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By MEGAT SYAHAR



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PJ SEED (Social, Environment & Economy Development) community grant by Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is accepting applications until May 30. For details, visit rb.gy/d22yfh

E-SPORTS TOURNEY

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) will have a PS5 FC25 tournament on May 25 at Padang Perbandaran MPAJ Pandan Indah during its car-free day. The registration fee is RM30. Register at shorturl.at/r1BaM or call 013-337 0961 for details.

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Structure on gas pipeline sparks safety fears in KL



The structure was allegedly built over a gas pipeline and near Jinjang Fire and Rescue Station in Kepong, Kuala Lumpur.

A STRUCTURE with toilet facilities allegedly built over a gas pipeline in Jinjang, Kepong, is raising safety concerns.

Community activist Yee Poh Ping said he raised the matter with Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) in August last year when the structure was being built.

"DBKL must clarify the purpose of building the structure, as well as the safety risks associated with it," he said.

Yee claimed trees on land opposite the Jinjang Fire and Rescue Station were felled in July 2024.

DBKL did not respond to *StarMetro*'s queries regarding the matter as at press time.

In Kedah, *Bernama* reported that the state has been alerted

about encroachment above a gas pipe in the Pendang district.

Its state housing, local government and health committee chairman Mansor Zakaria said the activity was reported in two villages, where residents had allegedly been extracting red earth from land above the pipeline.

"The matter was brought to our attention by the district officer.

"The villagers have been removing soil from the pipeline route," he told reporters after the Kedah state assembly in Alor Setar.

He said the gas company had been notified to inspect the area and take the appropriate action.

Although the affected area was not extensive, Mansor stressed

that the encroachment could pose a risk to the underground pipeline, which is located at a depth of about 6.4m.

In light of the Putra Heights gas explosion and fire on April 1 in Selangor, he said precautionary steps should be taken to avoid a similar incident in Kedah.

Kedah's infrastructure agency, Utiliti Infra Darul Aman (Uida) is conducting a statewide remapping of utility routes, including gas pipelines, water and electricity lines.

"The data will be incorporated into Uida's database. This will help identify any utility infrastructure during planning and development approval processes," he said.

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Diners enjoying a meal on a public walkway in Kuala Lumpur. — Photos: MUHAMAD SHAHRIL ROSLI and LOW LAY PHON/The Star

Task force set up to curb illegal alfresco dining

DBKL to identify suitable areas, crack down on errant eateries

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EXCLUSIVE

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FED up with the disarray on Kuala Lumpur's walkways, mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif is spearheading a new task force to draw a line on permitted street dining locations in the city.

She said the task force would identify designated zones across Kuala Lumpur deemed suitable for roadside dining, specifically areas with adequate space and minimal traffic exposure.

Zones considered unsuitable would remain free and clear altogether, she said, as Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) cracks down on the growing encroachment by restaurants and cafes on public spaces.

Maimunah said DBKL would no longer allow tables and chairs to be placed indiscriminately, even by licensed eateries.

"Restaurants can apply for outdoor dining permits because alfresco dining is popular.

"Even for licensed premises, only certain areas qualify and which areas are suitable will be identified soon.

"These rules clearly outline the types of activities allowed, locations and the permitted duration so when permission is granted, it comes with strict conditions."

She added that failure to comply on an operator's part would lead to enforcement action.

"If operators fail to comply, we will begin with a verbal warning.

"Should they continue to



Maimunah says each outdoor dining application must meet specific criteria.

breach the rules, a notice will be issued under the relevant by-law.

"If the offence persists, we will confiscate the obstructing items.

"Consistent enforcement is key, and I promise you, we will keep it up," Maimunah told *StarMetro* in an exclusive interview.

She said new approach included the potential whitelisting of certain roadside stalls.

"For example, if an area is flood-prone or a neighbourhood with high pedestrian traffic and accessibility needs such as Brickfields, or a heritage area with heavy footfall like Jalan Sultan or Jalan Petaling, then it may not be suitable for tables and chairs," she said.

"With this new zoning method, we will identify where alfresco dining can take place safely and where it must be strictly prohibited."

Overseeing this process is a special task force that will be established under the DBKL executive director (Socio-economic Development).

"The task force will comprise engineers, city planners and enforcement officers," she said.

DBKL 2024 enforcement on illegal placement of tables and chairs

Parliamentary constituency	Action taken	Type of items		
		Tables	Chairs	Others
1. Bukit Bintang	43	394	442	363
2. Setiawangsa	28	156	159	250
3. Wangsa Maju	27	234	314	174
4. Segambut	25	112	167	321
5. Bandar Tun Razak	24	73	118	118
6. Titowangsa	18	180	347	42
7. Batu	15	260	228	62
8. Seputeh	15	451	294	84
9. Kepong	14	240	284	79
10. Cheras	13	141	160	46
11. Lembah Pantai	11	73	79	88
TOTAL	233	2,314	2,592	1,627

Source: Kuala Lumpur City Hall

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Maimunah said the task force would also have a different function from *Keja* (*Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Kelulusan Permit Kerusi Meja*), which approved permits and issued stickers to eateries that are allowed to place tables and chairs in public spaces.

"Unlike *Keja*, which focuses on guidelines and permit approvals, this task force will identify enforcement zones and resolve overlapping jurisdictions within DBKL.

"There will no longer be instances where the Urban Transport Department says 'no' (to issuing licence) but Licensing Department says 'yes'. We must go out as one team with one voice," she said.

In the past, enforcement officers wanting to take action against errant eateries were often met with resistance, as operators would claim they had special permission or licence,

leading to confusion and inconsistent enforcement.

"While *Keja* handles the approval process, this new task force will focus solely on enforcement, ensuring that eateries do not go beyond the boundaries of their permits."

Maimunah said Brickfields was flagged for immediate review.

This follows recent meeting with Special Select Committee on Social and Community Affairs member Senator Isaiah Jacob and other stakeholders.

"If an application comes in and it involves tactile blocks, the answer is simple - we cannot allow it.

"Tables and chairs will not be permitted there. Accessibility must take precedence."

Maimunah reiterated that only licensed businesses operating as restaurants, cafes or coffeshops were eligible to apply for outdoor seating permits.

"Unfortunately, despite the



A fruit stall occupying the entire pavement corner, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road.

(Far left) A cluttered five-foot way obstructed by stacked goods. — Photos: YAP CHEE HONG/The Star

DBKL mulls free-movement zones to reclaim public walkways

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PEDESTRIAN walkways and five-foot ways in Kuala Lumpur may soon be gazetted as free-movement zones, as authorities intensify efforts to reclaim public spaces from businesses and unlicensed traders.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa said the move was part of a broader initiative to ensure pedestrian infrastructure remained accessible, particularly for persons with disabilities and the visually impaired.

"Alfresco dining has become a popular trend in our community, but we must ensure that it is not carried out at the expense of pedestrian safety and accessibility," she told *StarMetro*.

Dr Zaliha said some regulation was necessary, suggesting that the placement of tables and chairs on public walkways might be restricted to specific hours or disallowed entirely in designated areas.

"I urge operators to cooperate and the public to support these efforts."

"Everyone must play a role in preserving the city's walkability," she added.

Her remarks follow *StarMetro*'s article on April 7 titled "Dining in the street," which highlighted how eateries and traders were increasingly converting public walkways into private dining areas or makeshift stalls.

Meanwhile, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) has been given until August to complete its roadside stall whitelisting exercise.



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Dr Zaliha said the whitelisting of unlicensed traders exercise was a step towards regulating roadside stalls through proper licensing and accurate data. Emphasising fairness and

rule-based governance, she said all businesses must be licensed to ensure justice and order in the city.

Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif said DBKL was working on a structured whitelisting framework to assess which unlicensed traders might be allowed to continue operating.

However, she emphasised that this was not a blanket legalisation exercise.

"We are not handing out automatic approvals," she said.

"The whitelist will be guided by zoning criteria, the nature of the activity and legal compliance."

"If a location is unsuitable, it will not be considered."

She said applications might be reviewed by parliamentary zones and hotspots identified for further scrutiny.

An online system may also be introduced to ease the application process.

But Maimunah cautioned that permit application did not mean guaranteed approval.

"We don't want people to get the idea that this is a free for all. Suitability and adherence to the law are central to the success of an application."

Maimunah also reminded temporary licence holders that they were prohibited from installing permanent infrastructure at their stalls.

"There must be no structures, fridges, fans, gas tanks, TVs nor coolers. And no tables and chairs either."

"These are permits for street trading, not mini restaurants."

"We are clearing up and clearing out. This is not about penalising the poor, it's about maintaining order."



A visually impaired pedestrian finding her way along a tactile path in Brickfields.



Tents and tables line both sides of a walkway in Brickfields, obstructing the tactile path meant for the visually impaired.



A roadside stall along a busy pedestrian corridor in KL Sentral. Under DBKL's ongoing whitelisting exercise, such stalls will be scrutinised for zoning suitability and licensing compliance.

existence of clear rules, many operators flout them — some exceed their approved space, while others bypass the process entirely and encroach as they see fit," she said.

She added that clear guidelines were in place for licensed roadside stalls and food trucks, which were not permitted to place tables and chairs in public spaces and only allowed to operate on a takeaway basis.

Yet, even these rules were frequently flouted, said Maimunah.

She revealed that DBKL collected RM117,900 in 2023 and RM118,240 in 2024 in revenue from permits and deposits

relating to placement of tables and chairs.

She noted that Bukit Bintang recorded the highest number of applications and encroachments, followed by Seputeh and Kepong.

Last year, DBKL carried out 233 enforcement exercises, seizing 3,314 tables, 2,592 chairs and 1,627 other items.

On the question of penalties, Maimunah said DBKL adopted a tiered approach.

"For first-time offenders, we typically issue a verbal warning."

"But if they persist, we will issue a violation notice under Section 46 of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974, which carries a fine of RM500 per offence."

