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Sepang Municipal Council is inviting the public to give ideas for its budget next year. Visit ideabajet.mpsepang.gov.my to give input. The portal will be open until May 31.

MBDK AUCTION

Klang Royal City Council (MBDK) will be having an auction tomorrow to dispose of unclaimed confiscated items. The auction will be held at its Enforcement Office compound at Jalan Lembaga Bandaran off Jalan Tepi Sungai from 10am. Auctioned items include gas tanks, tables, chairs and refrigerators.

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DBKL orders operator to vacate govt land at Kepong roundabout

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THE operator of premises housing heavy machinery which is illegally occupying government land in Kepong, Kuala Lumpur, has until May 25 to vacate.

The premises is located at the roundabout between Jalan Udang Kepai and Jalan Mergastua.

A Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) letter dated March 27 obtained by *StarMetro* said that the local authority urgently needed to use the site.

It stated that action would be taken upon deadline expiry and DBKL would bill the operator for any costs involved.

"Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh will not be responsible for any property damage sustained during the operation," the statement added.

The letter also said a similar

notice was issued on Jan 12 but the operator had failed to comply.

It, however, did not specify what DBKL intended to use the site for.

The addressees included Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's aide Datuk Azman Abidin and Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur Land and Mines Office (PTGWP) director Hisham Zulkifli.

The issue came to light following *StarMetro*'s report on Jan 26 highlighting complaints by Taman Petaling residents who were upset because the premises operated into the wee hours daily, disturbing the peace.

The residents also said many lorries were parked outside during the day, creating blindspots at the roundabout and endangering motorists.

There were also concerns

that used engine oil and other waste from the premises were being discarded into a nearby river.

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StarMetro's report on Jan 26.



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Youngsters moving for better pay

Better connectivity and urban living causing more to move in or out of sub-districts

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PETALING JAYA: Younger people moving in and out of states is why many towns in Malaysia saw big jumps in population over the past 10 years.

Based on available data, Mukim Pulai in Johor is the sub-district that saw the largest spike in population in the country.

From 360,000 residents in 2010, its population swelled by 40.1% to over 500,000 in 2020.

This means an extra 144,763 people are now living in the sub-district in Johor Baru, known to have urban developments and attractions like the Legoland Malaysia theme park.

This is based on the Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020 (MyCensus 2020) by the Statistics Department.

The census covered over 1,700 administrative areas nationwide, where most or 65.3% showed an increase in population.

Malaysian Research Institute on Ageing (MyAgeing) senior research officer Chai Sen Tyng said the growth in population was mainly due to the movement of younger people who flocked to places that offered better paying jobs.

"Populations move out of an area when a district or sub-district's economic activities are slow.

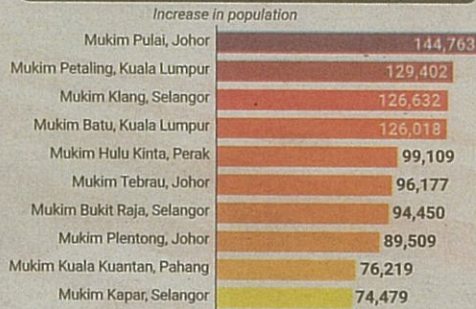
"When this happens, there is little prospect for a higher-educated younger population," he said, adding that youths also moved to locations with better connectivity and urban living.

For Chai, it was not surprising that Mukim Pulai had become increasingly populated.

Which areas have grown the most over the past 10 years?

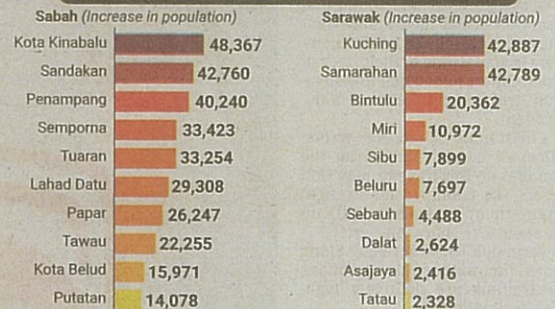
This shows the number of additional people living in each area from 2010 to 2020.

Top 10 sub-districts in Peninsular Malaysia



Source: Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020 (MyCensus 2020)

Top 10 districts in Sabah and Sarawak



The Star graphics

"With new roads and more property developments, the sub-district has attracted younger people to move there.

"This is a suburban area that includes Gelang Patah and Iskandar Puteri, and stretches all the way to Taman Perling on the northeast side and Skudai in the north.

"It also straddles the two Singapore causeway entry points between Johor Baru and Tuas," he said of Pulai's strategic location.

The sub-district also now hosts most of the government administrative centres for Johor at Kota Iskandar, Chai added.

In Peninsular Malaysia, the areas in the MyCensus 2020 were categorised as sub-districts known

as mukim, bandar and pekan.

For Sabah, Sarawak and Labuan, the areas were divided into district and sub-district levels.

In Sabah, the district with the biggest population growth was Kota Kinabalu, which grew by 48,367 people.

As of 2020, a total of 500,425 people live there – a 10.7% increase from 452,058 in 2010.

In Sarawak, the state capital of Kuching saw the highest population growth among the total 40 districts, charting a jump in population from 566,318 to 609,205.

At the state's sub-district level, Padawan took the lead.

With an area experiencing population growth, it's only natural

that the town's needs must also change.

"The first issue that should be addressed is the higher demand for public spaces and services," Chai said.

Examples of such services are public sanitation, garbage collection, water supply, telecommunications, transportation, parks, restaurants, shopping malls and childcare facilities.

"Bottlenecks happen when new populations move in and the traffic dispersion is poorly planned," he said.

On the flip side, there are also sub-districts that have seen a drop in population over the past 10 years.

In Peninsular Malaysia, the

mukim that saw the biggest drop in population was Mukim Keratong in Rompin, Pahang.

Its population shrunk from 55,042 people in 2010 to 42,951 in 2020, which is a drop of 22%.

As for Sabah, the Keningau district faced the biggest population decline, with the number of residents going down by 12.8%.

From 173,103 people, its population shrunk to 150,927, a drop of 22,176 residents.

In Sarawak, Sarikei saw its population downsize the most from 56,228 people in 2010 to 44,039 in 2020.

Among the sub-districts in the state, Debak in the Betong district experienced the largest drop in population from 10,276 to 7,907.

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ACCORDING to the Malaysian Youth Mental Health Index 2023 (MyMHI23), six in 10 Malaysian youths aged between 15 and 30 years experienced mild to severe depressive symptoms.

In 2022, the National Health and Morbidity Survey (NHMS) found that one in four teenagers had feelings of depression and one in 10 had attempted to end their lives.

Meanwhile, the NHMS in 2019 found that 424,000 children had struggled with mental health issues.

These numbers are good indications about the mental health of youths and children in our country. We need to follow up

Cultivating good mental health starts from young

with appropriate actions to ensure their mental well-being because they are our future.

Good mental well-being does not only mean the absence of mental disorders; it also means an individual realises his or her abilities, can cope with the stresses of life, work productively and is making contributions to their community.

Family is the fundamental unit of society, and this is where young children can learn how to take care of their mental health. Parents can be positive role models in displaying good mental

health practices.

Children learn by example and model how their parents manage their emotions. By creating a safe space, and encouraging open discussion about their mind, feelings and behaviour, parents can promote help-seeking behaviour in their children, making it easier for them to ask for support when required.

Children should also be encouraged to play with others as it cultivates social skills, which are important as they grow older.

I believe the Education and

Health ministries have mental health modules with topics such as problem-solving skills, resilience and stress management that should be included in our school syllabus.

We need to start creating awareness of mental health among our young ones now. We need to help them cultivate good mental health behaviours and practices.

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Vital to boost reader loyalty

It helps attract and increase readership, say news industry players

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KUALA LUMPUR: Boosting reader loyalty and focusing on niche markets are some ways for news organisations to move forward in increasing readership, instead of heavily relying on social media platforms, say news industry players.

South China Morning Post digital editor Shea Driscoll said while all readers are equally important, the concept of loyalty becomes a very important aspect to attract readership.

"So we have developed our own scales for reader loyalty and if somebody's coming back to you five to 10 times a month, over multiple sessions, then they are a loyal or regular reader."

"We then have to shift our focus towards analysing just top-line traffic, which obviously remains important, but also to find what our loyal and regular readers are specifically reading," he said during the "Innovation in Newsrooms" plenary session at Digital Media Asia (DMA) 2024 here yesterday.

The session was moderated by Star Media Group (SMG) chief content officer Datin Paduka Esther Ng, who had asked about the importance of niche and general audiences in setting the direction of business models.

This 2024 edition of DMA, the premier event for the news media industry in the Asia-Pacific region, marks its 16th year with a two-day gathering in the Malaysian capital starting yesterday.

Organised by the World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA), the event has been a pivotal platform for transformation in the news media industry since its inception in 2009.

Meanwhile, Driscoll also noted



Moving forward: (From left) Ng, Ostrem and Driscoll during the Innovation in Newsrooms plenary session at Digital Media Asia 2024 in Kuala Lumpur. — YAP GHEE HONG/The Star

that it is important to know what members of the niche audience want as they have a different list of stories that they are interested in.

"So it depends on your specific business model. If your business model is to have as much reading as possible and making money from ads, for example, then in which case go for it, but we find that we really need to cultivate our loyal and regular readers," he explained.

