



PENGURUSAN PEMANTAUAN KERATAN AKHBAR MBSJ
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Kuala Lumpur: Seramai 411 warga Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) dikenal pasti mengalami masalah kesihatan mental berikutan beban tugas yang ditanggung.

Pengarah Jabatan Integriti dan Pematuhan Standard (Jips) Bukit Aman Datuk Seri Azri Ahmad berkata, angka itu diperoleh menerusi kajian pihaknya pada 2022 dan 2023.

Menurutnya, PDRM adalah sebuah pasukan penguat kuasa undang-undang yang mempunyai keanggotaan ramai dengan cara kerja tiada henti untuk 24 jam sehari.

"Pegawai polis berurusan secara langsung dengan masyarakat dan di dalam masa sama mereka juga adalah ahli masyara-

411 alami kesihatan mental kerana beban tugas: Azri

kat yang perlu meneruskan hidup yang serba mencabar.

"Sebagai manusia biasa, warga PDRM juga tidak terkecuali daripada terkesan dengan isu kesihatan mental ekoran tekanan kerja dan tuntutan untuk memenuhi keperluan hidup yang tinggi," katanya

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Azri

26/7 METRO
dalam ucapan ketika melancarkan Sambutan Satu Dekad Penubuhan JIPS di Bukit Aman, di sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata, pegawai polis sukar untuk menghindarkan diri daripada terjerumus kepada rasuah, salah guna kuasa dan jenayah lain kerana ruang

dan peluang yang hadir tanpa henti.

"Jips akan sentiasa bersedia melaksanakan peranan dan tanggungjawabnya sebagai Pengurus Integriti Warga PDRM.

"Namun begitu, jabatan ini tidak mungkin mampu merubah apa yang ada melainkan mendapat sokongan daripada semua pihak dan tidak terkecuali sokongan padu masyarakat untuk menjadikan PDRM kekal sebagai sebuah agensi penguat kuasa ulung negara yang dipercayai dan disegani di seluruh dunia," katanya.

HARIAN METRO
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AIR SELANGOR KERUGIAN RM110,000

Kolam ikan ²⁶¹⁷ curi air ^{metro} terawat

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Pelabuhan Klang

Curi air terawat untuk digunakan bagi mengisi kolam memancing ikan.

Itu tindakan pengusaha kolam pancing di Klang Utara di sini, hingga mengakibatkan kerugian RM110,000 kepada Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor).

Kegiatan pemilik premis bagaimanapun dibongkar Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN) dengan kerjasama Air Selangor memabitkan kegiatan penyambungan bekalan air secara tidak sah.

Pengarah Unit Komunikasi dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna, Mohd Fazil Ismail SPAN berkata, penyambu-

ngan bekalan air secara tidak sah itu dipercayai dilakukan sejak setahun lalu memabitkan penggunaan air sebanyak 37,000 meter kubik.

"SPAN mendapati terdapat pengambilan air tidak sah melalui saluran tidak bermeter dengan menggunakan paip berukuran 25 milimeter (mm) secara terus kepada paip utama Air Selangor.

"Siasatan mendapati sambungan yang disyaki tidak sah ini menyalurkan bekalan air ke dalam premis kolam pancing dan dipercayai digunakan untuk tujuan aktiviti harian mereka.

"Penyambungan secara tidak sah ini menyebabkan kos keru-

gian Air Selangor dianggarkan sekitar RM110,000 yang mana panjang paip sambungan tidak sah ini sepanjang 70 meter melangkaui dua kolam.

"Berdasarkan tinjauan yang dilakukan oleh Air Selangor dan ujian klorin dibuat, air yang dicuri itu adalah air dirawat milik Air Selangor," katanya ketika menjalankan operasi penguatkuasaan mengejut itu semalam.

Mohd Fazil berkata, pihaknya mengambil masa kira-kira enam bulan bagi menjalankan risikan selain aduan penduduk yang berdepan masalah tekanan air rendah sebelum

operasi dijalankan ke atas premis itu.

"Siasatan rekod juga mendapati-

SPAN mendapati terdapat pengambilan air tidak sah melalui saluran tidak bermeter



PENGUAT Kuasa Air Selangor melakukan ujian klorin pada air paip dalam Operasi Penguatkuasaan Cegah Sambungan Haram Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN) di premis kolam memancing di Bagan Hailam, semalam.

ti premis ini tidak mempunyai akaun bekalan air yang sah berdaftar dengan Air Selangor.

"Premis akan disiasat mengikut Seksyen 123(1) Akta Industri Perkhidmatan Air 2006 (Akta 655) yang mana siasatan lanjut akan dilakukan oleh pihak SPAN.

"Di bawah peruntukan undang-undang Seksyen 123(1) Akta Industri Perkhidmatan Air 2006 (Akta 655), tiada seorang pun selain pemegang lesen boleh membuat apa-apa sambungan ke suatu sesalur utama awam atau paip air perkhidmatan.

"Jika disabitkan tertuduh, boleh didenda tidak melebihi RM100,000 atau dipenjarakan selama tempoh tidak melebihi satu tahun atau kedua-duanya seperti yang diperuntukkan di bawah Seksyen 123(3) dalam Akta yang sama," katanya.

HARIAN METRO

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PENCEMARAN BAU DI SUNGAI KUNDANG, SUNGAI SEMBAH

Dua ditahan 26/7 bantu siasatan Metro

Putrajaya: Dua individu ditahan Jabatan Alam Sekitar (Jas) bagi membantu siasatan kes pencemaran bau di Sungai Kundang dan Sungai Sembah mengakibatkan henti tugas Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) Rantau Panjang, Sungai Selangor SSP 1, 2 dan 3.

Ketua Pengarah Alam Sekitar, Datuk Wan Abdul Latiff Wan Jaffar berkata, susulan insiden pencemaran bau itu, Jas menjalankan siasatan terhadap premis yang disyaki iaitu memproses bahan akrilik di kawasan perindustrian Jalan Kampung Orang Asli, Kuang, Rawang, Selangor.

"Hasil pemeriksaan mendapati punca pencemaran bau akibat kebocoran bahan kimia dikenali sebagai *Poly Metha Acrylic Acid* (PMAA) daripada tangki penstoran yang juga produk dihasilkan premis itu berbentuk cecair," katanya, semalam.

Beliau berkata, tumpahan produk itu akhirnya melimpah ke longkang premis bersebelahan sehingga longkang jalan besar dan seterusnya ke Sungai Kuang.

"Aliran Sungai Kuang akan memasuki Sungai Kundang kemudiannya ke Sungai Sembah dan seterusnya memasuki Sungai Selangor. Kebocoran bahan kimia berkenaan telah menyebabkan pelepasan bau kerana ciri-ciri bahan kimia PMAA yang berbau kuat dan tengik," katanya.



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Wan Abdul Latiff Wan Jaffar

Susulan itu, Wan Abdul Latiff berkata, arahan seranta-merta dikeluarkan oleh Jas kepada pengusaha premis untuk menjalankan kerja-kerja pembersihan di dalam premis, kawasan longkang dan anak sungai yang terkesan.

1,500 usahawan terima manfaat

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Program Bizmatch Mega PKNS bantu usahawan kembangkan perniagaan

Oleh NORAFIZA JAAFAR
SHAH ALAM

Kira-kira 1,500 usahawan di Selangor menyertai Program Bizmatch Mega PKNS yang berlangsung di Dewan Raja Muda Musa, Seksyen 7 di sini pada Selasa.

Program anjuran Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor (PKNS) di bawah Bahagian Pembangunan Usahawan (BPU) itu merupakan pengantaraan kedua sejak diperkenalkan tahun lepas.

Timbalan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif (Korporat) PKNS, Suhaimi Kasdon berkata, program itu menjadi platform kepada usahawan untuk memperkukuhkan rangkaian dan memajukan bisnes melalui pautan perniagaan.

Menurutnya, program yang turut melibatkan penyertaan 40 agensi berkaitan termasuk perbankan berperanan menyahurkan informasi dan kemudahan yang boleh ditawarkan kepada usahawan.

"Usahawan berpeluang mendapat input mengenai kemudahan ditawarkan di Selangor seperti pinjaman, geran, program keusahawanan dan kemudahan lain yang disediakan.

"Platform ini perlu digunakan sebaiknya oleh peserta untuk bertemu dan berinteraksi secara terus dengan agensi-agensi terlibat."

"Mereka boleh mendapatkan banyak maklumat, peluang, sokongan serta pandangan yang boleh dimanfaatkan dalam membina keusahawanan yang ada di Selangor masing-masing pada masa hadapan," katanya ketika berucap di Bizmatch Mega PKNS: Himpunan Usahawan Selangor di sini.

Majlis perasmian disempumakan oleh Exco Belia, Sukan dan Keusahawanan Negeri Selangor, Mohd Najwan Halimi yang sekali gus melancarkan Ekspo Usahawan Selangor (SELBIZ) 2024.

Antara agensi kewangan yang turut serta dalam program berkenaan ialah Agro Bank, Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN), Maybank, Perbadanan Usahawan Nasional Berhad (PUNB), CIMB, Selangor Advance, SME Bank, Affin Bank, RHB Bank, Tabung Ekonomi Kumpulan Usaha Niaga (Tekun) dan Yayasan Hijrah.

Sementara itu, agensi keusahawanan yang terlibat ialah Unit Perancang Ekonomi Negeri (UPEN), Ko Hijrah Selangor, Perbadanan Kemajuan Pertanian Selangor (PKPS), SME Corp, Menteri Besar Selangor (Incorporated), Perbadanan Pembangunan Perdagangan Luar Malaysia, Institut Keusahawanan Negara Berhad dan Perbadanan Pembangunan Berhad.

Inisiatif strategik

Menurut Suhaimi, program berskala



Mohd Najwan (tengah) merasmikan Bizmatch Mega PKNS: Himpunan Usahawan Selangor berlangsung di Dewan Raja Muda Musa di sini pada Selasa.

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besar itu merupakan titik mula untuk merencanakan lagi pertumbuhan perniagaan di Selangor.

Katanya, ia juga sebagai salah satu langkah membantu kerajaan Selangor dalam memacu pertumbuhan usahawan negeri ke tahap yang lebih tinggi.

Tambah beliau, pengantaraan program itu juga dapat menambah baik kemudahan keusahawanan yang ada di Selangor khususnya program-program ditawarkan PKNS.

"PKNS merasakan Selangor mempunyai pelbagai agensi yang menawarkan pelbagai kemudahan keusahawanan sama ada dari segi pembiayaan mahupun program pembangunan keusahawanan.

"Oleh itu, PKNS terpanggil untuk menjadi agensi yang mengetuai agensi-agensi lain di dalam menghimpunkan segala kemudahan keusahawanan yang ada di dalam satu platform yang diberi nama Bizmatch Mega PKNS," kata Suhaimi.

Katanya lagi, pelbagai inisiatif strategik telah diambil PKNS untuk memastikan usahawan PKNS dan usahawan luar khususnya di Selangor mendapat akses kepada peluang-peluang penting yang boleh membantu memajukan perniagaan mereka.

Untuk rekod, PKNS telah melaksanakan beberapa siri program Bizmatching melibatkan usahawan PKNS sejak tahun 2021.

Bagaimanapun katanya, bermula tahun 2022, BPU telah melibatkan sesi Bizmatching bersama usahawan serta agensi luar antaranya program BizMatch Networking bersama Usahawan BNI,



SUHAIMI

BizMatch bersama Agensi Kewangan 2022, BizMatch bersama Hypermarket 2023 dan BizMatch bersama rangkaian pasar mini.

Pada tahun ini katanya, sebanyak tujuh siri program BizMatch dirancang melibatkan pelbagai pengisian antaranya BizMatch Networking yang telah diadakan pada 27 Februari lalu dan BizMatch MejaTalk Johor pada 9 Mei.

Selepas Bizmatch Mega PKNS Himpunan Usahawan Selangor

2024, program berikutnya ialah BizMatch Halal Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (JAIS) pada 21 Ogos, BizMatch Pembungkusan pada 26 September, BizMatch Retails pada 24 Oktober dan BizMatch MejaTalk Sarawak pada 15 November 2024.

Sementara itu, usahawan yang hadir pada program tersebut berpandangan platform disediakan oleh PKNS itu akan digunakan sebaiknya untuk mengembangkan lagi pemasaran produk.



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Peluang terbaik

Pengarah Urusan Elza Wellness International Sdn Bhd, Suhaiza Hussin berkata, program itu dapat membantunya mengetepikan produk minuman sarang burung yang diusahakan sejak 2019.

"Ini peluang kepada usahawan untuk mencari potensi rakan perniagaan untuk mengembangkan pasaran produk.

"Walaupun produk ini telah menembusi pasaran luar negara seperti Jakarta dan Singapura namun ketika ini penumpuan saya lebih kepada memperkukuh lagi pasaran domestik dan mengembangkannya ke seluruh Malaysia," katanya ditemui pada program itu.

Katanya, ketika ini produknya telah dipasarkan ke pasar raya membabitkan tujuh cawangan Rosyam Mart selain mengeluarkan unit penyimpanan stok (SKU) dengan sekurang-kurangnya jualan 50,000 botol setahun.

Seorag lagi usahawan, Asraff Rosli, 36, berkata, produk BS Fitness Nutrition diusahakan sejak 2018 berpeluang untuk diperkembangkan lagi dalam pasaran menerusi platform Bizmatch Mega PKNS.

"Saya datang untuk melihat agensi yang dapat membantu dari segi pembiayaan untuk mengembangkan lagi kapasiti pengeluaran produk untuk memenuhi pasaran eksport.

"Saya merupakan usahawan kelahiran PKNS yang banyak memberi bimbingan dan peluang menghadiri program pemasaran ke luar negara hingga mendapat potensi pembeli antarabangsa," katanya.

Ujar beliau, ketika ini produk keluaran syarikatnya telah dipasarkan ke beberapa negara luar termasuk Hong Kong, Brunei dan Singapura.

"Kita menghadapi kekangan dari segi pengeluaran namun ia dijangka dapat diatasi melalui pembukaan operasi kilang baharu nanti.

"Melalui bantuan agensi pembiayaan, di harap kita dapat kembangkan perniagaan, kuasai pasaran luar dan seterusnya permintaan eksport ke Abu Dhabi membabitkan pengeluaran sebanyak 10 kontena dapat dipenuhi," katanya.



Usahawan yang hadir mendapat informasi dan akses terus dari agensi keusahawanan dan agensi pembiayaan yang terlibat di Bizmatch Mega PKNS

SINAR HARIAN

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1,671 polis dipecat dalam 10 tahun

Dikenakan hukuman tatatertib kerana pelbagai salah laku

Oleh MUHAMMAD
AFHAM RAMLI
KUALA LUMPUR

Seramai 1,671 pegawai dan anggota Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) di-buang kerja dalam tempoh 10 tahun.

Pengarah Jabatan Integriti dan Pematuhan Standard (JIPS) Bukit Aman, Datuk Seri Azri Ahmad berkata, sejak penubuhan jabatan pada tahun 2014, JIPS telah membuka dan melaksanakan siasatan melibatkan sebanyak 40,436 Kertas Siasatan Tatatertib (KST) dan Kertas Enkuiri Tatatertib (KET).

Menurutnya, seramai 15,546

pegawai dan anggota telah dijatuhkan dengan pelbagai hukuman tatatertib.

"Daripada jumlah itu, seramai 1,671 daripadanya dijatuhkan hukuman buang kerja.

"Siasatan tatatertib yang telus dan tindakan punitif sebegini adalah antara pendekatan kepada kesungguhan PDRM mengawal salah laku warga pasukan," katanya sempena Majlis Sambutan 1 Dekad Penubuhan JIPS di Bukit Aman di sini pada Khamis.

