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MBSJ seals off road to dumpsite

By GRACE CHEN



MBSJ enforcement officers sealing the road off Jalan Cempaka that leads to the illegal dumpsite.

FOLLOWING complaints of noxious fumes coming from an illegal rubbish dumpsite at Taman Bukit Serdang in Seri Kembangan, Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ) has sealed the access road to the area.

The 1km-long access road, located off Jalan Cempaka, leads to an illegal dumpsite located just beside Maju Expressway (MEX).

During the enforcement operation, Seri Kembangan assemblyman Wong Siew Ki and MBSJ Zone 22 councillor Tey Boon Kiat saw city council workers digging a trench and placing concrete barricades at the road's entrance to prevent fly tippers from entering the illegal dumpsite.

"Closed circuit television cameras (CCTV) were also placed at the site for monitoring purposes.

"Since February, concrete barriers placed by the city council have been removed over five times," Tey told StarMetro. Taman Bukit Serdang resident Kelvin Goh, 47, said more permanent measures were needed to prevent the issue from recurring.

"Illegal dumping in Taman Bukit Serdang has worsened over the last three years.

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Location of illegal dumpsite sealed by Subang Jaya City Council in Taman Bukit Serdang



"At night, the overpowering fumes from burning rubbish are enough to wake one up from deep sleep.

"They emit an ammonia-like stench and it makes living here very uncomfortable," he added.

Goh said there had previously been several other illegal dumpsites that were closed but new ones would be created.

A check through StarMetro archives revealed that illegal rubbish dumping has been an issue in Taman Bukit Serdang since 2020.

In a report, such sites were identified at Jalan BS 7/22, and Jalan PBS 14/1, which is located beside the Sungai Kuyoh river reserve.

Back then, residents had said these sites had existed for over a decade.

One resident was even threatened by a fly tipper when he filmed the dumping of construction waste at Jalan BS7/22.

Tey said the illegal dumpsite located beside MEX was the only hotspot as far as he knew.

He also reminded residents and factory operators that those engaging the services of roll-on roll-off (Roro) bin operators that were not registered with MBSJ were liable for fines under Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974 (Act 133).

The list of registered Roro service providers are listed on MBSJ's website.

Registration enables the city council to track which sites the lorries go to.

Wong said stricter enforcement measures, such as the confiscation of land from owners who allowed disposal of rubbish on their property, was the only way to curb illegal dumping.

"We have the Act but as far as records show, none of these landowners have had their land confiscated in the past five years."

She added that many landowners, who upon being informed that fly tipping was taking place on their land, typically said they were unaware that such activities were being conducted.

"This cannot be used as an excuse as they must take responsibility for their assets," she said.

Residents in the area can alert MBSJ enforcement at 019-220 7823 should they see rubbish lorries nearby the illegal dumpsite.

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Jalan Alor drains in terrible state

Broken and missing covers, exposed structures pose safety hazard in Bukit Bintang

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DESPITE being part of Kuala Lumpur's Golden Triangle, the back lanes of Bukit Bintang, particularly in high-traffic areas like Jalan Alor, project a different image that could be described as neglected and accident-prone.

These alleyways, regularly used by both vehicles and pedestrians, are riddled with missing drain covers, exposed manholes and makeshift repairs, posing a threat to public safety.

The presence of popular eateries and constant traffic only amplifies these risks, raising concerns about the state of infrastructure in this key commercial zone, especially in light of the recent sinkhole incident in Masjid India.

Following public complaints about the deplorable state of the city's drains and drainage system, *StarMetro* visited the area to assess the conditions.

In one particular area behind



This drain behind Jalan Alor is on the verge of collapsing. (Right) Another lane in the Bukit Bintang area where several drains are without covers.

— Photos: AZMAN GHANI/The Star

Jalan Alor, there were several uncovered drains that were damaged.

There were five drains without covers or which had collapsed, with wooden planks



placed as makeshift solutions.

Nearby areas had similar conditions, with numerous manholes and drains either missing their covers or replaced with precarious wooden planks.

These exposed structures pose a serious hazard to both pedestrians walking along the narrow pavements and vehicles passing through the lanes, especially at night.

At another location, a broken drain cover left debris scattered around the opening.

The drain, made of metal grates, had one section completely broken, leaving a large hole exposed.

"After the Masjid India tragedy, I've become very conscious of the dangers posed by exposed drains and manholes," said Tracy Tan, an IT executive working in Jalan Imbi.

"It's like a ticking time bomb. With missing drain covers, exposed manholes, crumbling infrastructure and frequent rain around the city, it's only a matter of time before someone gets seriously hurt."

Roger Lee, who works nearby, said, "At night, the dangers in Bukit Bintang's back lanes are even worse."

"Poor lighting makes these areas extremely hazardous."

"It's an accident waiting to happen, especially for unsuspecting pedestrians."

Bukit Bintang Central Environment Committee (BBCEC) chairman Simon Leong said they first noticed the state of the drains during their bi-monthly walkabout sessions.

"Two weeks ago, we saw the condition of the drains — the broken covers, missing grates and the temporary fixes that had been put in place."

"We reported the matter to Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) Civil Engineering and Drainage Department," he said.

"These issues are widespread in the back lanes and alleyways of the township, with the drains in particularly bad shape."

"While the wooden planks are a temporary measure, we hope the authorities will treat this matter with urgency."

When contacted, an officer from DBKL's Corporate Communications Unit said they were checking on the matter and will ensure the relevant departments are notified.

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Assoc Prof Mohd Nazre (right) and some expedition participants stopping by a river for photos on their way up Gunung Nuang. — Pic courtesy of Selangor Forestry Department (JPNS)

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FLORA and fauna species never before seen on Gunung Nuang in Hulu Langat, Selangor, were discovered during a recent scientific expedition.

Apart from various ferns and snakes, the mountain also hosted a number of hornbill species along with several other species of birds.

Also spotted were deer, muntjacs (*kijang*) and Malayan tapirs, as well as claw marks believed to be of a sun bear.

More remarkably, despite logging activities in the 1960s and 1970s, initial observations suggest that Gunung Nuang may have recovered.

Universiti Putra Malaysia Forestry and Environment Faculty deputy dean Assoc Prof Dr Mohd Nazre Saleh said this was based on the presence of several bioindicators such as numerous bats and damselflies at rivers.

Bioindicators refer to organisms or biological responses used to assess the environmental health of a natural ecosystem.

"The high number of bats points to a healthy biome, as the animals help in pollination of plants and seed dispersal.

"Damselflies, which are among the recent discoveries here, are usually found at Class I water bodies," said Assoc Prof Mohd Nazre, who led the expedition.

In Malaysia, water is divided into Class I (no treatment necessary), Class II (conventional treatment required), Class III (extensive treatment required) and Class IV (poor quality and only suitable for irrigation).

Thriving ecosystem

Due to a sizeable presence of tropical hardwood trees, Gunung Nuang is classified as a montane dipterocarp forest.

Featuring mountainous terrains between 1,000m and 2,500m above sea level, these types of forest are often found in

Ecotourism gem to discover in Selangor

Gunung Nuang earmarked for designation as nature destination in Hulu Langat

Facts and figures on Taman Eko Rimba Gunung Nuang

- Located 17km from Cheras and 28km from Kuala Lumpur.
- Sited inside the Hulu Langat Forest Reserve, which was gazetted on Jan 21, 1927.
- Part of the Royal Selangor Heritage Forest, which encompasses 26 reserves spanning 108,000ha.
- Classified as a montane dipterocarp forest, it spans 601ha.
- Straddles the border with Pahang and Negri Sembilan.
- Its peak measures 1,493m above sea level and is one of the highest in Selangor.
- Accessible via three points — Kuala Pangson and Kampung Kemensah, Selangor, and Bukit Tinggi, Pahang.

Sources: Selangor Forestry Department, news reports.

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Assoc Prof Mohd Nazre, however, said there were noticeably low numbers of young dipterocarp plants like *keruing* and *meranti* species.

He believes this is because of the increased population of bamboos.

"Although not considered an invasive species, bamboo is known to grow very quickly and may reach up to 0.5m in a day.

"It is unclear if this caused the drop in dipterocarp plants, so

more studies need to be conducted to explain the phenomenon," he said.

Assoc Prof Mohd Nazre said the data collected would be studied before the findings are finalised and documented.

"The information will be collated and published by the Selangor Forestry Department (JPNS) and a seminar will also be held to present the findings," he said.

The scientific findings will be incorporated into the develop-

ment plans at Gunung Nuang to ensure their sustainability.

Preserving heritage

Gunung Nuang straddles the border with Pahang and Negri Sembilan.