"For repeat offenders, we will step up enforcement, including the confiscation and removal of any items causing obstruction," she added.

Maimunah also said local stakeholders such as Residents' Associations (RA), Rukun Tetangga (RT) and Residents' Representative Councils could play a vital role in supporting enforcement efforts.

"They can be our eyes and ears on the ground — taking photos and sharing information with our team."

"We also receive valuable feedback from our DBKL branch

offices which help us monitor hotspots more effectively," she said.

Maimunah said she had always been an advocate for seamless connectivity and a walkable city.

"Our public spaces must prioritise pedestrians, especially the elderly, children and persons with disabilities."

"We cannot allow walkways to be turned into private dining spaces at the expense of accessibility and safety," she said.

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Nearly 100 migrant workers detained in Puchong

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PETALING JAYA: Almost 100 foreign workers from 24 businesses in Puchong were detained in a massive raid by the Immigration Department.

Department director-general Datuk Zakaria Shaaban said the operation, which began at 10.30am on Wednesday, involved 54 officers who raided grocery stores, food and beverage outlets, salons, car wash services and clothing shops.

The businesses had a high concentration of foreign workers, he said in a statement yesterday.

Zakaria said a total of 332 foreign workers were inspected during the operation.

Of that total, 94 of them, aged between 23 and 35, were detained for various immigration offences.

"Those detained include foreign nationals from Thailand, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Yemen, Vietnam, Egypt, Palestine and India."

Among the offences that they committed were not possessing valid identification documents, overstaying in Malaysia and misusing work permits.

Some 38 Malaysians workers at these businesses were also inspected in the operation.

Zakaria added that the workers were believed to have been paid wages ranging from RM50 per day to RM1,500 per month.

"The foreigners are currently being held at the Bukit Jalil Immigration Depot as they await further action," he said.

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WITH Labour Day around the corner, this is a suitable time to examine remote, hybrid and work from office models for the future workplace.

According to Bernama, the Cabinet will discuss a proposal for employees in the Klang Valley to work from home during the upcoming Asean summits, in view of possible road closures ahead of the arrival of dignitaries.

Quoting Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan, the proposal came about after the public inconvenience caused by road closures in conjunction with Chinese President Xi Jinping's recent visit.

Even though the minister publicly apologised to road users affected by the closures, the massive traffic jams left many Malaysians feeling frustrated, despite the fact that authorities issued notices of 17 road closures days before Xi's three-day visit.

Motorists were advised to reschedule their journeys and use alternative routes to avoid congestion during the road closures, and to comply with instructions from personnel on duty. Still, the domino effect from shutting down key highways during peak hours resulted in traffic chaos.

The two big Asean events – the Asean Summit in May and another one with Asean dialogue partners in October – will surely have the same effect on Klang Valley traffic, hence the proposal to allow for work from home (WFH) arrangements during both

The future workplace

Employees entering the workforce overwhelmingly prefer flexible working arrangements.



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occasions makes absolute sense.

But why do we do this only when we have important dignitaries in town?

WFH means fewer cars on the road. Less congestion and smoother traffic means you can get from point A to point B faster, increasing everyone's productivity.

This was evident during the pandemic but post-Covid-19, many employers have cut back on WFH and pushed for a return-to-office agenda for several reasons.

It should be noted that the WFH model dates back nearly three decades but was popularised and normalised by the pandemic just a few years ago. Covid-19 ensured that it became standard operating

procedure for millions of workplaces.

But where once remote and hybrid options were being talked of as the future of work, there has since been a reversal of this flexibility.

Across both the public and private sector in Malaysia, the return-to-office push has been gathering steam, but are in-office workers more engaged and productive? The results are inconclusive.

One man who has bucked the trend is Malaysian Aviation Group's (MAG) group managing director Datuk Captain Izham Ismail.

Under his stewardship, the group began piloting WFH arrangements from as early as August 2019, reflecting MAG's commitment to driving workplace flexibility.

This "Flexi Work Arrangement" allowed employees to choose their work location on Fridays (or Thursdays in certain states) to support productivity and work-life integration.

Subsequently, WFH was formally implemented across the

group in March 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, with the aim of safeguarding employee well-being while ensuring business continuity.

It was a bold move for Malaysia Airlines then but continuing with this hybrid work arrangement has been seamlessly integrated into the company.

"MAG has 13,000 employees, but at present, approximately 15% of our total workforce, comprising primarily office-based employees across the group, continue to adopt a hybrid working arrangement."

"Operational and frontline employees, including flight and ground crews, are required to be physically present at their respective workplaces to support essential services," said Captain Izham.

Should the civil service and the private sector take a leaf out of Malaysia Airlines? I believe that MAG's model strikes the right balance between ensuring control over staff and creating employee job satisfaction.

The airline has observed modest reductions in operational costs such as utilities and office

consumables, but the primary focus of implementing hybrid work arrangements has been employee well-being and business resilience.

"What's important is not where the team is, but how effectively we work together. We focus on empowering our people, cultivating a culture of trust, and ensuring everyone is clear on their roles and expected outcomes."

"Furthermore, the success of our collaborative efforts and individual contributions is anchored in clearly defined and measurable Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)."

"These KPIs allow us to track progress objectively, assess the impact of our work, and identify areas for improvement, ensuring that our activities, whether in person or virtual, directly contribute to the group's communication objectives," Captain Izham said.

We know that young people who are entering the workforce place a high value on a flexible working arrangement. A new LinkedIn survey shows that 60% of applications on the platform ask for remote or hybrid jobs.

Companies that provide this type of flexibility become more attractive to Gen Zs who are just starting their careers.

For conglomerates like MAG, the hybrid work arrangement is a valued benefit for prospective talents, enhancing the company's ability to attract and retain skilled professionals in a competitive job market.

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Climate change and freak weather

Experts: Warming planet behind big storms

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PETALING JAYA: Thunderstorms and heavy rainfall are normal during the inter-monsoon season but this time, the weather has been far more vicious.

Weather experts say climate change and a warming planet could be the reasons for these violent thunderstorms.

While the pattern is normal, the thunderstorms may be more extreme due to the influence of global warming and climate change, said climatologist Prof Dr Fredolin Tangang.

"Last year, the global mean temperature exceeded the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C threshold," he noted.

"With this kind of warming, we have more moisture in the air and, together with increasing heat, thunderstorms and heavy rainfalls can become stronger and more frequent."

He pointed out that with the country undergoing the inter-monsoon period between now and May, thunderstorms and heavy rainfall episodes are typical, especially in the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia, during this period.

"This can cause more flash floods," he added.



Dark skies: Malaysia is currently undergoing the inter-monsoon period until May. — SAMUEL ONG/The Star

Tangang, who is also an Academy of Sciences Malaysia Fellow, also noted that the Pacific region is at the Enso-neutral phase, meaning there are no anomalous conditions such as El Nino or La Nina.

"We don't expect any significant influence from the Pacific Ocean during the Enso-neutral phase," he said.

According to National Antarctica Research Centre climatologist

Prof Datuk Dr Azizan Abu Samah, heavy rainfall usually occurs along the west coast during pre-dawn.

He said the recent violent storms could be due to the formation of cumulonimbus clouds, which are driven to the coastal areas by the westerly wind in the early morning.

Azizan added, however, that it is difficult to say if the current weather in the country is out of

the ordinary despite the Pacific ocean being at the Enso-neutral phase.

On the increasing flash floods in the Klang Valley, he said this is also due to rapid urbanisation, which results in increased surface run-off.

Meanwhile, MetMalaysia has

issued a statement that the inter-monsoon phase started March 25, marking the end of the northeast monsoon period.

The inter-monsoon period, explained, usually brings sudden burst of winds and heavy showers during the late evening and night.

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14,179 calon SPM 2024 dapat semua A

Pencapaian sekolah harian kini setanding SBP, MRSM

PUTRAJAYA 21/4

Keputusan peperiksaan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) 2024 mencatatkan pencapaian terbaik sejak 2013 apabila seramai 14,179 calon atau 3.7 peratus memperoleh keputusan cemerlang gred A+, A dan A- dalam semua mata pelajaran.

Ketua Pengarah Pendidikan, Datuk Azman Adnan berkata, angka tersebut menunjukkan peningkatan sebanyak 0.6 peratus berbanding 11,713 calon pada 2023.

Ia sekali gus menunjukkan keputusan terbaik sejak Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia (KPM) memperkenalkan syarat wajib lulus bagi subjek Bahasa Melayu dan Sejarah pada tahun 2013.

"Bilangan calon mendapat sekurang-kurangnya kepujian atau gred C dalam semua mata pelajaran pada 2024 turut menunjukkan peningkatan 0.4 peratus iaitu seramai 86,040 berbanding 83,112 calon pada tahun sebelumnya," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian dalam sidang akhbar keputusan SPM 2024, di sini pada Khamis.

Menurutnya, seramai 136,791 calon (36.1 peratus) telah memperoleh sekurang-kurangnya lulus atau gred E dalam semua mata pelajaran yang diduduki pada tahun 2024 berbanding 131,489 calon atau 35.2 peratus pada tahun 2023.

"Angka ini menunjukkan peningkatan sebanyak 5,302 calon atau 0.9 peratus," kata beliau.

Ujar Azman, pencapaian se-

kolah harian kini juga amat membanggakan malah setanding Sekolah Berasrama Penuh (SBP) dan Maktab Rendah Sains Mara (MRSMA).

Jelasnya, faktor kejayaan itu berkait rapat dengan pemerkasaan guru melalui latihan berimpak tinggi selain pengukuhan pengurusan akademik sekolah serta pendekatan pemantauan berasaskan data.

"Intervensi seperti pelaksanaan Program Transformasi Sekolah 2025, latihan dalam komuniti, pembelajaran profesional dan pemantauan bimbingan daripada Pejabat Pendidikan Daerah (PPD) serta Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri (JPN) turut meningkatkan kompetensi guru serta kualiti pembelajaran di sekolah harian.