Beliau berkata, Cawangan Risikan Operasi JIPS yang berperanan utama sebagai unit pengesanan dan pengesanan juga telah melaksanakan operasi serta membuat tangkapan ke atas 798 orang pegawai polis yang



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dipercayai terlibat dengan pelbagai kesalahan seperti jenayah, perjudian, dadah dan mengunjungi pusat hiburan.

Tambahnya, bagi pelaksanaan teras pematuhan, dari masa ke masa seramai 10,000 hingga 20,000 warga PDRM dipantau dan diperiksa secara langsung oleh Cawangan

Pematuhan JIPS Bukit Aman.

"Sepanjang tahun 2023 sahaja secara keseluruhan seramai 19,352 pegawai dan anggota diperiksa dan seramai 1,396 dikesan melakukan pelbagai salah laku.

"Bagi tempoh enam bulan tahun ini setakat Jun, 689 pegawai dan anggota dikesan melakukan pelbagai salah laku hasil pemeriksaan 11,221 individu," jelasnya.

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Tiga tahap penilaian pokok berisiko

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KUALA LUMPUR - Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) mempunyai mekanisme pemantauan berkala terhadap pokok-pokok yang dikenal pasti berisiko dan berusia khususnya di jajaran jalan raya utama ibu kota.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Wilayah Persekutuan), Dr Zaliha Mustafa berkata, penilaian pokok berisiko mempunyai tiga peringkat iaitu tahap satu melibatkan non-arborist membuat pemeriksaan pokok melalui penilaian visual berdasarkan pengalaman kerja dan pengetahuan dalam bidang arborikultur.

"Tahap dua ialah melalui Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) yang dilaksanakan oleh arborist bertauliah dengan menggunakan standard ditetapkan oleh International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

"Tahap tiga pula merupakan penilaian terhadap keadaan struktur pokok menggunakan peralatan khas yang dinamakan *resistograph* dan menggunakan khidmat *tree climber* untuk membuat penilaian di setiap bahagian atas pokok," katanya.

Beliau berkata, penilaian dan pemeriksaan pokok bagi tahap satu dijalankan setiap 10 bulan manakala bagi tahap dua dan tiga, ia dilaksanakan di lokasi mempunyai sejarah kegagalan pokok dan pokok berusia yang berisiko tinggi.

Menurutnya, ia termasuk bagi pokok-pokok di lokasi berfrekuensi tinggi berdasarkan penggunaan orang awam dan kawasan padat dengan harta benda berharga.

Zaliha berkata, pemeriksaan VTA yang dilakukan oleh DBKL membolehkan kesihatan dan kesuburan bahagian pokok yang tidak boleh dilihat seperti bahagian akar, batang dan sila pokok diperiksa secara komprehensif dan terperinci.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika menjawab soalan Senator Datuk Mohd Hisamudin Yahaya mengenai bentuk pemantauan berkala oleh DBKL terhadap pokok berisiko dan berusia di ibu kota.

Sementara itu, Zaliha berkata, pihaknya juga telah mengenal pasti spesies pokok yang boleh ditanam bagi menggantikan pokok-pokok berisiko. - *Bernama*

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iClean Selangor, ATDReC terima pengiktirafan

SHAH ALAM - Aplikasi iClean Selangor dan Pusat Kitar Semula Pandu Lalu Automatik (ATDReC) KDEB Waste Management (KDEBWM) menerima pengiktirafan sempena Majlis Anugerah PC.Com 2024 pada Rabu.

KDEBWM dalam satu kenyataan berkata, iClean Selangor yang dibangunkan pada 2016 merangkul anugerah Aplikasi Perkhidmatan Awam Terbaik selain turut menerima anugerah Pilihan Pembaca berprestij.

Menurutnya, pengiktirafan berganda itu memberi impak besar dalam merevolusikan pengurusan sisa dan penerimaan positif orang awam, sekaligus menjadi bukti kecemerlangan serta kepercayaan pengguna.

"ATDReC pula diiktiraf sebagai Penyedia Perkhidmatan Kitar Semula Paling Inovatif. Ini menunjukkan usaha

perintis dalam sektor kitar semula dan komitmen kami memacu perubahan positif melalui penyelesaian inovatif.

"ATDReC menawarkan kemudahan dan menggalakkan penyertaan awam lebih besar dalam aktiviti kitar semula yang beroperasi 24 jam seminggu.

"Insentif tunai menggalakkan penyertaan dan menjadikan kitar semula berbaloi, pembayaran serta pengimbasan kod QR dibuat dalam talian," katanya pada Khamis.

KDEBWM memaklumkan, pihaknya berhasrat memperluaskan kemudahan ATDReC bagi menjangkau komuniti lebih ramai dalam usaha menjadikan akses kepada kitar semula mudah dan meluas.

Tambahnya, teknologi pengasingan pintar mengikut kategori bahan kitar semula secara automatik akan dilaksanakan untuk kebaikan masa depan.



Pengarah Urusan KDEBWM, Datuk Ramli Mohd Tahir (dua dari kiri) menerima pengiktirafan ketika Majlis Anugerah PC.Com 2024.



MUHAMMAD Yazurin Sallij bersama van perkhidmatan Demand Responsive Transit (DRT) di Menara Prasarana. - UTUSAN/SYAKIR RADIN



PEMANDU van perkhidmatan Demand Responsive Transit (DRT) menunjukkan tanda bagus kenderaan pengangkutan yang dibawanya di Menara Prasarana.

Rapid Bus tambah baik operasi jadikan lebih relevan pada masa kini

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PETALING JAYA: Rapid Bus membaik pulih operasi perkhidmatan awamnya seiring dengan permintaan tinggi ketika ini selain sektor itu menjadi tunggak utama kepada ekonomi negara.

Oleh itu, Rapid Bus melakukan penambahbaikan dengan memperkenalkan perkhidmatan Demand Responsive Transit (DRT) dan akan membuat penyumbangan luar bas bagi menggantikan bas yang sudah sampai tempoh untuk memastikan keselamatan pengguna terjamin.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Rapid Bus, Muhammad Yazurin Sallij berkata, idea perkhidmatan DRT ini tercipta bertujuan menyelesaikan rungutan pengguna apabila perjalanan bas perantara mengambil masa yang lama untuk sampai ke destinasi.

Beliau menambah, ia juga susulan sesetengah pengguna yang menggunakan pengangkutan awam tidak gemar untuk menggunakan perkhidmatan bas perantara atau feeder bus.

"Hampir 90 peratus daripada bas perantara Rapid KL dilaporkan tiba dengan waktu tepat dalam mengambil penumpang di stesen Transit Aliran Ringan (LRT) dan stesen Transit Aliran Massa (MRT). Namun ia mengambil masa sehingga satu jam setengah bagi melengkapkan semua perhentian yang ditetapkan," katanya kepada Utusan Malaysia.

Mengulas perkara itu, beliau berkata, perkhidmatan DRT hanya mengambil masa sekurang-kurangnya lima minit untuk sampai

kepada pengguna selepas membuat pesanan daripada aplikasi.

"Ia juga akan memendekkan perjalanan pengguna untuk terus ke stesen rel Rapid KL yang berhampiran. Jadi ia akan menjimatkan masa penumpang dari segi mengurangkan masa untuk menunggu dan masa perjalanan yang dipendekkan.

"Penumpang kini boleh menempah tempahan mengikut keperluan perjalanan mereka," katanya.

Perkhidmatan DRT menggunakan van yang mampu memuatkan hampir 12 orang penumpang dalam suatu masa. DRT juga dilengkapi dengan kamera litar tertutup (CCTV), sistem kedudukan global (GPS) dan pelbagai sistem keselamatan bagi menjejakinya.

Perkhidmatan DRT beroperasi pada setiap hari, bermula pukul 6 pagi sehingga 11.30 malam dengan tambang RM1 untuk setiap perjalanan dan tambang dibayar menggunakan Pas Perjalanan Tanpa Had My50 serta Kad Konsesi MyRapid dan Pas OKU Smile.

Mengenai cara untuk membuat tempahan DRT, Muhammad Yazurin berkata, ketika ini, pihaknya menggunakan aplikasi pihak ketiga seperti Trek Rides, Kumpool dan Mobi.

"Ia adalah aplikasi sementara sebelum kami membuat keputusan mengenai jenis model

perniagaan yang ingin digunakan termasuk menghasilkan aplikasi tersendiri," katanya.

Tambah Muhammad Yazurin, beliau menyasarkan sehingga hujung tahun terdapat hampir 80 buah van untuk DRT akan beroperasi.

"Kita akan melaksanakan 20 buah van dengan mengguna dana daripada

Prasarana sebelum hujung Jun ini dan 80 buah van menjelang akhir tahun.

"Kami juga mendapat dana daripada kerajaan bag meneruskan projek ini dengan menambah sebanyak 100 buah van di bawah program program DRT ini.

"Prasarana dan Rapid Bus juga sedang bekerjasama dengan sebuah syarikat untuk menganalisis corak perjalanan dengan menggunakan data-data bagi mendapatkan kefahaman yang lebih baik mengenai pelanggan Prasarana KL.

Namun beliau berkata, kemudahan DRT tidak boleh menggantikan operasi bas perantara di laluan yang mempunyai jumlah penumpang yang tinggi.

"DRT masih belum mampu menampung di kawasan-kawasan yang mempunyai populasi yang tinggi dan ramai kerana perkhidmatan bas perantara masih diperlukan," katanya.

PENYUMBERAN LUAR LALUAN RAPID KL

Mengulas mengenai penyumbangan luar bas, beliau berkata, terdapat kekangan yang menyebabkan penggantian bas baharu tidak dapat dipercepatkan sehingga mengganggu operasi perkhidmatan tersebut.

"Rapid Bus tidak dapat beroperasi dengan jadual sepatutnya ekoran terdapat kekurangan bas kerana sebanyak 60 buah bas telah ditarik susulan terdapat bas yang semakin tua melebihi jangka hayat yang sesuai untuk operasi.

"Jadi penyumbangan luar ini, Rapid Bus akan menyewa bas dan

dioperasikan oleh pihak yang ketiga dengan menggunakan jenama dan sistem yang sama sebagaimana yang digunakan Rapid KL," katanya.

Beliau juga berharap, bas penyumbangan luar ini dapat menampung jumlah kekurangan jumlah bas agar operasi dapat dijalankan mengikut jadual.

"Bas penyumbangan luar ini telah bermula pada 1 Jun lalu dengan 12 buah bas dan akan ditambah jumlah bas sehingga Disember.

"Sebelum Disember ini, kita akan pastikan terdapat 164 bas yang beroperasi dan 60 daripadanya adalah gantian bas yang terpaksa ditarik atas faktor bas melebihi jangka hayat yang sesuai untuk operasi.

"Saya juga berharap menjelang akhir tahun, terdapat tambahan lebih 100 buah bas di Kuala Lumpur dan 80 buah van untuk DRT bagi melancarkan perjalanan pengguna yang menggunakan pengangkutan awam," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Muhammad Yazurin juga berkongsi pengalaman pahit dan manis sepanjang 13 tahun berkhidmat dalam sektor pengangkutan awam bersempena dengan ulang tahun yang ke-20 Rapid KL.

"Saya tidak akan lupa tentang kesiapsiagaan petugas dalam memberi bantuan perkhidmatan bas shuttle oleh Rapid Bus kepada para penumpang yang berkesan sewaktu 16 stesen Kelana Jaya ditutup.

"Betapa cekapnya barisan petugas sehingga tiada masa rehat dalam menguruskan masalah ini bagi memastikan penumpang dapat menggunakan perkhidmatan awam dengan baik untuk ke tempat kerja," ujarnya.



MUHAMMAD YAZURIN SALLIJ

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411 warga polis alami masalah mental akibat beban tugas

KUALA LUMPUR: Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) mengenal pasti 411 warganya mengalami masalah kesihatan mental berikutan beban tugas yang ditanggung.

Pengarah Jabatan Integriti dan Pematuhan Standard (JIPS) Bukit Aman, Datuk Seri Azri Ahmad berkata, angka itu diperolehi menerusi kajian pihaknya pada tahun 2022 dan 2023.

Menurut beliau, PDRM adalah sebuah pasukan penguat kuasa undang-undang yang mempunyai keanggotaan yang ramai dengan '*nature of work*' yang tiada henti untuk 24 jam sehari.

"Pegawai polis berurusan secara langsung dengan masyarakat dan di dalam masa sama mereka juga adalah ahli masyarakat yang perlu me-

neruskan hidup yang serba mencabar.

"Sebagai manusia biasa warga PDRM juga tidak terkecuali daripada terkesan dengan isu kesihatan mental ekoran tekanan kerja dan tuntutan untuk memenuhi keperluan hidup yang tinggi," katanya dalam ucapan Sambutan Satu Dekad Penubuhan JIPS di Bukit Aman, di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, pegawai polis sukar untuk menghindarkan diri daripada terjerumus kepada rasuah, salah guna kuasa dan jenayah lainnya kerana ruang dan peluang yang hadir tanpa henti.

Kata beliau, JIPS akan sentiasa bersedia melaksanakan peranan dan tanggungjawabnya sebagai Pengurus Integriti Warga PDRM.

"Namun begitu, jabatan ini tidak mungkin mampu merubah apa yang ada melainkan mendapat sokongan daripada semua pihak.

"Tidak terkecuali sokongan padu daripada masyarakat, untuk menjadikan PDRM kekal sebagai sebuah agensi penguatkuasa ulung negara yang dipercayai dan disegani di seluruh dunia," jelasnya.

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Malaysia ada pakar tangani ancaman siber - Mohamed Khaled

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KUALA LUMPUR: Negara mempunyai pakar untuk menangani serangan siber dalam pelbagai bentuk termasuk cubaan mengganggu dan mengintip sistem pertahanan negara.

Menteri Pertahanan, Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin mengakui serangan siber ke atas sistem pertahanan negara terus berlaku dan turut menjadi ancaman kepada sektor lain.

“Yang penting ketika ini adalah kita perlu ada kekuatan dan kemampuan untuk menanganinya,” katanya kepada pemberita selepas Majlis Menandatangani Memorandum Persefahaman



“Ia mungkin terus meningkat dan tentunya satu fenomena yang dihadapi di mana-mana. Yang penting ketika ini adalah kita perlu ada kekuatan dan kemampuan untuk menanganinya.”

MOHAMED KHALED NORDIN

(MoU) antara UiTM Energy & Facilities Sdn. Bhd. dan Boustead Petroleum Marketing Sdn. Bhd. (BHPetrol) di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

Beliau berkata, Kementerian

Pertahanan sudah mempunyai pakar yang berkemahiran dalam teknologi terkini.

Selain itu, katanya, pihak kementerian juga akan memastikan tenaga pakar itu tidak

ketinggalan dalam menguasai teknologi terbaru yang berkembang amat pesat.

“Kita kena tahu teknologi baharu dan perlu tahu bagaimana serangan berlaku. Selain itu, perlu juga dititikberatkan bahawa tidak wajar ada jurang teknologi dalam sistem pertahanan kita,” katanya.

Pada Mac lalu, Khaled Nordin berkata, sistem pertahanan negara menerima kira-kira 3,000 serangan siber setiap hari khususnya selepas Malaysia menyatakan sokongan terhadap Palestin.

Beliau berkata, serangan itu membabitkan pelbagai pihak yang bukan hanya bertujuan mengintip pergerakan Malaysia,

malah mereka turut menggodam sistem pertahanan negara.

