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17. ENCIK RAZALI BIN AWI
18. ENCIK ZAHARI BIN BOLHI
19. ENCIK LUKAS JAMMANY ANAK KATED
20. ENCIK MOHAMAD ZAILANI BIN JUNAIDI
21. ENCIK HAZRIN SYAH BIN HAMZAH
22. ENCIK ALWIE BIN HAJI ALI
23. CIK HAWA BINTI MORSAD
24. PUAN SURAYA BINTI HAMDEN
25. PUAN NORAISAH BINTI AHMAD
26. CIK SITI ZALILAH BINTI SAMSAWI

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[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

DOA

PEMASYHURAN DARIPADA TUAN SPEAKER

Tuan Speaker: Bismillahirrahmanirahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakuh. Selamat Pagi dan Salam Sejahtera. Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, I have granted leave of absence under Standing Order 81 to Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Mohd. Naroden bin Haji Majais, Assistant Minister for Entrepreneur and Small, Medium Enterprise (SME) Development and Assistant Minister for E-Commerce and Honorable Member for N.26 Gedong for today's sitting.

SAMBUNGAN PERBAHASAN ATAS BACAAN KALI YANG KEDUA RANG UNDANG-UNDANG PERBEKALAN (2018), 2017 DAN USUL UNTUK MERUJUK RESOLUSI ANGGARAN PEMBANGUNAN BAGI PERBELANJAAN 2018

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia Dan Sukan (Y.B. Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih Tuan Speaker, Bismillahirrahmanirahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakuh dan Salam Sejahtera, Salam Ibu Pertiwiku. Saya memulakan penggulungan saya dengan serangkap pantun pembuka bicara.

*Ajat Indu namanya tari
Budaya tempatan amat dihormati
Homestay, Taman Negara, kraftangan dan banyak lagi
Produk kami membantu ekonomi*

*Penerbangan dari negara China
Para Pelancong turut Berkunjung
Inspirasi belia terus dibina
Mereka bersukan terus disanjung*

*Lumba Regatta Perahu Naga
Pusat Akuatik Pandalela Rinong
Pembentangan Rang Undang-Undang Permulaan Bicara
Soalan dijawab bahas digolong*

Tuan Speaker, syukur kita ke hadrat Ilahi kerana dengan limpah kurnia dan izin Nya, kita dapat bersidang sekali lagi di dalam Dewan yang mulia ini sempena Persidangan Kedua bagi Penggal Kedua Dewan Undangan Negeri ke-18 dalam suasana yang penuh akrab dan juga harmoni.

Semenjak mengambil alih tampuk kepimpinan Kerajaan Negeri pada bulan Januari 2017, Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri telah mengajak rakyat negeri Sarawak untuk merealisasikan satu lagi agenda pembangunan yang dianggap amat penting dan harus diterima iaitu Agenda Transformasi Ekonomi Digital. Hampir seluruh dunia sudah mengaplikasikan ICT dalam semua sektor dan kehidupan harian mereka. Rakyat Sarawak akan ketinggalan kalau tidak turut serta menguasai ilmu ini.

Penubuhan institusi seperti Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA) dan Development Bank of Sarawak (DBOS) merupakan langkah bijak cetusannya Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri di dalam kita menyediakan negeri Sarawak ke arah Ekonomi Digital. Tahniah dan syabas saya ucapkan.

Dalam usaha untuk menarik lebih ramai lagi pelancong ke Sarawak, penggunaan ICT khasnya untuk mempromosikan pelbagai produk, acara, pesta, persidangan dan penyebaran maklumat tidak dapat dielakkan. Justeru, Kementerian saya telah mengambil langkah-langkah strategik untuk mengoptimalkan penggunaan ICT bukan sahaja di dalam aspek pelancongan bahkan untuk memperkasakan belia dan sukan. Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri semasa pembentangan Rang Undang-Undang Bekalan (2018), 2017 pada 8 November 2017 di dalam Dewan yang mulia ini telah mengumumkan peruntukan sebanyak RM5.745 billion untuk belanjawan pembangunan 2018 untuk merealisasikan agenda Ekonomi Digital yang meliputi aktiviti-aktiviti yang juga meliputi aktiviti-aktiviti pelancongan.

Kementerian saya mengalu-alukan Bajet Persekutuan 2018 yang telah dibentangkan oleh YAB Perdana Menteri pada 27 Oktober 2017 di Parlimen kerana projek-projek yang berimpak tinggi kepada pembangunan pelancongan di Sarawak:

- i. Pan Borneo Highway;
- ii. Pembinaan Lapangan Terbang Mukah yang baru;
- iii. Pembinaan jalan ke Empangan Balleh dan yang lain-lain.

Pembinaan infrastruktur ini akan membuka kawasan-kawasan baru dan sudah tentunya akan menyumbang kepada industri pelancongan negeri Sarawak.