Veslemoy Ostrem, editor-in-chief of Altinget Norway, a Nordic Media house that covers national and European politics, said that based on her personal experi-

ence, it is important to utilise user data to develop new areas of journalism.

"We have a very successful project on the topic of leadership and careers, and how to have a good job."

"We have one journalist, and got over 1,000 new subscriptions just from her stories, and that was very good."

"She was inspired to see if she wrote the story in a slightly different way, would it attract more readers, would it just focus on her current ones, who were (her) loyal readers?" she said.

Asked about her views on how many media companies contin-

ued to rely on social media platforms to drive traffic to their sites and how to pivot from it, Ostrem said that perhaps news organisations can find new and innovative ways to attract readership and traffic to their sites.

"Of course, every reader is important, and the social media reader is a good reader," she said, adding that media organisations should find strategic ways to change readers' habits and not focus purely on social media.

She also believes that loyal readers are much more valuable than regular visitors and they can become "huge supporters of your organisation".

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There are economic benefits from waste

LANDFILLS are supposed to be areas designated for wastes to be properly managed. They should be designed and operated according to accepted environmental standards.

The dumping of tonnes of expired rice and other foodstuff in a garbage disposal site recently clearly shows there is still lack of public understanding about the true purpose of landfills.

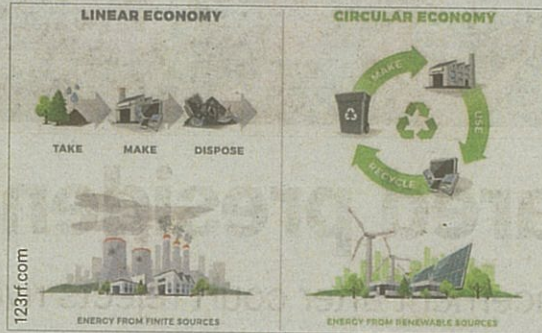
That episode was shocking not only because white rice, a precious commodity, was simply thrown away but also because it involved disposal by burning.

Open burning is clearly an offence in this country under Section 29A of the Environmental Quality Act 1974, and those convicted can be fined up to RM500,000 or jailed up to five years or both.

Moreover, this incident happened at a time when the country was struggling with problems in the supply of white rice.

The rice may have been past its expiry date, but it still has value, hence it should not have been treated as waste.

In many countries, rice that has



reached its expiry date is used as animal feed. In some countries, it is used as feed material for ethanol production.

Our problem is that we still do not have the right ecosystem to drive a circular economy where expired resources can be put to good use.

Experts agree that there are many economic opportunities to be derived from a circular economy, which promotes responsible consumption and production practices by adopting principles

such as reducing by design and value retention (by recycling, reusing, re-purposing) as well as extending the life cycle of products.

Nowadays, doing business that benefits the environment attracts a lot of investment as well. This is also the reason why interest in ESG (environmental, social and governance) aspects has picked up momentum among companies and corporations worldwide.

It is unfortunate that some companies still do not understand

the benefits to be derived from investing in ESG.

Lately, there have been concerns over the dumping of palm oil empty fruit bunches (EFB) in landfills. This action is not only an environmental hazard but also a missed economic opportunity.

It is an environmental hazard because, in a poorly designed and inadequately managed landfill, it will result in the emission of methane, which contributes to climate change.

It is also a missed economic opportunity because there are many potential products that can be generated from the cellulose and fibre of the empty bunches.

Poor awareness of the true functions of landfills has led to much abuse of these waste disposal facilities.

The sad part is that the country is missing out on the opportunity to create economic value from waste.

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Climate's effects on work

THIS year's theme for World Day for Safety and Health at Work, "Impact of climate change on occupational safety and health", couldn't be more relevant for Malaysia.

The recent, record-breaking storm and flooding in Dubai, a region not typically associated with such weather extremes, serves as a stark reminder that no country is safe from the impacts of climate change.

Climate change is reshaping the landscape of Malaysian workplaces in various ways.

1. **Extreme weather:** More frequent and intense storms, floods, and landslides disrupt operations, damage infrastructure and endanger workers, especially in vulnerable areas like construction sites and coastal regions.

2. **Heat stress:** Rising temperatures due to global warming exacerbate heat waves, posing significant health risks to outdoor workers, construction crews, agricultural workers and those in environments without

proper air cooling systems.

3. **Disrupted supply chains:** Extreme weather events can disrupt supply chains, impacting the transport of raw materials, production schedules and, ultimately, the livelihood of workers. This can lead to job insecurity and economic hardship.

4. **Spread of disease:** Changes in temperature and precipitation patterns can lead to the spread of vector-borne diseases such as dengue fever, West Nile virus and malaria. This creates health risks for workers and additional burdens on the healthcare system.

The dire situation demands that we take concrete steps to build climate-resilient workplaces and embrace sustainable practices.

This isn't just about protecting the environment; it's also about ensuring the well-being and safety of every worker in Malaysia.

A 2020 report by the Malaysia Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (Mosti)

shows that Malaysians are highly concerned about pollution, but translating this concern into action requires leadership and a clear plan.

Here's how I believe the various stakeholders can respond:

1. **Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry:** It holds a pivotal position in driving forward the research and development of energy-efficient production processes within factories, aimed at significantly reducing carbon footprints. This ministry can also lead initiatives to minimise waste generation, reduce plastic usage, and mitigate air and water pollution.

2. **Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH):** DOSH has a vital role in enforcing regulations related to climate risks like heat stress and pollution. Strengthening enforcement measures and ensuring compliance with environmental regulations is key to protecting workers and the environment.

3. **Industry leaders:** Businesses,

especially small and medium enterprises (SMEs), need to prioritise environmental, social and governance (ESG) compliance. Even small steps towards sustainability can make a significant difference. Not only will they protect the environment, but they will also enhance competitiveness in the global market.

4. **Employees:** Workers play an important role in ensuring their own safety and advocating for change in their workplaces. By staying informed about climate risks and speaking up about safety concerns, they can contribute to creating safer and healthier work environments.

As we observe World Day for Safety and Health at Work on April 28, let's expand our definition of safety to include safeguarding our environment.

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Shining spotlight on supermums

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Kudos to eight mothers for exemplary care of their special needs children

EIGHT mothers, whose courage and tireless dedication ensured their children with special needs have access to opportunities and care, were honoured with the Anugerah Ibu Kiwanis 2024.

Kiwanis Malaysia district governor Michael Chiew said "a mother's love knows no bounds".

"I am overwhelmed and moved after having spoken to mothers who have selflessly dedicated themselves to enriching their children's lives while inspiring other parents," he said.

The mothers were feted at the awards ceremony, themed "Recognising Special Mothers", which was held at a hotel in Shah Alam.

The event was graced by Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah and Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin.

The awards were given to Sia Siew Chin, Zaharah Ali, Cordelia Lee Suet Fun, Tan Ken Moi, Wan Noriah Wan Ramli, Chia Gek Hong, Hanizan Hussin and Prof Dr Loke Siew Phaik.

Despite her own physical limitations, wheelchair-bound Sia, 58, tirelessly ensured the well-being and growth of her daughter Ng Pui Yarn, 25, and son Ng Tin Yarn, 18, embodying resilience and selflessness in her caregiving role.

"Armed with hope and a mother's love, I have soldiered on to care for Pui Yarn, who has muscular dystrophy, a condition that causes progressive muscle weakness and Tin Yarn, who struggles with a learning and attention deficit disorder," she said.

Sia added that she not only tended to their physical needs but also their intellectual and emotional development.

"I engage in tutoring and

mentoring activities to ensure Pui Yarn and Tin Yarn get the educational support they need.

"For their mental well-being, I actively encourage activities that stimulate their minds and promote overall health," she said.

Sia added that Pui Yarn was slow in learning but was doing her first year in law studies.

Sia's resilience shines through as she believes that with a lot of patience and hope, all will be good.

Zaharah, whose youngest son was born with Down Syndrome, said she had persevered to raise her five children as a single mother.

"My son Muhammad Naim Zaina Salleh, 20, has faced various health challenges since he was a child," said the 62-year-old.

Zaharah said she had enrolled him in a rehabilitation therapy programme at Kiwanis and its Community Rehabilitation Centre until he was seven.

During such difficult times, Zaharah said one must have a



Anugerah Ibu Kiwanis 2024 recipients smiling for a group photo with the organisers and Kiwanis members. —Photos: RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

Wheelchair-bound Sia tirelessly tends to the needs of her two special children despite her own physical limitations.

strong spirit.

"I have to have a strong spirit to be able to encourage my children to be independent and face the challenges of life with perseverance," she said.

As for Lee, her son Patrick Gong Heshan, seven, was diagnosed with Alagille syndrome, a rare genetic disease affecting

multiple systems in the body, including the liver and heart.

"Initially, I was devastated but I decided to focus on ensuring my son leads a fulfilling life.

"I began empowering Patrick from a young age, using creativity and music to uplift and encourage him.

"I have written two songs,

including one titled *Never Give Up* as I want to build resilience and belief in Patrick" said Lee, who has become a pillar of support for mothers with special needs children.

"I offer words of encouragement, give out handmade sock dolls and even conduct sock doll classes to uplift and empower other mothers.

"Simple actions like this inspire hope among families facing similar challenges," she said.

Kiwanis Malaysia Academy chairman Datuk Fatimah Saad said the award acknowledged the struggles, sacrifices and devotion of mothers who bring up their special needs children.

"A mother's love reflects that unconditional bond.

"All are inspiring examples of how mothers or parents bravely persist and overcome obstacles to obtain care that their children need and should receive," added Fatimah.