Sementara itu, mengulas mengenai pemakluman daripada Jawatankuasa Kira-Kira Wang Negara (PAC) yang akan memanggilnya bagi prosiding Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera (LTAT), dijadualkan pada Ogos depan, beliau mengesahkan sudah menerima hal tersebut.

“Prosiding ini akan bincangkan perkara yang dibangkitkan oleh Laporan Ketua Audit Negara (LKAN) untuk tahun 2022,” katanya.

Prosiding itu bagi mendapatkan penjelasan susulan pendalaman rizab kewangan agensi itu yang negatif seperti dilaporkan dalam LKAN Mac lalu.

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Selangor sumbang pelaburan terbesar negara

KUALA LUMPUR: Selangor optimis untuk mengekalkan prestasinya sebagai antara penyumbang pelaburan terbesar negara menerusi penganjuran Sidang Kemuncak Perniagaan Antarabangsa Selangor 2024 (SIBC 2024), kata Menteri Besar Selangor, Amirudin Shari.

Beliau berkata, bagi suku pertama tahun ini, Selangor berada di tempat ketiga dengan pelaburan sebanyak RM12 bilion.

Menurutnya, tahun lepas, Selangor berada di tempat kedua

mencatat RM55 bilion secara keseluruhan.

"Jadi, sasaran kali ini untuk mengekalkan jumlah pelaburan besar dan mencipta peluang ekonomi signifikan kepada rakyat.

"Melalui SIBC ini, ia menjadi peluang ekonomi Selangor dan Malaysia untuk berkembang dan ruang kepada pempamer ke arah pintu gerbang Asean," katanya kepada pemberita selepas perasmian pembukaan SIBC 2024 di Pusat Konvensyen Kuala Lumpur,

semalam.

SIBC sesi pertama akan berlangsung serentak menghimpunkan lebih 285 pempamer termasuk dari negara luar.

Mengulas lanjut, Amirudin berkata, pihak menjemput delegasi ASEAN setiap untuk membincangkan fungsi dan potensi pelaburan serantau termasuk Malaysia.

Jelas beliau, terdapat 'mega trend' yang berkait dengan Malaysia antaranya di Selangor sendiri membabitkan digitalisasi, tenaga

hijau yang semua itu telah dimasukkan di dalam kerangka Rancangan Selangor Pertama (RS1).

"Oleh itu, tumpuan kita mahu menarik pelabur datang ke Malaysia khususnya Selangor selain membuka ruang kepada negeri-negeri lain mencipta peluang ekonomi.

"Contohnya, sektor industri bukan hanya di Selangor tetapi Negeri Sembilan dan Kedah turut hadir mempamerkan kawasan baharu yang mereka sasarkan se-

bagai kawasan industri," katanya.

Amirudin berkata, pihaknya gembira dapat berkongsi peluang pelaburan dengan negeri lain.

"Ini termasuk negeri Pahang, Melaka dan Johor dalam mempamerkan terutama tempat strategik untuk pelaburan.

"Ia bukan hanya pameran barang perniagaan tetapi pameran kepada sokongan terhadap industri, pelaburan dalam negeri-negeri dan Selangor serta Malaysia," katanya.

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1,671 pegawai, anggota polis dibuang kerja dalam tempoh 10 tahun

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Kuala Lumpur: Seramai 1,671 pegawai dan anggota polis dikenakan hukuman buang kerja atas pelbagai kesalahan sejak 2014 hingga Jun tahun ini, kata Pengarah Jabatan Integriti dan Pematuhan Standard (JIPS) Bukit Aman, Datuk Seri Azri Ahmad.

Beliau berkata, dalam tempoh itu juga 15,546 pegawai dan anggota dikenakan pelbagai hukuman tatatertib dan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) juga membuka serta melaksanakan siasatan membabitkan 40,436 kertas siasatan tatatertib (KST) dan kertas enkuiri tatatertib (KET).

"Bagi pelaksanaan teras pematuhan, dari semasa ke semasa kira-kira 10,000 hingga 20,000 petugas dipantau dan diperiksa secara langsung oleh Cawangan Pematuhan JIPS selaku badan pemerhati," katanya ketika berucap pada sambutan satu dekad penubuhan JIPS di Ibu pejabat Polis Bukit Aman, di

sini, semalam.

Azri berkata, keutamaan pemantauan adalah ke atas petugas barisan hadapan yang berurusan secara langsung dengan masyarakat, iaitu bagi memastikan mereka melaksanakan tugas dengan mematuhi undang-undang, peraturan, arahan dan prosedur operasi standard.

"Pegawai yang dikesan melakukan salah laku akan diambil tindakan sewajarnya.

"Prinsip asasnya, semakin kerap pemeriksaan dibuat, semakin tinggi tahap pencegahan," katanya.

Azri berkata, sepanjang tahun lalu 19,352 pegawai dan anggota diperiksa dengan 1,396 dikesan melakukan pelbagai kesalahan salah laku, manakala bagi



Azri Ahmad

tahun ini pula 11,221 pegawai dan anggota diperiksa tempoh Januari hingga Jun lalu dengan 689 orang dikesan melakukan pelbagai salah laku.

Katanya, Cawangan Risiko dan Operasi JIPS yang

berperanan utama sebagai unit pengesanan dan pengesanan juga melaksanakan ribuan operasi dan membuat tangkapan ke atas 798 orang pegawai polis yang dipercayai terabit dengan pelbagai kesalahan seperti judi, dadah dan kunjungan ke pusat hiburan yang tidak wajar.

Dalam tempoh 10 tahun, beliau berkata, JIPS menerima serta mengendalikan hampir 50,000 aduan dan maklumat khususnya berkaitan isu rasuah, salah guna kuasa dan seumpamanya. BERNAMA

Pindaan Akta Audit 1957 beri impak positif urus wang awam

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Pindaan Akta Audit 1957 akan memberi impak positif melalui skop pengauditan terhadap pengurusan wang awam, di samping memastikan syor audit sentiasa diberi perhatian serius dan diambil tindakan sewajarnya oleh semua pihak sama ada kementerian, jabatan, agensi kerajaan serta mana-mana badan, termasuk syarikat yang menerima wang awam.

Jabatan Audit Negara dalam kenyataan semalam, berkata Akta Audit 1957 (Akta 62) sedia ada tidak dipinda sejak 1991 dan perlu diperkasakan selaras dengan perkembangan terkini yang menyentuh aspek tatakelola dan pengurusan wang awam.

Katanya, ia bertujuan memperkasakan peranan Ketua Audit Negara dalam memastikan fungsi semak dan imbang melalui tiga pengauditan utama, iaitu pengauditan penyata kewangan, pengauditan prestasi program atau aktiviti Kementerian/jabatan/agensi kerajaan serta pengauditan pengurusan syarikat kerajaan.

“Pindaan Akta 62 membabitkan lima prinsip pindaan berkaitan pewujudan peruntukan baharu serta pindaan kepada peruntukan sedia ada seperti pengauditan badan lain, termasuk syarikat di mana kerajaan mempunyai kepentingan dalam bentuk jaminan kewangan.

“Selain itu, pengauditan melalui pendekatan *Follow The Public Money Audit*, tertakluk kepada Menteri Kewangan atas dasar kepentingan awam.

“Seterusnya, mewujudkan suatu peruntukan baharu mengenai kuasa Ketua Audit Negara untuk mengeluarkan apa-apa garis panduan yang perlu dan sesuai manfaat bagi menjalankan peruntukan Akta 62,” katanya.

Selain itu, katanya, antara prinsip pindaan terbabit juga termasuk kuasa Ketua Audit Negara untuk membuat syor menangani apa-apa ketakteraturan serius yang berlaku dalam pengakaunan atau penjagaan wang awam atau simpanan awam di bawah pengauditanya.

“Selain itu, memperluaskan kuasa Ketua Audit Negara untuk melaksanakan susulan audit terhadap apa-apa syor, ulasan atau pandangan yang diberikan dalam Laporan Ketua Audit Negara (LKAN) dan tindakan yang diambil oleh Persekutuan, negeri, pihak berkuasa awam atau badan yang ditentukan,” katanya.

RUU Audit (Pindaan) 2024 bertujuan mengukuhkan akta melalui peruntukan baharu selaras dengan keperluan kehendak semasa dan peluasan bidang tugas Ketua Audit Negara, diluluskan di Dewan Negara, kelmarin.

Serangan siber dalam sistem pertahanan meningkat

Kuala Lumpur: Serangan siber ke atas sistem pertahanan negara dikesan meningkat serta berlaku secara berterusan, di samping turut mengancam pelbagai sektor lain.

Menteri Pertahanan, Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin, berkata ia termasuk percubaan mengganggu ketenteraman dan mengintip tindakan atau strategi semasa sistem pertahanan negara yang perlu ditangani dengan pantas.

"Ya, serangan siber berlaku secara berterusan. Ia mungkin terus meningkat dan tentunya fenomena yang dihadapi di mana-mana, baik aspek pertahanan mahupun sektor lain.

"Kita perlu ada kekuatan dan kemampuan untuk menangannya," katanya kepada media selepas majlis menandatangani memorandum persefahaman (MoU) antara UiTM Energy & Facilities Sdn Bhd dan Boustead Petroleum Marketing Sdn Bhd (BHPetrol) di sini, semalam.

Sebelum ini, sistem pertahanan negara dilaporkan menerima 3,000 serangan siber setiap hari selepas Malaysia menyatakan sokongan terhadap Palestin.

Serangan membabitkan pelbagai pihak yang bukan hanya bertujuan mengintip pergerakan Malaysia, tetapi juga menggodam sistem pertahanan negara.

Mengenai langkah menangani ancaman berkenaan, Mohamed Khaled berkata, kementerian mempunyai pakar berkemahiran dalam teknologi terkini, selain kerap mengenal pasti dan menguasai teknologi baharu.

"Kita kena tahu teknologi baharu dan bagaimana serangan berlaku kerana ia bukan dalam bentuk tradisional semata-mata," katanya.

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Penguatkuasaan, hukuman berat bendung jenayah siber

Kuala Lumpur: Kerajaan digesa melihat semula penguatkuasaan dan hukuman terhadap pihak yang terbabit dalam serangan siber.

Penganalisis jenayah, Shahul Hamid Abdul Rahim, berkata penguatkuasaan lebih ketat dan hukuman berat perlu terhadap penjenayah yang terbabit dalam serangan menerusi media sosial.

"Kerajaan perlu beri perhatian memandangkan jenayah siber di negara ini amat serius dan semakin rumit. Negara ada undang-undang, peraturan dan hukuman, namun jika penguatkuasaan tidak dijalankan dengan serius, ancaman kepada negara akan terus berlaku.

"Akta Keselamatan Siber diwujudkan dan masih baharu, jadi saya tidak nampak secara serius kita menggunakan akta terbabit," katanya pada program *Ruang Bicara* terbitan Bernama

TV, malam kelmarin.

Beliau menegaskan undang-undang berkaitan dilihat semula, sama ada sudah memadai atau perlu ditambah baik bagi menjadi satu akta yang benar-benar mampu menangani jenayah siber.

"Sebagai contoh baru-baru ini, netizen tidak puas hati terhadap hukuman denda maksimum RM100 yang dikenakan kepada seorang pemilik rumah

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kebakikan atas pertuduhan dengan sengaja mengeluarkan kata-kata kesat sehingga menyebabkan kematian seorang pempengaruh. Hal ini kerana ia membabitkan maruah orang," katanya.

Perkukuh tetapan sekuriti

Sementara itu, Timbalan Pengarah (Pengurusan Strategik) Fakulti Sains Komputer dan Teknologi Maklumat, Univer-

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Shahul Hamid Abdul Rahim,
Penganalisis jenayah



siti Putra Malaysia, Profesor Madya Dr Nur Izura Udzir, berkata pengguna media sosial perlu berhati-hati mengendalikan platform itu dengan memperkuh tetapan sekuriti dan privasi bagi menangani jenayah siber.

Beliau berkata, mereka perlu mengambil langkah kawalan seperti menggunakan verifikasi dua langkah, cap jari, pengesanan wajah serta nombor pas pengesahan transaksi (OTP).

"Pengguna perlu berhati-hati, berasa curiga dan jangan mudah terpedaya memandangkan terlalu banyak penipuan seperti scam, buli siber yang berkongsi kandungan sensitif serta bersifat menghasut.

"Selain mengemas kini tetapan media sosial, pengguna juga perlu mengemas kini pengetahuan isu semasa.

"Mereka juga dinasihati untuk elak menekan pautan tidak yakin dan sahih yang mem-

punyai fail aplikasi (APK), iaitu kod yang boleh mencero boh peranti serta memudahkan penyangak siber," katanya kepada BH.

Beliau berkata, aplikasi media sosial seperti WhatsApp dan Telegram perlu lebih bertanggungjawab serta memberikan komitmen yang serius untuk menyediakan platform selamat kepada pengguna dengan mengawal kandungan dan hantaran.

"Mereka perlu memberi komitmen serius untuk membanteras jenayah komersial, kanak-kanak dan sosial yang boleh digunakan seperti pornografi, penggunaan dadah dan cetak rompak.

"Penyedia media sosial perlu ambil serius kerana perkara ini sebahagian daripada tanggungjawab sosial dan jangan hanya memikirkan keuntungan semata-mata," katanya.

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Bekalan air sudah pulih 93.5 peratus di kawasan terjejas BH

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Shah Alam: Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) melaporkan peratusan pemulihan bekalan air bagi kawasan terjejas mencapai 93.5 peratus sehingga jam 12 tengah hari semalam.

Menurut Air Selangor, pengguna di kawasan Kumpulan 2 sudah mencapai 91.8 peratus dan pemulihan penuh dijangka pada jam 8 malam tadi.

"Bagi Kumpulan 3, setakat ini sudah mencecah 73.6 peratus yang mana pemulihan penuh dijangka pada jam 8 pagi esok (Jumaat).

"Untuk makluman, tempoh masa pemulihan bekalan air di kawasan-kawasan yang terjejas adalah berbeza bergantung kepada jarak lokasi premis pengguna dan tekanan air pada sistem agihan bekalan air," katanya menerusi kenyataan, semalam.

Air Selangor juga menyarankan pengguna yang sudah dan akan mendapat bekalan air untuk membiarkan pili air mengalir sehingga jernih sebelum digunakan untuk kegunaan harian.

"Air Selangor berharap agar pengguna yang sudah mendapat bekalan air akan menggunakan air secara berhemah bagi memastikan proses pemulihan di kawasan yang masih terjejas berjalan lancar.

"Air Selangor terus mengerakkan lori tangki air ke kawasan yang masih terjejas dengan memberikan keutamaan kepada premis kritikal seperti hospital, klinik, pusat dialisis dan upacara pengebumian.

"Bantuan bekalan air alternatif menerusi sembilan Pusat Khidmat Setempat (PKS) turut disediakan untuk kemudahan pengguna di lokasi yang tersejarah," katanya.

Bagi pelanggan komersial katanya, bekalan air terawat boleh dibeli di kaunter khidmat pelanggan Air Selangor wilayah Sepang atau Hulu Langat.

"Bagi tujuan ini, pelanggan komersial boleh menggunakan lori tangki air masing-masing di dua stesen pengisian air yang telah dibuka di Braemar Estet (wilayah Hulu Langat) dan Taman Gemilang Dengkil (wilayah Sepang).

"Pengguna boleh mendapatkan maklumat berhubung gangguan bekalan air tidak berjadual ini dari semasa ke semasa daripada saluran komunikasi rasmi <https://waterupdates.airstelangor.com/>, selain di aplikasi Air Selangor, Facebook, Instagram dan X atau hubungi Air Selangor di talian 15300 atau layari <https://www.airstelangor.com/>," katanya.