It is nestled within the Hulu Langat Forest Reserve, which was gazetted on Jan 21, 1927.

The reserve is part of the Royal Selangor Heritage Forest, a 108,000ha landscape that encompasses 26 forest reserves in the state.

It was formerly known as Selangor State Park, but was rebranded following a decree by Selangor Ruler Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

On Jan 8, *StarMetro* reported that a master plan was also formulated to ensure balance between socioeconomic needs and environmental protection.

It outlines plans to build hiking trails in Gunung Nuang, a recreational area in Sungai Pertak and a venue for outdoor activities in Kemensah, among others.

The state is currently home to 79 forest reserves, spanning 251,000ha, roughly one-third of its land mass.

Gunung Nuang has one of the highest peaks in Selangor, measuring 1,493m above sea level.

Those wishing to hike here must apply for a permit from the central Selangor district forestry office.

There is currently a 150 per day limit on the number

Gunung Nuang expedition an eye-opener for researchers

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SPANNING five days, a recent expedition to Gunung Nuang, in Hulu Langat, Selangor, brought together 70 researchers from local universities to identify and record the diverse plant and animal life there.

Funded by the Peninsular Malaysia Forestry Department (JPSM), the scientific expedition was jointly organised by Universiti Putra Malaysia.

It was the second expedition to be conducted at Gunung Nuang since 1991 and the researchers included PhD students.

Al Kautsar Hidayanto Abdul Rahim from UPM, who specialises in wildlife ecology and management, said the programme was an eye-opener.

"I was surprised to find plenty of threatened species in Gunung Nuang despite its proximity to Klang Valley.

"Although my research revolves around big mammals, the things I learned here still offered useful insights," he said.

Having studied wild birds during his master's programme, he had hoped to observe the species present at Gunung Nuang.

"Five days is too short a period for a proper survey," he added.

Nur Nazifah Fitriyah Mohd Zariman of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), who focuses on taxonomy, aimed to classify the different species of bats.

She and fellow researchers set up recorders at certain locations to capture the frequency



Al Kautsar Hidayanto placing a bioacoustic recorder to capture the vocalisation of wild birds. — Photo courtesy of AL KAUTSAR HIDAYANTO ABDUL RAHIM

emitted by bats at night.

"We captured the animals and examined their external characteristics before recording their echolocation frequencies.

"There are many families of bats and each can be identified using their frequencies," she explained.

University of Nottingham Malaysia's Siew Zahen Yun said the expedition gave him newfound appreciation for fieldwork.

Focusing on biomedical research, he said he used to spend time analysing data in the laboratory.

"I often wondered why



Amira Aqilah (left) on the lookout for damselflies at a river while fellow researcher Muhammad Akmal Hidayat Zulkifli measures the water quality. — Photo courtesy of AMIRA AQILAH MUHAMMAD



Nur Nazifah says bat families can be identified using their echolocation frequencies.



Siew says the expedition gave him newfound appreciation for fieldwork.

data-gathering took so long but I now realise there are many logistical challenges involved.

"For example, due to their nocturnal nature, data on bats can only be collected at night," he said.

Amira Aqilah Muhammad from Universiti Malaya (UM) said the expedition offered useful training for future research.

Her PhD study centres around the roles of insects in an ecosystem, having completed her degree and master's in ecology and biodiversity.

"Insects such as grasshoppers

can be used as a bioindicator to give insight into the local environment.

"For example, pygmy grasshoppers, which are found here, can indicate moisture levels in the locality," she said.

An event was held to mark the end of the expedition at Taman Eko Rimba Gunung Nuang with state public health and environment committee chairman Jamaliah Jamaluddin and JPSM secretary-general Datuk Zahari Ibrahim among those in attendance. — By FARID WAHAB



Gunung Nuang is a popular spot for campers and nature lovers. — FAIHAN GHANI/The Star



This bat is among a sizeable number found on Gunung Nuang. (Right) Beehive Ginger also known as Tepus Tanah is among the many plant species found during the expedition. — Photo courtesy of JPNS



of issued.

Anyone caught entering without a permit could face action under the National Forestry Act 1984, which carries a fine of up to RM10,000 or up to three years' imprisonment.

Hikers are also required to hire a mountain guide.

Ecotourism appeal

JPNS director Azhar Ahmad said the area would be turned into an ecotourism spot as it

was popular among hikers and campers.

"Apart from this mountain, other spots earmarked for ecotourism are Sungai Chiling (Kuala Kubu Baru), Sungai Kedondong (Batang Kali) and Sungai Tua (Selayang).

Azhar said although his department had existing data on Gunung Nuang, it was not comprehensive.

He hoped the involvement of local universities would provide enhanced expertise and knowl-

edge-sharing.

"We need an updated database detailing the biodiversity composition before the appropriate course of action can be taken.

"We are also on the lookout for areas here that can be assigned with high conservation value (HCV) status.

"These areas will be monitored and maintained regularly to preserve their biodiversity," he said.

HCV denotes species or sites of critical importance in recogni-

tion of their environmental values.

Currently, four sites in Selangor forest reserves have HCV status — two in Kanching (Rawang) and one each in Semangkok (Kuala Kubu Baru) and southern Kuala Langat.

Azhar said no future expeditions to other areas were being planned for now.

"Such programmes need to be considered carefully as they require manpower and are time-consuming," he added.

The Peninsular Malaysia Forestry Department (JPSM), on its website, stated 44 expeditions had been undertaken at forest reserves over the decades.

They involved experts from multiple disciplines to examine the ecosystem, biodiversity, ecotourism, geology, archaeology and socioeconomic factors.

"Focus is given on aspects of preservation, conservation and holistic use of the natural resources found inside these forests," it said.

New road helps ease congestion in Cheras' Taman Taynton View

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A NEW road connecting Jalan 23/119 and Jalan 31/119 in Taman Taynton View, Kuala Lumpur, has been built to ease traffic congestion in the Cheras neighbourhood.

The road will benefit surrounding residents and two schools, namely SMK Seri Mutiara and SJK(C) Imbi.

Cheras MP Tan Kok Wai said stakeholders from the neighbourhood had requested better connectivity in the area to address the missing link between Jalan 23/119 and Jalan 31/119.

"I applied for the road to be built last year and its construction was completed this month.



The road connecting Jalan 23/119 and Jalan 31/119 cost about RM1mil to build.

The 87m road, built on a slope, cost about RM1mil.

"The project included installation of street lights and drainage upgrades," said Tan during a press conference held

at the site.

He said that previously, motorists travelling on Jalan 31/119 would need to use Jalan 39/119, a one-way road in front of SJK(C) Imbi, to get to

Jalan 23/119.

"Now, motorists travelling on Jalan 31/119 can use the new road to reach Jalan 23/119 without going past SJK(C) Imbi, thus reducing traffic in front of school.

"Traffic tends to build during peak hours, when parents pick up or drop off their children," he said.

SJK(C) Imbi Management Board chairman Datuk Liew Poon Siak said that with the new road, traffic in the area will be dispersed more efficiently.

"Parents will have better alternatives after picking up or dropping off their children.

"We are grateful for Tan's assistance in seeing the road project through after listening

to our concerns," he said.

SMK Seri Mutiara Parent-Teacher Association chairman Dr Wong Ping Foo raised concerns about speeding vehicles.

"Vehicles might speed while coming down the slope, which could be a potential safety hazard.

"Although there are rumble strips on the road, we hope that Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) will instal speed bumps near the road junction to slow vehicles down," said Dr Wong.

DBKL Civil Engineering and Drainage Department deputy director Mohd Ali Paimin, who was also present during the press conference, said speed bumps will be installed by the end of this month.

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Sand worth RM1mil, eight lorries seized during operation in Selangor

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EIGHT tipper lorries transporting 480 tonnes of sand worth an estimated RM1mil were impounded in Port Klang during a joint operation by several government agencies.

The operation, codenamed "Operasi Bersepadu Khazanah" (OBK), carried out from Sept 11 to 13, was jointly organised by the Selangor Land and Mines Office (PTGS) with the Region 1 Marine Police team in Port Klang, supported by the enforcement units of five District Offices that border Selangor's coastal areas.

PTGS director Datuk Yusri Zakariah said all eight drivers were detained to assist with investigations.

"We found that the eight driv-



Yusri (left of lorry) and Region 1 Marine Police Operations acting officer in charge for Port Klang ASP Mohd Rohaizad Mohd Nasir (right of lorry) inspecting the vehicles impounded in Port Klang.— KK SHAM/ The Star

ers, aged between 24 and 35, could not produce documents permitting them to carry the sand or give details of how the sand was procured."