"Peningkatan ini secara tidak langsung membuktikan murid di semua kategori sekolah mampu mencapai kecemerlangan apabila mendapat sokongan dan persekitaran pembelajaran kondusif," katanya.

Beliau bagaimanapun tidak menjelaskan jumlah calon sekolah harian yang mendapat A dalam semua mata pelajaran.

Gred Purata

Azman berkata, indeks Gred Purata Kebangsaan (GPK) tahun 2024 pula adalah 4.49 mata berbanding 4.60 mata pada tahun 2023, iaitu mengecil sebanyak 0.11 mata.

Semakin rendah nilai GPK, semakin baik keputusan peperiksaan tersebut.

"Pada keseluruhannya pencapaian calon SPM 2024 adalah amat membanggakan berdasarkan indeks GPK yang semakin mengecil berbanding tahun-tahun lepas," katanya.

Menyentuh mengenai pencapaian calon di bandar dan luar bandar, Azman berkata,



Azman menunjukkan buku Laporan Analisis Keputusan Peperiksaan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia 2024 pada sidang akhbar di Putrajaya pada Khamis.

keputusan SPM 2024 juga menunjukkan peningkatan berbanding tahun sebelumnya.

Pencapaian calon di bandar meningkat sebanyak 0.11 mata iaitu 4.47 mata pada tahun 2024 berbanding 4.58 mata pada tahun 2023.

"Pencapaian calon di luar bandar juga meningkat sebanyak 0.09 mata iaitu 4.92 mata pada tahun 2024 berbanding 5.01 mata pada 2023.

"Perbezaan jurang pencapaian antara calon di bandar dan luar bandar pada tahun 2024 dan 2023 adalah kecil iaitu sebanyak 0.02 mata," katanya.

Bagi prestasi mata pelajaran, sebanyak 59 daripada 95 mata pelajaran telah menunjukkan peningkatan dan 30 subjek merekodkan penurunan.

"Dalam peperiksaan SPM

2024, enam daripada tujuh mata pelajaran teras menunjukkan peningkatan prestasi manakala mata pelajaran Pendidikan Moral menunjukkan penurunan prestasi sebanyak 0.07 mata Gred Purata Mata Pelajaran (GPMP) iaitu 4.73 berbanding tahun lalu, 4.66," katanya.

Bagi mata pelajaran elektif Sains, Teknologi, Kejuruteraan dan Matematik (STEM), Sains Tulen dan Matematik Tambahan, semua mata pelajaran telah menunjukkan peningkatan.

Mata pelajaran Kimia telah mencatatkan peningkatan prestasi yang tertinggi sebanyak 0.37 mata GPMP, iaitu 4.52 mata pada tahun 2024 berbanding 4.89 mata pada tahun sebelumnya.

Sementara itu, mata pelajaran elektif STEM iaitu Sains Gunaan dan Teknologi, se-

JUMLAH CALON DAPAT A DALAM SEMUA MATA PELAJARAN

TAHUN	JUMLAH
2005	4,779
2006	5,685
2007	6,247
2008	6,277
2009	7,987
2010	9,239
2011	15,079
2012	15,079
2013	13,970
2014	11,289
2015	9,721
2016	8,647
2017	Tiada data
2018	8,436
2019	8,876
2020	9,411
2021	9,696
2022	10,109
2023	11,713
2024	14,179

banyak 11 daripada 12 mata pelajaran telah menunjukkan peningkatan prestasi.

"Mata pelajaran Lukisan Kejuruteraan telah menunjukkan peningkatan prestasi tertinggi sebanyak 0.38 mata GPMP, iaitu 3.97 mata pada tahun 2024 berbanding 4.35 mata pada tahun 2023.

"Mata pelajaran Pengajian Kejuruteraan Mekanikal menunjukkan penurunan prestasi sebanyak 0.16 mata GPMP, iaitu 4.39 mata pada tahun 2024 berbanding tahun 2023, 4.23 mata," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Azman berkata seramai 355,933 calon iaitu 94 peratus layak diberikan sijil SPM pada tahun ini berbanding 349,297 calon pada tahun 2023.

"Angka ini menunjukkan peningkatan sebanyak 6,636 calon atau 0.5 peratus," katanya.

Calon SPM cemerlang meningkat di Selangor

Selangor tunjuk kemajuan positif dalam mutu akademik pelajar

Oleh **MOHD AZLIM ZAINURY**
SHAH ALAM 25/4

Keputusan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) 2024 yang diumumkan pada Khamis menunjukkan peningkatan memberangsangkan bagi Selangor, dengan pencapaian keseluruhan yang terus mengukuhkan kedudukan negeri ini sebagai antara yang terbaik di Malaysia.

Pengarah Pendidikan Selangor, Dr Jafri Abu berkata, Gred Purata Negeri (GPN) mencatatkan peningkatan kepada 4.59 berbanding 4.67 pada tahun sebelumnya, menunjukkan kemajuan yang positif dalam mutu akademik pelajar.

"Seramai 2,368 calon memperoleh keputusan semua A, iaitu peningkatan sebanyak 3.65 peratus," katanya pada Khamis.

Sementara itu di **PAHANG**, seramai 595 orang daripada 16,942 calon SPM 2024 memperoleh keputusan cemerlang dengan gred A, A dan A- dalam semua mata pelajaran yang diambil.

Di **JOHOR**, pencapaian calon SPM 2024 mencatat peningkatan apabila indeks GPN menunjukkan angka 4.36 berbanding 4.48 pada 2023.



Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari (kanan) bersama Jafri ketika Pengumuman Analisis Keputusan Peperiksaan SPM Tahun 2024 Negeri Selangor.



Peningkatan sebanyak 0.12 mata itu menjadikan pencapaian kali ini sebagai yang terbaik dalam tempoh lima tahun, bermula 2020 hingga 2024.

Di **KEDAH**, seramai 663 calon atau 2.68 peratus daripada 28,933 pelajar yang menduduki peperiksaan SPM 2024 berjaya memperoleh semua A.

Kedah turut mencatat peningkatan dalam pencapaian GPN dengan skor 4.64 bagi tahun ini, berbanding 4.77 pada tahun lalu.

Di **PERAK**, seramai 937 calon memperoleh keputusan semua A iaitu meningkat berbanding 772 calon pada tahun sebelumnya.

Jumlah itu mewakili 3.41 peratus daripada keseluruhan 27,459 calon yang menduduki peperiksaan itu.

Di **KELANTAN**, 436 calon memperoleh sekurang-kurang gred A- termasuk lapan calon meraih semua A dalam semua mata pelajaran.

Kejayaan turut menyinar dalam kalangan komuniti Orang Asli apabila 161 calon menduduki peperiksaan dan 124 daripadanya layak memperoleh sijil termasuk seorang calon cemerlang dengan 3A 4A 1A-.

Di **TERENGGANU**, 11 calon SPM 2024 berjaya memperoleh keputusan cemerlang tertinggi iaitu semua A dalam mata pelajaran diambil.

Jumlah itu menunjukkan peningkatan tiga calon berbanding lapan calon direkodkan pada 2023.

Dalam pada itu di **MELAKA**, daripada 18 sekolah yang mencatatkan keputusan 100 peratus layak menerima sijil di negeri ini, 10 daripadanya adalah sekolah aliran agama.

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Pencapaian terbaik dalam 11 tahun

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- 14,179 calon SPM 2024 dapat semua A
- 94 peratus calon layak dapat sijil

PUTRAJAYA – Seramai 14,179 daripada 402,918 calon peperiksaan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) 2024 berjaya memperoleh keputusan cemerlang dengan gred A+, A dan A- dalam semua mata pelajaran berbanding 11,713 calon pada 2023.

Selain itu, pencapaian SPM 2024 juga disifatkan sebagai keputusan terbaik direkodkan pelajar sejak syarat wajib lulus subjek bahasa Melayu dan Sejarah diperkenalkan pada 2013.

Ketua Pengarah Pendidikan Malaysia, Datuk Azman Adnan berkata, secara keseluruhan, pencapaian SPM 2024 adalah baik dengan mencatatkan nilai Gred Purata Kebangsaan (GPK) sebanyak 4.49 mata.

Katanya, jumlah GPK itu telah mengecil sebanyak 0.11 mata berbanding 4.60 mata yang direkodkan pada 2023.

"Bilangan calon yang memperoleh keputusan cemerlang (Gred A+, A dan A-) dalam semua mata pelajaran meningkat daripada 11,713 calon pada 2023 kepada 14,179 calon pada tahun 2024 iaitu peningkatan seramai 2,466 calon.

"Selain itu, bilangan calon memperoleh sekurang-kurangnya kepujian atau gred C dalam semua mata pelajaran ialah seramai 86,040 calon berbanding 83,112 calon pada 2023," katanya pada Majlis Pengumuman Analisis Keputusan Peperiksaan SPM 2024 di sini semalam.

Sementara itu, seramai 136,791 calon memperoleh sekurang-kurangnya lulus atau gred E dalam semua mata pelajaran yang diduduki pada tahun 2024 berbanding 131,489 calon pada



AZMAN menunjukkan buku Laporan Analisis Keputusan Peperiksaan SPM 2024 di Putrajaya semalam.

2023.

Pada masa sama, sejumlah 355,933 calon atau 94 peratus layak diberikan sijil SPM pada tahun 2024 dengan menunjukkan peningkatan sebanyak 6,636 berbanding 2023.

"Peningkatan ini merupakan pencapaian terbaik sejak syarat pensijilan diperkenalkan pada 2013 yang mana calon wajib lulus dua mata pelajaran bahasa Melayu dan Sejarah untuk layak diberikan sijil SPM," ujarnya.

Menurut Azman, secara keseluruhannya, sebanyak 59 daripada 95 mata pelajaran menunjukkan peningkatan prestasi selain 30 mata pelajaran menunjukkan penurunan, manakala satu mata pelajaran mengekalkan prestasinya berbanding SPM 2023.