Kebocoran bahan kimia punca pencemaran bau

Kuala Lumpur: Jabatan Alam Sekitar melakukan lawatan mengejut ke kilang memproses bahan akrilik di kawasan perindustrian Jalan Kampung Orang Asli, Kuang, Rawang, Selangor, semalam, susulan insiden pencemaran bau dan henti tugas Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) Rantau Panjang, Sungai Selangor.

Menteri Sumber Asli dan Kelestarian Alam, Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, berkata, hasil pemeriksaan JAS mendapati punca pencemaran bau adalah akibat ke-

bocoran bahan kimia dikenali sebagai Poly Metha Acrylic Acid (PMAA) daripada tangki pensortiran yang menjadi produk yang dihasilkan oleh premis terbabit berbentuk cecair.

"Kebocoran bahan kimia berkenaan menyebabkan pelepasan bau kerana ciri-ciri bahan kimia PMAA yang berbau kuat.

"Susulan itu, arahan serta-merta dikeluarkan oleh pihak JAS kepada pengusaha premis untuk menjalankan kerja-kerja pembersihan dalam premis, ka-

wasan longkang dan anak sungai yang terkesan dan kerja terbabit selesai dijalankan," katanya menerusi kenyataan, semalam.

Nik Nazmi berkata, tiga sampel bahan bukti turut diambil dan sudah dikemukakan ke Jabatan Kimia Malaysia untuk ujian penentuan komposisi dan pemedanan.

"Kawasan operasi premis beserta peralatan kelengkapan proses sudah disita oleh JAS melalui pengeluaran notis Penahanan Operasi Kelengkapan (POK) di

bawah Seksyen 38(1)(a) Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling, 1974 sehingga siasatan selesai," katanya.

Beliau berkata, kerajaan memandang serius jenayah alam sekitar dan ia sudah diterjemahkan melalui Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling (Pindaan) 2024 yang memperuntukkan hukuman penjara mandatori sehingga lima tahun dan denda maksimum sehingga RM10 juta jika disabitkan dengan kesalahan mencemar sungai.

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Selangor sasar kekal penyumbang terbesar pelaburan

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Selangor menasarkankan untuk mengekalkan prestasinya sebagai penyumbang pelaburan terbesar di negara ini melalui penganjuran Sidang Kemuncak Perniagaan Antarabangsa Selangor (SIBC 2024).

Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari, berkata negeri itu berada di tempat ketiga dengan pelaburan RM12 bilion pada suku pertama tahun ini, selepas berada di kedudukan kedua keseluruhan dengan meraih pelaburan RM55 bilion untuk setahun penuh 2023.

"Sasaran kali ini adalah untuk mengekalkan jumlah pelaburan besar dan mewujudkan peluang ekonomi ketara untuk rakyat," katanya ketika merasmikan SIBC ke-8 di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

Yang turut hadir, Menteri Pelaburan, Perdagangan dan Industri, Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz.

Mengulas lanjut, Amirudin berkata, kerajaan negeri akan bekerjasama dengan Kementerian Pelaburan, Perdagangan dan Industri (MITI) serta kementerian lain dalam program yang akan membawa manfaat ekonomi kepada Selangor.

"Dengan Malaysia bakal menjadi pengerusi ASEAN pada 2025, Selangor sedia menyokong dan melengkapkan kerajaan persekutuan serta MITI dalam setiap cara yang mungkin," katanya.

Sementara itu, mengulas mengenai Malaysia sebagai pengerusi ASEAN, beliau berkata negara ASEAN perlu membina kepercayaan dan komitmen melalui perkongsian matlamat teknologi untuk mengukuhkan kerjasama antara anggota.

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THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SMOKE, VAPOUR AND AEROSOL

Reassessing accessibility to ensure effective tobacco control methods and policies

ACCORDING to the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) Malaysia 2023, the number of e-cigarette users in Malaysia has increased dramatically over the past 12 years.

The prevalence of e-cigarette use among those aged 15-24 increased from 1.1% in 2011 to 8.6% in 2023, representing a 600% rise.

Meanwhile, the overall rate of e-cigarette use in the country has also surged, going from 0.8% in 2011 to 5.8% in 2023 - more than a six-fold increase.

The survey found that 68.1% of Malaysian adults are aware of e-cigarettes, and 8.9% (10.5% of men, 0.8% of women) have used them.

This uptake could be due to inadequate information regarding vapes, e-cigarettes and other alternative tobacco products - how they are distinct and why they should be regulated accordingly.

What's in aerosols?

While smoke is technically an aerosol, not all aerosols are created equal.

Smoke is a complex mixture of solid particles and thousands of chemicals generated at high temperatures when a material burns.

By contrast, an aerosol formed at lower temperatures through vaporisation and condensation is much simpler and contains far fewer harmful chemicals.

This also means that e-cigarettes do not use tobacco - they vaporise an e-liquid solution containing nicotine and flavours when used.

Since there is no burning involved, neither heat-not-burn products nor vapes produce ash or smoke. Instead, they use heating systems to generate an aerosol inhaled by users, classifying heated tobacco products and vapes as "smoke-free" alternatives.

Based on Philip Morris International's (PMI) research, heated tobacco products' (HTP) aerosol contains significantly fewer harmful chemicals compared to cigarette smoke—a claim supported by both targeted and untargeted analyses conducted by the company.

These additional compounds are likely attributed to the flavour system used in HTPs. A toxicological evaluation concluded that these additional compounds do not pose any additional hazard compared to cigarette smoke [1].

PMI Project Management and Knowledge Integration manager Mark Bentley highlighted the significant differences between the two, emphasising the reduced presence of harmful chemicals in heated tobacco aerosol.

From the list of more than 100 harmful and potential harmful constituents (HPHCs), various governments and regulatory bodies have compiled



Smoke from combustion is the primary reason for harmful constituents in cigarettes as it generates thousands of chemicals and solid particles that are linked to various health issues.

priority lists of toxicants that require measurement in cigarette smoke. The most comprehensive list is by the [United States] Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and their list of 93 constituents.

"PMI has analysed, using targeted methods, the concentrations of these 93 constituents in cigarette smoke versus heated tobacco aerosol.

"The results showed a 90-95% reduction for these constituents in heated tobacco aerosol compared to cigarette smoke. This reduction aligns with the findings of other independent studies," he said.

While HTP aerosol contains significantly lower levels of harmful chemicals compared to cigarette smoke, it is important to remember that it is not risk-free.

Exposure from alternatives

For one, PMI had conducted a passive exposure study in Japan to assess the impact of tobacco heating systems (THS) use in real-life settings on users and non-users.

PMI Regional Scientific Engagement Asia director Tomoko Iida stated that, "this study exposed non-smokers to THS aerosol in a restaurant in Tokyo", with the results showing that the use of THS didn't generate environmental smoke and had no adverse effects on indoor air quality [2].

"Also, non-smokers didn't have an increase in exposure to nicotine and tobacco-specific

nitrosamines (TSNA) as a result of passive exposure to the THS aerosol," she said.

In tandem, Japan's Health Ministry had also conducted its own studies and concluded that the "results do not negate the inclusion of HTPs within a regulatory framework for indoor tolerable use from exposure to HTP aerosol, unlike cigarette smoke".

In a reduced emission study published in the Journal of UOEH—the National Institute of Public Health (NIPH) of Japan—concluded that "the concentrations of nicotine in tobacco fillers and the mainstream smoke of IQOS were almost the same as those of conventional combustion cigarettes, while the concentration of TSNA was one fifth with carbon monoxide one hundredth that of conventional combustion cigarettes.

Concerns on accessibility

The GATS Malaysia 2023 survey also revealed that smoking cessation behaviours and health-care utilisation among smokers have remained stagnant over the past year.

This suggests that while e-cigarette use is rising rapidly, efforts to help people quit smoking more broadly have seen limited progress.

Research by Public Health England demonstrated the importance of providing accessible and affordable cessation support and services to help smokers quit.

These include evidence-based interventions such as counsel-

ling, nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) and quitline services. Public awareness campaigns and educational initiatives also play a crucial role in promoting the availability and effectiveness of these resources.

Importantly, those aiming to switch to less harmful alternatives or quit need to ensure adequate access to and use of NRT, as inadequate nicotine replacement or premature discontinuation are both linked to a higher likelihood of relapsing to smoking [3].

While current tobacco regulations restrict the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products to individuals under age 18, e-cigarettes and vape products containing nicotine remain readily accessible to minors.

This accessibility is a growing concern due to the removal of liquid nicotine from the Poisons Act 1952, which was intended to enable taxation on e-liquids with nicotine but inadvertently opened a loophole for unrestricted sales.

It is crucial to address this regulatory gap and implement measures to restrict the sale of nicotine-containing products to individuals under the legal age.

This can be achieved through various strategies, such as:

- > Enacting legislation that specifically prohibits the sale of nicotine-containing products to minors.

- > Implementing age verification systems at points-of-sale.

- > Raising awareness about the potential risks of tobacco products among youth and parents.

While these products demonstrate significant reductions in harmful chemicals compared to cigarette smoke, it remains important to address issues of accessibility to minors and implement robust regulations to safeguard public health.

By leveraging research findings and raising public awareness about the harm of tobacco use, these strategies have proven effective in reducing smoking rates, preventing initiation, and protecting public health.

Continued research, evaluation, and implementation of evidence-based tobacco control strategies are essential to further progress in reducing the burden of tobacco-related diseases.

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Big fish caught siphoning treated water

PETALING JAYA: A fishing park in Bagan Hailam has been caught siphoning treated water for its workers and restaurant for about one year.

This was discovered during a joint raid by the National Water Services Commission (SPAN) and Air Selangor on the park off Jalan Pelabuhan Klang Utara in Port Klang.

The fishing park, renowned for its red snapper and sea bass, was found to have made an illegal connection to an Air Selangor standpipe.

This resulted in an estimated loss of RM110,000 in revenue for the water company over the past year.

SPAN corporate communications and customer affairs unit director Mohd Fazil Ismail (pic) revealed that the fishing park operator allegedly started tapping treated water from the standpipe in July last year.



"Several industries in the immediate area had complained to Air Selangor about low water pressure. Based on Air Selangor's report, SPAN carried out checks and found an illegal connection," he said.

Mohd Fazil said a 25mm poly-pipe was used to divert treated water from the standpipe, spanning about 70m, to utility rooms and kitchens within the fishing park.

It is estimated that around 37,000 cubic metres of water was diverted.

SPAN has issued a compound and will summon the park owner to assist in further investigations.

"SPAN tested the chlorine content to confirm that it was treated water," Mohd Fazil said, adding that the case will be investigated under Section 123 (1) of the Water Services Industry Act 2006 (Act 655).

He hopes enforcement measures would deter others from stealing treated water.

"We encourage consumers to report water theft to SPAN via phone at 013-388 5000 or email aduan@span.gov.my," he said.

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INVESTMENT FLOW

'Selangor can tap national enablers to achieve GDP target'

KUALA LUMPUR: Selangor should leverage national policies and enablers to reach its RM500 billion gross domestic product (GDP) target within three years, said Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz.

Highlighting various national-level plans, such as the green investment strategy, he said this will help Selangor achieve its objectives.

"Selangor's* approved investments in the first quarter of 2024 of RM12.4 billion make it one of the biggest investment contributors to Malaysia's first quarter performance," he said in his keynote address at the 8th Selangor Asean Business Conference 2024.

Tengku Zafrul said with strong collaboration between the ministry, Invest Selangor and Malaysian Investment Development Authority (Mida), he is confident more investments will flow into Selangor.

He said Selangor can leverage Malaysia's chairmanship of Asean next year and Asean's position as a "darling destination" for manufacturing.

He said Asean has a collective GDP of almost US\$3.7 trillion (2022) and is the third largest regional economy in Asia and fifth largest in the world.

Despite global challenges, foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow into Asean stood at US\$155 billion in 2023.



Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz (right) and Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari at the 8th Selangor Asean Business Conference 2024 in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY AZIAH AZMEE

"Thanks to Asean's neutral stance, FDI inflows look set to remain steady in the coming years, particularly amid the geopolitical conflicts between the US and China, as well as between Ukraine and Russia," said Tengku Zafrul.

He said Asean also has a combined population of over 670 million people, of which 213 million, or 31 per cent, are those aged 15-34, making up a young talent pool.

"This demographic dividend is also seen in Selangor, whose working people make up 67 per cent of its population, partly due to its popularity as a 'land of opportunities' for workers from other states."

On Malaysia's Asean chairmanship next year, Tengku Zafrul said it is a crucial opportunity to align Asean's direction with national and state economic policies.

"The ministry will lead Malaysia's chairmanship in the economic pillar, guided by the overarching objectives of the Asean Economic Community Council. The ministry is in the process of crafting Malaysia's Priority Economic Deliverables or PEDs."

The PEDs will be framed around four key strategic thrusts, namely* enhancing trade and investment between Asean member states, integrating and connecting economies, forging inclusive and sustainable future and transforming the digital future.

"Given Selangor's location in the Klang Valley, businesses stand a strong chance of leveraging key events in Kuala Lumpur to elevate themselves and build their regional profile, particularly as the ministry and its agencies have been working hard to make Malaysia a manufacturing and services hub in the region."

Selangor's GDP growth at 5.4 per cent in 2023 surpassed the national GDP growth of 3.6 per cent.

Meanwhile, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said the state needs to reinvigorate its manufacturing capacity to reach the RM500 billion GDP target.

He said while the services and manufacturing sectors remain valuable components in Selangor's economic contribution to the country, accounting for 32.6 per cent and 26.7 per cent, respectively, the state government cannot be complacent.

"According to reports, the International Monetary Fund expects emerging and developing Asia to grow 4.3 per cent in 2024.

"The World Bank projected that Malaysia's economy would grow 4.3 per cent this year and 4.5 per cent in 2025. We need to continue working hard, and working with partners like the Investment, Trade and Industry Ministry and Mida, to rise to the challenge," he said in his keynote address at the Mida Invest Series.

SELANGOR ASEAN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Energy, water efficiency standards for data centres to be announced in September

KUALA LUMPUR: The government will announce electricity and water efficiency standards for data centres in September, following the influx of data centre investments in the country.

Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz said the National Investment Council has suggested that Sirim Bhd and the Standards Department come up

with efficiency standards for data centres, especially for electricity and water.

He said the multiplier effect from data centre investments in the country is substantial.

"Google announced an investment of RM9 billion recently but the spillover would amount to about RM15 billion with 20,000 job opportunities. Our advantage is that we have good infrastruc-

ture, we have energy, and with the National Energy Transition Roadmap, we will get green energy. We also have a lot of companies that need data centres," he said at the 8th Selangor Asean Business Conference.

Public Investment Bank Bhd said in a report the data centre boom will see power needs ballooning from 990 megawatts (MW) to 1,400MW by 2029.

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Miti targets eightfold jump in value of green investments

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) aims to attract about eight times the current value of green investments into Malaysia and stimulate socio-economic growth. Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz said that the current global race to net-zero, this aligns with the responsibility of Miti as the main coordinating and implementing ministry for the Green Investment Strategy (GIS).

"The GIS will complement existing policies such as New Industrial Master Plan 2030, the National Energy Transition Roadmap and National Industry 4.0 Framework," he said in his keynote speech at the 8th Selangor Asean Business Conference 2024 (SABC 2024) yesterday.

➤ Aim is to stimulate socio-economic growth, aligns with ministry's responsibility in coordinating and implementing strategy: Tengku Zafrul

He added that Selangor will benefit from this in terms of new business opportunities for SMEs, and skills development for Selangorians in the green industry.

