Harga Rumah Malaysia (IHRM) pada separuh pertama 2024 berada pada paras 218.7 mata, memperlihatkan harga

purata RM471,918 seunit dengan pertumbuhan tahunan pada kadar 0.9 peratus.

Katanya, semua negeri menyaksikan pertumbuhan positif yang sederhana kecuali Kuala Lumpur, yang mencatat penguncupan 0.8 peratus.

Laporan Pasaran Harta Separuh Pertama 2024 oleh Jabatan Penilaian dan Perkhidmatan Harta (JPPH) menunjukkan prestasi penghunian kompleks perniagaan merekodkan peningkatan marginal.

Kadar penghunian kompleks perniagaan merekodkan 78.1 peratus berbanding 76.6 peratus pada tempoh sebelumnya, manakala kadar penghunian pejabat binaan khas milik persendirian mencatat 71.6 peratus berbanding 72.4 peratus yang direkodkan pada tempoh sebelumnya.



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NGO dapat kebenaran cabar tindakan Kerajaan Selangor

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PUTRAJAYA: Dua pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) memperoleh kebenaran untuk memulakan semakan kehakiman bagi mencabar tindakan Kerajaan Negeri Selangor menyahwartakan Bukit Cherakah sebagai hutan simpan.

Panel tiga hakim Mahkamah Persekutuan yang diketuai Hakim Besar Sabah dan Sarawak, Tan Sri Abdul Rahman Sebli sebulat suara memutuskan demikian selepas mendapati sembilan persoalan undang-undang yang dikemukakan oleh Pertubuhan Pelindung Khazanah Alam Malaysia (Peka) and Shah Alam Community Forest Society (SACF) perlu dijawab dengan lebih lanjut.

Turut bersidang semalam ialah Hakim-Hakim Mahkamah Persekutuan, Datuk Abu Bakar Jais dan Datuk Abdul Karim Abdul Jalil.

Sekitar 2022, Mahkamah Tinggi Shah Alam menolak permohonan kedua-dua NGO untuk kebenaran bagi memulakan semakan kehakiman terhadap keputusan Kerajaan Negeri Selangor yang menyahwartakan 406.22 hektar hutan simpan Bukit Cherakah.

Pada 24 Januari lalu, Mahkamah Rayuan menolak permohonan mereka atas alasan semakan kehakiman itu difailkan di luar tempoh yang dibenarkan.

Kedua-dua NGO mendakwa



NGO membantah tindakan Kerajaan Negeri Selangor menyahwartakan Bukit Cherakah sebagai hutan simpan.
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adalah menyalahi undang-undang untuk Kerajaan Negeri Selangor mengundurkan tarikh sesuatu warta dan memaklumkan bahawa satu keputusan telah dibuat berhubung penyahwartaan itu pada 20 Nov 2000.

Mereka mendakwa warta itu disiarkan pada 5 Mei 2022 iaitu 22 tahun selepas keputusan untuk menyahwartakan Bukit Cherakah dibuat.

Mereka menamakan Kerajaan Negeri Selangor, Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri Selangor,

Pengarah Jabatan Perhutanan Selangor, Pejabat Daerah dan Tanah Petaling, YCH Development Sdn. Bhd., Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor (PKNS) dan Restu Mantap Sdn. Bhd. selaku reponden dalam semakan kehakiman itu.

Pada prosiding semalam, Peka dan SCAF diwakili peguam-peguam, Rajesh Nagarajan dan Sachpreetraj Singh Sohanpal manakala Penolong Penasihat Undang-Undang Negeri Selangor, Khairul Nizam Abu Bakar

hadir bagi pihak kerajaan negeri, Pengarah Jabatan Perhutanan Selangor, Pejabat Daerah dan Tanah Petaling.

Turut hadir ialah peguam, Ng Ka Choon dan Low Jiah Yee bagi YCH Development; peguam, Ganapathi Ramasamy bagi pihak PKNS dan peguam, John Wong Yok Hon bagi Restu Mantap.

Peguam-peguam, New Sin Yew dan Abhilaash Subramaniam hadir sebagai amicus curiae (sahabat mahkamah) bagi pihak Majlis Peguam.

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'RESISTANT TO MISCONDUCT'

'PUBLIC-PRIVATE PLANS NEED TIGHT CONTROLS'

PM says this
partnership must
be governed by
firm principles

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim launched the Public-Private Partnership Master Plan 2030 (Pikas 2030), which he says must be governed by firm, resolute and uncompromising principles.

He said privatisation initiatives must prioritise three areas: wages, housing and the education of workers' children.

