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Ahli Dewan Negeri Balakong Wong Siew Ki. Foto FIKRI YUSOF/SELANGORKINI

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DUN Seri Kembangan belanja lebih RM49,000 naik taraf gelanggang bola keranjang

SHAH ALAM, 11 OKT: Sejumlah RM49,788.40 dibelanjakan Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Seri Kembangan bagi menaik taraf infrastruktur gelanggang bola keranjang di Taman Universiti Indah 2, Seri Kembangan.

Wakil rakyatnya Wong Siew Ki berkata peruntukan menerusi Projek Selangor Penyayang (PSP) itu digunakan untuk membersihkan dan mengecat semula lantai gelanggang dan mengganti papan bola keranjang.

"Selain itu, tempat duduk gelanggang turut dibaiki dan dicat semula bagi memberi keselesaan kepada pengguna kemudahan sukan itu," katanya menerusi Facebook pada .

Siew Ki berkata pihaknya turut menghargai sumbangan Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) yang membina tangga untuk memudahkan penduduk naik ke kawasan gelanggang dari padang berhampiran.

Sebelum ini Siew Ki memaklumkan DUN Seri Kembangan memanfaatkan dana PSP dengan membaik pulih kemudahan sukan dan pusat kegiatan masyarakat.

Kerja penambahbaikan menggunakan peruntukan Kerajaan Negeri sebanyak RM250,000 membabitkan tujuh projek iaitu membaiki gelanggang futsal, bola keranjang dan badminton.

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MBSJ plans affordable initiative to take care of abandoned vehicles



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"But we offer this service at a lower cost," he said, adding that MBSJ was hopeful that this would reduce the number of abandoned vehicles in the city.

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Surrendered and abandoned vehicles will be towed to an authorised automotive treatment facility so that batteries, engine oil, air-conditioner gases, coolant and other components like plastic and metal parts can be segregated for reuse, recycling or recovery. — By SHALINI RAVINDRAN

Subang Jaya council clears pedestrian bridge of 'household' items



PETALING JAYA: Photos on the Subang Jaya City Council's (MBSJ) Facebook page have exposed the shocking extent to which some foreigners have turned a pedestrian bridge into their 'home'.

The images show pillows, chairs, and mattresses neatly lined along the bridge's metal grill, with towels and clothes draped over the handrail.



Additional photos depict the bridge after the removal of these items.

"The Subang Jaya City Council has taken strict action against foreigners who turned the pedestrian bridge into their sleeping place by seizing all the items and cleaning the area," stated a post dated on Thursday (Oct 10).

The council also encouraged residents to report their complaints to MBSJ via its website at <https://www.mbsj.gov.my/ms/saluran-aduan> or contact enforcement through WhatsApp at 019-220 7823.

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An abandoned car pictured at a residential area in Ampang Jaya. This issue is being addressed under MPAJ's voluntary vehicle disposal programme. — Photos: LOW BOON TAT/The Star

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MPAJ disposes of 50 cars via voluntary programme

Vetted vehicles auctioned off or scrapped over last two years

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IN THE almost two years since a voluntary vehicle disposal programme was introduced in Ampang Jaya, Selangor, some 50 cars have been surrendered to the local authority.

This means that there are at least 50 fewer cars that could otherwise have been discarded or abandoned by roadsides and in housing areas.

While this may not seem like a huge number, each surrendered vehicle frees up space, cuts safety risks and eases pressure on improper disposal, said Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ).

Its Enforcement Department director Addy Hissham Elias said the programme, pioneered by MPAJ in late 2022, was to encourage registered owners to dispose of their vehicles responsibly.

"There is no fee involved for this service.

"All the owner has to do is fill out an online form with their details and add images of the vehicle.

"We will then carry out due diligence to ensure that the vehicle in question is fully owned by the individual, among other checks," he told *StarMetro*.

Addy Hissham said this included verifying that the vehicle had no outstanding loans, was not blacklisted and had no links to criminal activity.

"This process ensures that all vehicles disposed of through the programme meet necessary legal and regulatory requirements."

He added that MPAJ also offered to tow vehicles to its depot if the owner was unable to get it there.

"The owner needs to have the required documentation including car grant and deregister the vehicle with Road Transport



MPAJ's depot in Ampang Campuran is at capacity as the vehicle disposal process can be long and tedious. (Below) The council towing away an abandoned vehicle following public complaints. — Courtesy photos

Department (JPJ).

"Some people have complained that it is troublesome to visit JPJ to revoke ownership of their vehicle.

"Because of this, MPAJ facilitated a special session where these owners and JPJ officers could come to Menara MPAJ in Pandan Indah to carry out the process," said Addy Hissham, adding that about six owners showed up.

"It was a test session to see if it was a workable idea.

"We might consider doing this again in the future if there are enough interested people."

The surrendered vehicles are sent to MPAJ depots, after which they will be considered for disposal through public auction or scrapping.

Addy Hissham said the initiative provided another avenue for people to properly dispose of their vehicles.

He said many people tended to dump their cars in public areas because they did not want to go through the hassle of towing



vehicles to an authorised scrap centre.

"Vehicle disposal is not a complicated process, but it does require some effort.

"Some are also put off by towing fees which can cost up to several hundred ringgit.

"So they opt for the easy way out by abandoning their vehicles in back lanes, residential car-parks and industrial areas," he said.

Speedier process

With more than 500 abandoned vehicles yet to be collected from residential and commercial areas in Ampang Jaya, MPAJ has its work cut out for it in resolving this perennial issue.

The council's six depots, which can accommodate up to 900 vehicles, have run out of space.

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plaints that were still pending, with more coming in each day.

However, MPAJ is seeing some expediency in disposing of abandoned vehicles with the introduction of Guidelines for the Management of Abandoned Vehicles.

Developed by the Housing and Local Government Ministry (KPKT) in 2020, the guidelines empower the local authorities to

manage abandoned vehicles through a court process that would cut down the length of time needed to dispose of them.

Addy Hissham said the guidelines allowed for the management period for abandoned vehicles to be shortened to two to four months compared to eight to 12 months previously.

"There are improvements to the procedure, such as the inclu-

sion of court forfeiture orders, vehicle inspections at Puspakom and the process for ownership transfer or registration cancellation," he added.

Previously, the standard operating procedure involved issuing a notice to remove the obstruction (vehicle).

After a period of time, the vehicle is towed to a depot and a notice sent to the owner, allowing them to claim the car.

If unclaimed, a second notice is issued before the vehicle is disposed of.

"We encountered many problems with this process, one of which was locating the owner's current address," said Addy Hissham.

"Many people do not bother to update their registered address with JPJ when they move, although it is mandatory.

"This caused a pile-up of vehicles at our depots."

He hoped the new guidelines and the voluntary car disposal programme would efficiently deal with the issue of abandoned vehicles.



Tan (centre) showing the extended railing on the pedestrian bridge. With her are Lee (left) and Lai.

DBKL upgrades pedestrian bridge in Jalan Gombak

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A PEDESTRIAN bridge in poor condition over Jalan Gombak has been repaired by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), much to the delight of SMK Chong Hwa students and teachers.

School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) chairman Datuk Lee Jui Fung said some of the tiles at the bridge had been damaged while others had come off, making it a safety risk.

"We highlighted the matter to DBKL about three months ago, as we received complaints from parents that their children had tripped on the broken tiles.

"The school PTA checked the bridge's condition and found that besides broken tiles, the railings were also rusty.

"Students frequently use the bridge to get to the other side of the road for their parents to pick them up or drop them off," he said during a site visit.

Also present at the site visit was school principal Tan Siew Choo.

Kuala Lumpur advisory board member Andre Lai said the bridge upgrading project, which started in May and concluded in mid-September, involved cleaning the bridge and replacing the broken tiles.

"The railing was repainted and raised for the safety of secondary school students.

"Maintenance work for the bridge was carried out by a subcontractor appointed by DBKL.

"Although it took some time to complete, the bridge is now in good condition.

"The school has also voiced concern about vagrants sleeping on the bridge, so I will highlight the matter to DBKL," he said.

Lee also said the school needed a sheltered walkway to be built from the school entrance gate to the pedestrian bridge.

"Vehicles queue up at the slip road off Jalan Gombak to pick up or drop off students.

"Now there is no shelter and it is an inconvenience for parents and students. We will apply for the sheltered walkway to be built by the relevant authorities."



Students frequently use the pedestrian bridge to cross the road to get to and from school.

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Shooting of stray dog Kopi followed SOP'

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JERTEH: The shooting of a stray dog named Kopi, which has sparked an outcry on social media, was carried out in accordance with standard operating procedure, said Besut District Council president Mohd Sukeri Ibrahim.

Refuting claims that council staff had abandoned the dog after it was shot, Mohd Sukeri said: "The handling of the stray dog adhered to the SOP established by the Housing and Local Government Ministry and complied with Section 30 of the Animal Welfare Act."

"Unfortunately, when our team attempted to retrieve the dog's remains, they were prevented from doing so by certain individuals," he said, as reported by Bernama.

Mohd Sukeri's statement came in response to a Facebook post shared by Stray Animal Feeders of Malaysia on Oct 12.

He said the law allows for the use of firearms in specific cases to manage or remove dangerous wild animals.

"The regulation allows for any licenced or unlicenced dog, whose owner cannot be found, to be removed or handled as instructed by the council president or an authorised officer," he said.

On Sept 6, a joint operation involving 25 personnel from the district council, the district veterinary office and the Kota Putera state assemblyman office was conducted to address the issue of stray dogs.

The operation was in response to complaints about a pack of stray dogs near the Bank Simpanan Nasional Jerleh branch, which were aggressive and had harassed pedestrians, said Mohd Sukeri.

In a past article, Department of Veterinary Services head of animal welfare section Dr Marzuna Md Yunus had said that animals can only be shot during emergencies, to control diseases such as rabies or if they are fierce and have attacked people.

Marzuna added that animals cannot be shot simply to curb their population.

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Overstating carbon footprint



'There's a huge contrast between billionaires travelling by private jet while the rest of us drink with soggy paper straws,' say the authors of a new study on carbon footprints. — HAUKE-CHRISTIAN DITTRICH/dpa

USE paper straws, cycle to work and eat locally sourced food: Everyday consumers are increasingly being reminded of ways to reduce their so-called carbon footprint.