"Enam daripada tujuh mata pelajaran teras menunjukkan peningkatan prestasi, manakala Pendidikan Moral menunjukkan penurunan prestasi.

"Bagi mata pelajaran elektif Sains, Teknologi, Kejuruteraan dan Matematik (STEM) selain Sains Tulen dan Matematik Tambahan, semua mata pelajaran menunjukkan peningkatan prestasi," kata beliau.

Dalam pada itu, calon SPM 2024 di negeri terjejas banjir seperti Kelantan, Terengganu dan Kedah berjaya merekodkan keputusan terbaik.

"Pencapaian calon negeri banjir tidak memberi kesan, malah menunjukkan peningkatan signifikan, iaitu bertambah baik dari tahun sebelumnya," katanya.

KOSMO

Tarikh: 25 APR 2025

1,160 mangsa banjir di 2 daerah di Selangor HM 25/4

Sungai Buloh: Seramai 1,160 individu menjadi mangsa banjir di dua daerah di Selangor susulan cuaca buruk awal pagi kelmarin.

Setakat semalam, statistik Agensi Pengurusan Bencana Negara (Nadma) melaporkan, lima Pusat Pemindahan Sementara (PPS) dibuka iaitu empat di Petaling dan satu dalam Daerah Kuala Selangor.

Sebanyak 163 keluarga dilaporkan terjejas akibat banjir di dalam Daerah Petaling membabitkan seramai 552 mangsa.

Daerah Kuala Selangor pula mencatat 608 mangsa membabitkan 143 keluarga terjejas akibat bencana itu sejak semalam.

Dalam perkembangan lain, tiga batang sungai di

Selangor diletakkan pada tahap waspada membabitkan Sungai Selangor iaitu di daerah Kuala Selangor dan Gombak serta di Sungai Langat sekitar bukit Changgang.

Terdahulu Harian Metro melaporkan, 86 rumah di sekitar Kampung Paya Jaras Hilir, di sini ditenggelami air susulan hujan lebat selama beberapa jam awal pagi kelmarin.

Lima daerah di Selangor dilaporkan dilanda banjir susulan hujan tanpa henti yang berlaku sejak 1 pagi.

Pengarah Angkatan Pertahanan Awam Malaysia (APM) Selangor, Ghazali Abd Rahman berkata, antara daerah terjejas adalah daerah Petaling, Klang, Sepang, Hulu Langat dan Gombak.

HARIAN METRO

Tarikh: 25 APR 2025

SIJIL PELAJARAN MALAYSIA (SPM) 2024

14,179 lulus cemerlang

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Putrajaya

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Keputusan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) 2024 mencatatkan pencapaian lebih baik dengan Gred Purata Kebangsaan (GPK) 4.49, berbanding 4.60 pada 2023.

Ketua Pengarah Pelajaran, Datuk Azman Adnan berkata, seramai 14,179 calon memperoleh keputusan cemerlang iaitu Gred A+, A dan A- bagi semua mata pelajaran pada 2024, dibandingkan dengan 11,713 calon pada 2023, se-

kali gus mencatatkan peningkatan.

Katanya, bilangan calon mendapat sekurang-kurangnya kepujian atau Gred C dalam semua mata pelajaran pada 2024, turut menunjukkan peningkatan, iaitu seramai 86,040 calon, berbanding 83,112 calon pada 2023.

"Seramai 136,791 calon (36.1 peratus) sekurang-kurangnya lulus atau Gred E bagi semua mata pelajaran pada keputusan SPM 2024, iaitu peningkatan sebanyak 5,302 calon (0.9 peratus), berbanding 131,489 calon atau 35.2 peratus pada 2023.

"Tahun ini peratus calon layak menerima sijil SPM adalah seramai 355,933 ca-

lon bersamaan 94.0 peratus berbanding 349,297 calon atau 93.5 peratus pada 2023.

"Peningkatan ini adalah pencapaian terbaik sejak syarat pensijilan bermula 2013 diperkenalkan di mana calon wajib lulus mata pelajaran Bahasa Melayu dan Sejarah untuk layak diberikan sijil SPM," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media Pengumuman Keputusan Peperiksaan SPM 2024 di Kementerian Pendidikan (KPM) di sini, semalam.

Seramai 402,956 calon menduduki SPM 2024, berbanding 373,525 pada 2023.

Adnan berkata, pencapaian SPM 2024 antara ban-

dar dan luar bandar menunjukkan peningkatan, perbezaan jurang pencapaian calon antara calon bandar dengan luar bandar pada SPM 2024 dan 2023 adalah kecil pada 0.02 mata.

Sementara itu, calon SPM 2024 boleh memperoleh keputusan peperiksaan daripada sekolah masing-masing bermula jam 10 pagi semalam.

Malah, calon sekolah dan persendirian boleh membuat semakan secara dalam talian di myresultspm.moe.gov.my atau melalui khidmat pesanan ringkas (SMS).

Sistem terbabit diaktifkan sehingga jam 6 petang 30 April ini.

HARIAN METRO

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LZS kutip zakat RM1.22b pada 2024, tertinggi dalam sejarah

RM 1.22b

Shah Alam: Lembaga Zakat Selangor (LZS) semalam mengumumkan pencapaian positif pada tahun 2024 apabila mencatat kutipan zakat tertinggi dalam sejarah penubuhan iaitu mencecah RM1.22 bilion.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif LZS Mohd Khaidzir Shahari berkata daripada jumlah itu, RM1.19 bilion telah diagihkan kepada lebih 370,000 penerima zakat asnaf di seluruh Selangor.

"Sepanjang tahun 2024,

LZS menyalurkan zakat kepada lapan kategori asnaf iaitu peningkatan tiga peratus berbanding tahun sebelumnya iaitu RM1.15 bilion.

"Daripada jumlah ini, kategori asnaf fakir dan miskin menerima agihan tertinggi berjumlah RM707 juta, iaitu 60 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan agihan zakat, yang mencerminkan fokus berterusan LZS terhadap kelompok paling memerlukan di Se-

langor," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media pengumuman prestasi kutipan dan agihan zakat di Menara Zakat Sultan Idris Shah di sini semalam, yang turut dihadiri Pengerusi LZS Tan

Mohd Khaidzir berkata agihan zakat sepanjang 2024 menyantuni lebih

77,800 keluarga fakir dan miskin, peningkatan 19 peratus berbanding tahun 2023.

Beliau berkata zakat pendapatan kekal sebagai penyumbang utama mengikut jenis zakat berjumlah RM712 juta atau 58 peratus

daripada keseluruhan kutipan, diikuti zakat perniagaan

(RM199 juta), zakat simpanan (RM130 juta), zakat harta (RM70 juta) dan zakat fitrah (RM41 juta).

"Potongan gaji terus menjadi saluran pembayaran tertinggi dengan kutipan RM546 juta (45 peratus), manakala saluran debit terus mencatatkan pertumbuhan tertinggi antara semua saluran kutipan, dengan peningkatan 60 peratus tahun ke tahun, berjumlah RM1.4 juta.

"Lonjakan ini menggam-

barkan kesediaan pembayar zakat untuk beralih kepada kaedah yang lebih konsisten dan mudah," katanya.

Selain itu, Mohd Khaidzir berkata daripada jumlah keseluruhan agihan zakat, RM780 juta disalurkan untuk pembangunan sosial termasuk bantuan kewangan bulanan, sewaan rumah, pembinaan dan baik pulih kediaman serta rawatan perubatan kritikal dan dialisis.

Potongan gaji terus menjadi saluran pembayaran tertinggi

HARIAN METRO
Tarikh: 25 APR 2025

Pencapaian terbaik sejak 11 tahun

Analisis keputusan
tunjukkan GPK
4.49 berbanding
4.60 pada 2023

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Putrajaya: Keputusan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) 2024 mencatatkan pencapaian terbaik sejak 11 tahun lalu berdasarkan pencapaian calon secara keseluruhan, prestasi mata pelajaran dan peratusan keseluruhan calon yang layak menerima sijil.

Analisis Keputusan SPM 2024 juga menunjukkan Gred Purata Kebangsaan (GPK) 4.49 berbanding 4.60 pada 2023.

Bilangan calon yang memperoleh keputusan cemerlang, iaitu Gred A+, A dan A- dalam semua mata pelajaran pada 2024 meningkat kepada 14,179 atau 3.7 peratus, berbanding 11,713 calon pada 2023.

Ketua Pengarah Pendidikan, Datuk Azman Adnan, berkata jumlah calon mendapat sekurang-kurangnya kepujian atau Gred C dalam semua mata pelajaran pada 2024, turut meningkat iaitu 86,040 calon berbanding 83,112 calon pada 2023.

"Keseluruhan pencapaian calon SPM 2024 adalah sangat membanggakan. Ia adalah keputusan SPM terbaik sejak 2013 apabila kita memperkenalkan syarat wajib lulus dua mata pelajaran, iaitu Bahasa Melayu dan Sejarah."

"Ia dapat dilihat berdasarkan GPK yang semakin mengesal berbanding beberapa tahun kebelakangan ini. GPK 2024 adalah 4.49, manakala 2023 (4.60), 2022 (4.74) dan 2021 (4.86)," katanya pada sidang media pengumuman analisis keputusan SPM 2024 di Kementerian Pendidikan (KPM), di sini, semalam.

Tahun ini peratus calon layak menerima sijil SPM adalah seramai 355,933 calon bersamaan 94 peratus berbanding 349,297 calon atau 93.5 peratus pada 2023.

Seterusnya bagi gred purata mengikut lokasi, Azman berkata, pencapaian SPM 2024 turut mencatat pencapaian memberangsangkan dengan calon di bandar menunjukkan peningkatan lebih baik berbanding calon luar bandar.