TOURISM

Global Tourism Scenario

The Global Tourism sector continues to show positive growth. Global international tourist arrivals grew by 6% in the first half of 2017, receiving some 598 million international tourists worldwide, 36 million more than in the same period in the year 2016. According to the latest issue that is in September, 2017, of United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) World Tourism Barometer, the growth was strongest in the Middle East (+9%), Europe (+8%) and Africa (+8%), followed by Asia and the Pacific (+6%) and the Americas (+3%) driven by robust growth demand. The UNWTO also forecast prospects remain positive in the second half of 2017.

Malaysia's Performance and 2017 & 2018 Forecast

Malaysia received 17,343,557 tourists from January to August 2017, a marginal decrease of 1.5% as compared to the same period of 2016. Tourism receipt generated from this was RM82.1 billion. The top 10 tourist generating markets to Malaysia were Singapore, Indonesia, China, Thailand, Brunei, India, South Korea, Japan, the United Kingdom and the Philippines. Tourism Malaysia is targeting 31.8 million tourist arrivals for 2017 and RM118

billion in tourism receipts. For 2018, Tourism Malaysia is targeting 33.1 million tourist arrivals and RM134 billion receipts.

Sarawak's Performance 2017 And 2018 Forecast

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak's Performance 2017 And 2018 Forecast. Sarawak received 3.72 million visitors from January to September this year, an increase of 9.81% as compared to the same period of 2016 (3.3 million). It has generated an estimated tourism receipt of RM6.9 billion. Based on past trend of average arrivals for the month of October to December, my Ministry is anticipating 5 million visitor arrivals into Sarawak in 2017, an increase of 7.3% as compared with 4.66 million in 2016. Sarawak Tourism sector is expected to generate tourism receipt of RM8.98 billion (6.9% increase), contributing about 8.2% towards the State GDP in 2017.

For 2018, my Ministry is targeting 5.25 million visitor arrivals and an estimated tourism receipt of RM9.82 billion. The top ten visitors into Sarawak are Brunei, Indonesia, The Philippines, Singapore, China, India, United Kingdom, Australia, Thailand and Europe.

*Tourism As The Driver And Catalyst To Accelerate Growth For The
Service Sector Key Result Areas 3 (KRA3)*

Acknowledging the important contribution of the tourism sector to the economy of the State through the service sector, the Government through the Socio-Economic Transformation Program has approved 14 Key Result Areas (KRAs) projects and programs early this year worth RM51 million. Out of 14 projects and programs, 2 are completed, 10 are work in progress, and 2 are in preliminary stage. A total of RM11.3 million has been spent in 2017 while the balance will be utilised in 2018 and 2019.

These KRAs projects and programs comprise of the following:

- (a) Upgrading of Tourism Infrastructure and Facilities at Wind Cave, Fairy Cave, Kuching Waterfront areas and Kuching Heritage Trail, upgrading work to the Jetty near Santubong Bridge to cater for the RAMSAR site (Kuching Wetland) visitors, anglers and divers.
- (b) Development of new tourism products and attractions namely the conversion of the Brooke Dockyard into a Maritime museum, the construction of the Walkway in front of the new DUN building to connect the pedestrian bridge, which was recently officiated from Fort Margherita, conversion of the Old DUN building into a performing arts centre, construction of a Gold Mine Museum and Park in Bau and the conversion of the Old Resident Office in Miri into a Cultural and Heritage Centre.

Most of these projects are expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

Other than projects under the KRAs, on-going and approved new tourism projects under the 11th Malaysia Plan being implemented by my Ministry include:

- (a) State funded projects with a total allocation of RM26.5 million comprise of the Dalat Phase II Waterfront project, the Walkway leading from Kampung Boyan to Fort Margherita in Kuching, upgrading of North Yu Seng Road or popularly to be known as Wireless Walk in Miri, development of tourism facilities at Bakam Points, the Upgrading Work at ICQS Sungai Tujuh and Tourism related facilities at Tusan Beach, Peliau Bekenu.

- (b) Federal funded projects implemented under the Second (2nd) Rolling Plan of the 11th Malaysia Plan by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia with an allocation of RM28.12 million comprising the construction of Walkway and Jetty at the Kuching Wetland (RAMSAR Site), the construction of Baram Waterfront in Marudi, upgrading work at Panchor Hot Spring in Serian and the construction of a Baruk at Kampung Gumbang in Bau.

Eco Tourism and Local Community Participation

Tuan Speaker, Eco Tourism and Local Community Participation. Culture, Adventure and Nature or in short CAN are Sarawak's unique and strong selling points in as far as products segment and experience is concerned. My Ministry priority is to ensure that tourism facilities and services in our National Parks be upgraded and properly maintained to ensure basic comfort and safety to our visitors. At the same time my Ministry is encouraging more local communities to be involved in community based ecotourism or CBET through the homestay programs, as nature guides, as transport providers, food handlers as well as local crafts produces.

National Parks

The National Parks continue to be the most preferred destinations for Eco tourists both domestic and foreign because of its diverse biodiversity, beautiful and unique landscape and wildlife varieties.