Each recipient received RM5,000 cash as well as other prizes.

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(Above) Tan (left) and another RT member checking out a house with its gate left open.

(Left) SS14 Cycle Ronda Team's Tan (third from right), John (to his right) and other residents at the RT cabin at Padang Assam Park before patrolling their neighbourhood in Subang Jaya. — Photos: GLENN GUAN/The Star

Riding for neighbourhood safety

SS14 residents' bicycle patrols continue to play part in community policing

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BICYCLE patrols in SS14 Subang Jaya, Selangor, are a weekly sight as the residential area's Rukun Tetangga (RT) teams patrol the streets to ensure safety.

The Cycle Ronda Team has resident-volunteers in two teams of four.

They play a crucial part in community policing to help keep the neighbourhood safe.

SS14 RT member Dr Christopher Tan, who leads the bicycle patrol, said every Tuesday the team covered about 7km in about an hour starting

from 8.30pm.

"Our team rides through the residential areas, along shop lots, back lanes and the main road of Jalan SS14/1 where the LRT SS18 station borders SS14.

"We go past the LRT station to keep watch for office workers walking home.

"While on patrol, if our team spots any suspicious characters seated in cars with engines idling, we will approach and ask if they need directions.

"This usually prompts them to drive away. If the vehicle is still in the area, we will call the police," he said.

Tan, a pharmacist, said being on a bicycle allowed the team to

be closer to the people they were watching out for.

Being on bikes also gave better access into several parks in the area and encouraged conversation with residents, he said.

"Our SS14 RT wants to create a connection with the people so that if something were to occur, they will tell us as they know who we are," he said.

Victor Choo, who founded the bicycle patrol in 2018, is glad that the patrols are still being carried out as the aim is to create visibility and to respond promptly to residents' needs.

SS14 RT chairman John Zachariah said the area was

sandwiched between New Pantai Expressway (NPE) to the north, Shah Alam Expressway (KESAS) to the south, Persiaran Kewajipan to the east and Persiaran Jengka to the west.

"Our neighbourhood is well-planned as the roads are mostly laid out in a grid with properties facing north-south or east-west.

"The area comprises mostly residential properties with several rows of shophouses fronting main roads and three schools," he said.

John said he supported the bicycle patrols as they were environmentally friendly.

"New residents are pleasantly surprised to learn of a dedicated

group that alerts them if the gates are left open," he said.

John urged more residents to be part of the team as the activity promoted a healthy lifestyle.

"With more volunteers we increase the frequency of patrols," he said.

Alliance for Safe Communities chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam commended the SS14 RT's efforts to improve community relations and help keep the area safe.

"One of the biggest advantages of a bicycle patrol is its ability to navigate swiftly around the neighbourhood.

"More residents should be part of the team," he said.

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Lima staf awam direman kes rasuah

SHAH ALAM - Seramai lima penjawat awam direman selama tiga hari di Mahkamah Majistret di sini pada Rabu, bagi membantu siasatan kes meminta dan menerima rasuah antara RM3,000 hingga RM15,000 sebagai balasan tidak mengenakan pemotongan bayaran tuntutan bulanan *Notice-To-Correct* bagi kerja-kerja kontrak pembersihan, bermula enam tahun lalu.

Majistret, Muhammad Syafiq Sulaiman mengeluarkan perintah reman sehingga

26 April, selepas membenarkan permohonan daripada pihak Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM).

Menurut sumber, empat suspek lelaki dan seorang wanita berusia antara 30 hingga 40-an berkenaan ditahan pada Selasa, ketika hadir untuk merakam keterangan di Pejabat SPRM Selangor.

"Siasatan awal mendapati, kejadian dipercayai berlaku antara tahun 2018 hingga 2020 dan wang ra-

suah yang diterima adalah secara pindahan ke akaun peribadi.

"Wang berkenaan sebagai balasan tidak mengenakan pemotongan, ke atas sebuah syarikat pembersihan swasta bagi kerja-kerja yang dilakukan di sekitar daerah di sini," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pengarah SPRM Selangor, Datuk Alias Salim ketika dihubungi mengesahkan penahanan terhadap suspek dan kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 17 (a) Akta SPRM 2009.



Lima penjawat awam yang memakai baju lokap SPRM berwarna oren, direman tiga hari di Mahkamah Majistret Shah Alam pada Rabu, bagi membantu siasatan kes rasuah babit tuntutan bulanan *Notice-To-Correct*, bermula enam tahun lalu.

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Pelajar perlu guna AI dengan betul

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NURUL NABILA AHMAD HALIMY

Biar pun teknologi kecerdasan buatan (AI) mampu memudahkan kerja dan menambah baik proses penyampaian ilmu, ia juga boleh membawa risiko pelajar menjadi semakin malas berfikir.

Pengarah Pusat Teknologi Pengajaran dan Multimedia, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Pulau Pinang, Profesor Dr Wan Ahmad Jaafar Wan Yahya berkata, pelajar kurang berfikir secara kritis atau mempunyai daya usaha yang tinggi untuk belajar kerana semua persoalan boleh dijawab dengan jawapan dijanakan AI.

"Namun, teknologi *Generative AI* (GAI) boleh mempercepatkan proses pembelajaran kerana idea-idea baharu dapat dijana dengan mudah dan GAI berfungsi sebagai sumber rujukan terkini.

"Masa pembelajaran juga dapat disingkatkan. Bagaimanapun, cara AI diguna pakai perlu dilihat secara menyeluruh kerana sistemnya yang belum cukup efisien," katanya kepada *Sinar Premium*.

Ujarnya, antara kelemahan AI dari segi pendidikan adalah apabila pelajar ber-

gantung kepada teknologi tersebut untuk mendapatkan jawapan dalam menyelesaikan sesuatu masalah.

"Selain itu, maklumat yang dikongsi oleh AI tidak dijamin keselamatannya secara menyeluruh. Kos pembangunan dan operasi AI juga sangat tinggi," katanya.

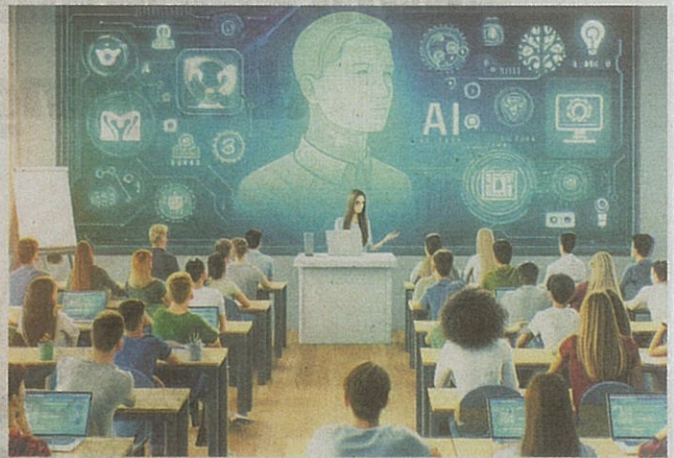
Bagaimanapun Wan Ahmad tidak menafikan bahawa AI banyak membantu dari segi menjimatkan masa yang mana ia menjadi proses pengumpulan maklumat dan sumber rujukan terkini oleh pensyarah, guru dan pelajar.

Tambahnya, untuk memastikan pelajaran yang menggunakan teknologi AI dapat dipakai secara bertanggungjawab, pelajar perlu memahami serta mematuhi etika penggunaan aplikasi AI dengan betul terutama dalam peringkat penilaian seperti ujian dan tugasan.

"Pastikan setiap maklumat diperoleh AI disemak sumbernya kembali. Pelajar perlu bersedia untuk berkongsi maklumat yang dijanakan oleh AI kepada pensyarah terutama dalam menyiapkan tugasan yang menggunakan AI.

"Banyak pihak seperti institusi pendidikan tinggi dan teknikal dengan kolaborasi industri berlumba-lumba untuk menjadi juara dalam bidang AI. Apa yang diperlukan adalah lebih banyak program seperti Robotik dan AI *programming* kerana terdapat peluang kerjaya yang baharu dalam bidang ini.

"AI juga harus dimanfaatkan sebagai pemacu inovasi dan kreativiti kerana ia menjimatkan masa dalam penyelidikan



Teknologi kecerdasan buatan (AI) dipercayai mampu memudahkan kerja dan menambah baik proses penyampaian ilmu.

(R&D) dan inovasi. Inovasi yang dibangunkan AI mempunyai ciri-ciri *future-ready* yang boleh dijadikan sebagai asas dan lonjakan bagi persediaan masa hadapan termasuk bidang pendidikan," katanya.

Pensyarah Kanan, Fakulti Sains Sosial dan Kemanusiaan, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Ts Dr Mohd Fadzil Abdul Hanid berkata, sekiranya AI digunakan sebagai alat untuk menyelesaikan semua masalah tanpa proses pemikiran kritikal, ia akan memberi kesan buruk kepada pelajar.

"Kebergantungan terhadap AI boleh mewujudkan risiko kurang daya berfikir dalam diri pelajar tetapi jika AI digunakan sebagai alat bantu untuk mendorong eksplorasi dan pemahaman yang lebih men-

dalam, teknologi itu sebenarnya boleh meningkatkan kreativiti serta kemampuan pelajar," jelas beliau.

Tambahnya, pengajar boleh mengubah kaedah pengajaran dan pembelajaran demi memastikan teknologi AI digunakan oleh pelajar untuk membantu mereka dalam penyelesaian masalah dan bukannya mengharapkan jawapan secara terus.