Katanya, gred purata calon bandar meningkat sebanyak 0.11 mata, manakala calon luar bandar meningkat 0.09 mata.

Perbezaan jurang pencapaian antara calon bandar dengan luar bandar bagi SPM 2024 juga adalah kecil, iaitu 0.02 mata.

Menyentuh analisis berkaitan



Fadhilina meraikan kegembiraan bersama calon peperiksaan SPM 2024 selepas memperoleh keputusan cemerlang di SMK Convent (M) Kajang, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

pencapaian 95 mata pelajaran ditawarkan dalam SPM 2024 pula, beliau berkata, 59 daripadanya merekodkan prestasi lebih baik.

"Daripada keseluruhan 95 mata pelajaran (ditawarkan) dalam SPM 2024, sebanyak 59 menunjukkan peningkatan prestasi, 30 (menurun), satu mata pelajaran kekal (prestasi), manakala lima lagi adalah subjek baharu yang diperkenalkan pada tahun lalu."

"Daripada tujuh subjek teras, termasuk Bahasa Inggeris, Bahasa Melayu, Sains, Matematik, Sejarah dan Pendidikan Islam, hanya Pendidikan Moral menunjukkan penurunan prestasi yang tidak signifikan membabitkan sebanyak 0.07 mata."

"Mata pelajaran Bahasa Inggeris mencatat peningkatan prestasi tertinggi, iaitu sebanyak 0.19 mata, manakala Bahasa Melayu menunjukkan prestasi terbaik dengan Gred Purata Mata Pelajaran (GPMP) 3.72," katanya.

Seramai 402,918 calon berdaftar peperiksaan SPM 2024, meningkat sebanyak 1.7 peratus atau 6,994 orang berbanding SPM 2023.

Daripada keseluruhan jumlah calon itu, seramai 386,714 adalah calon baharu yang mendaftar sekurang-kurangnya enam mata pelajaran dengan 344,919 daripada mereka adalah calon sekolah KPM.

Bukti kualiti bertambah baik
Sementara itu, Menteri Pendidikan, Fadhlina Sidek, berkata keputusan antara yang terbaik dalam sejarah itu membuktikan kualiti pendidikan di Malaysia bertambah tinggi.

Justeru katanya, KPM akan terus mengambil langkah penting



Azman pada sidang media pengumuman analisis keputusan SPM 2024 di Putrajaya, semalam. (Foto Mohd Fadli Hamzah/BH)

seperti yang dilaksanakan sebelum ini, khususnya berkaitan segmen yang menyumbang kepada peningkatan prestasi itu, bagi menambah baik keputusan SPM pada masa akan datang.

Fadhilina berkata, antara segmen yang akan terus diberikan tumpuan adalah kehadiran calon peperiksaan dan merapatkan lagi jurang keputusan antara bandar serta luar bandar.

"Kehadiran ini antara yang cukup signifikan. Intervensi yang kita lakukan sedikit sebanyak dapat mengurangkan (ketidakhadiran), begitu juga jurang (keputusan) dapat dilihat secara signifikan dan kita akan teruskan."

"Tahun lalu, kita juga mengambil langkah intervensi untuk memastikan kelulusan terus me-

ingkat untuk anak-anak ini layak mendapat sijil bagi dua subjek, iaitu Bahasa Melayu dan Sejarah."

"Kita berjaya pada tahun ini, maknanya yang layak mendapat sijil juga meningkat, maka sebab itu saya fikir ada banyak segmen untuk ditambah baik dan kita ambil serius perkara ini bagi memastikan keputusan akan datang lebih baik," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas merayakan calon SPM di Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Convent (M) Kajang di sini, semalam.

Fadhilina berharap peningkatan prestasi SPM itu akan memberi semangat kepada guru untuk terus menguasai dan mem-

berikan tumpuan kepada kualiti pelajaran dalam kelas, selain tumpuan kepada segmen yang perlu ditambah baik.

Beliau juga meminta semua calon, walau apa pun keputusan yang diperoleh untuk menyambung pelajaran ke peringkat yang lebih tinggi.

Berhubung saranan KPM supaya majlis pengumuman dan penyerahan slip keputusan SPM di peringkat sekolah perlu membabitkan semua calon yang mengambil peperiksaan, bukan sebahagian kecil calon yang memperoleh keputusan cemerlang saja, Fadhlina berkata, apa saja keputusan calon menyumbang kepada gred purata sekolah, negeri dan daerah.

"Mereka sudah pun berusaha untuk mendapat keputusan masing-masing dan ada sumbangan kepada kelayakan, kepujian, kelulusan dan kejayaan cemerlang," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan lain, beliau berkata, cadangan untuk memperkenalkan bahasa ASEAN, termasuk Thai, Khmer dan Vietnam ke dalam sistem pendidikan hanyalah sebagai alternatif atau elektif, sebagaimana bahasa lain yang sudah diperkenalkan di peringkat sekolah sebelum ini.

Justeru, katanya, tidak timbul isu ia akan mengeneipkan mana-mana bahasa lain yang dituturkan di negara ini seperti Tamil dan Mandarin.

"Bahasa asing ini sudah pun berada di peringkat sekolah. Semua bahasa ini diperkenalkan secara elektif, ada Bahasa Jerman, Perancis dan pelbagai bahasa lagi, jadi tidak timbul soal kita mengeneipkan mana-mana bahasa," katanya.

Tamatkan buli, budaya keganasan di institusi pendidikan



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Buli dan keganasan tidak ada tempat di sekolah, universiti dan institusi pembelajaran kita. Institusi pendidikan harus menjadi tempat perlindungan, pertumbuhan sabbiah, pengetahuan dan keterangkuman, yang mana pelajar dipupuk dan diasuh untuk mencapai potensi penuh mereka dalam persekitaran selamat untuk membina karisma diri.

Segala bentuk buli dan keganasan perlu dikutuk dan ditentang di samping mengambil tindakan tegas terhadap pelaku bagi menghapuskan tingkah laku berbahaya ini dalam sistem pendidikan kita.

Buli, sama ada secara fizikal, lisan, emosi atau siber, mempunyai kesan buruk terhadap kesejahteraan mental dan fizikal mangsa. Ia menyumbang kepada kebimbangan, kemurungan, prestasi akademik lemah dan dalam kes lebih teruk, sampai ke tahap mencederakan diri sendiri atau membunuh diri.

Selain itu, buli hanya memupuk budaya keganasan yang menormalisasikan pencerobohan dan mengurangkan rasa hormat terhadap orang lain. Budaya ini bukan sahaja memudaratkan individu tetapi mengakis nilai empati dan persefahaman bersama untuk masyarakat yang sihat.

Bagi menghapuskan buli dan mencegah budaya keganasan, langkah berikut wajar direnungi untuk dilaksanakan:

- Menguatkuasakan dasar toleransi sifar
- Institusi pendidikan mesti menerima pakai dan menguatkuasakan dengan tegas dasar antibuli yang komprehensif. Dasar ini harus mentakrifkan

dengan jelas buli dan akibatnya sambil menggariskan tanggungjawab pelajar, kakitangan dan ibu bapa mengekalkan persekitaran selamat.

- Memperkasakan pelajar dengan kesedaran dan latihan

Ia menggabungkan pendidikan antibuli ke dalam kurikulum sekolah untuk membantu pelajar mengenali dan melaporkan buli. Program ini harus menekankan empati, rasa hormat dan kemahiran penyelesaian konflik serta melengkapkan pelajar membina hubungan positif.

- Memperkukuh sistem pelaporan dan sokongan

Ia bermaksud mewujudkan saluran selamat, boleh diakses dan tanpa mendedahkan nama untuk melaporkan insiden buli. Setiap institusi harus mempunyai kaunselor terlatih untuk menyokong mangsa dan memulihkan diri daripada pencerobohan peribadi mereka. Siasatan cepat dan adil terhadap insiden dilaporkan adalah penting untuk memulihkan kepercayaan.

- Latih pendidik menjadi proaktif
- Guru dan kakitangan memainkan peranan pen-

ting mengenal pasti dan menangani buli. Institusi harus menyediakan latihan tetap untuk pendidik bagi mengesan tanda awal buli, campur tangan dengan berkesan dan memupuk kewujudan bilik darjah inklusif.

- Membabitkan ibu bapa dan masyarakat
- Memerangi buli memerlukan kerjasama. Sekolah harus membabitkan ibu bapa dan pemimpin masyarakat secara aktif melalui bengkel dan kempen kesedaran, yang mana dapat memperkasakan mereka memperkukuh nilai anti buli di rumah dan dalam masyarakat.

- Galakkan contoh teladan dan kepemimpinan positif

Pelajar perlu digalak dan didorong mengambil peranan dalam kepemimpinan tatkala mempromosikan kebaikan dan rasa hormat sebagai pemangkin mewujudkan budaya positif di sekolah. Inisiatif diterajui rakan sebaya, program mentor dan pengiktirafan tingkah laku positif boleh menetapkan norma sosial baharu.

Menangani buli ialah langkah pertama ke arah merungkai budaya keganasan lebih luas. Kita mesti komited memupuk ruang pendidikan yang mana setiap individu dihormati, perbezaan diraikan dan konflik diselesaikan secara aman. Dengan menerapkan nilai ini lebih awal, kita boleh memupuk generasi menolak keganasan dan menerima belas kasihan.

Sekarang adalah masanya untuk bertindak. Pendidik, ibu bapa, penggubal dasar dan pelajar perlu bersatu mewujudkan persekitaran pendidikan selamat, hormat-menghormati dan inklusif.

Kita boleh menghentikan buli dan membina asas untuk budaya keamanan serta persefahaman akan memberi manfaat kepada masyarakat dan generasi datang.