As of September 2017, the National Parks recorded 462,361 visitor arrivals where 102,051 are foreigners and 360,310 are locals. For the same period in September 2016, National Parks recorded 422,485 total visitors where or which comprise 94,263 are foreigners and 328,222 are local or domestic visitors. This indicates a positive growth of 8.6% in total visitors' arrival to the National Park. National Parks that recorded the highest number of visitors are Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, Bako National Park, Matang Wildlife Centre, Niah National Park and Gunung Mulu National Park.

Recognition

Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, is the first National Park in Sarawak to be given the recognition under the Malaysia Tourism Quality Assurance (MYTQA) in 2016 under the Nature and Adventure Category. MYTQA is a recognition established by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia to ensure compliance with certain set of standard and quality for any given product. Such recognition will give tourist more confidence towards that product. The recognition is valid for a period of 3 years from 2017 to 2020.

Lambir Hill National Park, Miri have recently has been awarded the certificate of excellence 2017 by Trip advisor. This award was based on opinion from the tourists on the quality of service and other aspects of Lambir Hills National Park.

Community Participation

My Ministry will continue to encourage more rural community participation in the tourism industry through Community Based Ecotourism (CBET), which focuses on community activities whilst stressing on the preservation of the environment and natural resources and highlight local cultural practices and at the same time providing job opportunities and alternative source of income.

In 2017, an additional 6 new Homestays were registered. They were Homestay Rh. Penghulu Philip Kayak, Sungai Durin Sibul, Homestay Lobang Batu in Serian, Homestay

Singai in Bau, Homestay Mulu in Miri, Homestay Long Banga, in Ulu Baram, Miri and Rumah Margherita in Julau. There are now 41 registered homestays with 582 operators throughout Sarawak.

My Ministry has worked with local communities through “Tourism Awareness Programmes” to raise their awareness of the tourism industry. The programme is to highlight the benefits that can be realized from this dynamic sector in improving their level of income and providing employment.

My Ministry has also carried out capacity building program for homestay operators and community through the courses such as *Bengkel Pembangunan Produk Pelancongan* and *Kursus Asas Perakaunan dan Keusahawanan Bagi Peserta Homestay* and *Bengkel Kebudayaan dan Kesenian*.

The objective of these courses are to increase the knowledge and service quality of the homestay operators so that they can provide excellent services to tourists and thus to generate more income to their homestays.

In addition, my Ministry also supports the homestays and local community by assisting them to coordinate the tourism activities such as the Gawai Open House, Hari Raya Aidilfitri Packages and Makan Tahun which is celebrated by Kedayan Community.

Events and Festivals

Tuan Speaker, events and festivals have always been a pull factor to both domestic and foreign tourists and at the same time providing business opportunities to the locals. The 20th edition of the Rainforest World Music Festival (RWMF) was held at the Sarawak Cultural Village from 14 to 16 July 2017. The Ministry and Sarawak Tourism Board took a different approach to promote and add value to the 20th edition of RWMF by organising what we call the Rainforest Fringe Event (RFF) one week prior to the main festival.

In the past series, the festival was only confined to Sarawak Cultural Village and many felt that Kuching City and Kuchingites did not feel the heat and the beat of this music festival. Our ultimate aim was to engage and bring Kuchingites to have a feel and be part of the whole festival.

The Rainforest Fringe Festival was launched on 7th July 2017, held at the Auditorium of Sarawak Tourism Complex. The ten day festival continued with several highly attended and popular events over namely:

1. Theatre of Clothes - Fashion gala held at The Waterfront Hotel on 8th July 2017
2. Sada Kamek: Music of Sarawak - music concert held at the Kuching Amphitheatre on 9th July 2017
3. Craft & Vintage Market - a two day spread of local creative crafts held at the Sarawak Tourism Complex compound throughout the weekend and over the next 7 days, exhibitions, film screenings and talks were attended by both local and international visitors until its close on July 16, 2017. The two days craft market of the festival with some vendors reporting sales of more than RM20,000.00.

Two special groups of guests from Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, under the campaign name “Kuching Express” were invited to attend the festival. Social media recorded

35,454 Facebook, 1,089 Instagram and 79 Twitter posts up the fringe festival, gathered 104,533 Like; 1,819 Comments; and 106,448 Interactions, reaching to 1,739,132 individuals.

This year RWMF managed to achieve a record of 19,382 attendees as compared to 18,300 attendees last year. Out of this total, 30 percent were non-Malaysians. Value of tickets sales also increased by 30% from the previous year a total received of RM 959,885.00. More activities and varieties were also added to make the festival more vibrant and attractive. Apart from the music concerts at night, the festival has featured many other activities to keep audience entertained throughout the day at the venue. Among others were Yoga, Taichi, Zumba, Silat and Martial Art Capoeira Demonstrations was done.

The festival also brought together collaborations with other Government agencies such as Sarawak Biodiversity Centre, Sarawak Museum and Sarawak Energy to organise other fringe activities at the venue as value-added to the festival.

The RWMF has attracted 180 international media and 50 bloggers from around the world which had garnered around RM5.0 million worth of media value. Apart from the entrance ticket sales totalling RM959,885.00, the total direct revenue received from the sales of handicrafts was RM100,000.00, while from food and beverages was recorded at RM181,500.00. The overall festival was a success and the results from the survey conducted testified that 84% of audience were satisfied as compared to 78% the previous year.