"Sesi pengajaran dan pembelajaran perlu difokuskan kepada kemampuan yang tidak mudah digantikan oleh AI seperti kreativiti, empati dan kemampuan interpersonal, manakala dalam penilaian atau penaksiran, soalan perlu mempunyai elemen-elemen berfikir secara kritikal dalam penyelesaian masalah," katanya.

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Akaun 3 KWSP
penyelesaian
optimum aliran tunai
jangka pendek

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Pelaksanaan Akaun 3 atau akaun fleksibel Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) memberi kemudahan dan fleksibiliti kepada pencarum yang ada masalah kewangan untuk mengeluarkan simpanan ketika terdesak.

Pakar ekonomi, Dr Muhammed Abdul Khalid berkata, ia merupakan satu penyelesaian optimum untuk memenuhi keperluan ahli yang memerlukan aliran tunai jangka pendek.

"Satu permintaan yang ditangani oleh KWSP melalui pengenalan Akaun 3 adalah dengan membangunkan semula simpanan persaraan dengan pantas melalui peningkatan simpanan sebanyak lima peratus

kepada 75 peratus ke dalam sumbangan Akaun 1," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian*.

Menurut felo penyelidik di Institut Kajian Malaysia dan Antarabangsa (IKMAS), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia itu, inisiatif tersebut tidak akan memberi kesan kepada simpanan masa tua sekiranya ahli KWSP tidak mengeluarkan simpanan dan mendapat gaji yang lebih tinggi sepanjang tempoh bekerja.

Ujarnya, pencarum atau ahli aktif akan bersara dan mempunyai tahap simpanan asas dijangka meningkat kepada 65 peratus pada tahun 2035 berbanding 33.1 peratus sebelum ini (2023).

"Namun, jika ramai yang membuat pengeluaran tetapi gaji masih kecil, ramai yang akan bersara dalam kemiskinan.

"Kini, hampir separuh daripada 13 juta ahli KWSP mempunyai jumlah keseluruhan simpanan kurang daripada RM13,000 dan tidak menjejaskan, kaum yang

mempunyai simpanan paling rendah adalah bumiputera," jelasnya.

Muhammed berkata, tindakan KWSP memperkenalkan Akaun 3 merupakan salah satu penyelesaian dalam menghadapi kemelut kehidupan yang dihadapi rakyat dengan tekanan kos hidup tinggi.

Katanya, walaupun pengeluaran simpanan hari tua bukan polisi terbaik tetapi buat masa ini, itu sahaja alternatif yang boleh diambil apabila bantuan lain tidak mencukupi.

"Tambahan pula, sudah ada empat kali pengeluaran KWSP sejak tahun 2020, di mana ia tidak harus dibenarkan.

"Namun, desakan daripada rakyat ini betul, rasional dan sudah dijangka. Mana lagi mereka hendak mencari jalan penyelesaian dalam menghadapi



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kemelut kehidupan kalau bukan mengeluarkan simpanan KWSP?" ujarnya.

Ulas beliau, peningkatan lima peratus menjadikan jumlah Akaun 1 sebanyak 75 peratus merupakan satu langkah positif namun ia tidak mencukupi terutamanya untuk menangani

kesan populasi yang semakin tua.

Menurutnya, hanya separuh pekerja dalam sektor swasta memiliki akaun KWSP dan ia sepatutnya tidak berlaku atas beberapa faktor.

"Separuh daripada pekerja di Malaysia tiada perlindungan sosial untuk bersara dengan lebih baik. Ketika ini, hanya pekerja sektor formal diwajibkan untuk berdaftar bersama KWSP.

"Pekerja dalam sektor tidak formal seperti penjaja kecil tidak diwajibkan untuk berdaftar dan

menabung bersama KWSP. Ini perlu ditukar, semua pekerja diwajibkan menyimpan dalam KWSP demi masa depan.

"Gaji di Malaysia terlalu rendah. Gaji kecil, simpanan pun kecil. Walaupun semua pekerja dilindungi di bawah KWSP namun jika pendapatan rendah, banyak pekerja akan bersara dalam kemiskinan. Gaji mesti dinaikkan, jika tidak lagi ramai orang tua akan hidup dalam kemiskinan," kata Muhammed.

Ujarnya, kemudahan Akaun 3 perlu fleksibel iaitu pencarum boleh mengeluarkan simpanan pada bila-bila masa dan dividen haruslah sama dengan simpanan di akaun 1 dan 2.

"Apa yang lebih afdal, adil dan berkesan adalah kerajaan mengambil langkah proaktif untuk meningkatkan liputan serta kecukupan program bantuan tunai.

"Tanggungjawab itu terletak dalam bidang kuasa kerajaan dan bukannya KWSP semata-mata," ulasnya.

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SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh: 25 APR 2024

Padah jual mercun tanpa permit

BANTING - Seorang pemilik perniagaan mercun dan bunga api dikenakan waran tangkap selepas gagal menghadiri pertuduhan kes tidak memiliki permit perniagaan daripada Majlis Daerah Kuala Langat (MDKL), di Mahkamah Majistret Telok Datok di sini pada Rabu.

Majistret, Maslinda Selamat mengeluarkan waran tersebut selepas membenarkan permohonan pihak pendakwaan Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Langat (MPKL).

Mengikut pertuduhan, pemuda tersebut selaku orang kena saman (OKS) telah menjalankan aktiviti penjaja berkaitan penjualan mercun dan bunga api tanpa permit dan lesen di petak parkir di Jalan Flora, Telok Panglima Garang di sini.

Ekoran daripada itu, lelaki berusia 20-an tersebut berdepan kes di bawah kesalahan Undang-undang Kecil (UUK) 3, UUK Penjaja MDKL 2007.

Pendakwaan kes berkenaan dikendalikan oleh Pegawai Pendakwa MPKL, Hasrizal Abdul Rahim dan Ahmad Razali Abdul Manaf.

Sementara itu, MPKL dalam satu kenyataan menasihatkan peniaga supaya mendapatkan lesen penjaja yang sah bagi mengelak daripada dikenakan sebarang tindakan undang-undang.

"MPKL juga mengingatkan masyarakat supaya sentiasa mematuhi peraturan dan undang-undang yang ditetapkan sebelum menjalankan aktiviti penjaja di Kuala Langat," tambahnya.

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Waran tangkap dikeluarkan selepas OKS gagal menghadiri Mahkamah Majistret Telok Datok di Banting pada Rabu.

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Tarikh:



LIMA penjawat awam direman tiga hari di Mahkamah Majistret Shah Alam semalam. — AFIQ RAZALI

Lima penjawat awam sebuah PBT direman kes suapan

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SHAH ALAM – Lima penjawat awam sebuah pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) direman tiga hari bagi membantu siasatan kes suapan berkaitan kerja pembersihan antara 2018 hingga 2020.

Tempoh reman bermula semalam terhadap semua suspek termasuk seorang wanita berusia 32 hingga 42 tahun itu dikeluarkan Majistret Muhammad Syafiq Sulaiman.

Sumber berkata, mereka terdahulu ditahan kira-kira pukul

3.30 petang kelmarin di pejabat Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM).

Katanya, semua individu itu disyaki menerima wang suapan antara RM3,000 hingga RM15,000 yang dimasukkan ke akaun peribadi masing-masing.

"Suapan itu sebagai balasan supaya tidak mengenakan pemotongan bayaran kepada kontraktor bagi kerja kontrak pembersihan di sebuah PBT.

"Kelima-lima suspek dibenar-

kan reman tiga hari sehingga Jumaat ini bagi membantu siasatan kes itu," katanya.

Terdahulu, semua suspek yang memakai baju lokap jingga tiba di mahkamah dengan dikawal ketat pegawai SPRM, kira-kira pukul 9.40 pagi.

Sementara itu, Pengarah SPRM Selangor, Datuk Alias Salim ketika dihubungi mengesahkan perkara berkenaan dan kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 17 (a) Akta SPRM 2009.

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Perbelanjaan isi rumah Malaysia ^{Hm} dijangka ²⁰²⁴ akan naik 5.0 peratus

Kuala Lumpur: BMI, sebuah firma penyelidikan di bawah Fitch Solutions menjangkakan perbelanjaan isi rumah Malaysia akan naik 5.0 peratus dari tahun ke tahun sepanjang 2024 kepada RM903.8 bilion apabila pertumbuhan ekonomi berterusan dan tahap penggunaan menjadi normal.

BMI melalui satu nota penyelidikan berkata, ia mempunyai pandangan yang berhati-hati tetapi positif bagi perbelanjaan pengguna di Malaysia sepanjang 2024 memandangkan pemulihan ekonomi akan diterjemahkan kepada pertumbuhan perbelanjaan pengguna sebenar yang kukuh sepanjang tahun penuh.

"Perbelanjaan isi rumah sepanjang 2024 akan menandakan pemulihan ke tahap pertumbuhan pra-Covid (perbelanjaan isi rumah meningkat pada kadar purata sebenar 5.2 peratus dari tahun ke tahun dalam tempoh 2015-2019). Perbelanjaan akan dikekang oleh persekitaran paras hutang yang tinggi dan kos perkhidmatannya.

"Bagaimanapun, pengurangan inflasi serta pasaran buruh yang ketat akan menyokong perbelanjaan, kerana pertumbuhan gaji sebenar mula kembali ke wilayah positif," katanya.