In 2023, Tengku Zafrul said, Malaysia recorded a 23% increase in approved investments, to the tune of RM329.5 billion, with Selangor receiving more than RM55 billion. "This growth is partly attributed to Asean's firm stance on its neutrality and independence, which attracted RM654.1 billion (US\$155 billion) of foreign direct investments."

Tengku Zafrul said Selangor's first-quarter 2024 approved investments of RM12.4 billion make it one of the biggest investment contributors to Malaysia's Q1'24 investments, which solidifies Selangor's rank as Malaysia's leading hub for innovation and economic growth.

"This paves the way for Selangor to leverage Asean's position as the world's current 'darling destination' for investments in manufacturing," he remarked.

For digital transformation, Tengku Zafrul said the creation of

data centres in Malaysia would generate economic benefits and have a significant multiplier effect on job creation.

"For instance, Google recently announced an investment of RM9.4 billion, with the economic benefits expected to double to RM15 billion and generate over 20,000 job opportunities.

"Although the direct job impact might not be extensive, the arrival of major tech companies and the establishment of data centres can be compared to constructing a 'highway,' which will facilitate the entry of other businesses into Malaysia."

On a separate matter, Tengku Zafrul said the Asean Digital Economy Framework (Defa), currently under negotiation, is likely to be completed during the Asean Summit next year.

Intratrade within Asean currently stands at 20%, he added, and Defa is expected to boost trade between member states, particularly for SMEs.

Tengku Zafrul said that a way to increase Asean's intratrade is through increasing digital e-commerce and this would help SMEs.

Meanwhile, Selangor International Business Summit 2024 officially kicked off yesterday, marking the start of its first series with SABC 2024 and the Selangor Investment and Industrial Park Expo 2024, being held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre until tomorrow.

The launch of SABC 2024 was officiated by Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari. The event spans two days and features 20 distinguished speakers from 10 countries, including Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Brunei, Timor-Leste and Malaysia, and from the European Union, and is hosting 200 international delegates from 23 countries.



Tengku Zafrul (second from right) and Amirudin (second from left) and Selangor Exco for Investment, Trade and Mobility Ng Sze Han (left) viewing one of the displays at SABC 2024. — ADIB RAWI YAHYA/THESUN

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Rooting out corruption in police force

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KUALA LUMPUR: Bukit Aman Integrity and Standards Compliance Department director Datuk Seri Azri Ahmad said 1,671 police officers and personnel were dismissed over the past 10 years.

He said during the same period, 15,546 officers and policemen were subjected to various disciplinary actions and 40,436 disciplinary inquiry papers and investigation papers were opened.

"Between 10,000 and 20,000 police personnel are monitored and directly inspected from time to time by the department's Compliance Branch.

"The priority is on frontline personnel who

interact with the public to ensure they perform their duties in compliance with laws, regulations, directives and standard operating procedures.

"An officer found engaging in misconduct will be dealt with accordingly. The basic principle is that the more frequent the inspections, the higher the level of prevention," he said during a celebration of a decade of the department's establishment at Bukit Aman yesterday.

He said 19,352 officers and personnel were inspected last year and 1,396 were found to have committed misconduct.

From January to June this year, 11,221

officers and personnel were inspected and 689 were monitored for various misconduct.

Azri said the department's Intelligence and Operations Branch, which plays a key role as a detection and verification unit, has carried out thousands of operations and made arrests of 798 police officers believed to be involved in various offences, such as gambling, drugs and inappropriate visits to entertainment centres.

He said over the past 10 years, the department has received and handled nearly 50,000 complaints, particularly related to issues of corruption, abuse of power and misconduct. - Bernama

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Resolve perennial water supply issues in Petaling Jaya

I AM writing to express my concern over the ongoing and frequent water disruptions that have been severely affecting the residents of Petaling Jaya and surrounding areas. These disruptions have become a recurring issue, causing significant inconvenience and distress to our community.

According to the Air Selangor website, only 90% restoration of the water supply is expected today.

This prolonged disruption highlights the severity of the situation and the urgent need for effective solutions.

As a resident, I have experienced the adverse impact of these frequent water cuts. Basic daily activities such as cooking, cleaning and maintaining hygiene have become challenging tasks.

This situation is particularly dire for vulnerable groups such as the elderly and school-going children, whose health and well-being are compromised due to the lack of reliable water supply.

Moreover, people living in condominiums face unique challenges. They often struggle to access alternative water sources and bear additional costs for water storage solutions.

Residents in walk-up apartments are also significantly affected. Without elevators, they must carry heavy containers of water up multiple flights of stairs, which is especially difficult for the elderly, disabled and those with young children.

The situation in low-income areas is even more troubling, as these residents lack the resources to secure alternative water supplies, exacerbating their existing hardships. Local businesses have also suffered substantial financial losses due to the unreliable water supply, affecting livelihoods and the economy.

The persistent nature of these disruptions suggests underlying issues in the management and maintenance of our water infrastructure.

Despite repeated assurances, the situation has not improved, eroding public trust in the ability of the authorities to effectively manage our water supply.

The relevant authorities must take immediate and effective action to address these issues and restore a reliable water supply to our community.

I urge the responsible parties to conduct a thorough investigation into the root causes of these disruptions and to implement long-term solutions to prevent future occurrences.

Our community's well-being depends on a dependable water supply, and this issue must be given the urgent attention it deserves.

I hope that by raising awareness through this letter, we can prompt necessary actions by the local authorities to resolve this critical issue.

Kumar
Petaling Jaya resident

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Property ads on FB ^{7/6/24} not linked to council

SHAH ALAM: The Shah Alam City Council has denied any involvement with property advertisements posted on Facebook.

In a statement, the council said it has received complaints and queries from the public about property sale advertisements using its logo that have been posted on Facebook.

"The council is not associated with any property ads or house sales on Facebook using our logo. We are also not connected to any Facebook accounts using the name Shah Alam City Council," the statement read.

The council's official social media channels are Facebook (@shahalamcitycouncil), Instagram (@sacitycouncil), Twitter (@sacitycouncil) and TikTok (@sacitycouncil).

The council advises the public to be wary of misleading and unauthorised ads using its logo or name. — Bernama

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CSR: More than just goodwill

CSR is a self-regulating business model that helps a company be socially accountable—to itself, its stakeholders and the public. CSR can be broken down into four main aspects:

1. Environment

This involves initiatives that reduce the company's carbon footprint, conserve water, source eco-friendly materials and generally minimise the environmental impact of business operations.

2. Philanthropy

This includes corporate donations of money, products, or services to social causes and non-profit organisations.

This could take the form of a company offering grants to local schools or matching employee donations to charitable organisations.

3. Ethics

This focuses on fair and ethical treatment of all stakeholders,

including employees, customers, suppliers, and the wider community.

4. Economy

This involves making financial decisions that contribute to long-term economic sustainability. Including paying fair wages, investing in local communities, and ensuring fair trade practices, or supporting local suppliers over cheaper international options to bolster the local economy.

Consider a tech company that reduces its carbon footprint by transitioning to renewable energy, supports coding education for underprivileged communities, adheres to ethical labour practices and invests in local suppliers. This company is addressing all four aspects of CSR.

From goodwill to good metrics

Bridging CSR and ESG for maximum impact

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IN TODAY'S corporate landscape, the concepts of corporate social responsibility (CSR) and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) have become part of everyday terminology. But, how can businesses leverage CSR to meet ESG goals and attract socially conscious investors? Let's unpack these concepts, explore their relationships, and provide actionable insights for companies aiming to make a positive impact on local communities.

CSR and ESG: Complementary forces

While CSR focuses on ethical commitments and qualitative actions, ESG provides a framework for quantifying these actions.

CSR activities can be translated into measurable ESG metrics, which investors use to evaluate a company's performance. CSR initiatives that contribute to positive environmental or social outcomes can directly align with ESG goals:

Environmental initiatives

CSR activities like a recycling programme or sourcing renewable energy can be quantified and reported as ESG metrics.

For example, the amount of waste diverted from landfills or the percentage of energy sourced from renewables can be tracked.

Social initiatives

CSR efforts in community engagement and ethical labour practices can enhance ESG scores by tracking metrics like volunteer hours to community projects.

Governance

Transparent and ethical CSR practices can improve governance metrics through regular audits, transparent reporting, and ethical leadership practices.

Consider a retail company that implements a robust recycling programme, supports local education initiatives, ensures ethical labour practices and maintains transparent governance.

This company can translate these CSR activities into measurable ESG metrics, improving its ESG ratings and attracting investors.



Actionable takeaways for companies

1. Quantify impact

- > Measure the impact of CSR activities (e.g. waste diverted from landfills, renewable energy usage).
- > Use specific metrics like tons of waste recycled or the number of volunteer hours.
- > Utilise tools like the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) or the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB).



2. Align CSR with ESG goals

- > Ensure CSR initiatives support ESG goals.
- > Choose activities that align with

ESG priorities like community engagement and diversity.

- > Regularly track and disclose CSR and ESG performance to build trust and improve ratings.



3. Maintain transparency

- > Be transparent about CSR activities and impacts.
- > Report regularly with clear, measurable data.
- > Communicate efforts and achievements to stakeholders through reports, websites and social media.

4. Continuous improvement

- > Regularly review and update CSR initiatives to align with evolving ESG criteria.
- > Benchmark against industry standards and peers for continuous improvement.

5. Engage stakeholders

- > Gather feedback from employees, customers and investors.
- > Use surveys, focus groups, and meetings to inform CSR activities and identify areas for improvement.

While CSR and ESG are distinct concepts, they are intrinsically linked. CSR provides the ethical and qualitative foundation, while ESG offers a quantitative, data-driven framework to measure and report these efforts.

By understanding and leveraging the relationship between CSR and ESG, companies can not only improve their sustainability practices but also enhance their appeal to socially conscious investors.

ESG: A data-driven approach

ESG criteria are standards for a company's operations that socially conscious investors use to screen potential investments.

Unlike CSR, which is often more qualitative and driven by goodwill, ESG is quantitative, data-driven and used as a business tool.

ESG criteria are divided into three main categories:

1. Environmental

Measures a company's impact on the environment, including carbon emissions, waste management, and energy efficiency.

Investors look for metrics that show a company is actively reducing its environmental footprint.

2. Social

Evaluates how a company manages relationships with employees, suppliers, customers, and the communities where it operates. Metrics include labour practices,

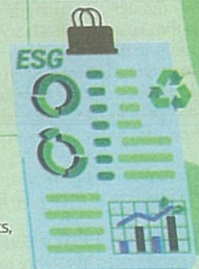
diversity, community engagement and human rights.

3. Governance

Assess a company's leadership, executive pay, audits, internal controls and shareholder rights. Governance metrics evaluate ethical and transparent operations at the highest levels.

ESG criteria are used by investors to make informed decisions about where to allocate their funds.

Companies with strong ESG metrics are often seen as lower-risk, more sustainable investments.



Small steps toward the big ESG leap

Implementing sustainable practices and action steps for SMEs

FOR small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to accept sustainability and integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles within their company framework, the changes have to be digestible. Reasons for implementing them

should also be comprehensible and not colluded by overly complex installation methods and explanations.

Many are also worried that the way they instate these principles may not be proper due to their lack of knowledge.

They worry that if these methods are inefficiently set up, that could potentially become a real expense over time.

However, there are steps businesses can take that need not be confusing or a drain of resources. All they need is a bit of planning.

1. Setting goals and targets

All ventures start on the drawing board and detailing a sustainability roadmap is no different.

- > Set clear and measurable sustainability goals
- Identify materiality by determining the ESG issues most relevant to your business and stakeholders via surveys, stakeholder interviews or data analysis;
- Prioritise issues that will affect your business and environment first;
- > Implement SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) goals, a set of reminders that provide clear, actionable and

achievable action to reach an objective.

Some examples of SMART goals:

- Reduce energy consumption by 20% within the next 3 years.
- Increase the use of recycled materials in product packaging by 30% by the end of 2025.
- Achieve 100% supplier compliance with the company's sustainable sourcing policy by 2026.
- Train 80% of employees on sustainable business practices by the end of 2024.

When using SMART, assess your current impact on the environment and society via energy use, waste generation and supply chain.

2) It's a team effort

To ensure sustainability is well implemented, your employees have to be on-board. Here are some of the best ways to engage with your staff on ESG:

- > Offer a clear narrative on the company's direction in ESG and how they can be part of something larger;
- > Provide training and workshops on ESG concepts, best practices and show how they can achieve sustainability targets;
- > Encourage employee involvement by creating employee committees to implement initiatives, or run awards to recognise those who achieve their

sustainability goals, and provide a platform for feedback;

- > Set up practical steps in green initiatives, such as waste reduction, energy conservation and recycling or engaging in a proper work-life balance in the work culture;
- > Support sustainability causes they are passionate about either in environment, social or governance;
- > Demonstrate leadership by visibly supporting ESG-focused initiatives, which includes ethical conduct, providing employee benefits and creating an environment for where diversity and inclusivity can thrive.

3. Collaboration and partnerships

One good way to further your ESG agenda is to collaborate your efforts with your shareholders, suppliers and peers. Collaboration and partnerships expand your sustainability efforts by:

- > Availing shared financial and technological resources, as well as expertise and knowledge to address any sustainability issue;
- > Working together increases the impact by reaching a wider audience and implementing solutions at a larger scale;
- > Managing risk would be more effective as responsibility and knowledge will be shared among the collaborators and partners;
- > Expanding creativity and innovation when tackling ESG-related issues thanks to diverse perspectives;
- > Enhancing reputation through commitment and building trust between partners;

4) Monitoring and reporting

Like any business plan that has been implemented, management can only gauge the effectiveness if there is empirical data available. This process ensures the sustainability plans are initiated correctly to produce desired results. SMEs have several frameworks that they can follow to quantifiably track their ESG progress.

> Simplified ESG Disclosure Guide (SEDG)

Launched on Oct 19 last year by an affiliate of the Securities Commission Malaysia, Capital Markets Malaysia, the SEDG aims to provide SMEs with a practical, structured guidance on disclosures concerning ESG matters in a clear and concise manner.

SMEs can track and report even as they scale up with its three maturity levels as companies level up in their sustainability journey.

> Miti's I-ESG Framework

While the SEDG was meant for most SMEs, Miti's I-ESG Framework, which was launched Oct 2 last year, targeted the manufacturing sector in Malaysia. It is a comprehensive approach that covers environmental, social and governance aspects relevant to the manufacturing industry. The framework aims to enhance the sector's environmental sustainability, economic

benefits, and social equity and has four components: standards, capacity building, financing and market mechanism.

It also lists 70 strategies, 50 deliverables and is supported by six enablers.

> UN Global Compact Network Malaysia & Brunei (UNGC) SME Sustainability Action Guide

This guide provides SMEs strong reasons to embrace ESG, with direct and indirect benefits to their business and the planet simultaneously. Specifically for SMEs, the guide is supported with real life examples of sustainability initiatives taken by some Malaysian SMEs and how they have gained from this venture.

It also takes a structured and practical approach to show SMEs what they should focus on in their implementation, tracking and reporting.



By LEE CHONGHUI

WHY is the government not able to solve problems? This is perhaps one of the most common grouses people across the globe have towards their respective governments. While it is a question, one should bear in mind that governments hold behemoth tasks that take time and effort from individuals who - just like any other person, have their own mindset and are affected by behavioural biases - to overcome.

This brings us to another question - is there a need for mindset shifts amid this age of transformation and sustainability? Yes, there is when there's progress to be made starting from the grassroots, all the way up to governance.