Sarawak International Dragon Boat and Regatta

The 4th series of the Sarawak International Dragon Boat Race has just been held last weekend, concurrently with the Annual Sarawak Regatta, which is going to be held this weekend from 17th to 19th November 2017. The International Dragon Boat Race attracted 33 teams consisting of 857 paddlers from 10 countries while the Sarawak Regatta has registered one of the highest participation recording 294 teams with 4,928 paddlers.

While the Water sporting activities are confined from Friday to Sunday, other activities on land which included the exhibitions and sales of handicrafts, local food and delicacies, nightly cultural performances and singing competition will be carried out daily, thus transforming the Kuching Waterfront into a Festival and Carnival centre. Based on previous trends, the economic spin-off and income generated from the sales of foods and handicrafts was estimated at RM 1.2 million. This does not include expenses paid on accommodation, transportation and dining.

Other iconic events that attract tourists include the ASEAN International Film Festival and Awards (AIFFA), Borneo Jazz, Borneo International Kite Festival, Irau Aco Lun Bawang, Pesta Babulang, Pesta Nukenen, Borneo Cultural Festival, Pesta Kaul, Kuching International Bike Week, Waterfront Jazz Festival, Balleh Kapit Raft Safari, Pesta Nanas, Bukit Sadok Expedition, Pesta Samarahan, Moon Cake Cultural Festival, Pesta Siniawan and Pesta Benak to name a few.

Another notable event worth sharing was the "What About Kuching" or WAK 2017, a private sector initiative. It is a month long event organised in October 2017 in and around Kuching, showcasing diverse and multiple activities ranging from culture, heritage, arts, photography, designers, foods and music.

This festival provides a platform for our many talented Kuchingites and Sarawakians to showcase their different pursuit, create awareness, educate and garner greater appreciation of these pursuits and fostering regional and international collaboration to elevate local standards and finally to enhance visitor arrivals.

The festival started with 25 events initially signed up but eventually ends with 76 different events involving 50 community groups and 200 volunteers. The festival was well received by both local and foreign visitors and that has encouraged the organiser to pursue it to be an annual event.

Regional Co-Operation

Sarawak leverage on its membership in several regional platform namely the Sabah Sarawak Labuan Joint Tourism Co-ordination Committee, Sarawak Brunei Tourism Working Group, BIMP-EAGA and East Asia Tourism Forum (EATOF) to develop joint activities, marketing and promotion of tour packages. Under the BIMP EAGA platform, Sarawak participated in the BUDAYAW Cultural Festival in General Santos, Mindanao held in September, 2017 and the 3rd Air Linkages Summit to held in November in Kota Kinabalu. Through the Sarawak Brunei Tourism Working groups joint packages are being sold between Brunei and Miri. Korean and Chinese tourist are now coming into Miri from Brunei.

Early this year Sarawak send a cultural troupe to Pyeongchang, Gangwon, South Korea as part of our support during the launch of the Winter Olympic which will be held in February 2018. Sarawak has also been requested to send a delegation and a strong team of 20 performers to perform at the opening and numerous venues during the Winter Olympic in 2018.

Business Events

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak has been able to position itself as one of the 2nd tier destinations for Business Event in the region.

Bids Won in 2017

From January to October 2017, Sarawak Convention Bureau (SCB) brought in 73 Business Events to Sarawak: 47 Bid Wins and 26 Bids Supported. The 73 Business Events represent close to 25 thousand delegates and 73 thousand delegate days, translating to approximately RM 81.7 million in direct delegate expenditure in Sarawak.

This revenue returns to Sarawak, to feed downstream and upstream tourism businesses in Accommodation, Events Venues, Food & Beverage outlets, and more. Equally important is the future intangible benefit that Business Events return in new research, international partnerships, goodwill and international branding, knowledge transfer to up skill local practitioners as well as social responsibility.

Some of the highlights of the events won in 2017 are:

- The World Autism Congress which its going be held in 2022 *with an estimated of 1500 Delegates*
- 10th Clean Air Asia Better Air Quality Conference 2018 *with estimated 600 Delegates*
- Alliance for Healthy Cities Global Conference 2018 *with estimated 600 Delegates*
- Annual Scientific Conference of Malaysian Oncological Society 2017 *with estimated 650 Delegates*
- World Islamic Economic Forum 2017 which is going to be held this month with *estimated 2000 Delegates* and participations for a number of world leaders
- TEDX Youth @Kenyaling which is also to be held this month with *participation for about 500 Delegates*
- 8th Malaysia International Palm Oil & Agriculture Equipment Technology Expo and

Conference (Conjoined with 5th Sarawak Oil & Gas Expo 2017) *with estimated 860 Delegates*

- International Energy Week 2018 *with estimated 500 Delegates*
- Congress of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Association 2020 which is going to be held in 2010 *with estimated 800 Delegates*
- International Biomass Conference Malaysia 2017 *with estimated 500 Delegates*