Unjurannya untuk pertumbuhan dari tahun ke tahun dalam perbelanjaan pengguna di Malaysia sepanjang 2024 adalah sejajar dengan ramalan pasukan Risiko Negara firma itu yang mendapati bahawa ekonomi akan berkembang pada kadar sebenar 4.4 peratus dari tahun ke tahun.

Malaysia akan tetap mencatatkan pertumbuhan yang mantap berbanding pasaran lain selepas didorong oleh pemulihan dalam sektor pelancongan, terutamanya selepas China dibuka semula untuk perjalanan.

"Perbelanjaan akan dikekang oleh persekitaran paras hutang yang tinggi dan kos perkhidmatannya"

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Lima juta berisiko hidap pradiabetes, diabetes

Putrajaya: Kira-kira lima juta individu dewasa di Malaysia berisiko menghidap pradiabetes dan diabetes, dengan kebanyakannya tidak sedar berdepan penyakit ini sekiranya tidak menjalani pemeriksaan.

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Lukanisman Awang Sauni, berkata 76 peratus pesakit pradiabetes juga tidak pernah disaring dan mendapatkan rawatan, sekali gus akan berdepan diabetes dan menyumbang peratusan tinggi penyakit itu dalam negara.

Justeru, beliau menggesa orang ramai memanfaatkan pel-

bagai inisiatif serta program kesedaran digerakkan, termasuk menjalani saringan kesihatan percuma menerusi Skim Peduli Kesihatan untuk Kumpulan B40 (PeKa B40) yang disediakan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM).

"KKM turut mengadakan Program Saringan Kesihatan Nasional melalui Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial (PERKESO) bagi memudahkan rakyat membuat pemeriksaan kesihatan.

"Selain itu, KKM turut mengadakan kempen 'Saring, Sahkan, Runding dan Ubah' yang diadakan secara kerjasama dengan ba-

dan bukan kerajaan (NGO) bagi mendidik dan menggalakkan orang ramai membuat pemeriksaan kesihatan," katanya pada Majlis Perasmian Program Memerangi Pradiabetes di sini semalam.

Pradiabetes adalah satu keadaan di mana gula dalam darah seseorang melebihi tahap normal, tetapi tidak cukup tinggi dilabelkan sebagai diabetes dan ia peringkat awal bagi pesakit yang memungkinakan mereka mendapat penyakit diabetes.

Dalam pada itu, Lukanisman berkata, kerajaan membelanja-

kan RM4 bilion bagi rawatan diabetes yang merangkumi hampir 50 peratus jumlah perbelanjaan pengurusan tahunan KKM.

"KKM akan terus berusaha untuk mengurangkan penyakit ini dengan mengadakan saringan dan khidmat nasihat bagi mengubah gaya hidup rakyat.

"Pada tahun ini, KKM juga akan memberi fokus untuk mengadakan pelbagai aktiviti gaya hidup seperti menganjurkan Bulan Malaysia Sihat pada September ini termasuk memperluaskannya ke semua kementerian," katanya.

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'Mansuh lesen restoran 24 jam akan jejas ekonomi'

Ahli Parlimen
Kepong anggap
KKM tak perlu
perhalusi syor
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Kuala Lumpur: Ketika Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) memaklumkan kesediaan untuk memperhalusi cadangan pemansuhan lesen operasi 24 jam kepada kedai makan, Ahli Parlimen Kepong, Lim Lip Eng pula menzahirkan pandangan berbeza.

Wakil rakyat daripada DAP itu berkata, tiada keperluan untuk KKM menilai cadangan disuarakan Persatuan Pengguna Pulau Pinang (CAP) itu, terutama mengambil kira status kedai makan 24 jam sebagai sebahagian besar ekonomi Malaysia.

"Kedai makan 24 jam memainkan peranan penting dalam ekonomi Malaysia dengan menyediakan peluang pekerjaan dan menjana pendapatan melalui jualan makanan dan pelancongan.

"Melarang mereka (beroperasi 24 jam) akan menyebabkan kehilangan pekerjaan dan penurunan dalam aktiviti ekonomi.

"Selain itu, kedai makan ini menawarkan kemudahan dan kebolehcapaian kepada individu yang mempunyai jadual yang pelbagai, termasuk pekerja syif lewat, pengembara yang tiba pada waktu tidak konvensional dan mereka yang mempunyai gaya hidup bukan tradisional," katanya melalui kenyataan.



Cadangan untuk memansuhkan lesen 24 jam kedai makan akan menyebabkan berlaku pengurangan peluang pekerjaan. (Foto hiasan)

CAP gesa mansuhkan lesen operasi 24 jam kedai makan



Komen itu menyusul selepas Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, memaklumkan KKM akan memperhalusi cadangan CAP bagi membantu mengurangkan masalah kesihatan dan obesiti di negara ini.

Tempat sosial penting

Beliau berkata, pihaknya perlu mengadakan sesi libat urus bersama semua pemegang taruh bagi memastikan isu terbabit dapat dikaji secara menyeluruh, dengan syor penyelesaian yang mempunyai hala tuju jelas.

Mengulas lanjut, Lip Eng turut

menegaskan kedai makan larut malam juga berfungsi sebagai tempat sosial penting di mana rakan dan ahli keluarga boleh berkumpul selepas bekerja atau pada hujung minggu untuk menikmati hidangan dan ikatan.

"Mengharamkan mereka boleh menghalang interaksi sosial dan aktiviti rekreasi, menjejaskan kesepaduan komuniti dan kesejahteraan mental secara negatif.

"Malaysia juga terkenal dengan kepelbagaian budaya makanannya dan kedai makan 24 jam menyumbang kepada reputasi ini dengan menawarkan pelbagai pilihan kulinari yang mencerminkan warisan gastronomi negara yang kaya.

"Melarang mereka akan menyekat pilihan makanan dan mengurangkan kedudukan Malaysia sebagai syurga makanan," katanya.

Terdahulu, Dzulkefly melalui reaksi isu sama berkata, dakwaan mengatakan operasi kedai makan 24 jam antara punca utama

obesiti di negara harus dibuktikan secara empirikal melalui kajian yang objektif dan menyeluruh.

"Cadangan penutupan itu tidak dapat menjamin pengguna akan mencari alternatif lain memandangkan ada dalam kalangan mereka mempunyai tahap literasi kesihatan yang rendah," katanya.

Dzulkefly mengulas cadangan Presiden CAP Mohideen Abdul Kader yang menggesa lesen operasi 24 jam diberikan kepada kedai makan dimansuhkan kerana kajian menunjukkan terdapat kesan negatif akibat tabiat makan lewat malam seperti berat badan bertambah, gangguan tidur dan masalah penghadaman.

Isnin lalu, Presiden CAP, ketika menyuarakan cadangan itu berkata, kajian menunjukkan terdapat kesan negatif akibat tabiat makan lewat malam seperti berat badan bertambah, gangguan tidur dan masalah penghadaman.

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25 APR 2024
Tarikh.....

Prospek pelaburan negara capai tahap luar biasa

Catat RM329.5b tahun lalu berbanding RM268b jadi pencapaian bersejarah

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Kuala Lumpur: Prospek pelaburan negara mencapai tahap luar biasa, dengan pelaburan diluluskan melonjak kepada RM329.5 bilion tahun lalu, berbanding RM268 bilion pada 2022.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan, ber-

kata ini menandakan pencapaian bersejarah untuk negara, terutama produk elektrik dan elektronik (E&E) serta subsektor maklumat dan komunikasi (ICT).

Beliau berkata, sebanyak 74 peratus projek pembuatan diluluskan di antara 2021 dan 2023 sudah selesai atau dalam proses kelulusan.

"Selain itu, trend positif bagi peluang pelaburan masa depan menerusi nilai besar kerja pembinaan peringkat awal yang selesai, iaitu sebanyak RM31.5 bilion tahun lalu, manakala RM26.3 bilion pada 2022.

"Sebanyak 81.2 peratus atau 4,143 projek berbanding keseluruhan 5,101 projek pelaburan diluluskan pada 2023 dalam sektor perkhidmatan, manakala 883 projek dalam sektor pembuatan dan sektor utama (75 projek)," katanya semalam.

Permudah kerjasama

Sementara itu, Amir Hamzah berkata, penubuhan Jawatankuasa Strategik Semikonduktor Nasional (NSSTF) antara tindakan segera dilakukan kerajaan bagi merangsang pelaburan strategik ke negara ini.

Beliau berkata, NSSTF ditubuhkan bagi memudahkan kerjasama di antara kerajaan, penggiat industri, universiti dan pihak berkepentingan untuk menempatkan industri semikonduktor Malaysia di barisan hadapan.

Selain itu, katanya, ini bertu-

juan memastikan pertumbuhan berterusan industri E&E, terutama sektor semikonduktor sebagai penyumbang utama kepada ekonomi negara.

"Selain itu, mengupayakan Malaysia sebagai destinasi pelaburan hijau pilihan serta menghapuskan halangan dan birokrasi dalam penyediaan dan aksesibiliti kepada tenaga boleh baharu, terutama bagi industri teknologi baharu, termasuk pusat data.

"Pembangunan Taman Perindustrian Hijau Bersepadu Krian untuk menyokong ekosistem lebih luas bagi kluster industri E&E yang terpusat berpusat di kawasan utara, terutama di Kawasan Perindustrian Bayan Lepas dan Batu Kawan di Pulau Pinang serta Taman Teknologi Tinggi Kulim di Kedah," katanya.