Yusri said PTGS will record statements from the drivers

before calling the tipper lorry owners.

He added that the operation involved 100 men and covered a 291km stretch of Selangor's coast and on land bordering Sabak Bernam, Kuala Selangor, Klang,

Kuala Langat and Sepang.

"Six tipper lorries were seized from Klang and Kuala Langat while two others were from Nilai, Negri Sembilan.

"Each lorry was estimated to be laden with 60 tonnes of sand.

"The total seizure amount from the eight lorries was an estimated RM1mil," said Yusri during a press conference at the Region 1 Marine Police team's headquarters in Port Klang.

He said that the sand being transported was believed to be for a coastal reclamation project.

"Investigations are being carried out under Section 426 of the National Land Code (Act 828), whereby it is unlawful to remove sand from any land or coastal area without a permit."

He added that several dredgers and offshore barges were also checked during the operations.

Yusri said that PTGS will intensify its operations to stop illegal sand mining.

"One suggestion is to have a marine police unit under PTGS' administration," he said.

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Grants to aid unregistered homes in S'gor meet regulations

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SELAYANG: The Selangor government will provide grants to help unregistered care centres comply with regulatory requirements, says a state executive councillor.

Selangor women and family empowerment, social welfare and care economy committee chairman Anfaal Saari said while the grants might not be substantial, they would help more than 400 unregistered care centres meet state and federal regulations.

"We can't be sure if the centres meet training requirements or have mechanisms to ensure the rights of those living there are taken care of.

"The state government will assist these centres through the registration process to ensure proper compliance," she said in a Maulidur Rasul and Malaysia Day community programme here.

Anfaal explained that the registration process could be challenging in some cases due to differing requirements set by local authorities, including planning permissions and building status conversions.

She said this following last week's raids on 20 care homes in Selangor and Negri Sembilan, where 402 children were rescued.

She said in light of the case, Selangor's special committee to improve care facilities for children and seniors was being finalised.

"The state government is very concerned about the case because of the alleged human rights violations that have been committed.

"The committee will examine whether to tighten existing by-laws under local authorities, introduce a new enactment under state law, or enhance federal legislation governing care centres," Anfaal said.

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Nga: 'Traffic light' grading system for local authorities

PAPAR: The performance of 156 local authorities in the country will be evaluated using a performance-based "traffic light" grading system starting next year.

Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming, who disclosed this, said the move was aimed at enhancing the quality of public services among local authorities countrywide.

He said the ministry wanted to ensure that every expenditure was justified based on Return on Investment (ROI) and cost benefit analysis.

"All 156 local authorities will be required to adhere to specific SOP, including feasibility studies to prevent inefficient projects and ensure cost-benefit analyses and optimise expenses," he said in a statement after his 31st Sentuhan Kasih Programme held here yesterday.

Under the "traffic light" grading system, local authorities will be categorised as green, yellow and red.

Green light will mean that the local authority is one of "high performance, eligible for additional funding", yellow means "warning issued, with funding allocations to be reviewed" while red will mean "poor performance, leading to rejection of funding applications".



On duty: Nga (centre) receiving a warm welcome by Sabah Chinese community leaders.

"We will engage with the local authorities to find out why they failed to meet their key performance indicators," he said.

At the event, Nga announced RM13.2mil for 31 public infrastructure and socio-economic

development projects for Papar and Kimanis.

The allocation included development and upgrading projects for various public infrastructure and housing projects.

Also present were Domestic

Trade and Cost of Living Minister and Papar MP Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali, Sabah's Industrial Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Datuk Phoong Jin Zhe and other senior officials.

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Penjawat awam rugi RM92,228 terpedaya skim pelaburan dalam talian

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KEMAMAN - Seorang penjawat awam menanggung kerugian mencecah hampir RM100,000 selepas terpedaya skim pelaburan dalam talian yang menawarkan pulangan lumayan.

Ketua Polis Daerah Kemaman, Superintenden Hanyan Ramlan berkata, mangsa menerima tawaran skim pelaburan itu melalui aplikasi Telegram selepas tertarik dan membuat sembilan kali transaksi ke lapan akaun berbeza.

"Disebabkan terpedaya dengan habuan ditawarkan, lelaki tersebut melakukan transaksi keseluruhan



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sebanyak RM92,228 sebelum menyedari tertipu," katanya di sini pada Isnin.

Katanya, mangsa kemudian membuat laporan polis pada Ahad.

Sehubungan itu, Hanyan berkata, polis mengingatkan orang ramai supaya tidak terlibat dalam mana-mana skim pelaburan

ditawarkan di dalam media sosial.

"Orang ramai dinasihatkan membuat semakan dengan menghubungi talian Hotline 997 Pusat Respons Scam Kebangsaan (NSRC) sebelum membuat sebarang transaksi pemindahan wang," ujarinya.

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Abd Rauf diumum Tokoh Maulidur Rasul Peringkat Negeri Selangor

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Abd Rauf (lima dari kiri) bergambar bersama keluarga selepas menerima anugerah Tokoh Maulidur Rasul Peringkat Negeri Selangor pada Isnin.

SHAH ALAM - Anggota Jawatankuasa Pembangunan Pendidikan Islam dan Tahfiz Majlis Agama Islam Selangor (MAIS), Profesor Madya Dr Abd Rauf Hassan diumumkan sebagai Tokoh Maulidur Rasul 2024 Peringkat Negeri Selangor pada Isnin.

Raja Muda Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah berkenaan mengurniakan anugerah tersebut pada Majlis Sambutan Maulidur Rasul Peringkat Negeri Selangor 1446H/2024 di Dewan Syarahan dan Muzakarah Islam, Masjid Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah di sini.

Abd Rauf yang berasal dari Klang diiktiraf atas sumbangan

terhadap perkembangan Islam dan pembangunan umat Islam menerusi kepakarannya dalam bidang bahasa Arab dan penyusunan pelbagai mushaf al-Quran dengan panduan waqaf dan ibtida'.

Beliau turut terlibat dalam pelbagai aktiviti kemasyarakatan dan persatuan serta menganggotai beberapa lajnah dan jawatankuasa antaranya Panel Penggubal Kurikulum Mata Pelajaran Bahasa Arab bagi Kementerian Pelajaran Malaysia dan Jawatankuasa Pemandu Pendidikan Tahfiz Al-Quran Selangor.

Beliau yang juga Ketua Jabatan Bahasa Asing Fakulti Bahasa Moden dan Komunikasi

Universiti Putra Malaysia, ketika ditemui berkata, penghargaan berkenaan akan dijadikan sebagai pemangkin semangat untuk terus menyumbangkan kepakarannya dalam pengembangan ilmu al-Quran dan bahasa Arab.

"Untuk mereka di luar sana khususnya anak-anak muda, sempena sambutan Maulidur Rasul ini kita ambil semangat Nabi Muhammad SAW sebagai contoh untuk mengembangkan, mempelajari dan mendalami ilmu al-Quran kerana ini yang ditinggalkan oleh Rasulullah untuk kita semua," katanya.

Selain trofi dan sijil, Abd Rauf turut menerima wang tunai RM20,000. - Bernama

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Evolusi selesaikan kerja melalui integrasi AI Generatif dan kaedah tradisional

Landskap penyelesaian kerja berkembang pesat dengan kemunculan kecerdasan buatan yang dikenali sebagai AI Generatif.

Teknologi ini merevolusikan pelbagai sektor dengan menyeragamkan proses kreatif, meningkatkan produktiviti dan menyediakan penyelesaian inovatif.

Pada era digital, organisasi sedang melalui proses peralihan daripada kaedah kerja konvensional kepada automasi berasaskan AI.

Amatlah penting untuk mencapai keseimbangan antara kaedah kerja konvensional dan keupayaan AI Generatif yang muncul secara mendadak pada zaman ini.

Penyelesaian kerja konvensional bergantung pada kepakaran manusia, proses manual dan protokol ditetapkan.

AI Generatif pula menggunakan algoritma pembelajaran mesin untuk menjana kandungan, reka bentuk dan penyelesaian yang meniru kreativiti manusia.

Dari segi faedah, AI Generatif meningkatkan kecekapan dan produktiviti dengan ketara dengan memproses sejumlah besar data dengan cepat, menghasilkan *output* memerlukan manusia lebih lama untuk menjana.

Keupayaan ini membolehkan pekerja memberi tumpuan kepada tugas lebih strategik dan kompleks.