In 2017, the State played host to 47 conventions, with over 20 thousand delegates and bringing in an estimated direct delegate spending of over RM 67.7 million. Some notable high Business Events which was held this year which among others are;

1. International Summit on Peace with over 600 participation
2. 2nd International Conference on Special Education: 'Access and Engagement' with over 650 delegates
3. 29th World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (Conjoined with 21st Malaysian Conference of Psychological Medicine) with over 550 delegates
4. ASEAN Conference on Healthy Ageing with over 500 delegates
5. 26th Malaysian Urological Conference with over 500 delegates
6. 29th Annual Scientific Conference of the Malaysian Oncological Society with over 650 delegates

Media Coverage and Awards

Strategic Communications and Marketing aligned media and branding. Sarawak has featured 295 times in national and international press, radio, television and 694 times digitally in 2017. SCB had also won the Brand Laureate Award for the 2nd time since 2006 and in August 2017 we were awarded the Best MICE Brand in Kuala Lumpur.

2018 Directions and Plans

SCB's activities for 2018 will be championed by Sales and Marketing, backed by Industry Development activities. The long term aims are to create a sustainable Business Events sector, and in short term aims are to continue to secure more Business Events to Sarawak. SCB will continue to pursue the winning of more bids, and especially substantial bids. Each substantial bid wins contributes to an investment to Sarawak; extending its yield beyond tourism. SCB looks forward in a higher conversion of leads, which will be enhanced through digital technologies such as web-based bids and multimedia bid books.

Marketing will continue to position Sarawak as a leading Business Events destination in the world with a bold award-winning marketing campaign (ie. RGT), SCB will literate the legacy impacts of Business Events to the community and economy. This is enhanced through gamification; an integration of technology and personal touch. In the areas of Industry Development, SCB seeks to drive service excellence and consistency amongst sector partners. Reliable and efficient service delivery is imperative for the generation of repeat and referred business. SCB hopes to enhance the sector through education and training events. Other industry development activities will move into gathering stronger intelligence from a wider range of sources, capitalizing data to win business.

Sarawak Tourism Board (STB)

The marketing and promotions of tourism to the State has never been challenging as this year. The introduction of the Tourism Tax Act which took effect on the 1st of September has created a drawback towards the industry as the destination gets less competitive compare to other emerging destinations in the region. In reacting towards this, the Sarawak Tourism Board has increased its marketing activities in all markets in order to remain relevant especially in capitalizing on digital marketing platform.

Digital Promotion

Digital marketing initiatives incorporate the destination major website at www.sarawaktourism.com and all other social media platforms.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat, are you taking clarification from Pelawan?

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (Y.B. Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Ok, make it a quick one, please?

Y.B. Encik Wong Kee Woan: Thank you Tuan Speaker, thank you Minister. The Minister touched on the tourism tax so the question remains how many per cent of the tourism tax collected returned to Sarawak?

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (Y.B. Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih kepada Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Pelawan. Well, tourism or tax is in area which is under the purview of the Ministry of Finance. As has been agreed or as had been informed to all of us, the amount that is going to be allocated to each state is going to be 10% of what has been collected. As it is that stands. We are still trying to get much more than that and we will try to do it not through the media but behind the scene. Thank you.

A major migration of all marketing collaterals and information into the digital platform has been conducted making information more accessible and available for faster decision making. Sarawak Tourism Board has upgraded its four (4) major websites for a better and user friendly website. Facebook marketing has taken greater emphasise for the older executives and other social media platforms such as Instagram, Twitter, WeChat and Weibo for the younger millennials. For the specific Greater China market, Baidu which is equivalent to Google search engine in China has been subscribed to provide greater Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) on Sarawak unique text. For the English speaking markets, the Board continues to invest in travel platform such as Trip Advisor, Expedia and Travel Port as a platform to reach out to a broader market and audience. Visuals promotions were uploaded into YouTube for longer retention memory on the Sarawak's attractions and destination.

The digital promotion has been well received by viewers and the Board's major websites have commanded 648,697 followers. For the social media platforms, Face book has increased at 3% in total fans which recorded at 137,500 fans as compared to previous year.

Consumer Directed Promotions

Consumer directed promotions is aimed at providing a platform for travel trade partners to reach out directly to consumers selling their Sarawak packages. Sarawak Tourism Board participated in eight major consumer fairs locally and abroad. Among the notable fairs were the two ever popular Malaysia Association of Travel Trade Agents in short we call (MATTA) Fairs and the Sarawak Inbound Travel Association or (MITA) Fair, both

held in Kuala Lumpur, the Brunei Travel Fair in Bandar Seri Begawan, Flight Centre Expo in Sydney and Melbourne, ASTINDO fair in Jakarta, the Australasia Birding Fair in Sydney and the International Travel Fair in Taipei, Taiwan. Overall, the participation in all these fairs had generated around RM2.1million in total packages sales.