And yet the environmental impact of emissions caused by the poor is being "vastly" exaggerated, while that of wealthy people is played down, according to a Cambridge University-led team of researchers.

Drawing on a survey of over 4,000 people in Denmark, India, Nigeria and the United States, the team found the "vast majority" of people "grossly" underestimate the carbon footprint of society's richest people while "drastically" overestimating that of the poorest people.

Published in the journal *Nature Climate Change*, the research was based on questions

posed to an even split of wealthy and poor people in the four regions, chosen because of their "different per-capita carbon emissions and their levels of economic inequality".

"These countries are very different, but we found the rich are pretty similar no matter where you go, and their concerns are different to the rest of society," said Cambridge University's Ramit Debnath.

'Huge contrast'

Wealthier people were more inclined to both justify having a deeper carbon footprint and to back policies such as "increasing the price of electricity during peak periods, taxing red meat consumption or subsidising carbon dioxide removal technologies such as carbon capture and

storage", according to the team, which included representatives of the University of Basel, Justus-Liebig-University Giessen, Murdoch University and Oxford University.

"There's a huge contrast between billionaires travelling by private jet while the rest of us drink with soggy paper straws: one of those activities has a big impact on an individual carbon footprint, and one doesn't," Debnath added, warning that climate policies "reflect the interests of the richest".

"Poorer people have more immediate concerns, such as how they're going to pay their rent, or support their families," said Kristian Steensen Nielsen of Copenhagen Business School, who said people "with the highest carbon footprints" have the "greatest responsibility". — dpa

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Study hall for B40 bags top prize

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MBSA's learning space, tuition programme for children at flats honoured

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A PROJECT where children living in flats were given a dedicated space to revise and do their homework saw Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) winning the National Scroll of Honour Award For Human Settlements.

The city council's initiative – “Garaj Belia MBSA” – which supports underprivileged youth, was given the award in conjunction with the World Habitat Day celebration.

Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming presented MBSA representatives the award at Armenian Park in George Town, Penang.

MBSA development deputy secretary Aniza Osman said the project began as part of the Selangor Zero Squatters scheme in 2015 during the tenure of former menteri besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali.

“Garaj Belia MBSA”, said Aniza, was carried out at Rimba Jaya Flats in Section 16, Shah Alam.

It saw the city council renting a place on the ground floor and hiring part-time facilitators to conduct tuition classes for the children living there, she said.

Aniza said “Garaj Belia MBSA” provided children aged seven to 17 a conducive space to do their homework, revise and carry out activities from 3pm to 10pm.

“It targets low-cost flats where the units are small and schoolchildren have no place to do their homework,” she said.

Aniza described “Garaj Belia MBSA” as a good platform to promote sustainable



MBSA representatives led by Aniza (front) proudly holding up their award for the Garaj Belia project. — ZHAFFARAN NASIB/The Star

urban development by contributing to economic development and social well-being through the fostering of local talents and businesses.

She added that MBSA had identified several other low-cost housing projects where it would be carried out.

One of next year's beneficiaries is the Taman Sri Muda Flats in Shah Alam.

“We aim to establish more ‘Garaj Belia’

in Selangor,” said Aniza, who is also MBSA's Planning Department director.

She added that MBSA was willing to share how it implemented “Garaj Belia” with others.

Coming in second was Sepang Municipal Council (MPSepang) for its “Padi@Kebun Bandar Cyberjaya” initiative.

Nga also presented 10 consolation prizes to 10 organisations including local councils, farmer groups and corporations.

Earlier, Nga said the ministry had received 42 nominations for the awards, the highest so far.

Entries were evaluated based on best practices, initiatives and innovative solutions that contributed to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 11, Sustainable Cities and Communities.

This goal aligns with the theme of World Habitat Day 2024 – Engaging Youth to Create a Better Urban Future.

Among those present were Housing and Local Government Ministry secretary-general Datuk M. Noor Azman Taib, deputy secretary-general (planning and sustainable environment) Datuk Saidatu Akhuma Hassan and several department heads.

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RESIDENTS living near slopes and other high-risk areas in Ampang Jaya, Selangor are asked to be extra cautious following two landslides on Saturday.

Ampang MP Rodziah Ismail said the area's hilly terrain coupled with the year-end monsoon season could increase the risk of further landslides.

"I remind residents to be observant about any changes in their surroundings, especially if they live near hilly areas or slopes.

"We have been hearing about retaining walls giving way and in some cases this happened due to a lack of proper maintenance," she said during a river cleaning activity in Ampang yesterday.

Rodziah said residents who notice potential signs of slope failure could contact the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) Slope Unit for further action.

She added that Kampung Dato Mufti Shuib and Kampung Bukit Sungai Puteh had been flagged as potential landslide hotspots.

On Saturday, a minor landslide was reported in Kampung Bukit Sungai Puteh.

Separately, rain caused a river embankment at Taman Lembah Maju to collapse, damaging two vehicles. However, no casualties were reported.

MPAJ, in a statement, said the 10m-high Sungai Kerayong tributary's embankment had

Landslide alert in Ampang

Residents urged to inform MPAJ on signs, risk of slope failure

given way, causing two parked vehicles to nearly fall into the river.

MPAJ stated that the two vehicles were towed away, while the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) would repair the damaged embankment.

"The public, especially Ampang residents, are reminded to be prepared for any kind of disaster, particularly during the monsoon transition and rainy season, which is often accompanied by heavy rain and strong wind," MPAJ said.

Previously, the council said it had identified 12 community halls to serve as temporary evacuation centres (PPS) in the event of floods or other disasters during the monsoon season.

MPAJ added that the halls would also serve as incident control centres.

Among the locations are Dewan Perbandaran MPAJ, Dewan Dato' Ahmad Razali, Dewan Lembah Jaya Utara and Dewan Ukay Perdana.

It added that training and disaster preparedness simulations have been conducted, with the most recent in early September.

This included water rescue techniques, victim recovery methods as well as rescue boat operations.

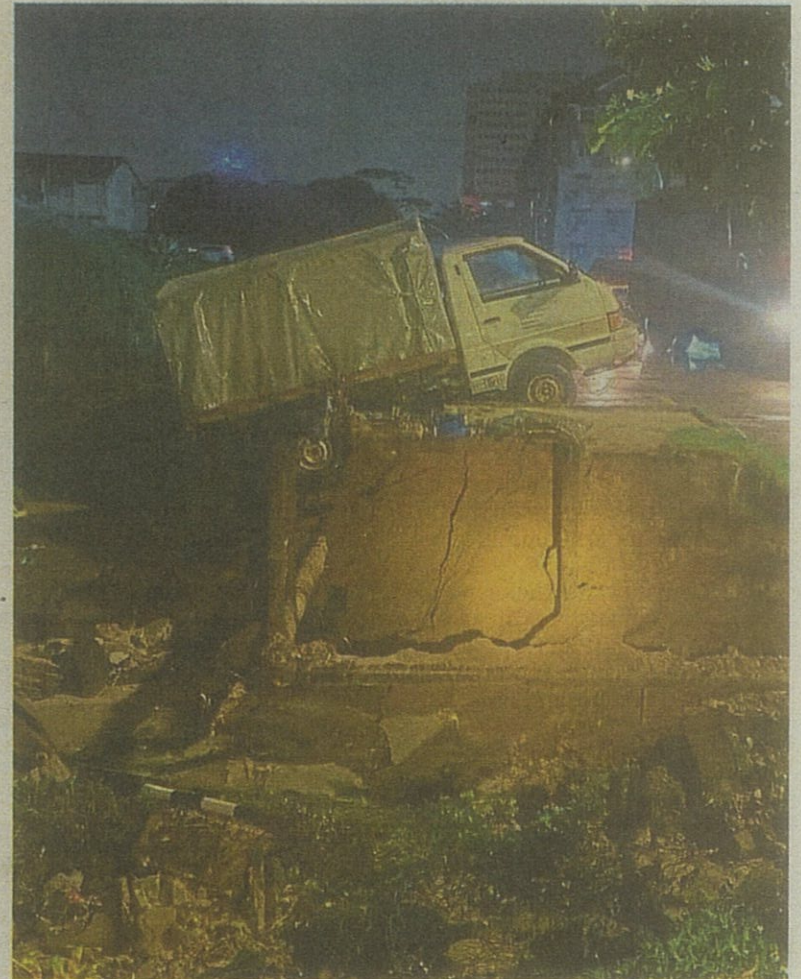


Rodziah says there is an increased risk of landslides in the area.

In addition to training and asset mobilisation, MPAJ is actively carrying out clearing of overgrown vegetation in monsoon drains within the municipality, said the statement.

The areas include Taman Mawar, Taman Puncak Bukit Utama, Taman Zooview, Kemensah Heights and Taman Keramat.

In the event of any emergency or disaster, residents can call the MPAJ hotline at 1-800-22-8100 or the Pantas squad at 03-4280 9050/ 4296 8100/8085.



A prolonged downpour caused the riverbank at Taman Lembah Maju to collapse, damaging two vehicles. — Courtesy photo

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RM5mil to clean up 600km of drains in Selangor



Related agencies are on alert for the high tide expected from Oct 17 to 20 along Selangor's coastline. — Filepic

By FARID WAHAB
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SOME 600km of drains with "untraceable" owners will be cleaned up in a one-off initiative, thanks to a RM5mil allocation from the Selangor government.

The Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) will carry out the cleanup over two phases – each covering 300km.

State infrastructure and agriculture committee chairman Izham Hashim said Phase I was expected to start this month.

"The second phase will be carried out early November. DID will also clear the undergrowth

in the drains.

"This is part of the state government's preparation in view of the monsoon season," he said during a press briefing on flood mitigation projects at Bangunan Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah in Shah Alam.

Izham said those drains had not been maintained as there were no records.

"It is possible that some developers built them but did not properly hand over the drainage infrastructure to residents or the local authorities," he said, adding that the state government would soon be checking who owned the land and the drains.

On another matter, Izham said the DID was mulling placing sandbags along the state's coastline in anticipation of high tide from Oct 17 to 20.

The tide is expected to reach between 5.5m and 5.8m during the four-day period, he said.

"The placing of sandbags is among the temporary measures being considered.

"I have also held a meeting with DID and local councils to discuss flood preparations."

On Oct 8, *StarMetro* reported of the high tide and concerns of it leading to floods in low-lying areas especially if it coincided with heavy rainfall.