As mentioned in the first part of the cover story, Sweden's recent legislation mandates the separation of food waste for both households and businesses, while all local authorities in Sweden are required to establish systems for the separate collection of food waste. Given that the Swedes have been practising food waste separation for some time, it's safe to say the country's efforts have a high chance of success. Yet, the same cannot be said in the Malaysian context.

Who is that "someone else"?

All humans have been guilty of committing the "if I don't do it, someone else will" behaviour at some point in life. This relates to a phenomenon called diffusion of responsibility, which is similar to the bystander effect. Simply put, it occurs when each individual assumes someone else will take up the responsibility and act on it, but no one actually does.

This mindset comes into play with pressing matters the world currently faces, such as climate change, human rights, destruction of nature's assets (natural resources, environment and animals).

If each person pushes responsibility to the next person, who is going to be the "someone else" that would do the right thing - no matter how small the act - that could ripple into larger-scale change in society? For efforts in driving a sustainable future to work, people, businesses and government are required to change their mindset and take up some form of social responsibility to achieve social sustainability that can benefit society as a whole.

According to the World Bank, communities and societies that are more socially sustainable are more willing and able to work together to overcome challenges, deliver public goods, and allocate scarce resources in ways perceived to be legitimate and fair so that all people may thrive over time.

Comprising four key components - social cohesion, inclusion, resilience, and process legitimacy - social sustainability is fundamental in addressing today's development challenges and is the social counterpart to environmental and economic sustainability.

Social responsibility boosts sustainability

Social responsibility is defined as



Individuals and companies aiming to be socially responsible can adopt policies that promote well-being of society and the environment, while lessening the negative impacts on them.

Shifting mindset and behaviour for people, profit, planet

Individuals, companies and governments need to adopt the right mindset and behaviour to drive social responsibility that can enhance sustainability efforts in the long run

an ethical framework whereby an organisation or individual, has an obligation to act for the benefit of society at large. It is a means of achieving sustainability as adopting key social responsibility principles, such as accountability and transparency, can help ensure long-term viability and success of organisations or systems.

A research titled *The Impact of Environmental, Social and Governance Practices (ESG) on Economic Performance: Evidence from ESG Score* has shown that businesses with low corporate social practices (CSP) have higher financial performance than firms with moderate CSP, but firms with high CSP have the highest financial performance. This supports the theoretical argument that stakeholders can transform social responsibility into profit.

The paper conceptualises CSP into a three-dimensional concept - corporate social responsibilities, (economic, legal, ethical, discretionary), corporate social responsiveness (defence, reaction, accommodation, pro-action) and social issues (consumers, environment, product safety, employee discrimination/safety and shareholders).

According to the research, CSP can also be defined as a construct that emphasises a company's responsibilities to multiple stakeholders, such as employees and the community as a whole, in addition to its traditional responsibilities to economic shareholders.

Another study conducted by Singapore's Nanyang Technological University titled *Institutional share-*

holders and corporate social responsibility disclosed that institutional shareholders (a company or organisation such as hedge fund, mutual funds that invests money on behalf of clients or members) can generate real social impact.

The research highlights that institutional shareholders mainly drive improvements in CSR issues that are financially material to firm values. Furthermore, higher ownership is found to specifically reduce certain negative CSR issues that might lead to lawsuits or regulatory penalties due to gender discrimination, unsafe workplaces, non-compliance with environmental regulations, or improper marketing.

Meanwhile, the report also mentions prior studies have shown that individual investors could derive utility by investing in accordance with their social preferences for social responsibility.

Shifting mindset

From "if I don't do it, someone else will" to "we want to do it" is the mindset shift that is needed now in advancing sustainability efforts. Stewardship Asia Centre (SAC) chief executive officer Rajeev Peshawaria opines that more business leaders should see themselves as "steward leaders" of planet earth and humanity.

"These steward leaders pivot from seeing sustainability as a cost compliance or risk problem to a win-win-win growth opportunity. Yes, they want to make money, but they do it by addressing the most pressing human problems today,"

says Rajeev in a radio podcast regarding SAC's recently published *Boards as Stewards of Sustainability* report.

Stewardship Asia Centre is a non-profit organisation established by Temasek dedicated to help business and government leaders, investors, and individuals accelerate leadership action on environmental and social challenges through catalytic knowledge and advisory.

Rajeev shares that steward leaders have set their mind to inculcate good values into their organisation's DNA.

"The first is interdependence - the more we do for society, the more the business is going to succeed. Second is the long-term view - to think in generations not in quarters or years.

"Third is they adopt an ownership mentality - taking ownership to do business and make money by solving problems. Fourth is creative resilience, which is all about innovation."

He notes that the four values mentioned above are embedded into the company culture so that everybody behaves with these values, even when no one is looking.

"It's not easy to do, but by walking the talk, steward leaders create that culture. They also articulate a purpose which differs from the normal purpose - which is to make money and not break the law while doing it.

"A stewardship purpose differs from normal purpose in the sense that it creates a collective better future for stakeholders, society, future generations, and the environ-



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ment. We call it the steward leadership compass.

"Then through the lens of this compass, make decisions from strategy to pricing, execution, to hiring. When this is done, you're going to make money in the long run and stay profitable for hundreds of years, not just quarters," he says.

He adds that the board of every company plays a crucial role in pursuing steward leadership.

"Steward leadership, more than anything else, is an intentionality to do well by doing good. It is something anyone can acquire without training. You just need to keep your eyes and ears open to see what society and our planet is going through.

"Steward leaders want to do well by doing good. I want my life to matter, my business to matter," says Rajeev.

To sum up, adopting the right mindset is crucial in practising social responsibility but one must also keep in mind that nothing can be achieved without consistent action.

A tale of two cities: Selangor and Stockholm

Examining the government's role in promoting and supporting social responsibility through urban development

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FOR governments and municipalities, social responsibility entails a commitment to enhancing the wellbeing of society as a whole.

It goes beyond economic considerations and encompasses social, environmental and ethical dimensions.

Socially responsible governments enable sustainable development by ensuring that urban growth minimises negative environmental impacts, promotes resource efficiency and maintains long-term ecological balance.

Social responsibility for governments

In the context of urban planning, social responsibility for governments and municipalities involves several key aspects.

First, it requires equitable and inclusive development, ensuring equal access to resources, services and opportunities for all members of society. Not only that, it also prioritises public health and safety through measures to protect public wellbeing, maintain clean environments and improve safety conditions.

Stakeholder engagement and collaboration are essential in social responsibility, as they actively involve the public in decision-making processes, fostering community engagement and making collaborative efforts with stakeholders to address social challenges collectively.

What's happening in Stockholm?

In terms of urban planning, Smart City Sweden is a Swedish state-founded export platform that initiates cooperation between Sweden and other countries within smart and sustainable city solutions.

Stockholm, the capital city of Sweden, is taking significant steps to promote sustainability and advance urban planning, with one of the key measures implemented by the city being the mandatory collection of food waste.

Beginning this year, a recent legislation in Sweden mandates the separation of food waste for both households and businesses.

Additionally, all local authorities in Sweden are required to establish systems for the separate collection of food waste.

Although food waste separation has been practised in various regions of the country for some time, it is only now being officially regulated by law.

According to calculations from Stockholm Vatten och Avfall—the company responsible for the capital's waste management—a mere 5kg of food waste can power a car to cover an impressive distance of almost a mile.



According to PLANMalaysia, the government has also provided guidelines for developing sanitary landfills and waste processing facilities to manage waste effectively and minimise the environmental impact of landfills.

In related news, Stockholm Vatten och Avfall is building a sorting plant in Högdalen to enable more households living in apartments to sort out their food waste, which is a new approach to the local government's role in providing recycling facilities.

Swedes recognise food waste as a valuable energy source. It is utilised—among other applications—to produce biogas, serving as a sustainable substitute for fossil fuels used in buses, lorries and even cars.

In addition, Avfall Sverige, the Swedish waste management organisation, reveals that a significant majority of municipalities in Sweden, specifically 256 out of 290, have implemented varying levels of food waste collection systems at the source.

However, some smaller municipalities, particularly those located in northern Sweden and rural areas, have yet to introduce such systems.

The decision to abstain from implementation is often a result of the substantial costs associated with low population densities, long distances and challenging weather conditions, which make waste management more difficult in these regions.

Closer to home

Similarly, the Town and Country Planning Department (PLANMalaysia) has implemented several initiatives to improve access to sustainable waste management and recycling services in urban areas across Malaysia.

PLANMalaysia is a department under the Housing and Local Government Ministry (KPKT), with the goal of improving people's wellbeing and national prosperity by 2030.

The department provides planning advisory services and helps local authorities prepare development plans at all levels.

Some of their notable key measures include:

> **Comprehensive waste collection and disposal:** The government has mandated regular waste collection schedules to ensure timely removal of household and commercial waste. It has also provided guidelines for developing sanitary landfills and waste processing facilities to manage waste effectively and minimise environmental impact.

> **Recycling programmes:** PLANMalaysia has made it a requirement to provide recycling bins and the establishment of recycling centres to encourage waste segregation and recycling among residents. Public awareness campaigns have been launched to educate people on the importance of recycling and proper waste disposal. They added that the government is also supporting the development of waste-to-energy facilities to convert non-recyclable waste into energy.

> **Green neighbourhood initiatives:** The urban planning framework includes promoting urban farming practices in communities, which incorporates composting and the reduction of single-use plastics to further improve waste management and recycling.

> **Waste disposal regulations:** Enforcement of regulations for proper waste disposal, including hazardous waste.

> **Sustainability monitoring:** Using the Malaysian Urban-Rural National Indicators Network for Sustainable Development (MURNInets) to measure and assess the sustainability of a local authority area through urban indicators.

They have also introduced intervention plans such as the Land Use Planning Master Plan For National Food Production Area (KAGUMN) to reduce our dependence on imported food products and increase our self-sufficiency rate.

PLANMalaysia's sustainable urban development strategies to enhance livability and environmental sustain-

ability across our cities.

According to PLANMalaysia, they ensure successful implementation of community-based planning or micro-planning through several special action plans as the fourth tier planning—namely the Urban Special Action Plan (PTKB), Rural Special Action Plan (PTKLB) and Community Special Action Plan (PTKK).

"These plans enable community-based projects to solve current issues that need fast action and fulfil the needs of the community. The fourth tier planning or micro-planning must address people's needs. To plan for the people by the people, and to let the people shape the environment they want to live in," PLANMalaysia told *StarESG*.

"The upcoming 5th National Physical Plan (NPP5) and the 3rd National Urbanisation Policy (NUP3) will further strengthen the people and community aspects by stressing on the human scale planning and community building for our future cities as visualised by Malaysia MADANI's aspiration."

PLANMalaysia is also involved in planning guidelines to promote uniform access to resources, services and opportunities across Malaysian society.

As they are the leader in urban and rural planning in Malaysia, their other initiatives also include ensuring access to affordable housing, equitably distributing public facilities such as healthcare and education, improving public transportation connectivity, expanding community development projects and promoting sustainable management of natural resources.

These measures aim to create a more inclusive society where all residents have the chance to thrive, regardless of their background or location.

Meanwhile in local news, *The Star* reported (May 15) that Selangor's waste management system would undergo a due diligence period of

inspection ahead of its plan to adopt the Solid Waste and Put Cleansing Management Act (Act 672).

Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming had said all of Selangor's assets related public waste were undergoing thorough inspection by the National Solid Waste Management Department.

Previously on March 10, Nga announced that Selangor had agreed in principle to adopt Act 672 after Selangor Ruler Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah granted an audience to which the latter consented to adopting the Act.

The Act, which is better known as Act 672, makes it compulsory for solid waste to be separated into recyclables and non-recyclables.

Although, it is currently only applied to the states of Pahang, Johor, Melaka, Negri Sembilan, Perlis and Kedah, as well as Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

Zooming in on Selangor

Although, Stockholm is focusing specifically on organic waste (food waste generated by households), Selangor has been making significant strides in waste management, with several key components shaping its current landscape.

Waste collection and public cleansing in Selangor are primarily handled by KDEB Waste Management (KDEBWM), a state-owned enterprise.

KDEBWM is responsible for domestic waste collection, bulky waste removal, street sweeping, drain cleaning, ensuring a clean and more organised environment for residents.

However, the reliance on landfills for waste disposal remains a primary challenge. With landfills reaching capacity, Selangor recognises the need for alternative waste management solutions.

In response to landfills reaching peak capacity, the state is also undertaking the Selangor Green Energy Eco Park (SGEEP) project, which includes the construction of a waste-to-energy (WTE) plant in Rawang.

The WTE plant aims to process significant portion of Selangor's waste while generating electricity, reducing the dependence on landfills and providing a renewable energy source.

The existing infrastructure, managed by KDEBWM, emphasises waste collection and disposal.

However, with the construction of the SGEEP waste-to-energy plant and the presence of nascent recycling initiatives, Selangor is moving towards a more sustainable and comprehensive waste management approach.

But, if the government were to provide the necessary access and infrastructure for Malaysians like what Stockholm plans to do, would we be able to utilise these facilities efficiently and effectively?

2 Bridging the education gap

Education is a powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty.

Air Selangor's commitment to bridging the education gap for B40 students is evident through its partnership with Pandai Education Sdn Bhd, providing digital educational resources to help students prepare for their SPM examinations.

In 2023, the water services provider invested RM52,500 to provide 175 students with access to the Pandai Premium application, which includes practice questions, tests, and online tutoring.

By leveraging technology, this programme helps ensure that all students, regardless of their economic background, have the opportunity to excel academically.



3 Festive CSR

Air Selangor recognises the significance of festive seasons in fostering community spirit and inclusivity, therefore taking the opportunity to contribute to the underprivileged during Chinese New Year, Ramadan, Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Hari Merdeka, Deepavali and Christmas.

In 2023, it distributed RM185,669.30 worth of provisions to 763 recipients across 20 different welfare houses.

Plumbing assistance was also provided to ensure a continuous supply of clean and safe treated water to these welfare homes.

This initiative not only addresses immediate needs but also contributes to the long-term well-being of the underprivileged, highlighting Air Selangor's holistic approach to CSR.



Community impact

Air Selangor's social responsibility initiatives showcase its dedication to making a meaningful difference in communities.

These efforts are supported by strategic partnerships that play a crucial role in

achieving their goals.

This collective approach addresses fundamental needs and supports long-term development, illustrating the profound impact of thoughtful, community-driven business practices.

By providing clean water, supporting

Air Selangor's commitment to community wellbeing

ACCESS to clean water is more than just a necessity—it's a lifeline that supports the health, well-being, and economic stability of communities.

At the forefront of ensuring this vital resource is Air Selangor, a company deeply committed to social responsibility.

Through a series of impactful initiatives under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) umbrella "Sesama Mara", the largest water services provider in Malaysia goes beyond its core mission of providing water, demonstrating how businesses can drive sustainable positive change.

Sesama Mara, since its inception in 2020, has launched programmes aimed at uplifting and supporting communities in various ways. It has since contributed over RM1.45mil to community development efforts around Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

The programme is guided by Air Selangor's sixth and last pillar of its sustainability model, "Giving Back To Community", which aligns seamlessly with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



1 Alleviating poverty

As part of the Sasama Mara programme, Air Selangor's Box of Hope initiative is a testament to its dedication in alleviating poverty and supporting underprivileged households.

Since 2020, this initiative has provided essential provisions to over 5,075 families across Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

In collaboration with Yayasan Food Bank Malaysia, Air Selangor distributed 1,700 boxes of essential items in 2023 alone.