Beliau berkata, keseluruhan tindakan segera itu sudah dibentangkan kepada hampir 70 pelabur dana kewangan dan ahli korporat dalam Mesyuarat Bersama Pelabur di London, antara 20 hingga 22 April lalu.

Mesyuarat dan sesi dialog bersama pelabur kewangan dan pasaran modal itu sebahagian daripada rangka lawatan kerja beliau sempena Mesyuarat Musim Bunga Tabung Kewangan Antarabangsa (IMF) dan Kumpulan Bank Dunia (WBG) 2024 di Washington, Amerika Syarikat dari 17 hingga 19 April lalu.

"Majlis Pelaburan Negara yang dipengerusikan Perdana

Trend positif bagi peluang pelaburan masa depan menerusi nilai besar kerja pembinaan peringkat awal yang selesai, iaitu sebanyak RM31.5 bilion tahun lalu

Amir Hamzah Azizan, Menteri Kewangan II



Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim ialah tindakan bersepadu yang mencerminkan betapa seriusnya kita dalam menjadikan Malaysia sebagai hab pelaburan di rantau ini.

"Kerajaan juga amat serius menjadikan pelaburan sebagai agenda nasional melalui penubuhan platform pemudahcaraan pelaburan di peringkat tinggi bagi memastikan pelaksanaan pelaburan strategik yang berpotensi dan diluluskan melalui pendekatan 'keseluruhan kerajaan'," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, beliau berkata, pertemuan dengan pelabur antarabangsa di New York dan Washington sudah diadakan sebelum ini, bertujuan menjelaskan hala tuju pelaksanaan kerangka Ekonomi MADANI.

Katanya, ini bagi meningkatkan keyakinan pelabur terhadap tahap ekonomi negara serta memperkukuh persepsi dan sentimen pelaburan pelabur asing terhadap Malaysia.

"Tahap keyakinan tinggi dan sentimen pelaburan yang kukuh akan dapat meningkatkan pengaliran masuk pelaburan asing langsung ke dalam negara," katanya.

Ibadat&Fadilat

Abu Hurairah RA meriwayatkan Nabi SAW bersabda: "Setiap yang masuk ke syurga, diperlihatkan kepadanya tempat diamnya dalam neraka, kalau seandainya dia melakukan kesalahan supaya dengan itu bertambah syukurnya kepada Tuhan. Setiap orang masuk ke neraka, diperlihatkan kepadanya tempat diamnya dalam syurga, kalau seandainya dia mengerjakan perbuatan baik, supaya dengan itu timbul penyesalannya." (HR Bukhari)

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Bidang IT, ICT peneraju pasaran kerja, tawar pendapatan lumayan

• Dorongan transformasi digital kerajaan menyebabkan industri komputer, teknologi maklumat dan komunikasi (ICT) menunjukkan permintaan semakin meningkat

• Ketika Malaysia bergerak ke arah transformasi digital, permintaan untuk bakat IT semakin meningkat, sekali gus membawa kepada peningkatan gaji median dalam industri terbabit



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Menurut Sorotan Pasaran Buruh, Suku Keempat 2023 Kementerian Ekonomi, di bawah Jabatan Perangkaan, pekerja dalam sektor perkhidmatan di Malaysia menyumbang lebih dua pertiga ekonomi iaitu sebanyak 67 peratus atau kira-kira 4.5 juta orang. Gaji bulanan median adalah RM2,600 pada September 2023, meningkat 4.0 peratus daripada tahun sebelumnya.

Subsektor Kewangan dan Insurans memiliki gaji bulanan median tertinggi iaitu RM5,700, diikuti Komunikasi dan Maklumat sebanyak RM4,982. Pertumbuhan gaji bulanan median tertinggi dicatatkan Subsektor Komunikasi dan Maklumat pada September 2023 adalah 10 peratus.

Transformasi digital digarap daripada Rangka Tindakan Ekonomi Digital Malaysia menyatakan menjelang 2025, ekonomi digital dijangka menyumbang 23 peratus kepada Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) dengan mewujudkan 500,000 pekerjaan baharu, akses internet untuk setiap isi rumah dan akses lengkap persekitaran pembelajaran dalam talian.

Galakan daripada kerajaan menjadikan pertumbuhan gaji Subsektor Komunikasi dan Maklumat meningkat. Dorongan transformasi digital kerajaan menyebabkan industri komputer, teknologi maklumat dan komunikasi (ICT) menunjukkan permintaan semakin meningkat.

Berdasarkan Laporan Panduan Gaji 2023 diterbitkan platform pekerjaan dalam talian terkemuka, sektor ini muncul sebagai peneraju dalam pasaran kerja Malaysia, dengan peningkatan 28 peratus dalam gaji median dan merekodkan gaji median tertinggi.

Pertumbuhan gaji ini menandakan ia bidang paling berkembang pesat di Malaysia. Oleh itu, majikan mengambil bakat teknologi perlu menawarkan gaji kompetitif untuk bersaing dengan permintaan tempatan dan global semakin meningkat.

Memahami landskap kerjaya berasaskan komputer, ICT adalah elemen penting untuk individu, organisasi dan industri bergerak seiring dengan evolusi teknologi maklumat (IT) yang cepat berkembang dan dinamik.

Antara contoh pekerjaan berasaskan komputer dan ICT mendominasi tawaran pekerjaan adalah Saintis Penyelidikan Komputer dan Maklumat, Arkitek Rangkaian Komputer, Pembangun Perisian, Penganalisis Jaminan Kualiti dan Pengujian, Pentadbir dan Arkitek Pangkalan Data, Penganalisis Keselamatan Maklumat, Penganalisis Sistem Komputer, Pengaturcaraan Komputer, Pembangun Web dan Pereka Digital, Pentadbir Rangkaian dan Sistem Komputer serta Pakar Sokongan Komputer.

Perlu perancangan awal

Bermakna, Individu perlu melengkapkan diri dan bersedia ke arah memenuhi keperluan teknikal dan kemahiran sendiri terhadap permintaan

pasaran kerjaya. Maka, perancangan awal amat perlu dalam merealisasikan tujuan ini.

Sebagai permulaan untuk laluan kerjaya berasaskan IT, jawatan di peringkat permulaan seperti Pakar Sokongan IT atau wakil Perkhidmatan Pelanggan boleh dijadikan platform untuk mendapatkan pengetahuan dan kemahiran asas.

Kemudian individu perlu membina asas kukuh terhadap aspek teknikal, termasuk memperoleh Pensijilan Profesional berkaitan seperti *CompTIA A+*, *Microsoft Certified Fundamentals* dan memperoleh pengalaman praktikal melalui latihan amali dan projek peribadi.

Pengkhususan dalam bidang seperti Sokongan Meja Bantuan, Pentadbiran Rangkaian, Pembangunan Perisian atau Analisis Keselamatan boleh diikuti apabila pengalaman dan pengetahuan berkembang.

Pensijilan lanjutan seperti *Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)*, *CISCO Certified Network Associates (CCNA)* dan pembelajaran berterusan lain melalui kursus dan bengkel adalah penting untuk kemajuan kerjaya.

Pengajian formal di peringkat lebih tinggi seperti diploma, sarjana muda, sarjana atau doktor falsafah (PhD) tetap menjadi satu standard kepada kelayakan formal dalam proses pengambilalihan kerjaya.

Peluang menyambung pengajian melalui pengalaman terdahulu serta pelbagai medium pembelajaran memberi laluan terbuka kepada semua. Selain itu, hubungan dalam komuniti IT, sama ada di dalam dan luar talian serta membina profesional biodata pada platform media sosial adalah penting untuk mendapat bimbingan, kerjasama dan perkembangan kerjaya dalam industri IT.

Mencipta peta hala tuju kerjaya IT membabitkan beberapa langkah utama, termasuk penilaian sendiri, penetapan matlamat dan memilih pengkhususan.

Maka, individu digalakkan menyelaraskan

matlamat dengan aspirasi peribadi, membayangkan peranan ideal individu dalam industri IT, selain perlu sentiasa mengemas kini pengetahuan teknologi baharu yang muncul dan hubungan dengan pakar atau profesional untuk mendapatkan pandangan laluan kerjaya berbeza.

Bijak pilih pengkhususan

Akhir sekali, memilih pengkhususan adalah penting dalam merangka pelan hala tuju kerjaya IT. Ini membabitkan penyelidikan pelbagai pengkhususan IT, memahami kemahiran dan pensijilan diperlukan, mempertimbangkan permintaan industri dan menyelaraskan minat seseorang dengan peluang pekerjaan masa hadapan.

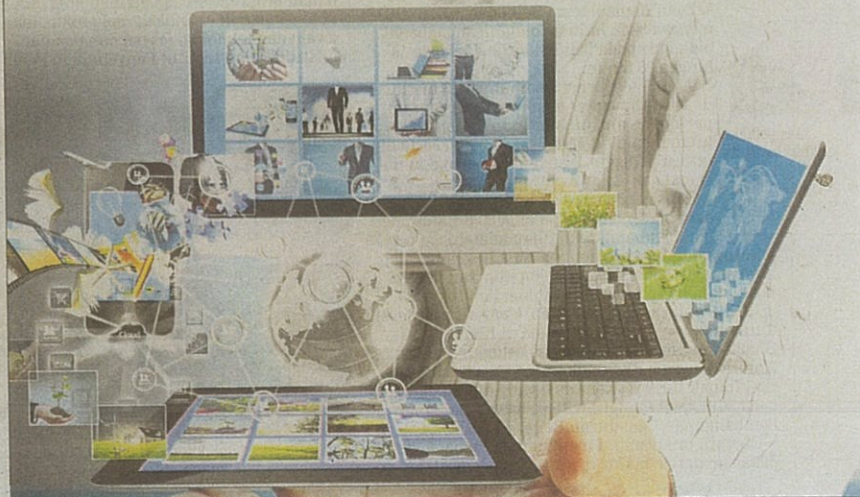
Faktor mempengaruhi pilihan laluan kerjaya, termasuk minat dan keinginan peribadi, trend, permintaan industri dan kemahiran atau kebolehan seseorang. Kerjaya selaras dengan minat dan keinginan peribadi membawa kepada motivasi, kepuasan dan kejayaan lebih tinggi.