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PM: NO GST TILL MINIMUM WAGE RISES

Implementing it now means taxing everyone, including the poor, says Anwar

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MALAYSIA will consider reintroducing the Goods and Services Tax (GST) only when its minimum wage rises to an acceptable threshold, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday.

While acknowledging that the GST was the most transparent and efficient tax system, he said it taxed all levels of society.

"All the big companies want the GST. Please remember, I said 'yes', but let the minimum wage threshold rise first.

"Give it some time to boost the economy, because implementing the GST now means taxing everyone. This is my political philosophy and conscience.

"Is the GST efficient? Yes. Is it transparent? Yes. Will the government get more revenue? Yes. But who are you taxing? Everyone. The rich? Yes. The poor? Yes. I can't do that."

He said this in his speech at the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM) 78th Annual General Meeting here.

Present were Deputy Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Liew Chin Tong, Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor president Datuk Ng Yih Pyng and outgoing ACCCIM president Tan Sri Low Kian Chuan.

Anwar said countries that had implemented the GST first raised their minimum wage level.

"Give it some time, maybe a few years, and ensure that the wage threshold increases to RM3,000 or RM4,000. Then we can (gradually) adjust this policy.

"I understand this issue and have studied it for decades.

"The first time that we talked about the GST was when I was the finance minister, and what was my statement then?

"That the GST is the most efficient and transparent system that would be advantageous to the government in terms of revenue collection. I also said back then to give it some time. Push the economy forward, and stop corruption and people taking advantage of the political office."

He said it was necessary to curb corruption of the past to create a fair and equitable economic landscape.

The GST was introduced at six per cent in 2015 under the then prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak. It was abolished by the Pakatan Harapan government three years later and replaced with the Sales and Service Tax (SST) at the same rate.

During the tabling of the 2024 Budget, Anwar had announced that the SST rate would be increased to eight per cent, with food, beverages and telecommunications exempted from the hike.

Meanwhile, he said the positive investment outcomes achieved by Malaysia were also due to domestic investment.

"We are fortunate to have foreign investment. However, domestic investment is very high.

"When we say we have achieved good success this year, it's not just because of foreign direct investment, but also because of the growing interest, confidence and commitment from domestic players. Domestic investment has increased phenomenally, and for that, I thank you (the industry players)," he said.

He said all eyes would be on Malaysia soon when it assumed the Asean chair next year.

Malaysia, he said, was scheduled to host significant meets, including the Asean-Gulf Cooperation Council Summit in May, as well as other Asean engagements with the United States, European Union and others.



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MBI Selangor to become investment holding firm

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MENTERI Besar Selangor Incorporated (MBI Selangor) has announced its commitment to become an investment holding company by 2028 through its transformation initiative, THRIVE28.

Its group chief executive officer, Saipolyazan M. Yusop, expressed confidence in the company's direction, highlighting its goal of building a high-impact investment portfolio that generates sustainable value for Selangor.

"We anticipate launching our Group Strategic Blueprint that collectively analyses MBI Selangor goals and identifies actionable efforts that can optimise the subsidiaries' operations and offerings to align perfectly with the overall company's objective."

"At MBI Selangor, we are committed to strengthening governance and refining internal policies to keep pace with the evolving business landscape."

"By streamlining our processes, we aim to enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency, demonstrating that we now operate with a sharper focus on agility and integrity."

"This shift sets a new standard on how we do business — responsibly, innovatively, and with a commitment to excellence."

"Our focus remains strong in scaling up our existing investment portfolio such as water, land and property, energy and utilities, and concurrently investing in more dynamic areas, such as mining and minerals, healthcare and digital services," he told *Business Times* in an interview recently.

DIVERSIFY INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

To achieve this goal, MBI Selangor has implemented strategic initiatives to diversify its investment portfolio and support emerging industries.

These include investments in Selangor Aeropark, semiconductors, biomedical parks, drone technologies and water reclamation projects.

"We actively seek partnerships with innovative startups and established players within Selangor's emerging sectors."

"Collaborating with firms focused on green technology in Selangor Aeropark enables us to harness

cutting-edge research and development, ensuring that our investments align with the state's sustainable practices," Saipolyazan said.

He said MBI Selangor was also focusing on clean technology and innovation by exploring the potential of drone technologies and water reclamation projects, as well as focusing on low-energy semiconductor manufacturing.

"By diversifying our portfolio across various emerging industries, we mitigate risks associated with market fluctuations while supporting sectors that drive sustainable development in Selangor."

"Our strategic focus on areas positions us to capitalise on future growth opportunities, ensuring we remain adaptable and resilient in a rapidly changing economic landscape," he said.

LEADERSHIP ROLE, KEY TO TRANSFORMATION

MBI Selangor's transformation was guided by visionary leadership, a focus on emerging industries, alignment with governmental goals, and a commitment to sustainability, innovation and diversification.

These factors have positioned the company as a strategic driver of Selangor's sustainable economic development.

On how his extensive corporate experience and leadership skills contributed to MBI Selangor's successful transformation, Saipolyazan said his leadership journey has been shaped by a unique blend of social responsibility, international business expertise, and now the opportunity to lead MBI Selangor, the state's investment arm.

"This diverse experience enables me to drive a successful transformation at MBI Selangor by crafting an investment strategy that not only ensures financial success but also delivers meaningful social impact for Selangor," he said.

Citing an example, Saipolyazan said that through his experience at UEM Edgenta Bhd, Saudi Arabia, and the Bin Laden Group, he will apply this expertise to attract high-impact investments that align with Selangor's development goals.

"This will drive MBI Selangor's transformation into a strategic investment powerhouse with strong financial returns. In addition, by integrating social responsibility with global business acumen, I envision MBI Selangor as a catalyst for sustainable transformation. Our focus

will be on investments that create not just economic activity but also foster social progress and environmental sustainability," he said.

TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION

At MBI Selangor, Saipolyazan said technology played a crucial role in driving efficiency, improving decision-making and unlocking new business opportunities.

He said MBI Selangor had leveraged data analytics and artificial intelligence (AI) powered tools to streamline operations and enhance its decision-making processes, allowing the company to make more informed, data-driven investment choices.

"By integrating cloud computing and automation, MBI Selangor streamlines operations, reduces manual processes and lowers operational costs."

"Automation can enable faster response times to market demands, allowing the company to capitalise on emerging trends and sectors more effectively," he said.

Besides, Saipolyazan said the technology adoption helped MBI Selangor to focus on sustainable investments and opened up avenues in growing sectors, such as renewable energy and technology-driven environmental solutions.

He said this adoption also helped the company to create new business opportunities by collaborating with tech innovators in sectors like biomedical technology and semiconductors.

"This will position MBI Selangor at the forefront of new market

trends, driving economic growth in Selangor," he said.

IMPACT ON SELANGOR'S ECONOMY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

MBI Selangor's transformation has made a significant impact on the state's economy and social development.

Through innovative strategies and modernised operations, Saipolyazan said the company had driven economic growth while creating opportunities that benefited the people of Selangor.

Economically, he said that focus on key sectors, such as technology, sustainable development, and infrastructure, had attracted substantial investments, leading to job creation and enhanced business opportunities.

"This has stimulated industries, strengthened small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and contributed to Selangor's position as a leading economic hub in Malaysia."

On the social front, Saipolyazan said MBI Selangor had prioritised initiatives that uplift communities, focusing on improving education, healthcare and public welfare.

He said the company's efforts in promoting digital literacy and upskilling programmes have empowered the workforce, ensuring that Selangoreans are well-equipped to thrive in the evolving economy.

"Additionally, through our sustainability goals, we have fostered a greener, more resilient state, which directly improves the quality of life for our citizens," he added.



Menteri Besar Selangor Incorporated group chief executive officer Saipolyazan M. Yusop discussing the company's role in contributing to the state's economy during the Selangor International Business Summit 2024 recently. PIC FROM MENTERI BESAR SELANGOR INCORPORATED

SELANGOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SUMMIT (SIBS) 2024

On SIBS 2024, Saipolyazan said the summit reinforced Selangor's status as a top destination for business and investment.

With 65,000 visitors from 80 countries, the event drew strong international interest.

It also generated over RM12.2 billion in potential transactions, far exceeding the RM7 billion target, with 23 agreements, including memoranda of understanding and letters of agreement, signed during the first series of the summit.

"For SIBS 2024, MBI Selangor showcased our impactful projects like SABDA (Sabak Bernam Development Area), ZPE-SMG (Economic Development Zone of the Selangor Maritime Gateway), KSSA (Shah Alam Sports Complex), and IDRIS (Integrated Development Region in South Selangor), underscoring our commitment to driving economic growth and innovation."

"Focusing on strategic sectors like aviation, technology, and green energy, SIBS 2024 aligned with Selangor's vision for sustainable, tech-driven growth."

"Additionally, MBI Selangor will highlight initiatives like PLATS (Platform Selangor), designed to support SMEs in adopting digital solutions and expanding their market reach."

"Various forums and pitching sessions will further showcase innovative business strategies, solidifying Selangor's position as a forward-thinking investment hub on the global stage."

Prioritising workplace well-being

SINCE 1992, Oct 10 has been designated as World Mental Health Day. The theme for this year is "It is Time to Prioritise Mental Health in the Workplace".

This is especially relevant given that the number of labour force in Malaysia for the first quarter of 2024 was 16.96 million people, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). Additionally, data from the World Health Organisation indicated that mental health issues resulted in an annual loss of 12 billion working days and US\$1 trillion (RM4.27 trillion).

According to a study in March 2023 conducted by Remote, a global human resource services company, Malaysia is ranked second worst in terms of work-life balance among 60 countries in the world.

As we spend a significant amount of time at work, our mental health in the workplace is vital to our overall well-being.

If we experience mental health issues at work, it will have an enormous impact on our daily lives. As such, we need to pay attention to our mental health in the workplace.

Mental wellness correlates with productivity. Some of the benefits of maintaining good mental health at the workplace are:

- Better focus, which results in better quality work.
- Less absenteeism, more motivation and commitment.
- Improved teamwork, team dynamics and communications among employees, all of which contribute to a harmonious working atmosphere. Additionally, it creates a sense of belonging.
- A greater rate of retention, which lowers the cost of rehiring and retraining.
- Lower healthcare costs as poor mental health can affect an employee's physical condition.