Each box contains a variety of food items and daily necessities designed to help families meet their immediate needs.

To further support this cause, Air Selangor, in collaboration with supermarket operator The Food Purveyor Sdn Bhd, has placed collection boxes at selected Village Grocer outlets.

This allows the public to donate dry groceries and essential food items such as rice, cooking oil and biscuits, which are then included in the Box of Hope food boxes.

education, and aiding underprivileged communities, Air Selangor has created a robust support system for the most vulnerable.

Its approach to CSR not only improves lives today but also lays the foundation for a more equitable and sustainable future.

4 Ensuring access to clean and safe treated water

At the heart of Air Selangor's mission is providing clean and safe treated water to all communities, addressing fundamental health needs and supporting economic stability across Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

One of the key initiatives reflecting this commitment is the Skim Air Darul Ehsan (SADE), a strategic community investment devised by the Selangor State government and supported by Air Selangor.

This programme ensures that every consumer has equal access to clean and safe water.

In 2023, there were 35,817 new registrations, bringing the total approved recipients since the scheme's inception in 2019 to 285,673.

Eligible low-income households receive 20 cubic metres of water free every month, providing support for families struggling with their finances.

This initiative costs the Selangor State government over RM30mil annually.

To qualify, applicants must be Malaysian citizens residing or renting in Selangor with a monthly household income of less than RM5,000, using individual metres in their residential premises.

This strategic investment ensures that basic water needs are met for the most vulnerable populations.

By guaranteeing a reliable water supply, Air Selangor helps to maintain public health, promote hygiene and support livelihoods.

This foundational commitment underpins its broader social responsibility initiatives, creating a ripple effect of positive change.

5 Empowering employee volunteerism



Recognising the power of collective effort, Air Selangor also launched the Hydro Heroes Volunteer programme in July 2023.

This initiative encourages its employees to engage directly with the community, fostering a spirit of volunteerism and social responsibility within the organisation.

Since its launch, 117 employees have participated in various community service activities, ranging from environmental clean-ups to educational programmes.

By promoting volunteerism, Air Selangor not only benefits the community but also enhances employee engagement and morale, creating a culture of giving back and mutual support.



Scientific approaches to long-term solutions

Practical, holistic solutions needed to address interconnected challenges to sustainable development

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THE world continues to face pressing issues - from poverty and inequality to climate change and resource scarcity - posing significant barriers to achieving sustainable development.

Governments are often constrained by bureaucracy and budgetary limitations, hindering the speed at which comprehensive, innovative solutions are delivered.

This is where the private sector, corporations in particular, have a critical role to play - possessing the resources, expertise and agility that can complement and enhance public sector efforts.

Consumers and stakeholders are increasingly demanding that businesses be a force for positive change, driven by a growing awareness of environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues.

From concerns over climate change and social inequalities to corporate scandals, the public is placing greater emphasis on the ethical conduct and social impact of companies, rather than solely focusing on profits.

This shift in consumer and stakeholder expectations has compelled businesses to recognise that maximising shareholder value is no longer a sustainable long-term strategy.

Companies that prioritise social responsibility and integrate ESG considerations into their core operations will position themselves for sustained growth and competitive advantage, beyond ethical obligations.

CSR in Malaysia

Locally, corporate social responsibility (CSR) has emerged as a form of sustainability governance with advantages to the economic, environment and social progress of a company.

A strong CSR approach that considers social, environmental and ethical factors would naturally align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and is likely to excel in ESG metrics.

According to a study titled *Review of Literature on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)*, the review found that CSR is becoming an increasingly prominent global phenomenon.

However, it also notes that many Malaysian public firms are responding slowly, especially when it comes to environmental protection and community welfare initiatives.

Citing prior studies, the review suggests that a significant majority of surveyed Malaysian firms were



Ong: 'We are pursuing the SDGs with a different approach, and hope to find solutions through a data-based methodology. We are integrating our groupwide CSR endeavours with Sunway University's research capabilities to drive sustainable and positive change.'

classified in the 'unfavourable to moderate' categories in terms of effectively implementing CSR policies, lagging behind global standards.

The increasing focus on the role of CSR is also crucial in the context of rapid urbanisation.

As more people migrate to cities, governments and businesses must collaborate to address the social, environmental and infrastructure challenges that come with urbanisation.

Urbanisation: A closer look

Urbanisation, the rapid growth and development of cities, has given rise to persistent societal challenges, chief among them are pockets of poverty and neighbourhood decay.

Often driven by the migration of rural populations seeking better economic opportunities in cities, these underserved communities tend to lack access to basic services, healthcare and educational resources—these disparities between affluent and underprivileged communities become even more stark.

For instance, Desa Mentari, a low-cost housing area in Petaling Jaya, is situated just 2km away from the affluent Sunway City Kuala Lumpur, yet the living conditions and access to resources in these two communities differ vastly.

Home to approximately 26,104 residents from various ethnic backgrounds, including Malay, Indian, Chinese and others, Desa Mentari's vibrant diversity reflects the multicultural heritage of our nation.

That said, the community is pre-

dominantly composed of individuals from the lower-income (B40) segment, grappling with a troubling array of health, social, economic and infrastructural issues.

On the public health front, the community contends with a high prevalence of infectious diseases, particularly dengue fever, as well as pressing mental health concerns.

Desa Mentari's ageing infrastructure further exacerbates these health risks, posing serious hazards to the wellbeing of its residents.

Beyond health, the community also faces socioeconomic hurdles, including limited economic opportunities, barriers to quality education and tensions around community harmony and social interactions.

Solutions for inclusive development

Recognising the need to address urbanisation and its far-reaching implications, Sunway Group chairman's office executive director Ong Pang Yen said: "We believe we need—now more than ever—to divert more attention and resources to finding solutions and to act on them now."

"We need innovations, new inventions and interventions. We need to put to practise what we preach. We need to work on and invest in the solutions," he said.

This is also in reference to the latest UN progress report which found that for half of the measurable targets, progress has been slow and inadequate.

Even worse, another 30% of these targets haven't budged or have actually gotten worse.

With this in mind, Sunway is taking a comprehensive, data-driven approach to aid in enhancing the quality-of-life of residents by empowering them through the Desa Mentari Community Observatory project.

Long-term solutions

Ong explained that Sunway plans to deploy researchers to measure baseline data points through the Desa Mentari initiative to tangibly address Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets.

Targets such as SDG 3: Good health and wellbeing - Targets 3.3.1, 3.3.2 and 3.3.3 are aimed at fighting communicable diseases like HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.

"The purpose of setting up a pilot community observatory is to make all SDG intervention projects traceable and measurable so they can be continuously improved to achieve

the best possible impact and results," he noted.

He continued saying that interventions are only effective if they have strong follow through.

> **Urban farming:** One way Sunway is trying to address the complex and intersectional issues at Desa Mentari is by introducing the concept of urban farming to residents.

Through its agritech company Sunway XFarms, Sunway aims to assist in relieving the community's economic struggles and enhance food security by helping residents learn how to grow their own produce.

This would not only increase access to fresh produce for residents, but also create new income-generating opportunities.

> **Education:** Beyond the direct economic benefits, the Desa Mentari Community Observatory project will also involve setting up an education arm to bring up literacy and education levels.

"Sunway University's researchers can recommend interventions, using a motivational approach to inspire school-going children in the vicinity to pursue education right up until to the tertiary level," said Ong, emphasising that this would help address targets that are part of SDG 4: Quality education.

> **Healthcare:** Sunway University's researchers could also recommend interventions in line with SDG 3: Good health and wellbeing if the baseline data shows huge gaps in the health and wellbeing of Desa Mentari residents.

For example, if an organisation or corporation conducts health screening for malaria within a community, it's not enough to only inform residents - there must also be a solution to address root causes. This could be in the form of mobile clinics or fogging. But, interventions at scale will require funding, and this is where other corporations can come on board to support this initiative.

Nonetheless, Ong said that Sunway will be underwriting the project for its initial years.

He also added that progress will be monitored and measured over the years for effectiveness and impact, with the methodology being adjusted and improved along the way.

Coupled with a community learning hub, vocational training and healthcare support in the pipeline, Sunway's multifaceted strategy is taking the approach of empowerment - enabling the residents of Desa Mentari to become active agents of their own development, fostering a model of inclusive, community-driven progress.



The Sunway Desa Mentari Programme is guided by a comprehensive primary objective designed to bring about positive transformation within the Desa Mentari community.



Sunway volunteers are also helping to teach the children in Desa Mentari and offer academic advice where they can.

Take social media platforms to task, urge experts

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PETALING JAYA: A system to hold social media platforms accountable for not complying with local laws and regulations is necessary, says an expert.

Malaysia Cyber Consumer Association president Siraj Jalil said that while fining individuals could help address some issues, it is equally important to ensure that platform owners are also held responsible for the content they allow on their sites.

"This approach would encourage these companies to invest more in moderation and compliance mechanisms, ultimately making the online space safer for everyone," he said.

On Wednesday, Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil said the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission's (MCMC) monitoring found varying levels of compliance with Malaysian

laws across different social media platforms.

Meta platforms showed higher compliance, with Facebook at 85%, Instagram at 88% and WhatsApp at 79%.

In comparison, TikTok stood at 76% and Telegram at 65%. X (formerly Twitter) significantly lagged at 25%.

Fahmi also said the police, MCMC and Attorney General's Chambers will collaborate to take immediate action against cybercrimes committed on social media platforms.

Derek Fernandez, a member of the MCMC, said the imposition of a legal regulatory framework will lead to a much higher level of commitment from these platforms to protect their uses.

He said social media platforms face significant regulations in other countries, including the European Union, the United States, Vietnam, Indonesia and Singapore.

"In the EU, for example, fines

based on a percentage of a platform's gross revenue highlight the seriousness of the EU regulators and EU digital sovereignty framework towards platforms taking seriously shared responsibility for effectively combating online harms and cybersecurity threats.

"Such fines are certainly effective in showing regulatory seriousness towards platforms that use their best efforts to prevent cybercrime on their proprietary platforms," he said.

Fernandez said proper regulation would make platforms legally obligated to respond to complaints of cybercrime, child sexual abuse material, and online harassment, and that they would be held liable if these issues are ignored.

Meanwhile, a child rights advocate is calling for stricter laws that require tech companies to quickly remove images of child sex abuse when they are reported.

Srividhya Ganapathy, co-chairperson of the Crib Foundation, a

non-governmental organisation focusing on action for child protection, emphasises the need for an effective takedown policy.

"What we need is a takedown policy where a child can call and report an image, which will result in an immediate action to take down the images.

"We need laws in place to enable this, including laws to compel online platforms and tech firms to take extensive measures to remove child sex abuse material and protect children from further harm.

"More often than not, in situations like this, children will be too afraid to disclose to their parents or teachers.

"In these circumstances, the best solution is to provide children with a direct way to complain," she said.

Through her work on the Talisman Project, which empowers and educates children about online safety, Srividhya has met children as young as 10 years old

who have shared their encounters with online predators.

She said some victims would find themselves in an endless nightmare, as the individuals who received their photos would then share them in other groups on social media.

"The compromising content stays online because there is a wide network of online predators and there is a vast global market for the sale of child sexual abuse materials," she said.

Srividhya also wants the government to take measures that are not just immediate but those that are also well researched "and which would place Malaysian systems for the protection of children online on par with global standards".

According to Siraj, he said children, teenagers and women are most vulnerable to cyberbullying and online harassment while the elderly and those unfamiliar with technology are prime targets for various cybercrimes.

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River polluters could still face jail, RM10mil fine ^{26/7}

PETALING JAYA: Those found guilty of polluting a river that caused massive water cuts in the Klang Valley earlier this week could face a mandatory five-year jail term and a maximum RM10mil fine, says Jamaliah Jamaluddin.

These penalties are as outlined under Section 25 of the Environmental Quality Act, said Jamaliah, who is in charge of Selangor's health and environ-

ment portfolio.

It was earlier reported that two individuals who had been detained by the Environment Department are being investigated under Section 25 of the Environmental Quality Act.

She said this in response to reports that the culprits behind the pollution, which was traced to a facility processing acrylic materials in Jalan Kampung Orang Asli, Kuang, in Rawang,

had only been fined RM1,000 and had their business licence suspended for seven days.

"The RM1,000 fine and suspension of the business licence are just based on the local authority's by-law.

"There are other laws that will come into play once the investigation papers are ready," Jamaliah said.

She added that the Selangor Water Management Board (Luas)

is also investigating the duo under a different law, namely Section 79 (1) of the Luas Enactment 1999, which carries a minimum fine of RM200,000 up to a maximum of RM1mil and a mandatory jail term not exceeding three years.

The odour pollution in the river had led to the shutdown of four water treatment plants in Selangor, causing a cut in water supply to thousands of households.

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Over a million native fish released to replenish Selangor rivers

ALIEN fishes lurking in our rivers threaten the existing ecosystem, says Universiti Putra Malaysia Faculty of Science Biology Department lecturer Prof Dr Mohammad Noor Amal Azmai.

He said *ikan bandaraya* had characteristics such as rapid growth, prolific breeding rate, lack of predators and tolerance to lower water quality.

To combat the issue, the Fisheries Department releases native fishes into the environment.

Over the past five years, it has released more than 1.11 million native fishes into rivers.

So far, four operations have been initiated this year, resulting in the release of 218,000 native river species, including freshwater prawns and *ikan lampam* (tinfoil barb).

The year 2022 saw the highest number of native species released, which was 355,450 across 10 species including tinfoil barb, freshwater prawns, golden belly barb (*kerat*), silver catfish (*patin*) and mahseer (*kelah*) at 13 locations.

Selangor Fisheries Department director Noraisyah Abu Bakar said they were tackling non-native fish and invasive non-native fish.

The invasive species are those that impact other species negatively and to an extent, its surroundings.

Ikan bandaraya, *ikan baung ekor merah* (Asian redtail catfish) and peacock bass are



About 10,000 tinfoil barb fish fry being released into Sungai Langat during a programme. — CHAN TAK KONG/The Star

among the species the department has identified as invasive.

"Aquarium owners are unaware of the size a fish can reach and may feel bad about killing the animal," she said.

For these owners, the only option was releasing them into a river but Noraisyah said this impacts the environment.

"Recently, we found an African catfish and when the Fisheries Research Institute (FRI) cut it open, it had freshwater prawns in its stomach."

Noraisyah said a man had once contacted the department about two *arapaima* fish in his keeping.

He was told that it was illegal to release the fish into the river, but could not bring himself to kill them.

"We visited the man's house and the *arapaima* was brought to Akuarium Tunku Abdul Aziz Rahman (AkuaTAR) in Batu Maung, Penang," said Noraisyah.

At AkuaTAR, a special section is dedicated to invasive fish.

"His *arapaima* is now an educational resource for visitors to study. If necessary, the department will take the invasive fish and place them somewhere that does not upset the balance in the ecosystem."

"We have a district fisheries department to address issues like this," she said, adding that there were quarantine centres for invasive fish.

She said fish owners could contact with the department to get clarity on such issues. — BY MEGAT SYAHAR



Ahmad fishing along Sungai Klang in Kuala Lumpur. — RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star



Ikan bandaraya gets dumped into drains and freshwater areas once they have grown too big. — Filepic

initiative to reduce the number of alien fishes within Klang Valley rivers.

Rehabilitating rivers

Noraisyah said it was important for people to consult with the department before releasing fish into waterways.

"No one is allowed to release any alien fish into rivers as this could damage our rivers' ecosystem," she explained.

She was unhappy to learn that Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) had released nearly 400kg of *Chao Praya* catfish, an invasive species, into a river on June 29.