Selain itu, mempunyai set kemahiran dan kebolehan yang betul adalah penting untuk kejayaan dalam pasaran kerja semakin kompetitif. Ini akan menghasilkan prestasi kerja lebih baik, kepuasan kerja tinggi dan pertumbuhan profesional berterusan.

Ketika Malaysia bergerak ke arah transformasi digital, permintaan untuk bakat IT semakin meningkat, ini membawa kepada peningkatan gaji median dalam industri terbabit.

Landskap kerjaya IT menawarkan pelbagai peluang, daripada Saintis Penyelidikan kepada Pentadbir Rangkaian dan Pembangun Web. Ia industri berkembang disebabkan pengkomputeran awan dan kemajuan AI.

Dengan memahami landskap IT dan membuat pilihan kerjaya, individu boleh mengemudi laluan kerjaya mereka dengan berkesan dan mencapai kejayaan dalam pasaran kerja yang kompetitif.



Penjawat awam terima suapan direman

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SHAH ALAM: Lima penjawat awam direman selama tiga hari bagi membantu siasatan kes menerima suapan daripada kontraktor berkaitan kerja pembersihan antara 2018 hingga 2020.

Tempoh reman ke atas lelaki berusia lingkungan 32 hingga 42 tahun itu dibenarkan Majistret Muhammad Syafiq Sulaiman di Mahkamah Majistret di sini, semalam.

Sumber Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) berkata, semua individu itu disyaki menerima suapan antara RM3,000 hingga RM15,000.

"Suapan itu sebagai bala-

san supaya tidak mengenakan pemotongan bayaran kepada kontraktor bagi kerja pembersihan di sebuah pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT).

"Kelima-lima suspek dibenarkan reman tiga hari sehingga Jumaat ini bagi membantu siasatan," katanya.

Terdahulu, semua suspek yang memakai baju lokap jingga tiba di mahkamah dengan dikawal ketat pegawai SPRM, kira-kira pukul 9.40 pagi.

Sementara itu, Pengarah SPRM Selangor, Datuk Alias Salim ketika dihubungi mengesahkan perkara berkenaan dan kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 17 (a) Akta SPRM 2009.

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A RESERVE FOR EMERGENCIES

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EPF TO UNVEIL THIRD ACCOUNT FOR CONTRIBUTORS TODAY

It will offer members freedom to withdraw funds at any time

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THE Employees Provident Fund (EPF) will announce the highly anticipated Account 3 today, offering flexibility to contributors in managing their savings.

It is learnt that a key feature of Account 3 is the freedom to opt in or opt out.

It is also understood that EPF members will be given a grace period to decide on the arrangement that will be made available to them, starting today.

Among the three EPF accounts, Account 1 — known as Akaun Persaraan — will be designated for retirement savings, while Account 2, referred to as Akaun Sejahtera, will cater to withdrawals for education, health and housing expenses.

Account 3, named Akaun Flek-



Starting from May, Employees Provident Fund contributors will see their monthly contributions split three ways: 75 per cent for Account 1, 15 per cent for Account 2 and 10 per cent for Account 3. FILE PIC

sibel, will serve as a reserve for emergencies.

Seventy per cent of EPF members' monthly contributions are channelled into Account 1, which cannot be accessed until after retirement.

The other 30 per cent goes into Account 2, which can be accessed to pay for education, healthcare

and housing, as well as a partial one-time withdrawal at age 50. From May, the restructured system will see monthly contributions split three ways: 75 per cent will go into Account 1, 15 per cent into Account 2 and 10 per cent into Account 3.

Account 3 provides contributors with the flexibility to with-

draw funds at any time, similar to a savings account.

EPF is considering allowing members aiming to maximise capital gains to transfer funds from Account 3 to Account 2.

The introduction of Account 3 comes after four Covid-19 pandemic-related withdrawal programmes, which drained RM145 billion from the EPF.

As of December 2023, the pension fund's investment assets stood at RM1.13 trillion.

The *New Straits Times* recently reported that members who opt not to withdraw from Account 3 might receive a significantly lower "token" payout compared with the dividends for Accounts 1 and 2.

The EPF paid out RM57.8 billion in dividend to members for 2023, comprising a 5.5 per cent dividend for members with the conventional account and 5.4 per cent for the syariah account.

It announced a dividend of 5.35 per cent for conventional accounts and 4.75 per cent for syariah accounts in 2022.

At the end of last year, the EPF had 8.5 million active members.

Of these, 6.7 million have conventional accounts, while the rest are syariah account holders.

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'1,802 PROJECTS CARRIED OUT'

2,386 schemes approved from 2021 to 2023, says ministry

THE government has so far implemented 1,802 projects, or 75.5 per cent of the 2,386 manufacturing projects approved from 2021 to 2023.

Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz said the 2,386 projects received the green light from the National Committee on Investments.

A total of 1,597 projects are in the inception stage and 205 are in the construction or installation phases to date.

Tengku Zafrul noted that 551 projects, or 23.1 per cent, are in the planning stage and 33 projects, or 1.4 per cent, are not implemented due to the companies' change of strategy.

On the approved investments for the first quarter of 2024, he said the figure will be announced in early June.

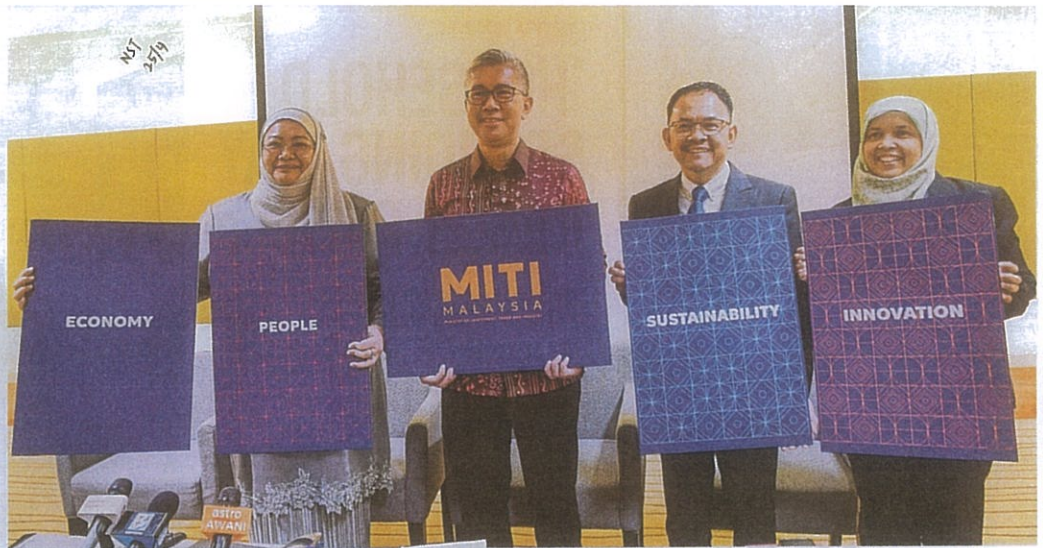
The ministry also approved RM60.5 billion worth of digital investments in 2023.

From 2021 to 2023, the amount approved totalled RM144.7 billion, whereby data centres take up a lion's share of the total at RM114.7 billion.

Tengku Zafrul said foreign media

“Our target is to expand the digital economy to 22.6 per cent of GDP by 2025 with efforts to improve Malaysia's digital transformation to enhance competitiveness. A robust data centre ecosystem will support this growth sustainably. When you bring data centres into the country, there will be spillover to other companies within the ecosystem.”

TENGKU DATUK SERI ZAFRUL TENGKU ABDUL AZIZ
Investment, Trade and Industry Minister



Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz (second from left) and officials at the unveiling of the ministry's report card for the first quarter yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

had taken an interest in data centres

“Although arguably data centres contribute a small number of jobs, what's important is they enable the digital economy,” he told a press conference on the ministry's first quarter report card yesterday.

By end-2022, the digital economy grew to RM205 billion, accounting for 14 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), with mainly e-com-

merce and fintech charting the growth.

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ver to other companies within the ecosystem.”

The year 2021 saw RM3.4 billion of approved digital investments. This surged to RM80.8 billion in 2023.

On the electric vehicle sector, Tengku Zafrul said 2,214 charging stations were installed as of March 20. These are 1,741 AC chargers and 473 fast DC chargers.

The ministry has maintained its target of 10,000 charging stations by end-2025.

On the electronics and electrical sector upcycle, Tengku Zafrul said Malaysia is poised to benefit from the rising demand.

“Based on discussions with companies, our export will go up as they build up capacity following the demand from various industries.

If we look at the investments made globally, this upcycle will benefit Malaysia.”