Here are some strategies to enhance good mental health:

- **Mental health literacy:** Organise mental health awareness programmes to reduce stigma, and

promote mental well-being among employees. For example, conduct workshops on stress management. Managers can undergo skills-building workshops to learn how to recognise symptoms of mental health issues and provide emotional support through active listening.

- **Safe space and easy access to resources:** Promote open discussions on mental health. Encourage employees to reach out and talk about their mental health struggles by promising confidentiality. Train managers with basic counselling skills and enrol them in an Employee Assistance Programme.

- **Allocate budget for carrying out mental health initiatives:** Develop policies that prioritise mental health, addressing issues such as working hours, workload, safe and healthy environments, and non-discriminatory practices. Ensure implementation and enforcement of these policies. Every employee has to be given equal opportunity, with transparent processes for promotion, upskilling and training.

- **Allow flexible working arrangements:** This will enable employees to maintain a better work-life balance.

Every employee has the fundamental right to a safe, secure and healthy working environment. Prioritising mental health in the workplace creates an environment that is beneficial to employees and organisations.

Employees feel appreciated and cared for and organisations prosper with increased productivity. Maintaining a work-life balance helps prevent stress and burnout.

For free and confidential emotional support, contact Befrienders KL at 03-7627 2929 (24 hours) or sam@befrienders.org.my. There is also Talian HEAL by the Health Ministry, at 15555 (8am - 12 midnight).

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JPS perbaiki tebing anak Sungai Kerayong runtuh akibat hujan lebat

MPAJ ingatkan penduduk Ampang bersiap sedia hadapi sebarang bencana

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Kuala Lumpur: Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) akan melaksanakan pembaikan struktur tebing anak Sungai Kerayong di Taman Lembah Maju yang runtuh, malam kelmarin.

Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) dalam satu kenyataan semalam berkata, kejadian tebing runtuh pada jam 7.15 malam itu berlaku susulan hujan berpanjangan semalam.

"Kejadian tidak menyebabkan sebarang kecederaan atau kemalangan jiwa, namun ada dua buah kenderaan yang hampir jatuh ke dalam sungai.

"Berikutan kejadian itu, MPAJ melalui Pasukan Tindakan Segera (PANTAS) bertindak membuat kawalan lalu lintas dan turut melaksanakan kerja menarik keluar dua kenderaan itu dari lokasi kejadian menggunakan trak tunda sekitar jam 9 malam tadi (kelmarin)," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, MPAJ turut mengingatkan orang ramai khususnya penduduk Ampang bersiap sedia bagi menghadapi sebarang bentuk bencana.

"Ia terutama ketika musim peralihan monsun dan musim tengkujuh yang diikuti hujan lebat serta angin kuat," katanya.

Orang ramai juga boleh menghubungi Unit PANTAS MPAJ di talian 03-42857333 sekiranya berlaku sebarang bencana.



Tinjauan keadaan tebing anak sungai Kerayong yang runtuh di Taman Lembah Maju, Ampang, semalam.

(Foto Eizairi Shamsudin/BH)

Syor pengeluar sediakan tempat kumpul e-sisa

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia perlu memperluaskan dasar Peluasan Tanggungjawab Pengeluar (EPR) secara lebih menyeluruh dengan mewajibkan pengeluar menyediakan pusat pengumpulan sisa elektronik atau menanggung kos kitar semula.

Timbalan Dekan Penyelidikan, Inovasi dan Siswazah Fakulti Re-

kabentuk dan Senibina Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Prof Madya Dr Mohd Zairul Mohd Noor, berkata kerajaan juga boleh memberi insentif kewangan kepada syarikat yang mengitar semula e-sisa dengan betul seperti dilakukan Jerman.

"Selain itu, lebih banyak program berkaitan e-sisa atau *e-waste*

perlu dilaksanakan untuk meningkatkan kesedaran dalam kalangan masyarakat mengenai kesan buruk sekiranya produk terabait tidak dilupuskan dengan cara yang betul.

"Ini kerana kempen pendidikan yang lebih meluas khususnya di kawasan luar bandar amat penting supaya semua rakyat memahami kepentingan menyerahkan peralatan usang elektronik ke pusat pengumpulan sah," katanya kepada *BH*, semalam.

Kelmarin, Menteri Sumber Asli dan Kelestarian Alam, Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, mendedahkan hanya satu peratus daripada anggaran 285,000 tan sisa elektronik berjadual atau e-sisa dihasilkan secara domestik yang dikumpul dan dilupuskan secara lestari setiap tahun.

Beliau dilaporkan berkata, keseluruhan e-sisa itu mewakili 24.5 juta unit barangan elektrik dan elektronik (E&E) dan keadaan itu membimbangkan berikutan secara purata setiap individu dianggarkan menghasilkan 7.6 kilogram e-sisa seperti diunjurkan Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (PBB) pada 2021.

Sehubungan itu, Mohd Zairul yang juga pakar dalam kelestarian dan teknologi UPM, berkata penganjuran Karnival Jom e-Waste yang dianjurkan kelma-



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rin, antara langkah awal yang baik.

Katanya, berdasarkan konteks global, laporan daripada United Nations University (UNU) pada 2019 menunjukkan sebanyak 53.6 juta tan e-sisa dihasilkan secara global setiap tahun.

Gubal dasar lebih tegas

"Laporan sama itu mencatatkan Asia sebagai pengeluar e-sisa tertinggi. Berdasarkan data itu, Malaysia sebagai sebahagian daripada Asia berpotensi terdedah kepada risiko lebih besar jika masalah terabait tidak ditangani segera.

"Oleh itu, penting kerajaan untuk segera menggubal dasar nasional yang lebih tegas dalam mengawal selia pengurusan e-sisa.

"Dengan sokongan daripada sektor awam, swasta dan institusi pendidikan, kita mampu meningkatkan pengurusan e-sisa di negara ini dan menjadi peneraju

di rantau ini dalam isu kelestarian alam sekitar," katanya.

Katanya, dengan laporan Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Kelestarian Alam (NRES) yang mendedahkan hanya satu peratus daripada 285,000 tan e-sisa yang dilupuskan secara lestari memperlihatkan situasi sangat membimbangkan.

"E-sisa seperti telefon pintar, komputer riba, televisyen dan peralatan rumah yang dibuang itu mengandungi bahan berbahaya seperti merkuri dan plum-bum yang boleh mencemarkan alam sekitar dan menjejaskan kesihatan manusia.

"Jadi, kolaborasi antara universiti, kerajaan dan industri perlu dipertingkatkan. Ini kerana universiti dapat menyumbang melalui penyelidikan dan inovasi teknologi hijau yang dapat membantu mengurangkan impak negatif e-sisa.

"Selain itu, Malaysia boleh menimba ilmu dari Sweden yang berjaya mengitar semula hampir 99 peratus e-sisanya melalui dasar EPR di mana pengeluar bertanggungjawab sepenuhnya terhadap pelupusan barangan elektronik tamat tempoh," katanya.

Sweden juga mengutip sekitar 160,000 tan e-sisa setiap tahun dengan hanya satu peratus berakhir di tapak pelupusan.

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GST hanya dilaksanakan jika ambang gaji minimum RM3,000

PM akui sistem cukai paling telus perlu sedikit masa diguna kembali

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Petaling Jaya: Cukai Barangan dan Perkhidmatan (GST) hanya akan dilaksanakan semula jika nilai ambang pendapatan meningkat kepada minimum RM3,000 hingga RM4,000.

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, berkata negara memerlukan sedikit masa sebelum melaksanakan sistem percukaian berkenaan.

Beliau mengakui GST sistem percukaian paling telus, efisien dan mampu menyumbang kepada pendapatan negara, namun hanya boleh dilaksanakan semula selepas nilai ambang pendapatan berjaya ditingkatkan.

"Kalau laksanakan GST sekarang, semua kena bayar, yang kaya dan yang miskin, ...saya tidak boleh (terima) ...berikan kita masa beberapa tahun lagi.

"Saya faham dan mengkaji sejak sedekad lalu GST sistem cukai paling efisien dan memberi kelebihan kepada kerajaan untuk mengutip pendapatan.

"Namun berikan kita masa untuk meningkatkan ekonomi terlebih dahulu dan nilai ambang pendapatan kepada RM3,000 atau RM4,000 minimum," katanya ketika berucap pada majlis Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan ke-78, Gabungan Dewan Perniagaan dan Perindustrian Cina Malaysia (ACCIM), semalam.

Penganalisis menjangkakan kerajaan tidak akan memperkenalkan cukai baharu dalam Belanjawan 2025 yang dibentangkan pada Jumaat ini.

Sejak Rang Undang-Undang GST dimansuhkan pada 2018, satu rang undang-undang cukai penggunaan baharu perlu dibentangkan di Parlimen dan mengambil masa sebelum pelaksanaannya.

Dalam pada itu, Perdana Menteri berkata, Malaysia dijangka menjadi perhatian dunia bermula akhir tahun ini, susulan tanggungjawab negara sebagai tuan rumah beberapa perhimpunan serantau penting.

Katanya, perkembangan itu bukan sahaja disebabkan kekuatan



Anwar berucap pada majlis Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan ke-78 ACCIM, di Petaling Jaya, semalam. (Foto Ahmad Ukasyah/BH)

kerajaan kini, namun juga berikutan rasa hormat dan persahabatan dari negara luar.

"Kita bersahabat dengan semua, tiada negara boleh arah kita dan ini sebab masyarakat serta negara kita bersatu dan kita punya kerajaan yang kuat hari ini.

"Saya berjumpa Perdana Menteri India, Australia dan Kanada yang memberikan perhatian baik. Saya percaya akhir tahun ini dan tahun depan Malaysia akan jadi perhatian dunia," katanya.

Jumaat lalu, Malaysia menerima tugas Pengerusi ASEAN bagi 2025 daripada Laos.

Upacara simbolik serahan tugas kepada Malaysia yang bermula 1 Januari 2025 itu dibuat Perdana Menteri Laos, Sonexay Siphandone kepada Anwar pada Majlis Penutup Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN ke-44 dan ke-45 serta Sidang Kemuncak Berkaitan di Pusat Konvensyen Kebangsaan (NCC) di Laos.

Malaysia jadi tumpuan dunia

Pada masa sama, Perdana Menteri berkata, Malaysia turut menjadi tumpuan antaranya melalui penganjuran Sidang Kemuncak GCC ASEAN + China pada Mei depan.