AI Generatif juga memupuk inovasi dengan menyediakan perspektif dan penyelesaian baharu yang mungkin tidak dapat dilihat serta-merta oleh manusia,



Aplikasi AI banyak memberi manfaat besar dalam kehidupan manusia zaman moden. - Gambar hiasan.

menganalisis corak dan arah aliran untuk mencadangkan produk, perkhidmatan atau strategi baharu.

Bagaimanapun, AI Generatif juga mempunyai salah satu kelemahan iaitu kekurangan kecerdasan emosi kerana tidak dapat memahami dan bertindak balas terhadap emosi manusia.

Satu lagi kebimbangan ialah kawalan kualiti memandangkan AI boleh menjana kandungan dengan cepat, maka kualiti mungkin tidak selalu memenuhi piawaian dikehendaki.

Keperluan pengawasan manusia untuk memastikan ketepatan dan kesesuaian masih lagi relevan.

Penggunaan AI juga menimbulkan kebimbangan keselamatan dan etika terutama mengenai privasi dan keselamatan data.

Dengan mengimbangi kae-

dah tradisional dan keupayaan AI, organisasi boleh memanfaatkan kekuatan AI dalam kecekapan dan automasi tugas sambil tetap menghargai kepakaran, gerak hati dan kreativiti manusia.

Pendekatan hibrid ini memastikan penggunaan AI bertanggungjawab dan beretika, memupuk persekitaran yang mana teknologi meningkatkan keupayaan manusia dan bukan menggantikannya.

Dengan menyepadukan AI Generatif dengan teliti, organisasi boleh memacu inovasi dan produktiviti sambil mengekalkan sentuhan manusia.

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SINAR HARIAN
17 SEP 2024

Tarikh:

Penggabungan tiga wilayah jadikan Malaysia sebagai sebuah negara maju

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Usah pertikai dokumen penubuhan Malaysia

KUCHING

Penubuhan Malaysia pada 1963 adalah berasaskan dokumen-dokumen Perlembagaan yang sudah termaktub dalam Perlembagaan Persekutuan dan tidak seharusnya dipertikaikan.

Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar berkata, dokumen-dokumen berkenaan terdiri daripada Memorandum Jawatankuasa Perundangan Solidariti Malaysia, Laporan Suruhanjaya Cobbold, Laporan Jawatankuasa Antara Kerajaan (IGC Report), Akta Malaysia 1963 (Tanah Melayu), Perjanjian Malaysia 1963 (MA63), Perjanjian Tambahan kepada Perjanjian Malaysia 1963 dan Perlembagaan Persekutuan Malaysia 1963.

"Dalam erti kata lain, dokumen-dokumen Perlembagaan tersebut adalah roh dan semangat MA63," katanya dalam perutusan sempena Sambutan Hari Malaysia ke-61 pada Isnin.

Beliau berkata, penggabungan tiga wilayah terdiri daripada Malaya atau Persekutuan Tanah Melayu, Sarawak dan Sabah melalui MA63 merupakan batu asas hakiki menjadikan Malaysia sebagai sebuah negara lebih besar dan berkembang maju secara berimbang.

Wan Junaidi berkata, sistem demokrasi berparlimen dan Raja Berperlembagaan yang dibentuk bersama dengan Perlembagaan Malaysia telah menyaksikan kebersatuan tiga wilayah berkenaan.

Beliau berkata, Malaysia telah berkembang maju setelah enam dekad melalui pelbagai cabaran dan rintangan sebelum berdiri megah di persada dunia dengan perpaduan merupakan tunjang utama untuk kemajuan berterusan ini.

"Usaha mengintegrasikan masyarakat berbilang kaum, budaya dan kepercayaan dari pelbagai wilayah dan latar belakang bukanlah tugas mudah.



Wan Junaidi menggesa rakyat Malaysia agar jangan berbalah dan memporak-perandakan harmoni yang telah sekian lama terbina.

"Marilah kita sama-sama menjulang aspirasi Malaysia menerusi fakta sejarah ini. Janganlah kita berbalah, memporak-perandakan harmoni yang telah sekian lama terbina," katanya. Sementara itu, Perdana

Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengajak rakyat Malaysia menghayati erti penubuhan Malaysia yang bebas dan merdeka serta menolak perpecahan dan permusuhan sempena sambutan Hari Malaysia.

Perdana Menteri dalam catatan di Facebooknya pada Isnin turut mahu seluruh rakyat Malaysia menjulang kebersamaan bagi melonjakkan potensi dan keupayaan negara ke tahap tertinggi.

Beliau berkata, sambutan Hari Malaysia yang diraikan saban tahun harus menjadi cetusan semangat dan manifestasi perpaduan selain menzahirkan kecintaan mendalam terhadap tanah air dalam kalangan rakyat merentasi kaum, agama dan budaya.

"Selama 61 tahun, negara Malaysia yang kita cintai telah terbentuk dan dalam tempoh itu, pelbagai rintangan yang mematangkan telah berjaya kita tempuhi bersama-sama.

"Selamat menyambut Hari Malaysia ke-61," kata Anwar.

Hari Malaysia yang disambut 16 September setiap tahun diadakan bagi memperingati pembentukan Malaysia pada 1963.

- Bernama

SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh: 17 SEP 2024

Rasulullah murabbi terunggul

9/17/9
Nabi Muhammad SAW wajar dijadikan teladan baik dalam konteks model negara bangsa Madinah

PUTRAJAYA

Umat Islam wajar terus menjadikan Nabi Muhammad SAW yang merupakan murabbi terunggul dan teragung umat sebagai 'Uswatun Hasanah' atau teladan yang baik.

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri

Anwar Ibrahim berkata, Rasulullah wajib diberi sorotan penuh perhatian, bukan sahaja dari segi keperibadian Baginda, tetapi mencakupi sisi kepimpinan negara, masyarakat dan keluarga khususnya dalam konteks model negara bangsa Madinah.

"Cita-cita negara yang Madani tidak lepas daripada mengambil ibrah (pengajaran) dan model Piagam Madinah yang dipelopori Baginda, berasaskan formula kepelbagaian dalam bingkai kesatuan bertiangkan keadilan dan ihsan," katanya dalam catatan di Facebook sempena Maulidur Rasul.

Dalam pada itu, Mufti Sarawak, Datuk Kipli Yassin dinobatkan sebagai penerima Anugerah Perdana Maulidur Rasul 2024.

Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Ibrahim berkenan mengurniakan anugerah berkenaan kepada Kipli pada Sambutan Maulidur Rasul 1446H/2024 peringkat kebangsaan di Pusat Konvensyen Antarabangsa Putrajaya (PICC) di sini.

Pemilihan anak jati Kampung Selalang, Sarikel sebagai penerima anugerah berkenaan adalah berdasarkan sumbangan beliau dalam menyampaikan dakwah silang budaya kepada masyarakat pelbagai etnik.

Pengiktirafan diberikan kepada Kipli yang mula berkhidmat sebagai Mufti Sarawak pada 1 Mac 2010 kerana telah memartabatkan nilai mahabab dan perpaduan dalam kalangan masyarakat Madani.

Mengulas mengenai anugerah itu, Kipli berkata, beliau memikul tugas berat dalam menyampaikan dakwah di Bumi Kenyalang yang masyarakatnya begitu majmuk dan perlu memelihara sensitiviti.

"Kita ambil sifat Rasulullah SAW dalam menyampaikan fatwa dan dakwah itu sendiri supaya masyarakat faham sekali gus da-



Dari kiri: Aminah, Jamal, Khatijah, Kipli, Anwar, Sultan Ibrahim, Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Hal Ehwal Agama), Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar, Shaharir, Sariah dan Uncle Mike ketika Sambutan Maulidur Rasul 1446H/2024 peringkat kebangsaan di PICC pada Isnin.



Kipli bersama isteri, Datin Zarina Mohammed selepas menerima Anugerah Perdana Maulidur Rasul peringkat kebangsaan.

pat menerima keputusan-keputusan fatwa sebagai suatu yang perlu dipatuhi umat Islam," katanya.

Majlis hari ini turut menyaksikan Anugerah Maulidur Rasul Peringkat Kebangsaan 1446H/2024 dikurniakan kepada Yang Dipertua Persatuan Persaudaraan Muslimah Malaysia, Datin Aminah Zakaria; Ahli Majlis Tertinggi Majlis Ugama Islam Sabah, Datuk Ab Jamal Sakaran

dan Pakar Mikrobiologi, Profesor Datin Dr Khatijah Mohamad Yusoff.

Turut menerima anugerah berkenaan, bekas Felo Kehormat Institut Kefahaman Islam Malaysia, Profesor Emeritus Dr Shaharir Mohamad Zain; Presiden Pertubuhan Advokasi dan Kesejahteraan Pekak Malaysia, Sariah Ibrahim serta lelaki berketurunan Cina yang menjaga tiga anak angkat lelaki berbangsa

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Melayu sejak kecil, Michael Tong Wai Siong atau lebih kenali 'Uncle Mike'.