Trade Directed Promotions

Trade directed promotions aimed to facilitate opportunities of growing business for our trade partners therefore ensuring arrivals to meet our target set for the year. Nine major international trade fairs including the World Travel Market in London, International Tourism Bourse (ITB) in Berlin, ITB Asia in Singapore, Travel Industry Expo in Sydney and Melbourne, Nordic Travel Mart or (MATKA), ASEAN Tourism Forum in Singapore, ROUTES Asia in Okinawa and the Tunas Tunggal Cemerlang (TTC) Indonesia in Jakarta.

Tuan Speaker: Honorable Minister, you are taking clarification.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (Y.B. Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Okay, short one please.

Y.B. Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Thank you Tuan Speaker, thank you Honourable Minister. Previously while we are still, Sarawak is still part of Malaysian Tourism Board promotion of tourism in Sarawak has already been neglected. Now this year since we have pulled out from the Malaysian Tourism Board, may I know is the promotion of tourism in Malaysia by the Malaysia Tourism Board, does it also include promotion of tourism in Sarawak and how are we going to ensure that when the Federal Ministry of Tourism, they promote tourism in Malaysia it includes Sarawak as well.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (Y.B. Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Thank you Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kota Sentosa for raising up this issue. Well Malaysia Tourism Board has got the responsibility not just to West Malaysia but to all states in Malaysia. Even though we do not have our participation inside Malaysian Tourism Board, we use to have one of the directors to be from Sarawak but rest assured that there will still be promoting Malaysia and Malaysia means they include Sarawak. You can go to the London World Trade Market which is organised recently this month. I was also invited, it was organised, the Malaysian Pavilion was organised by Malaysian Tourism Board but unfortunately I could not make it because of this DUN sitting. But then again, it is a fairly known that Malaysian Tourism Board does not neglect Sarawak in its promotion. On the side line Sarawak Tourism Board is also doing its effort to promote Sarawak on its own, on its own in the various tourism fares that have been mentioned just now. Thank you. Make it a quick one, please.

Y.B. Encik Wong Kee Woan: Thank you Tuan Speaker, thank you Honourable Minister for giving the chance. Regarding the Pelancongan under Rolling Plan 1 and 2 of the Eleventh Malaysia Plan, the Minister when questioned by the Member of Parliament for Sibul, why is Sibul central zone of Sarawak, central Sarawak excluded from the two rolling plans. According to the Minister, the Federal Minister saying that you have to go back, ask your State Planning Unit. Ask your State government. So can the Minister clarify why central Sarawak has all the while been left out on the development? Thank you.

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (Y.B. Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Honorable Member for Pelawan. Well, we never neglect any of the division or any part of Sarawak in our promotion plan. You can see the Borneo Cultural Festival in Sibul. This is Sibul programme. Sarawak Tourism Board, Ministry of Tourism is very much involved. Do we do this grant to Sibul? Well, that is among the event or promotion

that we are trying to help out in Sibul. Well, it's for Sibul leaders to also come up with attractive or to come up and show to us where are the various potential good spot or good areas of promotion for us to promote as tourism in our tourism packages. Apart from that, we are also trying to get better direct connectivity to Sibul, to Miri and to various other parts of Sarawak so that at least when tourist come down here they can always they can also come down to Sibul. Probably what the, the MP has said in Parliament might be, I'm not aware of that but probably it might be related to what is the physical tourism development which has not been seen in Sibul. Probably lah but then tourism is not just about National Park, it's not just about Museum, food is also a tourism, cuisine is also a tourism, sport is also, this year we have the victor badminton held in Sibul. It was, it was packed every day until the final. That is also a promotion to bring up Sibul. Isn't it? Ok I hope that answers you.

Arising from our participation in these international fairs, a series of familiarization trips were organised throughout the year. Among the agents' familiarization trips were from China, Germany, France, Sweden, New Zealand, Australia, Kuala Lumpur, Langkawi, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam.

Media Management Programmes

A number of media management programmes to create awareness among media fraternity on Sarawak destination and attractions have also been conducted. Throughout 2017, the media mileage gained is estimated at RM31 million in media value for the awareness creation and publicity on Sarawak as a holiday destination.

Partners Collaboration

To boost our presence in selected market, strategic partnership and collaboration programme with both local tourism agencies, agents, product owners, hotels and tourism related bodies in the State were carried out.

At the recently held MATTA Fair in Kuala Lumpur, Sarawak took the opportunity to portray itself as the 'Malaysia's Favourite Destination'. This initiative was supported by the Sarawak Chapter of the Malaysia Association of Travel Agents or (MATTA) and Malaysia Association of Hotels or (MAH) by taking active participation in offering competitive Sarawak tour packages.

Air Accessibility/Air Connectivity

Air connectivity has been identified as one of the Key Result Areas (KRAs) projects under the State Socio Economic Transformation Program (SETP). Sarawak Tourism Board has been tasked to facilitate and support any airlines that show interest to fly into Sarawak.

In June, Air Asia launched its daily Kuching-Pontianak-Kuching flight and in August, AirAsia also launched its Langkawi-Kuching-Langkawi 4 times weekly flight both on its 180 seater A320 aircraft. Air Asia has also confirmed flying Shenzhen-Kuching-Shenzhen daily with the inaugural flight scheduled on the 27th December of this year.