Melalui sidang kemuncak itu, katanya, ia membabitkan penyerahan enam negara iaitu Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Arab Saudi dan Emiriah Arab Bersatu.

"Akhir tahun, kita ada pertemuan negara ASEAN dengan Amerika Syarikat (AS), China, Korea, Jepun, Eropah, India, New Zealand dan ini memberikan tumpuan kepada kita.

"Kita berdiplomasi, orang hormat negara kita, Malaysia harus tetapi utamanya adalah ekonomi,

perdagangan, pelaburan, perniagaan dan peluang bagi rakyat Malaysia dalam aspek itu," katanya.

Perdana Menteri berkata, beliau juga mahu semua pihak khususnya industri termasuk ACCIM dan Dewan Perniagaan Malaysia memberikan kerjasama sepenuhnya dalam menjayakan matlamat negara.

Selain itu, katanya, Malaysia menjadi destinasi pelaburan penting termasuk dari AS walaupun dunia tahu pendirian negara terhadap Gaza dan Palestin.

Katanya, Malaysia mahu terus 'berkawan' dengan semua dan bebas buat keputusan berdagang dengan mana-mana negara.

"Kita mengambil sikap terbuka, saya berjumpa Setiausaha Negara AS, Anthony Blinken (sebelum ini) melalui mesyuarat penting dan ucapkan terima kasih kerana pelaburan syarikat digital, kecerdasan buatan (AI) yang besar," katanya.

Mengenai isu menghapuskan tunggakan sukai dan denda RM83 juta Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Anwar berkata menjadi dasar kerajaan tidak mengenakan cukai bagi entiti berasaskan pendidikan bukan keuntungan.

Beliau berkata, namun kelewatan kelulusan pengecualian cukai itu dibuat kepada UTAR kerana universiti itu masih berada di bawah Yayasan Tunku Abdul Rahman (TAR) yang belum dipisahkan strukturnya antara urusan syarikat perniagaan komersial dan pendidikan.

Beliau berkata, pihaknya turut meminta Yayasan TAR memisahkan struktur operasinya antara urusan syarikat perniagaan komersial dan pendidikan.

Belanjawan 2025 bawa negara harungi geopolitik tidak menentu

- Selain isu inflasi, usaha menaikkan tahap pendapatan rakyat kini menjadi agenda penting pentadbirannya. Langkah ini seiring pengumuman kerajaan pada Ogos lalu, untuk menaikkan gaji sektor perkhidmatan awam

- Kerajaan kini meletakkan kepentingan kepada kepesatan dan kemajuan teknologi kecerdasan buatan (AI), dengan sasaran menjadikan Malaysia sebagai hab penjana AI



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Belanjawan 2025 dibentangkan Jumaat ini, tentunya akan memberi keutamaan kepada sektor ekonomi dengan tumpuan meneruskan agenda reformasi struktur dalam negara, di samping melindungi setiap segmen masyarakat yang ketika ini berdepan pelbagai tekanan terutama impak kenaikan kos sara hidup.

Ini bajet kali ketiga akan dibentangkan Perdana Menteri yang juga Menteri Kewangan, Datuk Seri

Anwar Ibrahim selepas mengambil alih tampuk pentadbiran kerajaan sejak November 2022.

Tentunya belanjawan kali ini dianggap cukup mencabar, terutama ketika negara mengharungi situasi geopolitik dunia semakin tidak menentu dan sukar. Perang Russia dan Ukraine serta konflik di Asia Barat semakin meruncing, begitu mempengaruhi kedudukan ekonomi, pelaburan, pasaran eksport dan import di samping keutuhan mata wang negara.

Mutakhir ini, Perdana Menteri memberikan bayangan mengenai beberapa inti pati dan segmen akan diberi tumpuan kerajaannya dalam pembentangan Belanjawan 2025.

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Anwar dalam ucapan pada Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam (MAPPA) Ke-19 di Putrajaya, mengumumkan kenaikan gaji sebanyak 15 peratus kepada pegawai kumpulan pelaksana dan pegawai Kumpulan Pengurusan dan Profesional serta pelarasan gaji sebanyak tujuh peratus kepada pegawai Kumpulan Pengurusan Tertinggi.

Pelaksanaan pemberian pelarasan gaji ini akan dilaksanakan berfasa, iaitu pada 1 Disember ini bagi Fasa 1 dan 1 Januari tahun depan (Fasa 2).

Langkah pengumuman kenaikan gaji penjawat awam itu disambut baik kesatuan sekerja dengan Kongres Kesatuan Sekerja Malaysia (MTUC) kemudiannya mencadangkan kadar gaji minimum RM1,500 juga wajar dinaikkan, selain gesaan bagi menggalakkan pengenalan elaun kos sara hidup (COLA) kepada semua pekerja di sektor swasta.

Perubahan kepada dasar gaji minimum dan COLA itu akan mengimbangi manfaat bakal dinikmati 1.5 juta penjawat awam dengan langkah sedemikian akan disahut sektor swasta, sekali gus manfaatnya dapat diperluas kepada warga pekerjaanya.

Kerajaan kini meletakkan kepentingan kepada kepesatan dan kemajuan teknologi kecerdasan buatan (AI), dengan sasaran menjadikan Malaysia sebagai

hab penjana AI.

Atas keperluan itu, Anwar mahu Pelan Tindakan Teknologi AI dibentangkan kerajaan sebelum ini dapat disiapkan dalam tempoh 12 bulan akan datang. Pelan itu akan menjadi panduan kepada semua segmen termasuk sektor awam serta pemain industri dalam memacu perkembangan teknologi.

Penubuhan Fakulti AI pertama Malaysia disempurnakan Anwar pada Mei lalu, menjadi asas bagi membuktikan negara sudah bersedia secara menyeluruh untuk meneroka dan memperkasakan teknologi terbaharu itu.

Bagi merangka ekosistem untuk memastikan Malaysia boleh menjadi hab AI di rantau ini, pejabat AI Kebangsaan diwujudkan. Ia akan diselia MyDigital Corporation dijangka akan mula beroperasi 11 November ini.

Tingkat pengetahuan, penguasaan AI

Dalam meningkatkan kefahaman masyarakat mengenai AI, kerajaan menerusi Kementerian Digital memperkenalkan program AI untuk Rakyat. Ia adalah inisiatif pembelajaran sendiri secara dalam talian sudah berjaya menarik penyertaan sejuta rakyat dalam tempoh singkat.

AI untuk Rakyat bertujuan memupuk minat masyarakat khususnya pelajar dalam bidang sains, teknologi dan inovasi khususnya AI, sekali gus berupaya mencetuskan minat mereka terhadap mata pelajaran Sains, Teknologi, Kejuruteraan dan Matematik (STEM).

Inisiatif penyasaran subsidi negara dijangka turut menjadi topik penting dalam Belanjawan 2025. Selepas subsidi bersasar kepada elektrik, kos bagi memulakan haji dan diesel dilaksanakan, kini tumpuan kerajaan akan beralih kepada beberapa segmen lain.

Anwar ketika merasmikan Simposium Kebangsaan Menekatkan Kemiskinan 2024 di Pusat Konvensyen An-



tarabangsa Putrajaya (PICC) baru-baru ini, memberi bayangan penyasaran subsidi pendidikan akan dilaksanakan, khususnya ke atas kadar yuran pengajian dibayar golongan kaya.

Ketika ini, 70 hingga 80 peratus yuran pengajian kepada semua pelajar di universiti awam (UA) masih ditanggung kerajaan. Justeru, Kementerian Pendidikan Tinggi (KPT) sedang mempertimbangkan beberapa langkah penyasaran subsidi itu dijangka akan dilaksanakan berperingkat dalam tempoh enam tahun ini serta ke atas beberapa jurusan pengajian di UA.

Kerajaan juga memberi tumpuan kepada sektor transisi tenaga, seba-

gai bidang tarikan baharu berupaya membantu dalam menarik pelaburan dan memperkukuh kedudukan ringgit. Buat masa ini, Malaysia memberikan tumpuan untuk mempertingkatkan pengeluaran tenaga solar, cara dianggap terpanas untuk segera beralih daripada bahan api fosil.

Ikhtiar itu menjadi keutamaan untuk kerajaan merealisasikan sasaran karbon sifar bersih seawal 2050. Ini seperti ditetapkan di bawah Pelan Hala Tuju Peralihan Tenaga Negara (NETR) dan Pelan Induk Perindustrian Baharu 2030 (NIMP 2030) dilancarkan kerajaan sebelum ini.

Persidangan Dewan Rakyat bermula hari ini akan berlangsung selama 35 hari hingga 12 Disember depan. Anwar dijadual membentangkan Rang Undang-Undang (RUU) Perbekalan 2025 atau Belanjawan 2025 pada jam 4 petang, Jumaat ini.

Berakhir pembentangan pada Jumaat, sesi perbincangan Belanjawan 2025 peringkat dasar akan bermula pada 21 Oktober hingga 5 November, diikuti sesi pengulangan menteri pada 6 November hingga 12 November.

Perbincangan kemudian disambung untuk peringkat jawatankuasa bermula 13 November hingga 3 Disember, sebelum diikuti pembentangan usul lain dan RUU kerajaan pada enam hari terakhir.



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Belanjawan 2025 mungkin tumpu rasionalisasi subsidi, kenaikan gaji

Langkah bagi stabilkan inflasi, kurangkan kos sara hidup disertai bantuan tunai bersasar

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Belanjawan 2025 yang bakal dibentangkan Jumaat ini dijangka memberi tumpuan kepada rasionalisasi harga kawalan dengan kemungkinan peluasan subsidi bersasar bagi diesel di Malaysia Timur, RON95, gula dan beras tempatan, demikian menurut CIMB Securities.

Firma penyelidikan pasaran itu berkata, langkah berkenaan bertujuan menstabilkan infla-

si dan mengurangkan kos sara hidup, yang mana ia akan disertai dengan bantuan tunai bersasar kepada golongan rentan.

Menurut CIMB Securities, kenaikan gaji penjawat awam yang akan dilaksanakan pada Disember 2024 (Fasa 1) dijangka diikuti dengan peningkatan gaji minimum pada 2025.

Selain itu, katanya kerajaan juga mungkin memperkenalkan mekanisme levi pekerja asing sebagai peringkat bagi mengurangkan pergantungan kepada tenaga kerja asing.