Bertemakan 'Al-Falah Pemacu Malaysia Madani', majlis itu dihadiri kira-kira 6,000 tetamu. - Bernama

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SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh:1.7.SEP...2024...

Cuti bertindih punca jalan, lebuh raya sesak luar biasa

Oleh AZMI NORDIN

KUALA LUMPUR - Jumlah trafik meningkat 'luar biasa' sejak Khamis lalu disebabkan pertindihan cuti umum dan cuti sekolah sepanjang minggu ini.

Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan dan Penguatkuasaan Trafik (JSPT) Bukit Aman, Datuk Seri Mohd. Yusri Hassan Basri berkata, faktor lain punca kesesakan berlaku adalah pengguna jalan raya keluar serentak untuk perjalanan jarak jauh.

Menurutnya, tindakan itu mengakibatkan kesesakan di lebuh raya dan jalan-jalan utama.

"Selain itu, hujan lebat atau bencana alam seperti banjir kilat juga boleh menyumbang kepada kesesakan akibat penutupan jalan atau kemalangan.

"Situasi ini termasuk tumpuan terarah ke kawasan pelancongan seperti Cameron Highlands, Gen-



ATAS: Aliran trafik sesak di Plaza Tol Hutan Melintang, Lebuh Raya Pantai Barat.

KANAN: Keratan Kosmo! semalam.

ting Highlands dan Pulau Langkawi menyebabkan lalu lintas yang sesak di laluan menuju ke tempat-tempat ini," katanya kepada Kosmo! semalam.

Tambah Mohd. Yusri, bagi memastikan peraturan lalu lintas dipatuhi, kesemua pegawai dan anggota JSPT telah diarahkan meningkatkan penguatkuasaan terhadap enam kesalahan utama lalu lintas.

Katanya, ia membabitkan kesalahan melebihi had laju, memandu di lorong kecemasan, memotong barisan, memotong di garisan berkembar selain menggunakan alat komunikasi semasa memandu dan melanggar lampu

isyarat merah.

Tindakan itu bertujuan mengurangkan

risiko kemalangan yang boleh memburukkan lagi kesesakan," ujarnya.

Mengulas lanjut, Mohd. Yusri, operasi bersepadu bersama Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) dan Agensi Antidadah Kebangsaan (AADK) juga akan ditingkatkan untuk memastikan keselamatan dan mengurangkan kesesakan akibat kemalangan.

Katanya, rondaan berkala dilaksanakan bagi memantau keadaan trafik secara langsung selain mengenal pasti lokasi yang memerlukan bantuan segera dan menguruskan sebarang kejadian kecemasan dengan lebih efisien.

"Kepada semua pengguna jalan raya, anda diminta mematuhi undang-undang dan peraturan jalan raya, mematuhi arahan pegawai dan anggota JSPT di samping merancang perjalanan anda," ujarnya.

Tidak serik balik kampung walaupun lebuh raya sesak

KOSMO

tarikh: 17 SEP 2024

Perubahan iklim dunia tingkat cabaran pengurusan banjir

Kementerian fokus tingkat infrastruktur, langkah mitigasi hadapi tengkujuh

Johor Bahru: Perubahan iklim dunia merubah corak dan magnitud musim tengkujuh sekaligus meningkatkan cabaran dalam pengurusan banjir, kata Tim-

balan Menteri Peralihan Tenaga dan Transformasi Air, Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir.

"Dengan kesan perubahan iklim... ia (musim tengkujuh) berubah dari segi jadual kejadian, malah dari segi magnitud ataupun betapa ekstrem seperti hujan lebat yang di luar jangkaan," katanya kepada media selepas menghadiri program Charity Walk: Menyambut Hari Malaysia di sini, semalam.

Tingkat kesiapsiagaan

Sehubungan itu, beliau berkata Kementerian Peralihan Tenaga dan Transformasi Air (PETRA)

sudah memberi tumpuan kepada pelaksanaan projek infrastruktur seperti projek tebatan banjir dan langkah mitigasi seperti pengagihan pam untuk mengeluarkan

air dari kawasan banjir dengan segera.

"Bagi PETRA tumpuan adalah lembangan sungai yang besar, (manakala saliran) dalam bandar

“Dengan kesan perubahan iklim... ia (musim tengkujuh) berubah dari segi jadual kejadian malah dari segi magnitud”

Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir,
Timbalan Menteri Peralihan
Tenaga dan Transformasi Air



lebih tertumpu kepada kerajaan tempatan dan mungkin agensi di bawah Jabatan Kerja Raya serta kementerian lain, jadi koordinasi itu perlu diselaraskan," katanya.

Akmal Nasrullah berkata, beberapa projek infrastruktur berkaitan pengurusan banjir dijangka siap dan akan diserahkan kepada kerajaan Johor, tahun ini.

Kira-kira 1,000 orang termasuk orang kurang upaya (OKU) menyertai program jalan amal sempena Hari Malaysia itu yang dianjurkan Pusat Khidmat Rakyat Parlimen Johor Bahru.

BERNAMA

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh...1.7.SEP.2024.....

Penghayatan Rukun Negara jadi 'tiang seri' perpaduan nasional

5/9/24

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Pengisytiharan penubuhan Malaysia diadakan dalam upacara gilang-gemilang di Stadium Merdeka pada 16 September 1963, dibacakan di hadapan lebih 30,000 rakyat oleh Perdana Menteri, Tunku Abdul Rahman.

Tunku kemudiannya melaungkan kalimat 'Merdeka' sebanyak tujuh kali diselang seli dengan laungan rakyat yang hadir.

Apabila diimbangi kembali pelbagai onak dan duri diharungi dalam usaha merealisasikan proses pembentukan Malaysia, membabitkan Tanah Melayu, Sabah, Sarawak dan Singapura.

Perjanjian penubuhan Persekutuan Malaysia ditandatangani wakil kerajaan British, Persekutuan Tanah Melayu, Sabah, Sarawak dan Singapura.

Matlamat utama pembentukan Malaysia adalah untuk kerjasama politik dan ekonomi disamping menyekat pengaruh komunis semakin ketara dilihat boleh menggugat kestabilan politik serantau.

Kini sudah 61 tahun Malaysia menjadi negara berdaulat dan bersatu padu. Malaysia kekal harmoni dalam kepelbagaian etnik kerana rakyatnya sentiasa mengamalkan sikap 'Setuju untuk ber-setuju, setuju untuk tidak bersetuju' selagi mana tidak bercanggah dengan kedaulatan undang-undang.

Bagaimanapun, terdapat cabaran dihadapi dalam mengekalkan perpaduan pada era globalisasi ini antaranya, permainan politik sering memainkan isu perkauman dan media sosial menjadi alat mencetuskan ketegangan antara kaum.

Promosi program perpaduan

Sungguhpun begitu, kerajaan mengambil langkah proaktif yang mana pelbagai program dan dasar

“Terdapat cabaran mengekalkan perpaduan pada era globalisasi ini. Antaranya permainan politik sering memainkan isu perkauman dan media sosial jadi alat cetus ketegangan kaum”

dilaksanakan untuk mempromosikan perpaduan antaranya, melalui pendidikan kebangsaan, integrasi sosial, sukan, kempen dan kolaborasi antara komuniti berlainan etnik dan agama.

Selain itu, ideologi Rukun Negara memainkan peranan penting dalam menghubungkan jalin kesopanan dan kesusilaan rakyat Malaysia untuk sentiasa berada dalam keadaan harmoni.

Penerapan prinsip Rukun Negara dalam masyarakat Malaysia selepas peristiwa rusuhan kaum pada 13 Mei 1969 ibarat tiang seri bagi memastikan perpaduan antara kaum sentiasa utuh.

Oleh demikian, dalam menghadapi cabaran masa hadapan, generasi muda perlu terus cakna kepentingan perpaduan kaum dan kesetiaan kepada raja dan negara.

Bagi memastikan kestabilan negara terjamin, penguatkuasaan sistem pendidikan kebangsaan perlu sentiasa disegarkan dengan elemen kepekaan serta mempromosikan kerjasama antara kaum supaya dapat mempertingkatkan pemahaman terhadap sejarah dan budaya negara.

Jika hendak terus memacu Malaysia ke arah pembinaan negara bangsa bersatu padu, maka ideologi Rukun Negara perlu disebatikan dalam diri setiap lapisan masyarakat.