"When we first initiated privatisation, we made significant progress, but often overlooked the foundational framework and the nation's broader direction.

"This is why Pikas projects must adopt a governance approach that is stringent and resistant to misconduct.

"We must also consider the families of the company's workers, who have the capacity to build the company, meaning wages, housing and education must be aligned with the company's capabilities," Anwar said at the launch.

Pikas 2030 is a strategic plan to provide a robust and sustainable public-private partnership (PPP) landscape to drive the nation's prosperity.

The plan under the Prime Minister's Department Public-Private Partnership Unit (Ukas) is aimed at strengthening governance and project management through a public-private partnership approach.

Anwar said since the implementation of PPP in 1981, and during his tenure as deputy prime minister and finance minister in 1991, various plans had been drawn up, but much remained to be improved in terms of governance.

He said while the majority of 510 PPP projects implemented followed stringent methods, some had failed to adhere to guidelines, leading to weaknesses.

"The contribution of PPPs is not in question.

"For example, the contribution



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking at the launch of the Public-Private Partnership Master Plan 2030 in Cyberjaya yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

of more than RM50.5 billion to the gross domestic product and the creation of more than 600,000 jobs — these are impressive and commendable figures.

"But these numbers alone cannot captivate us or elevate this nation to a developed status. These figures are only the beginning."

Ukas said through the plan, targets that would serve as benchmarks for success had been set.

"Through PPP projects, the government is expected to see an increase in private investment to RM78 billion, a GDP contribution of RM82 billion and the creation of 900,000 jobs by 2030.

"To ensure the achievement of these goals, Pikas 2030 is built on four pillars and 17 initiatives.

"The plan represents the government's efforts to strengthen governance in the implementation of PPP projects."

To achieve the goal, Ukas said, the government would prioritise the implementation of PPP project proposals through competitive bidding via the Request for Proposal process.

"The process will boost competition, innovation and service quality, and provide the best value to the government and the public.

"New PPP models — such as Redevelop/Regenerate-Operate-Transfer and Build-Redevelop/Regenerate-Operate-Transfer

— will also be introduced."

Meanwhile, Anwar said Malaysia had received recognition from the United States for its cooperation in facilitating investment by aircraft manufacturer Boeing in the country.

"Coincidentally, this (yesterday) morning, I received a letter from the US secretary of commerce (Gina Raimondo) expressing appreciation for our cooperation, which has enabled them to invest through Boeing in Kedah.

"This is because they have confidence in our policies, even though there are occasional concerns about a slight shift in our foreign policy.

"I emphasised that our independent and sovereign foreign policy, like Malaysia's, should remain free.

"Some refer to 'centrality' as the cornerstone of our foreign policy, taking a more pragmatic approach," he said.

He said Malaysia was fortunate to receive greater recognition from foreign nations compared with before.

"While we are engaging with China due to its strong capabilities and its recent developments with Russia in space, energy and nuclear technology, we continue to maintain strong ties with our traditional friends, including Asean, Europe and the US," he said.

Selangor PPP projects contribute RM71b in private investment: MB

CYBERJAYA: The implementation of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects has spurred economic development in Selangor, contributing an estimated RM71 billion in private investment to the state, said Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

He said these projects include major developments that offer significant benefits to the people, such as Shah Alam Expressway, Sungai Besi-Ulu Kelang Elevated Expressway, Damansara-Shah Alam Elevated Expressway, Kinrara Fire and Rescue Station West Port, and North Port.

"The impact of these PPP projects is undeniable, as they not only contribute to Selangor's economic growth by enhancing key infrastructure but also provide significant social benefits.

"For example, the expansion of terminals C10 to C17 in West Port, for which the concession agreement was signed on Dec 8, 2023, will bring an economic impact of RM55 billion and contribute RM19 billion to the GDP," he said in his speech at the launch of the Public-Private Cooperation Master Plan 2030 (Pikas 2030) here yesterday.

Amirudin also said the projects will create 6,000 permanent jobs, while stressing that PPP projects should be implemented in line with sustainable, inclusive, and balanced development principles, taking into account economic, social, and environmental aspects.

Amirudin expressed hope that Pikas 2030, launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, would serve as a catalyst for more productive collaboration between the Selangor and federal governments in the future.

Pikas 2030 is an integrated initiative aimed at strengthening governance and project management through a public-private partnership approach, designed to boost the country's economic growth while addressing fiscal challenges. - Bernama

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WORRYING TREND

'Rising number of civil servant bankrupts concerning'

PUTRAJAYA: Civil servants accounted for approximately 10 to 13 per cent of new bankruptcy cases between 2021 and 2024, said Malaysian Department of Insolvency (Mdl) director-general Datuk M. Bakri Abd Majid.