"Antara langkah meningkatkan hasil yang dicadangkan termasuk cukai minuman bergula, pelaksanaan Cukai Minimum Global sebanyak 15 peratus dan perluasan sistem e-Invois kepada semua perniagaan menjelang 1 Julai 2025," katanya dalam satu nota penyelidikan.

Ia menambah, walaupun Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim dan pegawai kerajaan menafikan spekulasi pengena-



lan semula Cukai Barang dan Perkhidmatan (GST) pada 2025, CIMB Securities menjangka pengumuman GST mungkin dibuat untuk pelaksanaan masa depan.

Perbelanjaan operasi meningkat
CIMB Securities menganggarkan perbelanjaan operasi bagi 2025 meningkat sebanyak 3.1 peratus tahun ke tahun kepada RM316 bilion, berbanding RM306 bilion pada 2024.

Pada masa yang sama, perbelanjaan pembangunan (DE) dijangka kekal pada RM90 bilion.

"Pendapatan kerajaan pula diunjurkan meningkat sebanyak 4.6 peratus kepada RM326 bilion, disokong oleh pertumbuhan Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) yang kukuh, perluasan liputan e-Invois dan kutipan cukai pendapatan individu yang lebih tinggi berikutan peningkatan gaji minimum dan kadar pengangguran yang rendah.

"Rasionalisasi subsidi yang sedang berjalan turut membuka jalan untuk lebihan semasa yang lebih tinggi sebanyak RM11 bilion pada 2025, berbanding RM6 bilion pada 2024.

"Defisit fiskal, pula dijangka menyusut kepada RM78 bilion atau 3.8 peratus daripada KDNK, berbanding RM83 bilion atau 4.3 peratus pada 2024," katanya.

Firma itu menambah, pertumbuhan ekonomi yang dijangka berada pada kadar 5.0 peratus, nilai ringgit berbanding dolar Amerika

Syarikat (AS) yang lebih kukuh pada RM4.20, serta harga minyak mentah (AS\$70 satu tong) pada 2025 memberikan sokongan kepada dasar fiskal negara.

CIMB Securities menganggarkan impak fiskal positif dengan penjimatan subsidi bahan api yang dijangka mencecah RM8 bilion, lebih besar berbanding pengurangan hasil berkaitan minyak sebanyak RM2.5 bilion dan penurunan dividen PETRONAS sebanyak RM2 bilion.

"Ini menghasilkan penjimatan bersih sebanyak RM3.5 bilion. Selain itu, penjimatan tambahan sebanyak RM1.8 bilion dijangka daripada pelaksanaan subsidi diesel bersasar di Semenanjung Malaysia.

"Penjimatan ini dijangka mampu mengimbangi impak kenaikan gaji penjawat awam yang akan bermula pada Disember 2024.

"Belanjawan 2025 dilihat sebagai langkah yang berhati-hati dalam menguruskan cabaran ekonomi sambil mengekalkan komitmen fiskal negara," katanya.

Tingkat kerjasama bangunkan semula bandar mampan



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Konsep kesihatan planet adalah pendekatan holistik mengiktiraf hubungan antara kesihatan manusia, alam sekitar, persekitaran alam bina dan planet untuk memastikan kesejahteraan generasi sekarang dan masa depan.

Kemampanan bandar pula, adalah usaha membangunkan bandar mesra alam, cekap sumber dan inklusif, sekali gus menjadikan kesihatan planet dan kemampanan bandar saling berkaitan dan melengkapi.

Bandar penting dalam mencapai matlamat kesihatan planet melalui mengurangkan jejak karbon, mengurangkan pencemaran, memelihara sumber air dan menggalakkan gaya hidup lebih sihat.

Malaysia bakal melancarkan Pelan Tindakan Kesihatan Planet pertama dan melaksanakan Pelan Hala Tuju Kesihatan Planet Antarabangsa.

Dalam memuktamadkan perincian Belanjawan 2025, tiba masanya kita beranjak daripada penggunaan penyelesaian jangka pendek semata-mata kerana ia tidak seharusnya menangani kebimbangan ekonomi semasa sahaja, sebaliknya turut membuka jalan kepada masa depan mampan dan sejahtera.

● Teras pertama kesihatan planet adalah 'Menaikkan Siling' menitikberatkan pelaburan dalam industri mampan dan berdaya maju, seperti tenaga boleh diperbaharui, ekopelancongan serta teknologi dan penyelidikan untuk bioekonomi.

Pelaburan ini boleh mengurangkan jejak karbon Malaysia di samping mengukuhkan kedudukan negara sebagai peneraju dalam pembangunan mampan, terutama rantau ASEAN.

● Teras kedua 'Menaikkan Lantai' bagi meningkatkan kualiti hidup orang ramai memerlukan pelaburan dalam penjagaan kesihatan dan pencegahan penyakit, termasuk perkhidmatan kesihatan alam semula jadi.

● Teras ketiga, melaksanakan tadbir urus baik dan reformasi sektor awam dengan kesihatan bukan sahaja sebagai platform mendapatkan sokongan orang ramai dan meningkatkan landskap dasar awam, bahkan bidang keutamaan menyatukan semua.

Namun, pelaburan signifikan untuk mengumpul data dan membangunkan sistem pemantauan diperlukan. Tadbir urus berkesan dan dasar selari adalah penting untuk merealisasikan sebarang perubahan sistemik diperlukan.

Dari segi ekonomi, kemampanan bandar bertujuan membangunkan ekonomi bandar kuat, berdaya saing dan inklusif seperti penciptaan peluang pekerjaan, pertumbuhan perniagaan serta meningkatkan kualiti hidup penduduk.

Aspek sosial menekankan pembangunan bandar adil, aksesibiliti dan inklusif merangkumi akses pendidikan, penjagaan kesihatan, perumahan dan peluang sama untuk semua penduduk.

Cabaran utama capai matlamat

Bagaimanapun, beberapa cabaran utama dihadapi dalam mencapai matlamat itu.

● Pertama, peningkatan penduduk dan perbandaran pesat memberi tekanan kepada sumber alam sekitar seperti air, tenaga dan tanah. Ketidakeimbangan antara permintaan dengan sumber boleh menyebabkan kemerosotan kualiti alam sekitar dan kesihatan manusia.

● Kedua, perubahan iklim menyebabkan peningkatan suhu global, paras laut dan kekerapan bencana alam seperti banjir dan kemarau. Bandar tidak bersedia menghadapi kesan perubahan iklim akan mengalami kerosakan infrastruktur, gangguan kepada perkhidmatan asas dan peningkatan risiko kesihatan.

● Ketiga, kesenjangan sosial dan ekonomi di bandar boleh menyebabkan akses tidak adil kepada sumber dan peluang. Kumpulan masyarakat kurang bernasib baik sering menanggung beban lebih besar dari segi kesan alam sekitar dan kesihatan.

● Keempat, pengeluaran sisa pepejal di bandar menimbulkan masalah pencemaran alam sekitar, kesihatan awam dan penggunaan tanah. Sistem pengurusan sisa pepejal tidak cekap boleh menyebabkan penumpukan sampah, pelepasan gas rumah hijau dan pencemaran air dan tanah.

● Kelima, kebergantungan kepada kenderaan bermotor menyebabkan peningkatan pelepasan gas rumah hijau, pencemaran udara, kesesakan lalu lintas dan masalah kesihatan. Membangunkan sistem pengangkutan awam cekap dan mesra alam menjadi cabaran besar.

● Keenam, ketiadaan kesedaran awam terhadap kepentingan kesihatan planet dan kemampanan bandar menjadi halangan kepada usaha mencapai matlamat ini.

Hakikatnya, pembangunan semula bandar mampan untuk kesihatan planet bersifat berterusan. Meningkatkan kesedaran awam mengenai kepentingan alam sekitar dan menggalakkan perubahan tingkah laku menjadi cabaran utama.

Penolakan terhadap perubahan dan keengganan menerima idea baharu boleh menjadi penghalang kepada kemajuan. Di samping itu, kekurangan sumber kewangan dan kepakaran teknikal boleh membatasi pelaksanaan projek pembangunan semula bandar tetapi terdapat peluang besar memacu inovasi dan penyelidikan dalam teknologi hijau dan pembangunan semula bandar.

Pembangunan dan penggunaan teknologi baharu seperti sistem pengurusan tenaga pintar dan teknologi tenaga boleh diperbaharui, boleh mengurangkan jejak karbon bandar dan meningkatkan kecekapan sumber.

Peningkatan kerjasama antara pelbagai pihak berkepentingan seperti kerajaan, sektor swasta, organisasi bukan kerajaan dan komuniti, penting untuk mencapai matlamat pembangunan semula bandar.

Semua artikel penulis tamu adalah pendapat peribadi, bukan pendirian rasmi BH

Tebing runtuh kembali bikin kegusaran

Ampang: Penduduk Taman Lembah Maju di sini bimbang selepas kejadian dua kenderaan jatuh ke longkang akibat tebing sungai runtuh kelmarin berulang.

Penduduk, David Chin, 58, berkata, kejadian itu kali kedua berlaku selepas kali pertama tebing sungai runtuh pada tahun lalu.

"Saya risau kerana kanak-kanak suka bermain di kawasan itu. Kereta juga banyak diletakkan di kawasan sekitar tebing sungai yang runtuh itu.

"Setakat ini kejadian tidak meragut nyawa, tapi kalau tiada langkah segera tak mustahil ada orang tercedera atau maut," katanya di sini, semalam.

Kelmarin dilaporkan dua kenderaan jatuh ke dalam longkang selepas tanah di tebing sungai di Taman Lembah Maju runtuh.

Penolong Pengarah Bahagian Operasi Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) Selangor Ahmad Mukhlis Mukhtar dilaporkan berkata, pihak-



TINJAUAN keadaan tebing sungai runtuh di Taman Lembah Maju. NSTP/EIZAIRI SHAMSUDIN

nya menerima maklumat berhubung kejadian jam 7.14 malam.

Mengulas lanjut, Chin yang juga peniaga, menggesa pihak bertanggungjawab segera membaiki tebing sungai berkenaan.

"Kena baiki semula tebing itu kerana di sini kawasan perumahan," katanya.

Seorang lagi penduduk yang mahu dikenali sebagai Lee, 56, berkata, kejadian tebing sungai runtuh semalam paling teruk.