Semangat Kesetiaan Kepada Raja dan Negara akan memastikan kestabilan dan kemajuan Malaysia sebagai negara kekal berdaulat.

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh.....17 SEP 2024.....

Peningkatan perbelanjaan rangsang pasaran kerja

Sektor perkhidmatan terus menjadi pemacu utama pertumbuhan ekonomi negara

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Ekonomi Malaysia terus menunjukkan tanda pertumbuhan kukuh dengan disokong perbelanjaan pengguna yang semakin meningkat, dijangka menjadi pemangkin utama dalam merangsang pasaran pekerjaan.

Pada Julai 2024, jumlah pekerjaan di negara ini mencatatkan pertumbuhan sebanyak 1.8 peratus tahun ke tahun (YoY) dan 0.2 peratus bulan ke bulan (MoM), menjadikan jumlah tenaga kerja keseluruhan meningkat kepada 16.63 juta orang.

Sektor perkhidmatan terus menjadi pemacu utama, terutama dalam perkhidmatan makanan dan minuman, perdagangan borong dan runcit serta aktiviti pengangkutan.

Selain itu, sektor pembuatan, pembinaan, perlombongan dan pertanian turut menyumbang kepada pertumbuhan pekerjaan.

TA Research dalam nota pe-



Pasaran pekerjaan akan terus stabil seiring peningkatan ekonomi (foto hasan)

nyelidikannya menyatakan bahawa pemulihan dalam pasaran buruh ini selaras dengan pertumbuhan ekonomi yang semakin memberangsangkan, terutama dengan peningkatan ketara dalam perbelanjaan pengguna, eksport yang lebih tinggi serta ketibaan pelancong yang meningkat.

Lebih banyak peluang kerja

"Faktor ini dijangka terus mencipta lebih banyak peluang pekerjaan dan memacu pertumbuhan pendapatan, sekali gus meningkatkan penyertaan tenaga kerja."

"Kami menjangkakan pasaran pekerjaan akan terus stabil se-

iring peningkatan ekonomi dan perbelanjaan pengguna yang kukuh.

"Kadar pengangguran dijangka menurun kepada 3.2 peratus menjelang akhir tahun ini, dengan pertambahan dalam jumlah pekerjaan dan pengurangan dalam kadar pengangguran sebanyak 5.2 peratus," katanya.

Pada Julai 2024, kadar pengangguran terus menurun sebanyak 2.7 peratus tahun ke tahun kepada 563,700 orang, hampir menghampiri paras sebelum pandemik pada 2019 yang mencatatkan 519,000 orang.

Sementara itu, kadar pengang-

guran kekal pada 3.3 peratus bulan ke bulan.

Laporan itu juga menegaskan bahawa pertumbuhan ekonomi yang kukuh, disokong oleh dasar kerajaan yang proaktif dan pelaburan yang meningkat, dijangka mengukuhkan pasaran buruh dalam bulan-bulan mendatang.

Katanya, dengan ekonomi yang stabil dan peningkatan dalam perbelanjaan pengguna, Malaysia dijangka mengekalkan momentum positif dalam pasaran pekerjaan, seterusnya menyokong pertumbuhan ekonomi secara keseluruhan dan meningkatkan keyakinan pengguna.

Tengkujuh lebih buruk

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PETALING JAYA: Hujan pada musim tengkujuh menjelang hujung tahun ini dijangka lebih buruk berbanding tahun-tahun lalu.

Musim tengkujuh atau Monsun Timur Laut (MTL) lazimnya menyebabkan beberapa episod hujan lebat di kebanyakan tempat di seluruh negara terutama di Kelantan, Terengganu dan Pahang.

Hujan lebih daripada 60 milimeter (mm) dalam tempoh dua hingga empat jam secara lazimnya boleh menyebabkan banjir kilat.

Setakat ini, tiada lagi ramalan musim tengkujuh bila dijangka bermula, namun kebiasaannya pada pertengahan November.

Felo Akademi Malaysia, Dr. Fredolin Tajudin Tangang berpandangan, keadaan La Nina lazimnya mengukuhkan monsun timur laut yang membawa hujan lebat.

Justeru, katanya, jumlah kelembapan yang bertumpu ke kawasan Asia Tenggara semasa

La Nina menjadi antara faktor risiko fenomena hujan ekstrim dan banjir besar semasa musim monsun timur laut akan datang.

"Bagaimanapun menurut ramalan yang dikeluarkan oleh Pusat Ramalan Iklim di Amerika Syarikat, keadaan di Lautan Pasifik masih dalam keadaan 'ENSO-Neutral' dan dalam beberapa bulan akan datang sehingga hujung tahun ini, kebarangkalian El Nino berlaku ada sekitar 70 hingga 74 peratus.

"Pusat Ramalan Iklim APEC (APCC) yang berpusat di Busan, Korea Selatan meramalkan jika La Nina berlaku pada tahun ini ia dijangka berkategori lemah.

"Ramalan musim dari pusat ini menunjukkan keadaan di rantau ini termasuk di Semenanjung Malaysia, Sarawak dan Sabah pada musim tengkujuh nanti dijangka lebih basah berbanding normal," katanya ketika dihubungi *Utusan Malaysia*.

Terdahulu, media melaporkan, Pertubuhan Meteorologi Sedunia (WMO) meramalkan kemungkinan kesan penyejukan La Nina muncul menjelang akhir tahun ini adalah sebanyak 60 peratus.

Selain itu, kebarangkalian pembentukan La Nina diramalkan pada 55 peratus dari September hingga November tahun ini dan dijangka meningkat kepada 60 peratus dari Oktober 2024 hingga Februari 2025.

Fredolin Tajudin berkata, keadaan hujan ekstrim yang boleh menyebabkan banjir di Pantai Timur Semenanjung Malaysia bagaimanapun tidak semestinya bergantung kepada keberadaan La Nina.

"Hujan ekstrim dan banjir besar pada Disember 2014 berlaku walaupun tanpa kewujudan La Nina.

"Jika berlaku lurutan sejuk yang kuat ditambah pula dengan kehadiran faktor lain seperti kewujudan Ayunan Madden Julian pada ketika itu berpotensi menjana hujan ekstrim.

"Faktor-faktor ini tidak boleh diramal dalam masa jangka panjang dari sekarang tetapi ramalan harian yang dikeluarkan oleh Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (MetMalaysia) sekurang-kurangnya mampu meramal beberapa hari sehingga tujuh hari sebelum fenomena berlaku," katanya.

MUSIM tengkujuh menyebabkan beberapa episod hujan lebat di kebanyakan tempat di seluruh negara terutama di Kelantan, Terengganu dan Pahang.



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Jaga, kekalkan hubungan baik antara kaum

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PETALING JAYA: Kerajaan mengajak seluruh rakyat Malaysia terus menjaga hubungan baik antara kaum, memperkukuh perpaduan dan menanam semangat patriotik dalam jiwa generasi muda.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi berkata, rakyat harus bersama-sama menghadapi segala cabaran dan memastikan Malaysia kekal aman, makmur dan dihormati di persada dunia.

Katanya, sejak 1963, negara dibina berasaskan nilai toleransi, keharmonian dan kesepakatan.

“Kepelbagaian adalah kekuatan kita dan perpaduan yang terjalin antara rakyat Malaysia adalah asas kepada kemajuan yang kita kecapai.

“Kemerdekaan sejati bukan hanya mengenai kebebasan daripada penjajah, tetapi kebebasan untuk hidup bersama dalam suasana harmoni, saling menghormati dan bersatu-padu,” katanya dalam kenyataan sempena Hari Malaysia semalam.

Sementara itu, Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof menggesa rakyat terus mengukuhkan perpaduan, kebersamaan dan patriotisme demi membina negara yang



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teguh, bersatu, makmur dan sejahtera.

Katanya, kerajaan Persekutuan yang dibentuk atas nama Kerajaan Perpaduan adalah manifestasi pentingnya perpaduan dalam menoktahkan percakaran politik supaya Malaysia dapat bergerak maju, memacu ekonomi, lebih makmur dan sejahtera.

“Tema sambutan ‘Malaysia MADANI: Jiwa Merdeka’ menzahirkan kebebasan rakyat daripada sebarang elemen negatif dalam menterjemah semangat patriotik melalui aspek pemikiran, integrasi sosial dan ekonomi, seterusnya membentuk kesatuan rakyat yang kukuh, harmoni serta progresif.

“Masyarakat berjiwa merdeka juga menekankan pentingnya adab, etika dan integriti dalam setiap aspek kehidupan, selamat menyambut Hari Malaysia 2024,” katanya.