Air Asia has just announced their direct flight Singapore to Bintulu effective also on the 27th Dec 2017 on 4 times weekly. I was also informed, I was make known also that Air Asia will also be increasing the flight between Kuching and Singapore from the 26th December from 9 daily to sixteen daily, sixteen flights per week, per week. Scoot Airlines, which just launched its inaugural flight on the 29th October, would be flying daily between Singapore and Kuching replacing Silk Air which has ceased flying into Kuching as of the 28th October 2017. Xpress Air has also indicated to launch its direct from Pontianak to Miri

but has yet to announce its inaugural flight as they have just obtained the approval. We are also working out on other destination which we will make known as it goes on.

Tourism Industry Players Engagement (STF)

In my Ministry's efforts to understand better the need and challenges face by our industry players, numerous engagements has been carried out with the Sarawak Tourism Federation (STF) and its affiliates. The setting up of the Sarawak Tourism Forum provide a platform which Industry Players could effectively discuss and address issues that could hinder the advancement of tourism in the State.

Majlis Seni Sarawak (MASSA)

Semenjak beroperasi mulai Januari 2017, MASSA telah menganjurkan, terlibat dan menyokong pelbagai acara dan pesta di seluruh Negeri Sarawak. Antara aktiviti utamanya ialah penganjuran kursus Tarian Tradisional, Muzik pelbagai genre dan teater yang melibatkan seramai 342 peserta. Kursus ini merupakan kursus sepanjang tahun dan diadakan setiap hujung minggu iaitu hari Sabtu dan Ahad. Melalui kursus ini golongan belia dan juga kanak-kanak akan didedah dan dilatih dalam bidang muzik dan tarian yang mereka sendiri pilih.

MASSA juga turut membantu menjayakan acara-acara seperti berikut antara lainnya:-

- a. Hari Sarawak;
- b. Konsert Ambang Hari Kebangsaan;
- c. Perayaan Bulan Kebangsaan;
- d. Hari Keputeraan DYMM Yang di-Pertuan Agong;
- e. Hari Jadi Yang di-pertua Negeri Sarawak;
- f. Hari Malaysia;
- g. Hari Wanita;
- h. Hari Belia;
- i. Hari Sukan Negara;
- j. Pesta Benak Sri Aman yang juga baru-baru ini diadakan; dan
- k. Regatta Sarawak yang juga sedang diadakan pada masa ini.

Sarawak Museum Department (SMD)

Museum is the manifestation of a country's heritage and a popular destination for visitors. Museum and tourism are interconnected and reflect the iconic image of a country and its people. The economic contribution of heritage resources is one of the major means to achieve sustainable tourism development.

- (a) Sarawak Museum Campus Project (new Main Exhibition Building and Conservation of old Sarawak Museum) if you see just the opposite the Padang Central in Kuching, that huge building coming up. That's what we call Sarawak Museum Campus Project.

The ongoing campus project, targeted to be completed by end of 2019, will contribute greatly to the tourism development of the State. It will become the pride of the people of Sarawak and reposition Sarawak Museum Department as the manifestation of Sarawak's culture, heritage and tourism.

The project has made significant progress and at this stage is 35% physically complete. The story line and layout of the exhibition is being researched and developed simultaneously. The exhibition is presented on a thematic subject showcasing the rich heritage of Sarawak. Researchers from within and outside the State were engaged to provide internationally recognized exhibition content.

Stage 2 of the Project is the conservation of the old Sarawak Museum. The 126 years old building, built in 1891, was officially closed to the public on 23rd October 2017 for a period of two (2) years until early 2020. This historic and iconic building is in urgent need for conservation and upgrading works. The cultural and zoological specimens together with the authentic showcases will be moved temporarily to the next building nearby which we called the Butterfly Building for safekeeping, conservation and exhibition.

The public can still visit other galleries among others Butterfly Museum or the Butterfly Building. The Urang Sarawak exhibition at the Arts Museum, the Chinese History Museum, the Islamic Heritage Museum, the Sarawak Textile Museum and the Brooke Exhibition at Fort Margherita.

(b) Conservation and Upgrading of Historical Forts

Old forts are reminiscence of historical past and becoming part of the heritage of the State. Under the 11th Malaysia Plan, five (5) forts, namely Kubu Lili in Betong; Kubu Emma in Kanowit; Kubu Hose in Marudi; Kubu Brooke in Julau and Kubu Sylvia in Kapit will be conserved and upgraded and given a new role as historic and a visitor attraction and giving it a sustainable future.

Tender documents for three (3) of the Forts namely Kubu Lili, Kubu Emma and Kubu Hose, are in the final stage of evaluation by the Public Works Department, whereas works on Kubu Brooke and Kubu Sylvia will commence in 2018.