“Menangani buli
ialah langkah pertama
ke arah merungkai
budaya keganasan
lebih luas”

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Trend makan berat lewat malam membimbangkan

Tindakan boleh beri kesan negatif kepada diri, tingkat risiko penyakit jantung

Putrajaya: Dapatan tinjauan Kebangsaan Kesihatan dan Morbiditi (NHMS) 2024 menunjukkan trend pengambilan makanan berat pada lewat malam dalam kalangan rakyat Malaysia membimbangkan.

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, berkata dapatan utama tinjauan itu mendapati 41.8 peratus remaja

dan 33.5 peratus dewasa mengamalkan pengambilan makanan berat lewat malam sekurang-kurangnya sekali seminggu.

Sehubungan itu, beliau menyarankan supaya orang ramai mengurangkan pengambilan makanan berat lewat malam atau makan dalam kadar sederhana kerana aktiviti itu memberi kesan negatif kepada diri.

"Sebelum tidur, kurangkan makanan berat lewat malam bukan tidak boleh tapi sentiasa bersederhana," katanya kepada pemberita selepas melancarkan NHMS 2024: Pemakanan di sini semalam.

Berdasarkan NHMS 2024, makan lewat malam boleh memberi kesan negatif kepada gangguan kualiti tidur, masalah pencernaan dan peningkatan risiko penyakit jantung.

NHMS 2024: Pemakanan ialah kajian berasaskan populasi berskala nasional yang dijalankan secara berkala oleh KKM dengan bertumpu kepada aspek pemakanan bagi menilai corak pemakanan dan status nutrisi rakyat Malaysia merentas pelbagai kumpulan umur.

Seramai 5,147 responden mengambil bahagian dalam tinjauan yang dijalankan dari Julai hingga September 2024.

Ambil gula berlebihan

Sementara itu, Dr Dzulkefly berkata, dapatan utama lain ialah 63.1 peratus remaja dan 47.0 peratus dewasa mengambil gula melebihi saranan pemakanan, dengan hampir separuh daripada jumlah itu berpunca daripada pengambilan minuman bergula.

Bagi garam pula, 75.9 per-



Dr Dzulkefly melawat reruai pameran selepas melancarkan NHMS 2024: Pemakanan di Putrajaya, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

tus populasi dewasa mengambil garam melebihi 2,000 miligram sehari, iaitu bersamaan lebih 12 sudu teh.

"Semua diseru membudayakan hidup sihat, aktif, corak pemakanan dan kaedah masak yang baik, kerana diet bermula dengan masakan yang bagus.

"Jalani saringan pemakanan dan kesihatan percuma, termasuk di Wellness Hub Kementerian Kesihatan," katanya.

Sementara itu, Dr Dzulkefly berkata, KKM sudah mendapat persetujuan untuk menaikkan

Elaun Tugas Atas Panggilan (ETAP) bagi petugas kesihatan dan pengumuman lanjut mengenai akan dibuat.

Beliau berkata, aspek keajikan petugas kesihatan sentiasa diperjuangkan dan menjadi keutamaan baginya sepanjang mengemudi KKM.

"Kenaikan *active allowance* atau ETAP itu telahpun kita dapat persetujuan. Cuma untuk mengumumkan jumlahnya itu, saya diminta untuk tunggu pengumuman," katanya.

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Kerajaan pastikan masa depan anak Malaysia lebih cerah - PM

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PETALING JAYA: Kerajaan Madani sentiasa bekerja kuat membantu anak-anak Malaysia melalui sistem pendidikan tinggi berkualiti selain inisiatif Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional (TVET) yang membuka laluan alternatif ke arah masa depan yang lebih cerah.

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim merakamkan ucapan tahniah kepada semua lepasan SPM yang meraih keputusan cemerlang pada hari ini.

Beliau turut menitipkan pesan supaya pelajar-pelajar itu meneruskan usaha dan tekad kalian untuk menuntut ilmu ke peringkat lebih tinggi.

"Bagi yang kurang bernasib baik, usah berputus asa. Kerajaan Madani sentiasa bekerja kuat membantu anak-anak Malaysia."

"Ini melalui sistem Pendidikan Tinggi yang berkualiti selain inisiatif Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional (TVET) yang membuka laluan alternatif ke arah masa depan yang lebih cerah," katanya menerusi hantaran di media sosial, semalam.

Bercakap mengenai pelantikan Tun Ramli Ngah Taib sebagai Yang Dipertua Pulau Pinang, Anwar berharap pengalaman yang ada pada Tun Ramli akan dimanfaatkan oleh rakyat terutama di Pulau Pinang.



ANWAR Ibrahim melawat gerai makanan pada Majlis Sambutan Aidilfitri Kastam di Ibu Pejabat Kastam, Putrajaya, semalam. - UTUSAN/FAIZ ALIF ZUBIR

"Tahniah saya ucapkan kepada Tun Ramli Ngah Taib di atas pelantikan ini dengan doa semoga khidmat dan pengalaman panjang Tun dihargai serta dimanfaatkan rakyat terutamanya rakyat Pulau Pinang," katanya menerusi hantaran di media sosial, semalam.

Terdahulu dalam Majlis Sambutan Aidilfitri Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia (JKDM) di Putrajaya semalam, Anwar turut mengulas mengenai laporan IMF yang menurunkan unjuran pertumbuhan KDNK sebenar Malaysia bagi 2025.

Anwar berkata, kerajaan akan meneliti unjuran pertumbuhan

Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) sebenar Malaysia bagi 2025 dikeluarkan Tabung Kewangan Antarabangsa (IMF).

Katanya, beliau juga akan membuat pengumuman dan memberikan kenyataan penuh berhubung perkara itu menerusi Sidang Khas Parlimen pada 5 Mei depan.

Sementara itu, Setiausaha Akhbar Kanan Perdana Menteri, Tunku Nashrul Abaidah berkata, siasatan berhubung kesilapan memaparkan Jalur Gemilang yang tidak lengkap melibatkan tiga pihak termasuk Kementerian Pendidikan akan dilakukan secara adil dan

pa layanan dua darjat.

Tunku Nashrul berkata, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim menzahirkan kegusaran terhadap beberapa insiden melibatkan bendera rasmi negara itu.

"Kesilapan ini dipercayai berpunca daripada penggunaan teknologi kecerdasan buatan (AI) untuk menghasilkan imej tersebut."

"Sama ada sengaja atau pun tidak, ia tetap menyentuh sensitiviti nasional yang tidak boleh dipandang ringan," katanya menerusi taklimat harian Pejabat Perdana Menteri (PMO) yang disiarkan secara langsung, semalam.

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39.1 juta warga asing masuk Malaysia sepanjang 2024

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PETALING JAYA: Kemasukan warga asing ke negara ini mencecah seramai 39.1 juta orang sepanjang tahun lalu.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Imigresen, Datuk Zakaria Shaaban berkata, menerusi rekod pihaknya itu, jumlah tersebut meningkat ketara berbanding tahun 2023 iaitu seramai 30.5 juta warga asing.

"Dalam tempoh itu, warga asing Singapura direkodkan paling ramai memasuki negara ini," katanya ketika dihubungi *Utusan Malaysia* di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, seramai 95,150 orang tahanan pendatang asing tanpa izin (PATI) disenarai hitam memasuki negara ini dan dipindahkan semula ke negara asal mereka bagi tempoh tiga



Kesemua individu yang dihantar pulang ini telah disenarai hitam dalam sistem JIM dan tidak dibenarkan memasuki semula Malaysia."

ZAKARIA SHAABAN

tahun ini sehingga Mac lalu.

Jelasnya, berdasarkan statistik bagi tahun 2023 seramai

38,978 orang tahanan telah dipindahkan semula ke negara asal.

Ujarnya lagi, manakala bagi tahun 2024, seramai 45,909 orang tahanan dipindahkan dan setakat 16 Mac lalu, seramai 10,263 orang tahanan dipindahkan semula ke negara asal.

"Kesemua individu yang dihantar pulang ini telah disenarai hitam dalam sistem JIM dan tidak dibenarkan memasuki semula Malaysia mengikut tempoh yang ditetapkan.

"Sementara itu, melalui Program Repatriasi Migran, bermula pada 1 Mac 2024 hingga 31 Disember 2024, jumlah mendafatar seramai 246,732 orang warga asing yang membabitkan sebanyak 115 negara," katanya.

Zakaria berkata, daripada jumlah itu, sehingga 23 Mac lalu, seramai 225,024 orang pulang ke negara asal mereka.

"Jumlah kutipan bagi program ini adalah sebanyak RM118,105," katanya.

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Dolar Amerika Syarikat jatuh 'bebanan' kepada ekonomi dunia

DOLAR Amerika Syarikat (AS) selama ini berfungsi sebagai simbol kestabilan dan perlindungan dalam sistem kewangan antarabangsa. Ia menjadi mata wang rizab utama dunia kerana tahap keyakinan pelabur terhadap kekuatan ekonomi dan kestabilan dasar AS. Namun, perkembangan terkini menggambarkan gambaran yang jauh berbeza dan membimbangkan.

Sejak mencatatkan paras tertinggi pada pertengahan Januari, nilai dolar jatuh lebih daripada sembilan peratus berbanding sekumpulan mata wang utama global.

Lebih merisaukan, hampir separuh daripada kejatuhan tersebut berlaku hanya sejak 1 April, satu tempoh yang juga menyaksikan kenaikan hasil bon Perbendaharaan AS untuk tempoh 10 tahun sebanyak 0.2 mata peratusan.

Kebiasaannya, apabila hasil bon meningkat, ia menunjukkan daya tarikan pelaburan terhadap aset AS. Namun dalam kes ini, walaupun nilai meningkat, dolar tetap jatuh. Ia petanda luar biasa dan menjadi isyarat awal pelabur antarabangsa semakin hilang keyakinan terhadap pasaran dan ekonomi negara itu.