"The Fisheries Department is currently refining the state's river fisheries regulations to allow for action to be taken."

"These rules will provide a detailed framework under the authority of the Fisheries Act 1985 (Act 317)."

Noraisyah said the draft proposed licensing of fishing activities (river fisheries), listing prohibited fishing equipment, prohibition of fish releases (both native and alien fishes) without permission, establishment of resource management areas and the prohibition of capturing protected fish species.

The rules, she added, were aimed at regulating fishing activities in public inland waters and ensuring the sustainability of inland fisheries resources, particularly native fish species.

"It will help with the monitoring of fishing activities through licensing, reporting of catches and providing government support (if available) to genuine anglers," she said, adding that it included implementing conservation activities and controlling the release of fish into public inland waters.

She said the department monitored aquarium shops and

enforced regulations there.

"We will take action against a shopowner for having any foreign fish without a permit."

"We can take action under the Fisheries Act 1985 which prohibits its imports and we have made some arrests," said Noraisyah.

Every year, the department conducts an inventory programme to collect data on specific rivers depending on its allocation.

"The data can assess the condition of the river, determining whether it is still healthy based on the presence of native fish or if it has been overtaken by invasive fish."

"This will help us decide what is necessary and if needed, we will remove the invasive fish or release native fishes into a river."

"Additionally, we will collaborate with NGOs (such as *Ikan Bandaraya* Hunters and River Monster Hunters) on programmes and run periodic campaigns on

Fish releases by Selangor Fisheries Department

2020

> Kolam Takungan Parit 4, Sungai Haji Dorani - 20,000
> Sungai Pangsun - 5,000
> Sungai Karang - 10,000
> Ban Canal, Sabak Bernam - 5,000
> Sungai Langat - 20,000
> Sungai Tengi - 50,000
> Tasik Darul Quran, Ampang Pecah - 5,100
> Sungai Klang - 5,000
> Santuari Ikan, Sg. Chiling - 935
> Kolam Takungan Kg. Hang Tuah - 15,000
Total: 136,035

2021

> Sungai Chiling - 750
> Sungai Karang - 72,000
> Sungai Pangsun - 10,000
> Sungai Tengi - 6,000
> Sungai Langat - 6,000
> Sungai Selangor - 125,000
> Sungai Bernam - 51,000
> Sungai Langat - 1,000
> Kolam Takungan Air Hitam - 500
> Sungai Sepang Besar - 2,900
> Sungai Inki - 22,500
Total: 297,650

2022

> Empangan Sungai Karang - 200
> Sungai Ban Canal - 70,200
> Trm Desa Anggerik - 300
> Sungai Selangor - 50,000
> Sungai Bernam - 50,000
> Taman Rekreasi Wawasan - 20,000

> Denai Sungai Kebangsaan, Bangi - 31,000
> Santuari Ikan, Sungai Chiling - 500
> Tasik Darul Quran JAKIM - 16,000
> Tasik Shah Alam - 250
> River nearby Kolam Pancing Sri Bayu - 20,000
> Tasik Eco Damansara - 5,000
> Sungai Kampung Kemensah - 12,000
> Sungai Langat - 50,000
> Sungai Bernam - 30,000
Total: 355,450

2023

> Tasik Lindungan Burong UNISEL - 5,000
> Santuari Ikan, Sungai Chiling - 700
> Sungai Langat - 30,000
> Sungai Selangor - 16,000
> Sungai Bernam - 20,000
> Sungai Karang - 10,000
> Sungai Batang Si - 5,000
> Sungai Semungki - 2,000
> Sungai Panjang - 1,200
> Tasik Taman Botani Negara Shah Alam - 10,300
> Sungai Selangor - 7,500
Total: 107,700

2024

> Sungai Bernam - 100,000
> Sungai Selangor - 100,000
> Sungai Batang Si - 15,000
> Sungai Langat - 3,000
Total: 218,000

Source: Fisheries Department

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Alien fish species alert

Characteristics

- > High reproduction rate
- > Adaptable food requirements
- > Tolerant to poor water quality
- > Flexible habitat preferences



Impacts



Affects the environment, microorganism and economy



Erodes the riverbanks



Disrupts the food chain by outcompeting native fishes for space and food



Degrades water quality

What can the public do?



Report sightings of people releasing non-native invasive species into rivers



Educate yourselves on the dangers of invasive species



Do not release these species into our waterways



Do not use these species as bait

The Stargraphics

social media," she added.

Noraisyah said riverbanks and bunds at Sungai Langat and Sungai Klang had also been damaged by invasive fish, which could grow up to 50cm.

Universiti Putra Malaysia Faculty of Science Biology Department lecturer Prof Dr Mohammad Noor Amal Azmai said the invasive fish had a habit of burrowing into the ground, riverbanks or ponds.

"These burrows, which can be several feet deep, act as nests and mating places for the fish. They can weaken riverbanks or ponds."

"Fish farmers also dislike their presence because they dig up the pond, causing pond banks to collapse and this results in losses for the farmers."

According to Prof Mohammad, a single female *ikan bandaraya* could produce from 1,200 to 12,000 eggs at one time.

He said if the country wanted

to preserve its aquatic heritage, then a collaboration between the government, NGOs and the public was needed to accomplish this goal.

He added that the government and farmers should also promote local fish for ornamental and recreational purposes as well as aquaculture and reduce dependency on alien fish.

StarMetro reached out to Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) to find out about the extent of the damage done by *ikan bandaraya* to riverbanks, but it was unable to respond by press time.

A Fisheries Department researcher, when approached, said studies had not been conducted following discussions with DID.

When asked about riverbank erosion studies, Noraisyah said such a task was under the purview of DID.

Alien fish species found in Selangor rivers

2020:

- Taman Putra Perdana Puchong
- >Parrot fish (*Amphilophus* sp.)
- >Ikan bandaraya (*Hypostomus plecostomus*)
- >Spotted tilapia (*Parachromis* sp.)
- >African catfish (*Clarias gariepinus*)
- >Mayan cichlid (*Cichlasoma urophthalmus*)
- >Mozambique tilapia (*Oreochromis mossambicus*)

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2022:

- Empangan Sungai Langat:
- >Mozambique tilapia (*Oreochromis mossambicus*)
- >Parrot fish (*Amphilophus* sp.)
- >Java barb (*Barbonymus gonionotus*)

Redhump eartheater
(*Geophagus steindachneri*)

- Empangan Semenyih:
- >Redhump eartheater (*Geophagus steindachneri*)
- >Pacu (*Serrasalminae*)
- >Zebra tilapia (*Butterikoferi cichlid*)
- >Java barb (*Barbonymus gonionotus*)

- Empangan Sungai Tinggi Bukit Tegar:
- >Mozambique tilapia (*Oreochromis mossambicus*)

African catfish (*Clarias gariepinus*)

- Sungai Selangor:
- >Redhump eartheater (*Geophagus steindachneri*)
- >Peacock bass (*Cichla monoculus*)
- >African catfish (*Clarias gariepinus*)
- >Asian redtail catfish (*Hemibagrus wyckioides*)
- >Black ghost knife fish (*Apteronotus albifrons*)
- >Rohu (*Labeo rohita*)

2023:

- Sungai Batang Si/Sungai Tekala:
- >Nile tilapia
- >Zebra tilapia

National Botanic Gardens Shah Alam (Bukit Cherakah Forest Reserve):

- >Tilapia hitam (*Tilapia cichlid*)
- >Mayan cichlid (*Cichlasoma urophthalmus*)
- >Spotted tilapia (*Pelmatotilapia mariae*)
- >Java barb (*Barbonymus gonionotus*)

2024:

- Sungai Langat:
- >Java barb (*Barbonymus gonionotus*)
- >Mozambique tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*)
- >Iridescent shark catfish (*Pangasianodon hypophthalmus*)
- >Ikan bandaraya (*Hypostomus plecostomus*)

Source: Fisheries Department

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Damaged riverbank along Sungai Kuyoh near the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur. — Courtesy photo

Alien fish species invading ecosystem

Fisheries Department combating non-native aquatic life affecting riverbanks in Selangor

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ONCE teeming with aquatic life, Sungai Langat, near Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), in Bangi, Selangor, is now filled with invasive alien fish that threaten the ecosystem.

The suckermouth catfish (*Hypostomus plecostomus*), also known as *ikan bandaraya* and originally from South America, has multiplied there and in other waterways within the state in recent years.

This fish, which mainly eats algae and keeps aquariums clean, may be useful to those with fish tanks but in the wild, it becomes territorial and breeds rapidly.

Often, when these fish grow too large to manage, fish tank owners release them into the waterways instead of killing them.

As such, efforts are being made to reduce the species' dominance in rivers and restore the ecological balance.

On June 9, the state Fisheries Department with the help of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and Selangor government removed 700kg of the invasive catfish from the once popular fishing spot along Sungai Langat.

Angler and maintenance worker Ahmad Nawawi Husin, 31, said he had stopped fishing there and moved to other spots, such as Sungai Dengkil and another part of Sungai Langat near Kampung Sungai Bua.

He said the abundance of invasive catfish in the river posed a



Noraisyah says some bunds across Sungai Langat have been damaged by invasive fishes.

challenge for anglers trying to catch native species such as *ikan baung*, also known as *mystus*, which are highly sought after but scarce.

"I had to change my fishing method to one that allows me to target specific fish," Ahmad said.

Before the proliferation of invasive species in the river, he could catch at least RM2,500 worth of fish in a month, but now, the most he could get was RM1,000 on a good day.

Ahmad said during his last visit to Sungai Langat, he fished from midnight to dawn but only caught *ikan bandaraya*.

Mohammad Khairul Amri, 26, said before this, anglers like him could typically catch at least 3kg of *ikan baung*.

However, in recent years, he said there had been times when they could catch only one native fish per outing, and on particular



Prof Mohammad says 'ikan bandaraya' burrow into riverbanks or ponds.

ly bad nights, none at all. "During those times, the fish that we catch is only for personal consumption," he added.

Anglers are able to get up to RM35 for 1kg of *ikan baung*, depending on size.

Mohammad Khairul noted that some urban locations such as Sungai Klang near MidValley, Sungai Midah in Bukit Jalil and Sungai Langat near UKM, had seen a rise in the invasive fish population.

The anglers suggested implementing state infrastructure and agriculture committee chairman Izhah Hashim's idea of putting a bounty on the heads of alien fishes. At the time, he had said that the price would be RM2 per fish.

In response, Selangor Fisheries Department director Noraisyah Abu Bakar said whether the bounty was 50sen, RM1 or RM2 per fish, she fully supported the

Selangor hits 34% roadmap completion

MB looks at reinvigorating state's manufacturing capacity

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UNDER the First Selangor Plan (RS-1), 33.7% of major projects and initiatives have been completed, says Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

The Menteri Besar said the remaining 66.3% were at various stages of implementation.

These projects include the Integrated Development Region in South Selangor, Sabak Bernam Development Area and the new Shah Alam Sports Complex.

RS-1 is a five-year plan focused on economic growth, empowering the people through welfare programmes, sustainable development and ensuring a capable, transparent and efficient government delivery system.

Unveiled in 2022, the plan is aimed at having Selangor contribute 30% to the nation's gross domestic product by 2025.

"RS-1 doesn't only include the main areas that the state aims to

close working relationship with the private sector through an inclusive approach.

"So, when your (private sector) plans are included as part of the state's economic plan, it will improve the engagement processes with state or local government agencies," said Amirudin at Invest Selangor Bhd's silver jubilee celebration held at a hotel in Petaling Jaya.

Present were Selangor state assembly Speaker Lau Weng San, state legal advisor Datuk Salim Soib@Hamid, state financial officer Datuk Dr Ahmad Fadzli Ahmad Tajuddin, state investment, trade and mobility committee chairman Ng Sze Han, state Economic Planning Unit director Datuk Johary Anuar and Invest Selangor chief executive officer Datuk Hasan Azhari Idris.

Amirudin said the team at Invest Selangor led by Hasan had done a remarkable job.

However, he said past successes were not a guarantee of



Amirudin (fourth from left), flanked by Hasan (to his right) and Ng with representatives of companies that received awards for the highest approved investment projects. — Photos: SHAARI CHEMAT/The Star

"That is the primary reason we have to look beyond Selangor's borders – to not be content with a RM400bil economy but find ways to build a RM500bil economy in the coming two to three years.

"To go about achieving that, we cannot rely purely on services. We also need to reinvigorate Selangor's manufacturing capacity to not only fulfil local needs but also those for South-East Asia and the larger Asia," said Amirudin.

He said Selangor was also committed to working towards better future environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards.

During the celebration, Invest Selangor distributed awards to long-serving staff and companies with the highest approved



Amirudin (centre) with Invest Selangor staff who received long-serving

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THE area around Kompleks Komuniti Muhibbah in Bukit OUG, Kuala Lumpur, has turned into a dumping ground for abandoned vehicles.

The derelict cars on Jalan 4/155 leading to the community complex, which also houses Klinik Kesihatan Muhibbah, obstruct traffic, causing congestion and posing a nuisance to the local community.

For more than two years, residents of Kampung Muhibbah People's Housing Project (PPR) and surrounding areas have been calling for authorities to address the issue of old cars being left to rot at the site.

"We have written many letters and even lodged complaints with Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) through its website to do something about these vehicles," said Kampung Muhibbah PPR Residents Association chairman Attar Bacha Haja.

"We even reached out to the Seputeh Residents Representative Council (MPPWP) for help - I did everything I could to get help, but nothing has come out of my efforts."

According to Attar, the main road in front of the community hall was a crucial artery used by residents, school buses and those visiting the clinic.

The abandoned cars occupy part of the road and nearby residents end up double- and sometimes triple-parked, creating further congestion.

The clinic's Dr Afzan Zaini echoed Attar's sentiment, adding that clinic staff and nurses who arrived early often found their path blocked by double- and triple-parked cars.

"We have to wait for people to move their cars so that we can enter the community complex area," she said.

Dr Afzan said there had been times when traffic was backed up to the Shah Alam Expressway (Kesas).

Security guards at the community complex also reported an incident where an ambulance was unable to enter because of cars blocking the path.

"Even Alam Flora lorries have trouble getting into this place," said a guard who did not want to be identified.

When *StarMetro* visited the area, there were many aban-

Car woes for Bukit OUG community centre, folk

Residents say abandoned vehicles causing congestion in the area



Residents say they are forced to double-park because derelict cars are taking up parking space.
— CHAN TAK KONG/The Star

doned cars, some that appear to have been there for many years.

Some had broken windows and flat tyres while others were used to store rubbish.

Just outside the community hall, main roads along Jalan Puchong on Kuala Lumpur side and walkways are cluttered with abandoned cars as well.

When contacted, DBKL executive director (Socio-Economic Development) Ismadi Sakirin said the DBKL enforcement team had visited the area and issued four notices at the site.

"Vehicles will only be removed after the notice expires, which is early next week," he said.

Separately, DBKL removed abandoned stalls with torn, fraying canopies and broken furniture on Jalan 4/155 following a *StarMetro* report on July 22, titled "Abandoned stalls in Bukit OUG an eyesore".

Enforcement officers from DBKL's Seputeh branch took away the items under Section 46(1)(d) of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974.

Among the items seized were plastic tables and chairs, canopies, iron table frames, cooking stoves and other equipment.

The seized items were sent to the DBKL storage facility at Jalan Lombong, Taman Miharja, Cheras for further action.



Attar lodged complaints with DBKL about the abandoned cars.



Dr Afzan: Clinic staff and nurses often find their path blocked.



DBKL officers removing the abandoned stalls in Bukit OUG.