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Urbanisation in Malaysia requires tech-based building maintenance

DID you know that 78% of Malaysia's population lives in urban areas, according to 2022 data from the World Bank's World Development Indicators? This might not seem significant, but by comparison, that is 20% more than Indonesia and 25% more than Thailand. Compared to countries in Southeast Asia, Malaysia has the highest increase of urban population between 1970 and 2022, at 52%.

Malaysia is experiencing a rapid urbanisation rate, with UN-Habitat predicting that 81.8% of the population will live in urban areas by 2030. With this increasing urban population, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Malaysia calls for smarter cities that are human-centric and people-first. The technologies employed to create smarter cities must also address social challenges and empower individuals to lead better lives.

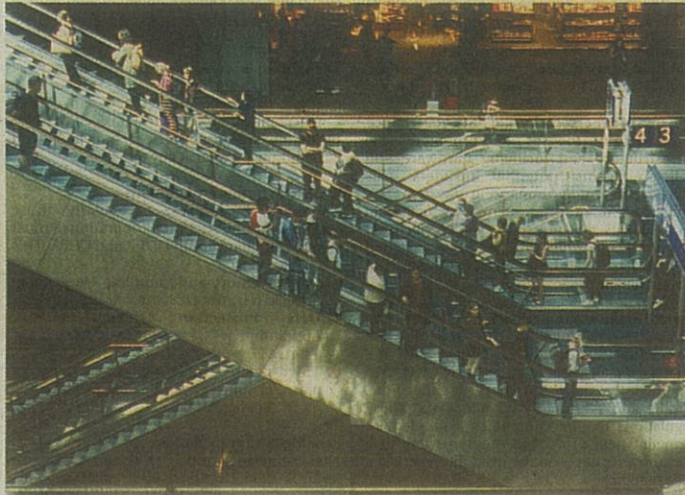
Malaysia's urban areas and future development needs to not only accommodate a growing population but also enhance the quality of life for all residents, making our cities more resilient, equitable, and vibrant. It is promising that the government's upcoming third National Urbanisation Policy (NUP3) will prioritise the voices of people and communities in planning and urban development projects. However, it is essential that this becomes a shared responsibility among all stakeholders involved, including building owners and building management.

As urban areas grapple with challenges like population growth, the need for resilient infrastructure becomes increasingly critical. Building owners can bolster urban resilience by investing in maintenance programmes that enhance the reliability and adaptability of essential infrastructure, including escalators and elevators.

Well-maintained buildings contribute to the overall quality of life in urban communities. Building owners who prioritise maintenance create safer, more comfortable living and working environments for residents and tenants.

Regular maintenance for urban resilience

With rapid urbanisation, the uninterrupted operation of elevators and escalators is essential for facilitating the movement of people within



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complex urban environments. If all elevators and escalators in our cities were to suddenly stop working, the consequences would be severe. High-rise office buildings and shopping centers would grind to a halt, preventing people from reaching their destinations efficiently. This disruption could lead to significant financial losses for businesses and inconvenience for residents and visitors alike.

Proper maintenance of elevators and escalators is crucial for ensuring their safe and reliable operation within urban environments. The frequency of servicing these vertical transportation systems depends on several key factors.

Firstly, the age of the elevator or escalator plays a significant role. Older units tend to experience faster deterioration of mechanical parts, necessitating more frequent maintenance and even modernisation is required to ensure

continued functionality and safety.

Secondly, the frequency of use is a critical consideration. Elevators in high-traffic buildings such as office towers, hospitals, and residential complexes endure more wear and tear compared to those in low-traffic settings. Therefore, they require more frequent inspections and maintenance to handle the demands of constant operation.

Safety concerns also drive the need for regular servicing. Maintenance includes the upkeep of crucial safety features such as emergency brakes, emergency communication systems, emergency lighting, and overload protection mechanisms. Ensuring these systems are in optimal condition is essential for passenger safety and compliance with safety regulations.

Preventive maintenance strategies are also integral to elevator and escalator upkeep. By implementing a proactive maintenance plan,

building owners and managers can detect and address potential issues before they escalate into major problems. This approach minimises downtime, reduces the likelihood of unexpected breakdowns, and helps control long-term repair costs.

Ensuring certified maintenance for safety

To ensure the safety and reliability of vertical transportation systems, it is crucial for building owners and management companies to engage certified elevator maintenance providers. Uncertified elevator maintenance poses significant risks and consequences to both passenger safety and operational reliability.

Certified maintenance companies follow stringent safety standards and regulations, reducing the risk of accidents. At Kone, we rely on the combination of human expertise, knowledge, and technical skill to maintain seamless operational excellence. Our technicians receive over 50 hours of annual training in technical skills, safety, customer service, and first aid, allowing them to quickly solve problems for any equipment brand.

Predictive analytics and artificial intelligence (AI) can be used to anticipate potential malfunctions before they occur, allowing for preventive maintenance scheduling to prevent disruptions. Our predictive maintenance solution ensures that escalators and elevators operate smoothly and efficiently, reducing downtime and extending equipment lifespan.

Putting people's safety first: Malaysia's urban future

As cities in Malaysia evolve, vertical expansion becomes a necessity to optimise land use. Vertical transportation systems like elevators and escalators facilitate accessibility to high-rise residential, commercial, and mixed-use developments, aligning with rapid urbanisation rates.

Proactive and predictive maintenance practices as well as technological upgrades extend the lifespan of existing infrastructure, reducing the need for costly replacements and disruptions.

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Urban Redevelopment Act to safeguard older strata buildings

PETALING JAYA: The Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association (Rehda) Malaysia views the upcoming Urban Redevelopment Act announced by Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming as a timely measure.

Rehda president Datuk Ho Hon Sang said the enactment of the Act will provide a more structured guidance to renewal efforts to rebuild urban areas and believe that this will also breathe new air into the property landscape in Malaysian cities, particularly in areas with a high number of old dilapidated buildings.

According to Ho, one of the main issues that the Act will address is ensuring the safety of strata residential buildings that was built many decades ago.

"Due to its age, rundown building is not aesthetically a representation that we want in our major cities. But most importantly, these buildings may likely pose hidden dangers unknown to the residents, and rejuvenating it is the most sensible move to ensure nothing untoward will happen," he added.

He further remarked that this is the natural course of life for buildings, as like most things, they are not meant to last forever and there is only so much repairs that can be done before renewal is needed to take place.

"Although the detail of its implementation mechanism is still being worked out, we hope that the rakyat's voice will not be left out in



Enactment of the Act will provide structured guidance for renewing and revitalising urban areas, breathing new life into the property landscape of Malaysian cities. — **BERNAMAPIX**

decisions concerning their shelter and home," he said. Rehda hopes that with the new Bill, Malaysia and its cities will further improve their

international standing as sustainable world-class locations comparable to major cities around the world.

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Contributing to green transition

EVERY time it rains, there is a flood, a problem that Malaysians have been complaining about recently.

Years ago, if we asked the average Malaysian about climate change, many would have struggled to explain it.

For most, it was a concept confined to school textbooks, taught in a technical and somewhat detached manner, as if it were a distant future concern that may happen elsewhere but not in Malaysia.

Fast forward to today, and the phrase 'climate change' has taken on a more urgent and personal meaning. Thanks, or perhaps no thanks, to the recent string of extreme weather events, Malaysians are now learning firsthand what climate change truly entails.

While Malaysia often prides itself on being one of the least contributing nations to global greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for less than 0.7%, it is becoming increasingly clear that climate change is about more than just emissions. It is about the complex and interconnected impacts that are now part of our everyday experiences.

From devastating floods to record-breaking heatwaves, the impacts are no longer theoretical but a daily reality. Events such as mass coral bleaching, intense *El Nino* and increased frequency of heatwaves and floods all raise uncomfortable questions: Are we prepared to handle the future we are heading towards? More importantly, are we utilising every tool at our disposal to mitigate these impacts before they spiral out of control?

Recently, there has been a lot of buzz about green finance, and for good reason. It represents a way to funnel capital into projects that can help mitigate environmental damage and build resilience against climate impacts.

Malaysia has made strides in this area, particularly with Bank Negara Malaysia's Climate Change and Principle-based Taxonomy, which provides a framework for identifying and classifying green investments. This is a solid step towards greater transparency and accountability in the financial sector.

The allure of green bonds and sustainable investments is undeniable, drawing the attention of institutional investors eager to align their portfolios with environmentally responsible projects.

However, this growing interest contrasts sharply with the limited number of projects that meet the stringent criteria necessary to be considered truly 'green'.

The demand far outpaces the supply, creating a bottleneck in the flow of sustainable finance. This gap arises because developing a green project is no small feat, it demands not only a deep understanding of environmental impact and sustainability but also significant upfront investment in research, planning and execution.