Salah satu faktor yang menyumbang tekanan ke atas dolar ialah dasar perdagangan proteksionis yang diperkenalkan semasa pentadbiran Presiden Donald Trump, khususnya pelaksanaan tarif ke atas import daripada China dan beberapa negara lain. Walaupun matlamat utama tarif ini untuk melindungi industri domestik namun, kesan jangka panjangnya adalah peningkatan kos pengeluaran dan ketidakpastian dalam rantaian bekalan global. Tarif yang tinggi menyebabkan barangan import menjadi lebih mahal dan negara-negara terjejas pula mengambil langkah balas seperti mengenakan tarif terhadap produk AS.

Kesan langsung daripada perang perdagangan ini ialah gangguan keyakinan pelabur antarabangsa terhadap AS sebagai rakan dagang yang stabil. Dalam jangka panjang, ia melemahkan permintaan terhadap dolar kerana para pelabur dan bank pusat asing



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mula mempelbagaikan rizab mereka kepada mata wang lain, termasuk euro, yuan dan emas.

Tambahan pula, ketegangan perdagangan turut memberi tekanan kepada ekonomi global, seterusnya mengurangkan selera risiko pelabur terhadap aset dalam denominasi dolar.

Ketidaktentuan terhadap dolar AS berpunca daripada beberapa isu asas yang semakin membimbangkan pelabur global, terutamanya berkaitan kewangan dan politik dalaman negara itu.

Pertama sekali, hutang negara itu terus melonjak, melebihi AS\$34 trilion (RM150 trilion) dan defisit bajet tahunan juga semakin melebar. Ini bermakna kerajaan AS membelanjakan jauh lebih banyak berbanding pendapatannya. Pelabur mula risau, sampai bila negara itu boleh menampung beban hutang yang semakin membesar?

Lebih memburukkan keadaan, terdapat krisis politik berulang berkaitan had siling hutang, iaitu had maksimum kerajaan AS boleh berhutang. Ketidakstabilan seperti ini menjejaskan keyakinan pelabur antarabangsa sehingga mendorong pelabur asing menjual bon-bon kerajaan AS, yang selama ini dianggap antara aset paling selamat di dunia. Maknanya, bila pelabur menjual bon, mereka juga menjual dolar.

Dalam masa yang sama, Rizab Persekutuan (Fed) yang selama ini menaikkan kadar faedah bagi mengekang inflasi, kini dilihat berada dalam dilema. Jika kadar faedah dinaikkan terlalu tinggi, ia boleh memperlambatkan pertumbuhan ekonomi negara. Jika tidak dinaikkan pula, inflasi boleh menjadi tidak terkawal. Akibatnya, pasaran tidak lagi yakin Fed akan terus menaikkan kadar faedah dengan konsisten dan ini melemahkan tarikan pelaburan ke AS.

Krisis dolar boleh berlaku apabila pelabur mula hilang keyakinan dan secara besar-besaran menjual aset-aset



EKONOMI Malaysia terjejas ekorani krisis dolar yang sedang dihadapi di Amerika Syarikat (AS).

yang menggunakan dolar AS. Jika keadaan ini berterusan, nilai dolar boleh merosot dengan cepat. Ini akan menyebabkan harga barangan import ke AS meningkat kerana nilai mata wangnya menjadi lemah, sekali gus mendorong inflasi dalam negara.

Lebih daripada itu, kejatuhan dolar boleh menggugat kepercayaan terhadap keseluruhan sistem kewangan global kerana banyak negara masih menyimpan dolar sebagai mata wang rizab utama. Ketidaktentuan ini akan memberi kesan besar kepada negara-negara membangun, termasuk di rantau ASEAN dan China. Pelabur mungkin akan menarik balik modal secara tergesa-gesa, menyebabkan kadar pertukaran mata wang menjadi tidak stabil dan menimbulkan tekanan besar kepada pasaran kewangan serantau.

IMPLIKASI DUNIA

Krisis dolar bukan sahaja menggoncang sistem kewangan global, tetapi juga memberikan kesan langsung kepada negara-negara membangun, khususnya di rantau ASEAN yang amat bergantung kepada perdagangan antarabangsa dan pelaburan asing.

Malaysia, Indonesia dan Filipina berada dalam kedudukan yang agak

teredah kerana sebahagian besar hutang luar dan transaksi perdagangan mereka adalah dalam mata wang asing, terutamanya dolar AS.

Apabila dolar mengalami kejatuhan nilai secara mendadak, kesan pantas yang akan dirasakan ialah penyusutan nilai mata wang tempatan.

Dalam konteks Malaysia, ringgit mungkin akan melemah berbanding mata wang lain kerana pelabur asing menarik keluar modal bagi mengelakkan risiko kadar tukaran. Ringgit yang lemah akan menyebabkan kos import meningkat. Ini secara langsung akan mendorong kenaikan harga barangan dan menambah tekanan inflasi domestik.

Lebih membimbangkan, Malaysia mempunyai hutang luar yang ketara dalam denominasi dolar. Apabila nilai ringgit jatuh, bayaran balik hutang tersebut menjadi lebih mahal dalam mata wang tempatan. Hal ini akan meningkatkan beban kewangan kerajaan dan syarikat-syarikat tempatan yang mempunyai pinjaman luar negara. Ia sekali gus boleh menjejaskan tahap pelaburan, pertumbuhan syarikat dan akhirnya kadar guna tenaga.

Dari segi pelaburan, ketidakpastian nilai dolar juga boleh mencetuskan aliran keluar modal asing. Pelabur antarabangsa

memungkin bertindak memindahkan dana mereka ke pasaran lain yang lebih stabil, sekali gus menekan pasaran saham dan bon tempatan. Kejatuhan pasaran modal akan melemahkan lagi sentimen ekonomi dan mengurangkan peluang pelaburan jangka panjang.

Selain itu, kesan limpahan daripada krisis dolar juga boleh mengganggu rantaian bekalan serantau, terutamanya jika rakan dagang utama seperti China dan AS turut mengalami ketidakpastian ekonomi.

Malaysia sebagai negara eksport yang sangat bergantung kepada permintaan global akan merasai tekanan dari segi penurunan permintaan eksport, kelembapan pertumbuhan Keluaran Dalam Negeri Kasar (KDNK) dan cabaran dalam mengekalkan kestabilan kewangan.

Sekiranya krisis dolar benar-benar berlaku, ekonomi Malaysia akan terjejas melalui tiga saluran utama iaitu kelemahan ringgit dan inflasi, peningkatan kos hutang dan gangguan pelaburan serta kejatuhan permintaan global terhadap eksport Malaysia.

DR. Abu Sufian Abu Bakar ialah Pensyarah Kanan Pusat Pengajian Ekonomi, Wang dan Bank Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) dan Ahli Jawatankuasa (AJK) Forum Ekonomi Manusiawi.

RM573m lost to online scams in first 3 months of 2025

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KUALA BERANG: Police recorded 12,110 cases of online fraud or scam in the country in the first three months of this year, involving losses of RM573.7 million.

Federal police acting Commercial Crime Investigation Department director Datuk Rohaimi Md Isa said the number of cases from January to March

showed an increase compared with the last three months of last year, which recorded 10,715 cases involving losses of RM519.9 million.

"In Terengganu, 1,251 cases of online fraud with a loss value of RM35.7 million were recorded in 2024, compared with 1,139 cases (loss value of RM24 million) in 2023."

He said this after conducting a working visit to the Ajil police station here yesterday.

Rohaimi said online fraud crimes include telecommunications crimes, e-finance crimes, "love scam", e-commerce crimes, non-existent loans and non-existent investments.

He said the increase in these cases was due to the rapid de-

velopment of technology and the shift in today's lifestyle, which is focused on the use of online applications.

He said artificial intelligence (AI) was also identified as a factor.

"Criminals are taking advantage of technology — such as fake digital identity generators, fake websites, automated chatboxes,

and deepfake technology — to deceive victims.

"Generative AI also enables the creation of content that appears authentic and convincing."

He advised the public to avoid suspicious links received via SMS, WhatsApp or Telegram, and refrain from sharing banking details with unknown individuals.

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SPM RESULTS

OVER 14,000 STUDENTS SCORE STRAIGHT As

Govt intervention
pays off as urban-
rural gap narrows
further, says Fadhlina

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A student sharing her Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia results with Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek at SMK Convent Kajang yesterday. NSTP PIC BY HAZREEN MOHAMAD

THE 2024 Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) results, which saw over 14,000 candidates scoring straight As, are among the best in the exam's history, said Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek.

"This is among the best results in SPM history," she said at SMK Convent Kajang yesterday.

While highlighting that the results reflected the rising quality of the country's education system, Fadhlina said the ministry would continue implementing initiatives to boost student performance in future examinations.

"One of the significant factors is student attendance. The interventions we implemented reduced absenteeism, and we've also made progress in narrowing the urban-rural performance gap.

"Last year, we introduced specific measures to ensure students passed Bahasa Melayu and History, as these subjects are essential for SPM certification. We've seen success this year, with more students qualifying for certificates."

Fadhlina hoped that the im-

provement in performance would inspire teachers to continue focusing on quality classroom instruction and address segments that still required support.

She also urged all candidates, regardless of their results, to further their studies.

"There are opportunities available in this country, and we will continue to support all our children in their educational journey."

Earlier in Putrajaya, Education director-general Datuk Azman Adnan said the 2024 examination results saw the best national average grade (GPN) since the introduction of the new format in 2021.

He said this year's GPN stood at 4.49 compared with 4.60 last year, with a lower score indicating better overall performance.

Azman said 14,179 candidates,

or 3.7 per cent of the 378,606 who sat the exam, achieved straight As.

He added that 86,040 candidates, or 22.7 per cent, obtained at least a grade C in all subjects.

Azman said 136,791 candidates, or 36.1 per cent, passed all subjects in the 2024 SPM which represented an increase of 5,302 candidates, compared to 131,489 candidates (35.2 per cent) in 2023.

"Overall, the performance of candidates in 2024 is better than that of 2023."

Azman added that the achievement gap between urban and rural candidates had shown improvement, with the difference narrowing to just 0.02 points compared with 2023.