He expressed concern over the rising trend of bankruptcies among civil servants, noting that this increase contrasts with the overall decline in national bankruptcy statistics.

Based on Mdl's data, he said public sector employees made up 12 per cent of bankruptcies in 2020, 10 per cent in 2021, 11 per cent in 2022, 13 per cent in 2023, and had reached 14 per cent this year.

"The inability of public servants to manage their finances effectively not only impacts them and their families but also has broader implications for the pub-



Datuk M. Bakri Abd Majid

lic service ecosystem," he said in a statement yesterday.

He added that civil servants declared bankrupt could face disciplinary action due to severe indebtedness, which would damage the reputation of the public

service. He said the situation might also hinder their chances of salary increments, promotions and eligibility for bonuses and financial assistance.

Bakri said in some instances, civil servants had opted to file for bankruptcy to alleviate the prolonged stress of mounting debts.

From an administrative perspective, he said department heads must monitor their staff's financial health and remain alert to any behavioural changes.

"Early preventive measures are crucial, including increasing activities focused on personal financial management.

"Departments should also consider collaborating with certified financial advisers or experts to address financial management issues," he said, adding that failing to do so could open the door to corruption and misuse of pow-

er within departments.

Regarding the Public Service Remuneration System and the recent civil service salary increase, he said while these changes could provide some relief to government workers, there were still some parties who might exploit the situation by offering "bad loans" to vulnerable staff members.

"This vicious cycle must be stopped to prevent further financial instability among civil servants.

"The cooperation of all parties, particularly department heads, is crucial in addressing this issue.

"With the new salary scheme, public sector employees are expected to enhance their work practices and productivity.

"However, this also necessitates a shift in mindset," he added. **Bernama**

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Customer-centricity should underpin public service reforms

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim exhorted the public service to improve its performance, more so because of the impending salary revision.

The public service should also review its regulations to ensure these are business- and people-friendly.

The civil service followed up on Anwar's appeal with a reshuffle of ministry heads, hoping to forge greater collaboration among them.

This inter-agency collaboration will offer synergy in service provision and enable resource-sharing.

Furthermore, it would ensure greater integration of public services where there would be "no wrong door", that is, the public can seek redress to their concerns at the first agency they call on.

Anwar also announced that the roles and functions of statutory bodies will be reviewed to eliminate duplication.

This is timely as many are not financially viable. By extension,



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the government should appoint competent board directors and not political affiliates.

Much has been done to ensure customer centricity.

Artificial intelligence (AI) and digitalisation have made public services more accessible than before.

Today, nearly four-fifths of public services are available online.

Quality standards, such as the ISO and client's charter, have also brought a renewed focus on customers.

Additionally, the public service has tinkered with key perfor-

mance indicators (KPIs) and league tables to assess departmental performance.

These KPIs seek to measure the transformational leadership of ministry heads, the quantity and quality of output, and the propriety of public expenditure.

These indicators are worthy in themselves.

However, performance does not necessarily create public satisfaction.

For example, the crime rate may have gone down, but how does this achievement generate satisfaction with police services?

It would be more meaningful if these performance indicators are tied to public satisfaction with the services.

More reforms are in the pipeline. What is important is that, as in the past, these reforms must push customer-centricity high up the agenda.

In a customer-centric culture, citizen concerns are included in every stage of the service process.

FIRST, it would mean considering the public's welfare in ac-

tions taken by civil servants.

Shadowing citizens through the process of completing an interaction with the agency and feeling their frustration in waiting long or encountering an unhelpful attitude would help appreciate customers' perspective.

SECOND, a customer-centric culture would include the timeliness and speed of service provision.

It would also consist of providing the right service so that citizens leave the counter with a sense that they got what they needed.

THIRD, citizens must perceive that the staff went the extra mile to serve them respectfully and fairly. They must also feel that they were listened to.

To show that it values public opinion, the Seoul City Council has installed a giant ear sculpture.

It is called "Yeoboseyo", which in Korean means "Hello". This sculpture records the opinions of passers-by and relays them over speakers to City Hall.

FOURTH, with AI, inter-agency collaboration can be taken higher.

For example, in the Futian district of Shenzhen, China, data from many agencies are displayed on one digital screen for departments to collaborate daily and make data-driven decisions.

This unified platform offers a one-stop service for instant mobile approvals of requests from businesses and residents.

FIFTH, public service reforms should empower citizens in the design and delivery of services.