These projects often involve advanced technologies, rigorous certification processes and adherence to international standards, all of which require expertise that is not readily available.

Furthermore, the higher upfront costs associated with these projects



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can be a deterrent for developers, who may opt for cheaper and less sustainable alternatives.

The challenge is further compounded by the fact that green finance is still a relatively new concept in many markets, including Malaysia.

Financial institutions and project developers may lack the experience or the incentives to embark on green projects. Without a robust pipeline of eligible projects, the market for green bonds can stagnate, undermining the goals of sustainability that it seeks to promote.

To bridge this gap, it is essential to factor in the opportunity cost when designing financial incentives. These incentives must not only be attractive enough to lure investors but also practical and accessible for developers.

To make green finance work, policy interventions are necessary. This means crafting policies that reduce the financial barriers to entry, such as offering subsidies, grants or low-interest loans specifically for green projects.

Additionally, streamlining regulatory processes and providing technical assistance can lower the initial hurdles and encourage more developers to pursue green certifications.

The government has the authority to implement a suite of fiscal tools that can shift the economic landscape in favour of sustainability. For instance, introducing tax incentives for companies that invest in green technologies would make these innovations more economically viable, encouraging widespread adoption.

Meanwhile, the concept of a carbon tax is gaining traction globally, and it is something Malaysia should seriously consider.

It can be an effective deterrent against pollution, making it more costly for companies to engage in environmentally harmful activities and the revenue generated from such



From devastating floods to record-breaking heatwaves, the impacts are now a daily reality. —BERNAMAPIC

a tax can be directed toward funding climate mitigation projects, enhancing the transition to cleaner energy sources, and improving public health through better air quality.

While the implementation of a carbon tax presents challenges, including its potential regressive impact on low-income households and the need for effective enforcement mechanisms, it represents a proactive approach to achieving Malaysia's carbon neutrality target by 2050 and enhancing its competitiveness in the global market for sustainable practices.

Young people, more than any generation before, are acutely aware of the climate crisis and demand that financial institutions prioritise the planet over short-term profits. This is especially important as SMEs (small- and medium-enterprises), which accounted for more than 90% of overall business establishments in Malaysia in 2023, are involving more young people who are becoming part of these enterprises.

Marginalised communities, especially those who live in flood-prone areas, suffer the most during heatwaves and cannot afford to adapt to changing conditions. For them, climate change is a daily struggle. Tools like social media can impact bonds, which can be tailored to benefit these communities, ensuring that green finance reaches those who need it most.

Likewise, as we shift towards a greener economy, the idea of a 'just transition' is crucial, and more importantly, ensuring that the transition does not leave anyone behind. This means investing in retraining programmes for workers in carbon-intensive industries, supporting SMEs in adopting sustainable practices and creating new jobs in the green economy.

In regards to this, the ESG (environmental, social and governance) movement has gained momentum, and Malaysia is starting to follow suit. Financial institutions are increasingly incorporating ESG criteria into their investment strategies, recognising that companies with strong ESG practices often outperform their peers in the long run.

For ESG to truly transform the financial sector, Malaysian institutions need to move beyond the traditional risk management

approach and start seeing ESG as a driver of innovation and value creation. This can involve embracing new business models that prioritise sustainability, investing in cutting-edge technologies to reduce environmental impact and developing products and services that address the unique challenges posed by climate change.

For example, leveraging advanced data analytics and AI (artificial intelligence) in ESG reporting can improve transparency and help investors make more informed decisions.

Let us also not forget about regulation. The government needs to step up and create a regulatory environment that encourages, not just mandates ESG adoption. This means introducing mandatory ESG disclosures, offering incentives for early adopters and developing standardised metrics that allow for consistency and comparability across the board.

In a world where greenwashing is a real concern, having clear and enforceable standards is critical.

So, where do we go from here?

To truly harness the potential of green finance and ESG principles, Malaysia needs to take decisive action, and this includes strengthening policy frameworks by expanding the scope of green finance frameworks to cover more sectors, providing fiscal incentives, like tax breaks for green investments and developing a robust system for project verification.

In addition, more public-private collaboration needs to be explored and fostered, which means we also need to build trust in green finance, and that starts with transparency.

Rigorous monitoring and reporting mechanisms should be in place to track the impact of green finance initiatives and ensure that they deliver on their promises. This also includes considering the opportunity costs involved when designing incentives so financial tools are attractive to investors and practical for broad implementation.

In the midst of this, it is also important that we move beyond the common blame game. Too often, the burden of addressing environmental issues is placed squarely on the shoulders of individual consumers.

While personal responsibility and sustainable lifestyle choices are important, it is time to acknowledge

the elephant in the room — industries and businesses. These entities are responsible for emissions, pollutants and waste on a scale that far surpasses anything individual consumers could produce. Yet, they often escape scrutiny while consumers are made to feel guilty for their choices. This disparity is not only unjust but also counterproductive.

Moreover, greenwashing has become rampant, with companies across various sectors, globally and within Malaysia, making misleading claims about their environmental efforts.

Despite the growing awareness of this issue, there is a glaring lack of regulation to address it. Without stringent rules and accountability, industries will continue to get away with these practices, undermining genuine efforts to combat climate change.

The current financing structures must also be re-examined to ensure that equitable funding is available across sectors and regions, allowing every stakeholder to contribute effectively to the green transition.

As we look ahead, the question is not whether Malaysia will adapt but whether we will lead, setting a new standard for what a sustainable, forward-thinking nation can achieve.

The true test will be in our willingness to confront uncomfortable truths, hold industries accountable and ensure that the benefits of a green economy are shared by all, especially those most vulnerable to climate impacts.

The stakes are high, and the path forward demands bold choices that will determine not just our place in the world but the legacy we leave for future generations.

As we celebrate Malaysia's 67 years of independence and Malaysia Day, we must realise that *Merdeka* is not only about political freedom but also about freedom from the environmental destruction we have inherited. This is the struggle of today, and this is our collective responsibility as Malaysians.

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Call for employers to promote business sustainability

► 'Climate risks must be integrated into plans so innovation and economic growth can continue'

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PETALING JAYA: The Malaysian Employers Federation has called on employers to adopt proactive measures to promote business sustainability, and survive weather disruptions and climate change.

During the Climate Change and Just Transition Summit in Kuala Lumpur, its president Datuk Dr Syed Hussain Syed Husman said climate change is not just an environmental concern but a critical factor for business sustainability.

"Climate related events, such as floods and droughts, disrupt business operations and cause millions in losses. Big businesses are not the only ones to suffer as SMEs are similarly affected."

He said many SMEs have had to shut down operations for good because of climate related events as they could not absorb the long-term losses and when that happens, workers also risk losing their jobs.

"To prevent such matters, employers must integrate climate risks into their strategic plans so that innovation and economic growth can continue."

"This includes investing in renewable energy and energy efficient practices to mitigate climate related risks and capitalise on long and short-term opportunities."

During the summit, representatives from employers and business organisations worldwide gathered to address the pressing challenges of climate change and explore pathways towards a sustainable future.

Syed Husain said some 60 participants from 23 countries combined their efforts with funding from the European Union to explore risk mitigation factors in climate change.

"The summit fostered dialogue and collaboration, and shared expertise among participants to harness the opportunities of a green economy. We focused on policies, skills training and sustainable business practices."

Key sessions included presentations on climate mitigation strategies, green skills development, and transition policies and trends. There were also financing sessions for SMEs to explore sustainable businesses.

International Organisation of Employers secretary-general Roberto Suárez Santos attended the event and emphasised the importance of sustainability and climate action for society and business.

"There is an urgent need for responsible and realistic approaches to climate policies."

I cannot stress enough the many current measures that lack an adequate framework to accelerate sustainable business practices and mitigate climate related risks."

He urged employers and business organisations to engage proactively in climate action, highlighting the need for a long-term vision and commitment to creating meaningful change.

The two-day event featured several notable keynote speakers, including Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Minister Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad.

Nik Nazmi emphasised the importance of a just transition towards a low carbon economy, aligning with the Paris Agreement and Malaysia's Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

"Malaysia's climate resilience is integrated into our national economic planning through the 12th Malaysia Plan and the Malaysia Madani framework," he said, adding that he would share updates on progress of the bill to ensure international climate commitments are met domestically.

He highlighted the National Energy Transition Roadmap, in which 10 flagship projects were launched and are expected to attract over RM25 billion in investments and create 23,000 green jobs.

He also called for collaboration across all sectors to drive meaningful change and ensure a sustainable future for Malaysia.

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