Tengku Zafrul added that the ministry is concluding a free-trade agreement (FTA) with the United Arab Emirates by June.

He said it is the first FTA with the Middle Eastern country, adding that it is a comprehensive economic partnership agreement.

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‘Malaysia’s healthcare policies need a reboot’

THE country’s healthcare needs to adopt policies that tackle financial challenges and lay the groundwork for future sustainability and innovation.

Gleneagles Hospital Medini Johor chief executive officer (CEO) Dr Kamal Amzan, who is also IHH Healthcare Malaysia regional CEO (southern & eastern) has called for the urgent need to address current trajectory of the country’s healthcare system.

He said transformative actions and a unified approach to sustainable reforms are required to address escalating healthcare costs, widening disparities in access and the risks of stymied innovation, apparent in Malaysia’s healthcare system.

The reforms, he suggested, include adopting a value-based healthcare system that uses outcomes and patient satisfaction to guide healthcare and financing decisions.

He said without decisive healthcare reform in the next five to 10 years, medical treatments, hospital stays and medications will become unaffordable for the masses.

“Malaysia risks a future where quality healthcare is a privilege for the few rather than a universal right.

“If the healthcare growing gap in its availability and quality service is not addressed soon, certain groups may find it difficult to access healthcare services due to factors such as economic barriers, geographic isolation, or systemic inequalities.

“The future of the country’s healthcare will struggle under the weight of an ageing population, burgeoning chronic diseases, and insufficient resources to meet the demands of its citizens,” he said.

COMBINING SMART FINANCING AND INNOVATIONS TO SPARK CHANGE

Malaysia’s goal is a healthcare system known for its accessibility, quality and resilience.

The system should embrace innovation not only for its novelty but also for its capacity to deliver tangible benefits to patients.

Dr Kamal said all Malaysians should have access to healthcare without worrying about the cost.



Gleneagles Hospital Medini Johor chief executive officer Dr Kamal Amzan (right) in consultation with a patient.
PIX COURTESY OF GLENEAGLES HOSPITAL MEDINI JOHOR

He believes that by emulating successful healthcare systems practised by countries like Singapore, Taiwan and Sweden, Malaysia too will be able to create a fair and lasting healthcare system for everyone.

Among sustainable solution is to replicate Singapore’s healthcare financing model, which balances what people pay themselves with support from the community.

The system helps maintain high-quality healthcare while managing its costs.

Dr Kamal added that the financing model is important as it minimises the rising risks of lawsuits and insurance costs.

Singapore’s approach combines per-



Malaysia needs to create a plan that not only addresses immediate financial challenges, but also sets up a reliable healthcare system for the future.

sonal health savings accounts, government help for those in need and regulated insurance, which creates a resilient system that Malaysia should adopt.

Taiwan’s digital health system, including its smart card system, makes healthcare delivery more efficient and improves patient experiences, and Sweden’s Value-Driven Outcomes (VDO) framework focuses on patient-centred care and responsible healthcare spending.

VDO prioritises outcomes and patient satisfaction in healthcare delivery and financing decisions.

Dr Kamal supports a policy approach that emphasises long-term sustainability and innovation.

In addressing the need for change in the country’s healthcare system, he said Malaysia needs strong data collection and analysis, like Taiwan’s digital

system, to track and analyse patient outcomes.

Policies should also encourage the use of new technologies and methods, such as telemedicine and artificial intelligence-driven diagnostic tools to improve access, lower costs and enhance the quality of care.

KEY POLICY PRIORITIES FOR BETTER ACCESS, QUALITY AND INNOVATION

Dr Kamal envisions a healthcare system in which every Malaysian can get the care they need without worrying about financial hardship.

Malaysia needs to create a plan that not only addresses immediate financial challenges but also sets up a reliable healthcare system for the future.

This involves adopting a value-based healthcare approach similar to Swe-

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Johor chief executive officer

den’s system, where the focus is on patient outcomes and satisfaction when making decisions about care and costs.

To make this happen, Malaysia should build a strong data collection and analysis system like Taiwan’s digital system, which allows for easy tracking and understanding of patient outcomes

A FUTURE SHAPED BY FAIRNESS AND KINDNESS

To achieve this transformative journey Malaysia’s healthcare system requires a clear vision to achieve its key goal – to create a healthcare system that is accessible, of high quality and resilient.

“The system should adopt innovations and technologies, and embrace i for its genuine benefits to patients, not just because it is new,” said Dr Kamal.

He said the healthcare system must ensure every Malaysian, despite their financial standing, can access the required care without worrying about its cost.

He believes that Malaysia is committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of her people, while it reforms the healthcare system sustainability for future generation.

Despite obstacles and challenge with proper planning and determination a healthcare system where Malaysian health and wellbeing are safeguarded as cornerstones of national prosperity is achievable.



The healthcare system must ensure every Malaysian, despite their financial standing, can access the required care without worrying about its cost.

D-G CLEARS THE AIR

'Passport renewals can't be rejected solely for poor BM proficiency'



Immigration director-general Datuk Ruslin Jusoh says officers are conducting random checks from various aspects to verify passport applications. FILE PIC

KUALA LUMPUR: Immigration officers are not permitted to reject applications solely based on the applicant's proficiency in the national language, said Immigration director-general Datuk Ruslin Jusoh.

The department, he said, had looked into a report that a woman's passport renewal application was denied because she could not speak Malay properly.

The incident, which gained attention on social media, occurred at the Urban Transformation Centre (UTC) in Penang.

Ruslin said the woman in question had since been able to successfully renew her passport and collected it from the UTC Penang office on April 22.

However, he clarified that officers conducted random checks

from various aspects to verify applications.

He added that these checks were expected to be carried out in a professional and courteous manner.

Ruslin also reiterated the department's commitment to providing excellent customer service.

He emphasised the importance of adhering to the standard operating procedure (SOP) set forth by the department.

It was reported earlier that the Penang Immigration Department was investigating claims that its personnel refused to renew the woman's passport.

"We are aware of the matter and an investigation is underway. Any statement will be shared later," a spokesman said when contacted.

The incident gained traction on Facebook on Saturday through a post attributed to the woman's son, following their visit to the UTC in Komtar.

In the post, the man claimed to have brought his parents to the Penang Immigration counter for passport renewal and his father had no issues.

However, the staff at the counter refused to renew his mother's document because she did not speak Malay.

The man also said that his mother could not speak Malay as she did not have the means to obtain education, but the staff insisted that she return on another day to meet with an officer.

A check on Facebook found that the post has been deleted, but can still be read on various pages.

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His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, greeting visitors at the National Unity Ministry's Hari Raya open house in Putrajaya yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

UNITY THROUGH CELEBRATION

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King graces Unity Ministry's Hari Raya open house

PUTRAJAYA: His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, graced the National Unity Ministry's Hari Raya Aidilfitri open house here yesterday.

Sultan Ibrahim, wearing a navy-coloured shirt, spent about 40 minutes at the event.

With the theme "Perpaduan Melalui Perayaan" (Unity Through Celebration) the open house was a platform for the ministry, departments and agencies to gather in the spirit of harmony.

Present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof and National Unity Minister Datuk Aaron Ago Dagang as the host.

Others present were Second Fi-

nance Minister Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan, Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil, Digital Minister Gobind Singh Deo, Transport Minister Anthony Loke, Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali and Public Service Department director-general Datuk Seri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz.

Meanwhile, the Unity Ministry said His Majesty shared his hopes for the government in fostering unity among Malaysians as the basis of stability and sustainable development.

Aaron said the king's presence was a sign of support for his ministry's efforts in strengthening unity.

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Ringgit dips against dollar ^{Sun 25/4} as markets await US leads

THE ringgit closed marginally lower yesterday on firmer US dollar Index despite the sluggish US manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index data yesterday.

At 6pm, the ringgit slightly eased to 4.7765/7780 against the greenback from Tuesday's closing of 4.7785/7820.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said the markets were wary of what the US Federal Reserve might utter next week during its Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting on April 30 to May 1.

"Hence, the US Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) inflation data scheduled to be released on April 26 will be closely monitored," Mohd Afzanizam told Bernama.

He noted that the US PMI for manufacturing yesterday declined to below 50 points in April after remaining above 50 points in the past three months.

Meanwhile, SPI Asset Management managing director Stephen Innes said the PCE is considered the week's major macro event for investors.

The ringgit was traded mostly lower against a basket of major currencies.

It rose slightly vis-a-vis the Japanese yen to 3.0830/0840 from 3.0863/0887 at Tuesday's close, depreciated versus the British pound to 5.9362/9381 from 5.9067/9110 yesterday and slid against the euro to 5.1046/1062 from 5.0944/0981 previously.

It also traded softer against Asean currencies.

The local currency slipped versus the Thai baht to 12.9004/9097 against 12.8887/9037 from yesterday's close, and fell against the Singapore dollar to 3.5090/5104 from 3.5066/5095 yesterday.

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Govt agency services at Madani event

KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 196 types of services of ministries and government agencies will be available at the Northern Zone Madani Rakyat Programme to be held at Tapak Pesta Sungai Nibong in Penang from May 3 to 5.

Project Acceleration and Coordination Unit executive director Ahmad Jefry Aziz@Adan said among the services available at the event are assistance checks by the Social Welfare Department, Penang Zakat Board and the Islamic Economic Development Foundation of Malaysia.

"A career carnival will also be held," he said on RTM's *Selamat Pagi Malaysia* programme yesterday. - Bernama

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