"Sebelum ini tak teruk. Kejadian semalam (kelmarin) paling teruk. Mungkin tebing itu tak kukuh dan saya harap ia dibaiki.

"Saya harap pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) ambil tindakan segera dan jangan ada kejadian tebing runtuh lagi. Kalau runtuh, kami risau," katanya.

Sementara itu Jurutera Daerah Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) Hulu Langat, Mohd Azizan Ajimi berkata, hujan lebat ketika kejadian menyebabkan te-

bing konkrit dibina runtuh.

Mohd Azizan berkata, pihaknya menilai sama ada kawasan sekitar tebing itu sesuai dijadikan lokasi meletakkan kenderaan.

Katanya, satu notis pengosongan kepada penduduk yang membina tempat parkir di hadapan rumah mereka juga dikeluarkan.

Selain itu katanya, pembaikan tebing runtuh dilakukan dan dijangka siap dalam masa dua bulan.

Kuala Lumpur: Warga asing di Jalan Silang, Lebu Pudu dan Kota Raya atau lebih dikenali dengan jolokan Mini Dhaka seolah-olah tidak serik apabila masih berniaga walaupun sering diserbu pihak berkuasa.

Tinjauan mendapati peniaga warga asing terbabit menjual sيره, manisan dan rokok seludup menjelang waktu tengah hari.

Pemerhatian mendapati lebih lima peniaga asing berniaga di tepi kaki lima berhadapan beberapa premis di kawasan berkenaan.

Sebaik sahaja gambar mereka dirakam lensa kamera, peniaga warga asing terus memasuki premis dan meninggalkan barangan dijual.

Pemandu teks, Abdul Malek Md Said, 58, menyifatkan isu warga asing berniaga di kawasan itu tidak berkesudahan walaupun sering diserbu pihak berkuasa.

Katanya, tindakan penguatkuasaan diambil lokasi seperti di Mini Dhaka ini dilihat tidak menyeluruh.

"Memang dia (pihak berkuasa) menjalankan operasi atau tindakan, tapi kenapa masih lagi berniaga sampai sekarang. Kelihatan (tindakan itu) tidak ada kesan," katanya.

Menurutnya, tindakan tegas perlu diambil pihak berkuasa terhadap peniaga asing haram seperti dilakukan di negara jiran, Singapura.

"Selain itu, penguatkuasaan juga seharusnya berterusan. Jadi, peniaga asing haram ini takut dan



ANTARA peniaga asing berniaga di tepi kaki lima berhadapan beberapa premis di kawasan berkenaan.

Peniaga haram Mini Dhaka tak serik walau kerap diserbu

mereka tak nak langgar peraturan lagi," katanya.

Pekerja teknologi maklumat, P Raja Suriya, 31, berkata, tindakan peniaga asing haram di lokasi berkenaan menjejaskan pemandangan di lokasi tumpuan pelancong.

Katanya, warga asing yang masih berniaga di lokasi pernah diserbu itu juga menyebabkan kawasan itu menjadi kotor disebabkan barang jualan mereka.

Oleh itu, dia mencadangkan pihak berkuasa seperti Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) mem-

pertingkatkan rondaan dan penguatkuasaan di kawasan *hotspot* seperti di Jalan Silang, Lebu Pudu dan Kota Raya yang menjadi tumpuan warga asing.

"Undang-undang perlu diperketatkan. Jika berniaga tanpa lesen, sita barang atau premis mereka," katanya.



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ANWAR ketika hadir Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan ACCCIM ke-78 di One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya. - Gambar NSTP/AHMAD UKASYAH

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PELAKSANAAN GST

Tunggu gaji minimum **RM3k**

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Kerajaan hanya akan melaksanakan Cukai Barang dan Perkhidmatan (GST) sekiranya ambang gaji minimum meningkat kepada RM3,000-RM4,000, kata Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Ketika ini, gaji bulanan

minimum di Malaysia adalah pada RM1,500.

Beliau yang mengakui bahawa sistem cukai itu cekap dan telus berkata GST juga akan membantu mengembangkan dana kerajaan dengan kutipan hasil yang lebih tinggi.

Namun begitu,

beliau percaya golongan miskin tidak seharusnya dibebani dengan sistem cukai sedemikian.

"Saya bersetuju, GST adalah sistem cukai yang paling telus dan cekap...tetapi pandangan saya adalah, beri sedikit masa, beberapa tahun,

Anwar percaya golongan miskin tidak seharusnya dibebani dengan sistem cukai

(kita mesti) pastikan ambang gaji meningkat kepada minimum RM3,000-RM4,000, kemudian barulah kita boleh selaraskan dasar," kata Anwar.

Beliau berkata demikian pada Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan ke-78 Gabungan Dewan Perniagaan dan Perindustrian Cina Malaysia (ACCCIM) di sini, semalam.

Anwar yang juga Men-

teri Kewangan, berkata pelaksanaan GST telah menjadi isu berterusan selama beberapa dekad, malahan semasa beliau menjadi Menteri Kewangan pada 1990-an.

Beliau tidak bersetuju pada masa itu kerana merasakan gejala rasuah yang membabitkan berbilion ringgit, antara lainnya, perlu ditangani terlebih dahulu.

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Dua lelaki positif dadah dicekup dalam operasi MBPJ, AADK



Operasi bersepadu dijalankan MBPJ dengan kerjasama AADK.

PETALING JAYA - Dua individu didapati positif dadah dalam operasi bersepadu pusat hiburan dan pusat snuker di sekitar bandar raya Petaling Jaya pada Jumaat.

Menurut Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ), operasi bersepadu itu dijalankan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) berkenaan dengan kerjasama Agensi Anti Dadah Kebangsaan (AADK).

"Hasil dari operasi bersepadu tersebut telah membawa kepada penahanan dua lelaki yang didapati positif dadah.

"MBPJ juga mengeluarkan sembilan kompaun atas pelbagai kesalahan seperti melanggar syarat pelanggan bawah umur 18 tahun, aktiviti pusat hiburan lebih masa dan tahap kebersihan premis tidak memuaskan.

"Selain itu, dua notis penutupan premis juga telah dikeluarkan," menurut MBPJ menerusi satu hantaran di Facebook pada Sabtu.

PBT itu menambah, pemantauan berkala akan terus dijalankan dari masa ke masa dan tindakan tegas akan diambil terhadap mana-mana pihak atau premis didapati melanggar peraturan serta syarat-syarat yang ditetapkan.

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JOHAN Mahmood Merican (tengah) melepaskan peserta Larian Kewangan 2024 di Dataran Wawasan, Putrajaya. - UTUSAN/FAISOL MUSTAFA

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Belanjawan 2025 libatkan pandangan pelbagai lapisan rakyat

PUTRAJAYA: Pembentangan Belanjawan 2025 pada Jumaat ini Oleh Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim bakal melibatkan pandangan pelbagai lapisan rakyat.

Ketua Setiausaha Perbendaharaan, Datuk Johan Mahmood Merican berkata, RUU Perbekalan itu dengan tema 'Ekonomi Madani, Negara Makmur, Rakyat Sejahtera' akan memberikan fokus jelas pertumbuhan Malaysia.

Katanya, ini turut mengambil kira banyak cabaran semasa

yang sentiasa berubah pantas selain 2025 juga merupakan tahun terakhir Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 setelah bermula pada 2021.

"RUU Perbekalan kali ini merangkumi semua sesi libat urus di seluruh negara bermula 9 Julai lepas dengan terakhir pada minggu lalu di Perak melibatkan pemain industri minyak sawit selain sektor elektronik di Kulim, Kedah sebelumnya," katanya kepada pemberita selepas Larian Kewangan 2024 di Dataran Wawasan, di sini, semalam.

Perdana Menteri difahamkan sudah meneliti draf inti pati Belanjawan 2025 sebelum beliau berlepas untuk menghadiri Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN di Vientiane, Laos minggu lalu.

Anwar sebelum ini ada membayangkan bahawa Belanjawan 2025 akan terus menumpukan kepada agenda teras kerangka Ekonomi Madani yang diluncurkannya pada Julai tahun lalu dan sejajar pelaksanaan reformasi percukaian lebih komprehensif sebagai asas kepada sumber hasil negara yang kukuh.

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KAO Malaysia perkenal Bioré GUARD Mos Block Serum, pelindung denggi

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PETALING JAYA: Syarikat produk penjagaan diri, produk kebersihan dan produk penjagaan isi rumah, KAO (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., telah melancarkan inisiatif 'Guard Our Future' yang membantu memerangi denggi melalui produk terbaharu mereka, Bioré GUARD Mos Block Serum.

Presiden KAO (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., Nishimaki Akira berkata, di KAO Malaysia, pihaknya amat prihatin terhadap peningkatan kes denggi di negara ini, di mana peningkatan kes tertinggi dilaporkan dan semakin meningkat pada tahun 2023.

"Melalui inisiatif ini, KAO Malaysia akan memberi sumbangan unit Bioré GUARD Mos Block Serum, berjumlah lebih daripada 61,000 unit yang bernilai hampir RM1 juta.

"Serum tersebut akan diedarkan melalui pelbagai program dan kempen yang dianjurkan dengan kerjasama Kerajaan Negeri Selangor dan agensi berkaitan lain sebagai sebahagian daripada usaha untuk mengawal penularan wabak denggi," katanya ketika ditemui



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Menurut beliau, matlamat syarikat adalah untuk memberikan perlindungan yang berkesan kepada komuniti sambil meningkatkan kesedaran tentang bahaya wabak denggi serta pencegahannya.

"Usaha ini adalah sebahagian daripada komitmen berterusan kami untuk mencipta Pelan Gaya Hidup Kirei (budaya dari Jepun) yang mengutamakan kesihatan dan kesejahteraan manusia serta alam sekitar," katanya.

Bioré GUARD Mos Block Serum, produk yang sesuai untuk segenap lapisan masyarakat ini, diformulasi dengan teknologi Anti-Landing yang membentuk lapisan sebagai pelindung di permukaan kulit untuk menghalang nyamuk daripada mendarat dan menggigit pengguna seterusnya menawarkan perlindungan yang berkesan.

Dilengkapi dengan tekstur ringan

seperti losyen badan dan tidak melekit, ia dapat memberikan liputan yang luas seolah-olah membentuk perisai pelindung terhadap nyamuk.