"This year, 355,933 candidates, or 94 per cent, are eligible to receive their SPM certificates, com-

pared with 93.5 per cent, or 349,297 candidates, in 2023."

Azman added that 59 out of 95 subjects recorded improved performance, while 30 subjects showed a decline, and one subject maintained its performance compared with the 2023 SPM, based on the subject average grade.

"Five subjects were newly introduced in 2024 under the revised syllabus format.

"For elective subjects under the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) category — namely Pure Sciences and Additional Mathematics — all showed improved performance.

"Chemistry recorded the highest improvement, with a GPMP increase of 0.37 points, achieving

4.52 in 2024 compared with 4.89 in 2023."

In total, 402,918 candidates registered for the 2024 SPM, an increase from 395,924 in 2023.

He also noted that candidates from Kelantan, Terengganu, and Kedah recorded their best results despite facing floods during the exams.

"This reflects the ministry's preparedness and success in managing such situations, including the provision of alternative examination centres, placement of candidates in school hostels, transport arrangements, and psychosocial support services.

"The ministry's collaboration with relevant agencies played a key role in the success of the 2024 SPM results."

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Work cited as reason for skipping exam

PUTRAJAYA: Education director-general Datuk Azman Adnan has revealed that more than half of the students who missed the 2024 SPM cited work as the main reason.

He said 6,246 candidates, or 1.8% of those registered, did not sit for the exam this year, down from 8,675 candidates in 2023.

He added that of those absent, 57.8% cited work commitments, 35.5% mentioned family issues and 4.7% health problems.

Azman said night-shift work was among the factors contributing to the increase in candidates who failed all subjects, up from 1,467 in 2023 to 1,789 in 2024.

"One of the causes behind this (failure) is the lack of focus on learning, as many of these students work night shifts, especially those in urban areas," he told a media conference to announce the 2024 SPM results yesterday.

Azman said unresolved literacy and numeracy issues, as well as a lack of support in the home learning environment, also contributed to the rise in the number of candidates who failed all subjects.

The Education Ministry is reviewing its approach for this group ahead of the 2025 SPM, including strengthening programmes to develop students' analytical abilities, expanding targeted academic support initiatives and activating partnerships with NGOs and community agencies.

"If we look at the trend over the past three years, there has been a significant drop in the number of candidates who did not sit for the exam. This is a positive development," - Bernama

► Number of candidates who obtained distinction in all subjects increased by 0.6% from 11,713 in 2023 to 14,179

PUTRAJAYA: The 2024 Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examination results are the best since 2013, with a National Average Grade of 4.49 points compared with 4.60 in 2023, said Education Director-General Datuk Azman Adnan.

He said 355,933 candidates or 94% are eligible to receive the SPM certificate compared with 349,297 candidates in 2023.

"This is an increase of 6,636 candidates or 0.5%. This increase is the best achievement since the certification requirements were introduced in 2013 when candidates were required to pass two subjects, Bahasa Melayu and History (to be issued the SPM certificate)," he told a media conference yesterday.

Azman said an analysis of the 2024 SPM examination results showed an overall increase in candidates' achievements.

He said of the 402,918 candidates registered for the 2024 SPM examination, 386,714 were new candidates who had registered for at least six subjects.

"Of the total, 344,919 were candidates from schools under the ministry, but only 338,673 sat for the examination. A total of 6,246 candidates were absent compared with 8,675 in 2023.

Azman said the number of candidates who obtained distinction (Grades A+, A and A-) in all the subjects they sat for increased by 0.6% from 11,713 candidates in 2023 to 14,179 in 2024.

"The number of candidates who obtained at least a credit or grade C in all subjects was 86,040 in 2024 compared with 83,112 in 2023, while 136,791 obtained at least a pass or grade E in all subjects compared with 131,489 in 2023."

He said the achievement of candidates in urban areas increased by 0.11 points, which is 4.47 points in 2024 compared with 4.58 points in 2023, while in rural areas it increased by 0.09 points, which is 4.92 points compared with 5.01 points in 2023.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Fadhlina

Sidek said the results clearly reflect improvements in the national education system, although several areas still require attention.

She said these include attendance rates, the performance gap between urban and rural candidates and the pass rates of core subjects.

On candidates' performance based on subjects, Azman said there was an improvement in 59 out of 95 subjects while there was a decline in 30 subjects.

He added that there was an improvement in performance in six out of seven core subjects while there was a decline of 0.07 points in the Moral Education subject, which is 4.73 points compared with 4.66 points in 2023.

Azman said the ministry would work on intervention measures, including improving the content of Moral Education, to ensure improved performance, Bernama reported.

He said there was improved performance in the elective subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Pure Science and Additional Mathematics.

"Chemistry recorded the highest performance increase of 0.37 points, from 4.89 points in 2023 to 4.52 points."

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Need for nature-based strategies to curb flood risks

► Shifting climate patterns call for more than traditional solutions as present infrastructure no longer adequate, says academic

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PETALING JAYA: Despite years of government investment and major infrastructure projects aimed at reducing flood risks, many areas in Malaysia – especially flood-prone zones like Taman Sri Muda in Shah Alam – continue to experience recurring flood disasters.

According to environmental experts, the core issue is not a lack of action but rather the absence of adaptive, integrated, and nature-based strategies that address both present-day challenges and future climate scenarios.

Universiti Malaysia Kelantan Environmental Science and Water Resources Assoc Prof Dr Mohamad Faiz Mohd Amin said while substantial infrastructure investments have been made, the growing complexity of urban hydrology and shifting climate patterns call for more than traditional solutions.

"The infrastructure may have been sufficient for past conditions, but it's no longer adequate. Our approach must evolve to meet today's realities."

He said Malaysia's current flood mitigation systems still rely heavily on engineered or "hard" solutions such as drains and barriers. These, he argued, must be complemented by catchment-wide planning, nature-based methods, and regulatory reforms.

"Maintenance of drainage systems, consistent land-use regulation, and cross-agency coordination are areas we must strengthen."

"By aligning engineering with ecosystem-based planning, we can



Aweng said widespread land-use changes, including the destruction of natural flood retention zones, have significantly undermined Malaysia's ability to manage excess water naturally. — ADIB RAWI YAHYA/THESUN

create resilience, not just temporary protection," he said.

Mohamad Faiz emphasised the importance of treating rivers as living systems.

He warned that overdevelopment, channelisation and the narrowing of floodplains – without integrated planning – have stripped rivers of their natural flood-buffering capabilities.

"Sustainable river management includes preserving riparian zones, maintaining sediment balance, and ensuring upstream-downstream coordination."

"With careful resource planning, rivers can become assets rather than liabilities," he said.

Although climate change is acknowledged in national planning documents, he pointed out that implementation at ground level remains slow and inconsistent.

"It's promising to see climate change reflected in policy, but we need to go further, updating flood models with climate-adjusted rainfall data and embedding adaptation indicators into infrastructure designs."

He also warned that unchecked urban expansion without proper environmental assessments could exacerbate the risks of both floods

and landslides.

"We must incorporate hydrological and soil data into development plans."

"Understanding slope stability, drainage patterns, and soil permeability is essential before approving construction."

Mohamad Faiz recommended adopting Integrated Flood Risk Management, which combines engineering, ecological, and social strategies.

This includes using advanced 2D flood modelling tools such as HEC-RAS or Mike Flood, along with climate projections and future land-use scenarios.

"Countries like Japan and the Netherlands have demonstrated how subsurface reservoirs and water-sensitive urban design can effectively manage floods – approaches Malaysia can adapt to suit our needs."

He suggested that Malaysia should invest in future-proof urban planning, restore natural buffers such as wetlands and forests, and promote community-based water stewardship.

"Climate resilience must be built into education, development guidelines and budgeting."

Universiti Malaysia Kelantan

Faculty of Earth Science lecturer Aweng Eh Rak echoed these sentiments, stating that Malaysia's flood strategies must move beyond physical infrastructure to include ecological restoration and stronger community involvement.

"One key reason floods persist is that current events often exceed the capacity of our control structures."

He added that widespread land-use changes – including increased impervious surfaces and the destruction of natural flood retention zones – have significantly undermined Malaysia's ability to manage excess water naturally.

"We don't have adequate regulations on ground elevation for individual housing, and there are no laws to protect natural flood-prone areas," he said.

Aweng stressed that river management and natural resource planning are crucial in determining flood severity, yet these remain poorly integrated into national flood policies.

He also highlighted the need for greater community participation. While initiatives like River Watch and "Sayang Hutan" have been introduced, many have struggled due to inconsistent support and coordination.

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12,000 online scam cases recorded in three months

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KUALA BERANG: Police recorded 12,110 cases of online fraud or "scam" throughout the country in the first three months of this year, involving losses of RM573.7 million.

Bukit Aman Commercial Crime Investigation Department acting director Datuk Rohaimi Md Isa said the number of cases from January to March showed an increase compared with the last three months of last year, namely October to December, which recorded 10,715 cases involving losses of RM519.9 million.

"In Terengganu, 1,251 cases of online fraud with a loss value of RM35.7 million were recorded throughout 2024, compared with only 1,139 cases (loss value of RM24 million) throughout 2023," he said after conducting a working visit to the Ajil police station yesterday.

Rohaimi said online fraud crimes include telecommunications crimes, e-finance crimes, love scams, e-commerce crimes, non-existent loans and non-existent investments.

He said the increase in these cases was due, among other things, to the rapid development of technology and the shift in today's lifestyle, which is focused on the use of online applications.

In addition, he said the rapid development of information technology and artificial intelligence (AI) was also identified as a factor in the increase in online fraud cases.

"Criminals are taking advantage of technology such as fake digital identity generators, fake websites, automated chatboxes, and deepfake technology to deceive victims. Generative AI also enables the creation of content that appears authentic, making it difficult for users to distinguish between genuine and fraudulent communications." — Bernama

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