Consultations with the public can inspire public servants to offer services that are relevant, valued and transparent.

Take the client's charter. Citizens could be consulted on the quality standards in the charter and the remedy should these standards not be fulfilled.

Thus, greater citizen-centricity will go a long way to dispel perception that public service reforms are just a charade.

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Supermarket offering affordable goods launched in Selangor

KUALA LUMPUR: The Selangor government, through the Selangor Agricultural Development Corporation, has launched Ehsan Mart, a supermarket offering essential goods at prices 10% to 15% lower than market rates.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said Ehsan Mart is a continuation of the *Jelajah Ehsan Rakyat* programme organised by the corporation since August 2022, aimed at providing access to essential goods at affordable prices.

"Ehsan Mart has been introduced as a more systematic and sustainable sales platform in response to very positive feedback from the public."

"Since the launch of the programme, over 4,000 locations across Selangor have been visited, with a total subsidy expenditure of RM58.7 million," he said during the opening of the first Ehsan Mart in Selayang on Sunday.

Amirudin added that the establishment of Ehsan Mart aligns with the state government efforts to proactively address rising prices and food security issues.

"It is hoped that Ehsan Mart would serve as a strategic approach to connect with the public and help alleviate their cost of living burden."

Meanwhile, Selangor Agricultural Development Corporation group CEO Datuk Dr Mohamad Khairil Mohamad Razi said the agency plans to open 56 Ehsan Mart branches across Selangor within the next three years.

"Ehsan Mart will also function as a food distribution centre in the event of a disaster or emergency. It will be managed by the corporation's subsidiary, PKPS Ehsan Agrotech



Amirudin showing some of the goods available at the supermarket, accompanied by Mohamad Khairil (right) and Infrastructure and Agriculture exco Izham Hashim (left). - BERNAMAPIC

Sdn Bhd," he added.

The corporation is a subsidiary of the state government, established under Enactment No. 12 of 1972 (amended in 1976, 1982, and 2005). It is responsible for driving the agriculture and agro-food sectors, in line with socio-economic

development through various high impact commercial projects and corporate social responsibility programmes.

More information may be obtained at its website www.pkps.gov.my/en/ or on its Facebook page. - Bernama

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ExecuJet MRO major exhibitor at Selangor Aviation Show 2024

KUALA LUMPUR: ExecuJet MRO Services Malaysia (ExecuJet), a wholly owned subsidiary of Dassault Aviation, will be one of the main exhibitors at the Selangor Aviation Show 2024 (Sept 12-14), a significant event that highlights Malaysia's position as a robust hub for business and general aviation.

The fourth edition of the Selangor Aviation Show (SAS) will be at Subang Airport where ExecuJet MRO Services Malaysia opened its new 149,500 sq ft MRO facility, the largest one for business aviation in Malaysia.

At the show, ExecuJet will exhibit in Exhibition Hall 1 – Chalet #A10.

"We are pleased to participate as the show has evolved into a noteworthy platform for showcasing the future of business aviation in the region," says Ivan Lim, regional VP Asia at ExecuJet MRO Services. Malaysia has set a target of capturing half of Asia's MRO market and 5% of the global MRO market by 2030.

ExecuJet MRO Services Malaysia will promote, among others its capabilities: airframe line and heavy maintenance, AOG support, cabin interior refurbishment, aircraft modifications, avionics upgrades, satcom installations and component repair.

Its new purpose-built MRO facility at Subang includes a large maintenance hangar, workshops, storage space, offices, training rooms, conference rooms as well as rest areas and lounges. The company's engineers and technicians are internationally approved and certified to perform maintenance on a wide range of business jets, including those from Dassault Aviation, Gulfstream and Bombardier.

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Special address on public service reform

KUALA LUMPUR: The Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar is scheduled to deliver his inaugural message today, themed "Public Service Reform".

The Public Service Department, in a post on its Facebook page, said the special address would be delivered by Shamsul Azri at the 2024 Chief Secretary to the Government Leadership Aspiration ceremony at De Seri Endon Hall, Puspanitapuri in Putrajaya at 2.30pm.

"What is meant by public service reform? The support of all public officers in realising the direction of public service reform is greatly appreciated," said the post.

Shamsul Azri, who is former director-general of the Public Private Partnership Unit, was appointed as the 16th chief secretary to the government with effect from Aug 12.

On Sept 2, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was reported to have said he wanted reforms in public administration to be implemented immediately, expecting September to be the month of more rapid reform movements.

Anwar had said public service reform needs to be achieved with methods or procedures that are in line with the times. - Bernama

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