Jelas Nishimaki, Bioré Guard Mos Block Serum berbeza dengan penghalau serangga konvensional di mana produk ini tidak mengandungi bahan aktif yang mudah meruap seperti diethyltoluamide (DEET) atau picaridin iaitu bahan yang mungkin membuat sesetengah pengguna sensitif.

"Produk ini menghalang nyamuk daripada mendarat atau bertahan di kulit tanpa rasa melekit sekali gus memastikan keselesaan yang sama seperti menggunakan serum lain," katanya.

Sempena Sidang Kemuncak Perniagaan Antarabangsa Selangor (SIBS) 2024 yang berlangsung pada 16 hingga 19 Oktober, KAO Malaysia teruja untuk mengambil bahagian dalam memperkenalkan

dan mempromosikan Bioré GUARD Mos Block Serum.

"Sebagai sebahagian daripada komitmen kami untuk mempromosikan kesihatan dan kebersihan, kami akan mengadakan sesi demonstrasi dan perkongsian teknologi khas pada 16 Oktober bermula pukul 12 hingga 12.30 tengah hari.

"Semasa sesi ini, peserta akan mendapatkan pandangan eksklusif tentang teknologi inovatif di sebalik

produk Bioré GUARD, termasuk sifat antibakteria dan pelindung yang canggih.

"Pakar kami akan melakukan demonstrasi secara

langsung, menunjukkan bagaimana produk kami berfungsi seterusnya menawarkan penyelesaian untuk kegunaan seharian. Kami juga akan berkongsi pandangan tentang proses penyelidikan dan pembangunan produk, menyoroti integrasi bioteknologi canggih dalam formulasi produk kami," katanya.

Tambah Nishimaki, ini adalah peluang yang sangat baik bagi peserta untuk berinteraksi secara langsung dengan pakar kami dengan mengajukan soalan dan belajar lebih lanjut tentang bagaimana KAO menerajui inovasi sains hayat dan kesihatan pengguna.

KAO Malaysia merupakan anak syarikat Kao Corporation, sebuah syarikat multinasional yang berpangkalan pejabat di Jepun yang terkenal dengan produk penjagaan diri, produk kebersihan dan produk penjagaan isi rumah berjenama seperti Bioré, Laurier dan Attack.

Sertai kami di Dewan 6 pameran No 6027 & 6032, Aras 1, Pusat Konvensyen Kuala Lumpur (KLCC) dari 16 hingga 19 Oktober untuk SIBS 2024!



NISHIMAKI
AKIRA



MD. FAUZI AHMAD

DENGAN tekanan inflasi, cabaran globalisasi, dan perkembangan pesat teknologi, Malaysia perlu merangka strategi reformasi ekonomi yang berkesan melalui Belanjawan 2025 untuk memacu daya saing negara, menarik pelaburan berkualiti tinggi, dan memperkukuh kedudukan negara di pentas antarabangsa.

Berdasarkan Ranking Daya Saing Global (WCR) 2024, Malaysia berada di tangga 34 daripada 67 negara dan keempat dalam kalangan negara ASEAN selepas Singapura, Thailand dan Indonesia.

Belanjawan 2025 perlu melihat strategi-strategi jangka panjang yang boleh merangsang ekonomi negara.

REFORMASI EKONOMI Penting untuk

Malaysia mengurangkan keberagantungan sektor tradisional seperti pembuatan, minyak, dan gas perlu kepada pemerikasaan sektor-sektor baharu seperti teknologi digital, tenaga boleh diperbaharui, dan ekonomi hijau. Inisiatif ini perlu diterjemahkan dalam bentuk peruntukan kewangan yang berfokus kepada pembangunan sektor-sektor ini.

INDUSTRI TEKNOLOGI DAN DIGITAL

Negara-negara maju banyak melabur dalam teknologi kecerdasan buatan (AI), automasi, Internet kebendaan (IoT), dan teknologi 5G. Peruntukan dalam Belanjawan 2025 perlu merangkumi insentif dan bantuan kewangan untuk syarikat-syarikat tempatan yang ingin meneroka dan membangunkan teknologi-teknologi baharu ini. Pada masa sama, kerajaan perlu menyediakan lebih banyak peluang latihan kepada pekerja tempatan untuk meningkatkan kemahiran digital, terutamanya dalam bidang-bidang seperti data sains, pembangunan perisian, dan kejuruteraan AI.

PEMBANGUNAN MODAL INSAN

Belanjawan 2025 perlu memberikan tumpuan yang lebih besar terhadap sektor pendidikan dan latihan vokasional. Pembangunan kurikulum yang berasaskan kemahiran abad ke-21, yang menekankan kepentingan pemikiran kritis, penyelesaian

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Belanjawan 2025 perlu tingkat daya saing negara



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masalah, dan kreativiti adalah penting untuk melahirkan graduan yang mampu bersaing di peringkat global.

Di samping itu, kerajaan perlu mengukuhkan program-program pendidikan teknikal dan latihan vokasional (TVET) bagi menyediakan tenaga kerja yang mahir dalam sektor-sektor teknologi tinggi seperti pembuatan berteknologi tinggi dan robotik.

PELABURAN R&D

Negara-negara seperti Korea Selatan, Jepun, dan Jerman telah membuktikan pelaburan yang konsisten dalam R&D boleh membawa kepada penciptaan teknologi dan produk baharu dalam pasaran global.

Dalam Belanjawan 2025, kerajaan perlu memberikan insentif kepada syarikat-syarikat tempatan dan universiti untuk menjalankan penyelidikan yang boleh memberi impak besar kepada ekonomi. Ini termasuk penyelidikan dalam bidang teknologi hijau, kesihatan, dan sektor pembuatan yang berteknologi tinggi.

Pengkomersialan hasil penyelidikan juga perlu ditingkatkan melalui kerjasama dengan sektor swasta.

AMALAN ESG

Banyak syarikat multinasional kini meletakkan syarat kepada pembekal mereka untuk mematuhi standard ESG, yang

melibatkan tanggungjawab terhadap alam sekitar, sumbangan sosial, dan tadbir urus yang baik.

Bagi Malaysia, Belanjawan 2025 perlu menitikberatkan insentif untuk perusahaan kecil dan sederhana (PKS) agar mereka dapat mengintegrasikan prinsip ESG dalam operasi perniagaan mereka. Ini termasuk menyediakan bantuan kewangan, pengecualian cukai, dan insentif lain bagi syarikat-syarikat yang mematuhi amalan ESG. Dengan berbuat demikian, syarikat-syarikat Malaysia akan lebih mudah untuk menjadi rantaian bekalan global dan menjamin pasaran yang lebih luas.

INFRASTRUKTUR

Dalam Belanjawan 2025, kerajaan perlu memperuntukkan bajet yang mencukupi untuk memperbaiki dan menaik taraf infrastruktur yang sedia ada, terutama di kawasan-kawasan yang menjadi hab industri dan perdagangan.

Infrastruktur digital juga perlu diberikan perhatian. Pembangunan rangkaian internet yang pantas dan stabil adalah kritikal untuk membolehkan syarikat-syarikat tempatan memanfaatkan peluang dalam ekonomi digital. Oleh itu, Belanjawan 2025 harus menyokong inisiatif untuk memperluas capaian internet berkelajuan tinggi ke seluruh negara, termasuk kawasan

luar bandar.

SEKTOR PKS

Belanjawan 2025 perlu menyokong sektor PKS, yang merupakan tonggak utama ekonomi Malaysia. Antara langkah yang boleh diambil termasuk menyediakan insentif kewangan seperti geran, pinjaman mudah, dan pengecualian cukai bagi PKS yang mengaplikasikan teknologi digital dan IR 4.0 bagi meningkatkan produktiviti dan inovasi.

Selain itu, kerajaan perlu mewujudkan ekosistem pembiayaan yang inklusif, seperti modal teroka dan pelaburan ekuiti swasta, untuk memudahkan PKS berkembang dan bersaing di peringkat global.

CUKAI DAN TADBIR URUS EKONOMI

Belanjawan 2025 perlu mempertimbangkan penstrukturan semula sistem cukai untuk mengurangkan beban kepada syarikat-syarikat tempatan dan pelabur asing. Langkah-langkah seperti pengecualian cukai untuk syarikat teknologi dan syarikat pemula, serta pengurangan cukai korporat bagi syarikat-syarikat yang melabur dalam R&D, boleh membantu meningkatkan daya saing negara.

Selain itu, reformasi tadbir urus ekonomi yang lebih telus dan cekap juga diperlukan untuk mengurangkan ketirisan dan salah guna kuasa dalam pengurusan

kewangan negara. Usaha ini boleh memberikan keyakinan kepada pelabur dan mewujudkan suasana perniagaan yang lebih kondusif.

PEKERJAAN BERKUALITI TINGGI

Belanjawan 2025 perlu memberikan insentif kepada syarikat-syarikat yang mencipta peluang pekerjaan berkemahiran tinggi dalam sektor-sektor seperti teknologi, automasi, dan tenaga boleh diperbaharui. Dengan peluang pekerjaan yang lebih berkualiti, Malaysia dapat mengurangkan kadar pengangguran serta meningkatkan pendapatan rakyat.

PENSTRUKTURAN SEMULA SUBSIDI

Subsidi yang lebih terarah, seperti kepada sektor-sektor yang menyokong ekonomi hijau, teknologi, dan inovasi, dapat membantu mempercepat transformasi industri. Subsidi yang menyokong penggunaan tenaga boleh diperbaharui dan amalan mesra alam perlu dipertingkatkan. Langkah ini bukan sahaja mengurangkan kebergantungan kepada sumber tradisional, tetapi juga memperkukuh daya tahan ekonomi serta menarik lebih banyak pelaburan asing ke dalam negara.

Belanjawan 2025 adalah peluang bagi Malaysia untuk melaksanakan reformasi ekonomi yang diperlukan bagi meningkatkan daya saing negara. Melalui penekanan kepada pembangunan teknologi, modal insan, inovasi, amalan ESG, infrastruktur, dan reformasi cukai, Malaysia dapat memastikan pertumbuhan ekonomi yang mampan dan terus relevan di pentas global. Reformasi ini bukan sahaja akan memberi manfaat kepada sektor perniagaan, tetapi juga kepada rakyat secara keseluruhan, dengan meningkatkan kualiti hidup dan peluang pekerjaan.

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