(c) Donation of Ethnographic Artifacts by Museum Prinsenhof Delft, City of Delft, the Netherlands

The development of the Sarawak Museum Campus, which was based on the requirement of international museum standards, will put Sarawak Museum at par with other renowned museums in the world. Collaborations with museums such as the British Museum, London and Natural History Museum, London and academic institution such as the Reinwardt Academy, in the Netherlands has strengthened the position of Sarawak Museum as a centre of museum excellence in this region.

Such collaborations have resulted in the donation of 412 units of Borneon cultural artifacts together with 14 shelving units, 9 thermo hydrographs and 44 chests by Museum Prinsenhof Delft, Leiden, the Netherlands. A transfer agreement was signed between Sarawak Museum Department and Museum Prinsenhof Delft on 19th June 2017 and 4th July 2017. These artifacts are expected to arrive in Sarawak in December 2017. This donation will further enhance recognition of Sarawak Museum nationally and internationally and a good addition to the museum's existing collection.

*Sarawak Craft Council (SCC) and Perbadanan Kemajuan Kraftangan
Malaysia*

Handicraft, as cultural souvenir, plays a major role in tourism. Globally, the handicraft industry is worth more than USD100 billion (which is quoted from Craft Central), involving more than 1.35 million producers. It is forecasted that the global growth for the period 2015 to 2019 will be 12% annually.

In Sarawak, the market size of craft in 2016 was worth RM26 million involving 854 producers while in 2017 as at 31st October 2017 the total sales of 957 producers was worth RM22 million. The most popular products are beads work, textile (pua kumbu) and forest based products, the all these bakul and mat.

It is for this reason that the State Government established the Sarawak Craft Council (SCC) which is tasked with the development of handicraft industry in tandem with the tourism industry. In 2017, the SCC organized and participated in 20 promotional and sales events, involving 147 participants generating direct sales worth RM419,000.00. Twenty (20) capacity building trainings on production skills, finishing skill, basic business skills and new product development skills were also organised.

To increase sales and awareness of Sarawak handicraft products, several programmes and activities are planned in 2018. Among them are the handicraft bazaars in selected towns throughout Sarawak with the first being planned in Bau then followed by Sri Aman, Mukah, Lawas, Kota Samarahan and Miri. I'll make sure that Sibu will be in there also. The bazaar, initially to be held once a month, will give opportunities for local producers to promote and sell their products.

The second initiative will be a more structured training programme for e-commerce, in line with the State emphasis on the matter. The training module will include advertising and promotion through electronic media, sales management and payment gateway.

Youth Development

Now I'll go to youth development. Tuan Speaker, the youth of today are encouraged to adopt a global mindset and be prepared to lead Sarawak as globalization is making the world a very competitive place. It is thus our obligation to ensure youths are more competent, composed and receptive in facing digital challenge. My Ministry in collaboration with other agencies, namely Jabatan Belia dan Sukan Negeri Sarawak, Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Sarawak, SABERKAS Negeri and other NGOs will continue to implement various youth development programmes in line with Dasar Belia Malaysia (DBM).

Since January this year, 49 programmes involving 14,500 youths throughout the State have been successfully implemented. Among the programmes that have been organised are;

- Youth Transformation Programme;
- Youth Entrepreneurship Programme;
- Volunteerism and Community;
- Leadership Programme;
- Youth Camps; and
- Youth Outreach Programme.

My Ministry has also organized various ad-hoc programs such as Mount Serapi Climbathon in conjunction with National Scout Day (Malaysia) on the 6th August 2017...(Coughing)... involving 3,000 youths, Paint the World Program on the 10th September 2017 at Kuching Civic Centre involving more than 1,000 youth and upcoming Tedx Kenyalang International Conference on 25th-26th November 2017 at BCCK.

The state-level Youth Day celebration involving more than 5,000 youths carrying the theme "BELIA PENCETUS INSPIRASI, PEMACU INOVASI" was held in Betong from the 27th to 29th October 2017. During the launched by Right Honourable Chief Minister, the Right Honourable Chief Minister has outlined three (3) Policies and strategic thrust for youth development namely:-

- i) Active and Healthy Lifestyle;
- ii) Cultural heritage and roots; and
- iii) Innovative and Creative Youths.

These are the three thrust that he had touch on.

The prime highlights of the Youth Celebration, besides the presentation of Anugerah Belia Negeri 2017, were the Youth Town Hall, Youth Kitchen, Educational and Career Exhibitions...(Coughing)...the Youth Fun Run and Youth Fun Ride, Youth Wall and Rock Climbing, Battle of the Bands, Autoshow, Mr. Strongman, Puteri Belia Millenia and Millenia Youth Camp.

Under the Transformasi Nasional 2050 or TN50, youth participation and engagement are crucial in shaping the future direction of the nation. This year alone, thirteen (13) dialogue sessions have been held involving 5,300 youths from all across Sarawak, with over 400 aspirations being recorded.

Sports Development

Tuan Speaker, now I'll touch on Sport Development. The merger of sports portfolio with tourism is rather apt as they have complementary role to each other. Acknowledging this symbiosis...(Coughing)...excuse me, okay.

Y.B. Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Ya, thank you Honourable Minister and thank you Tuan Speaker. Just now Minister was talking about youth empowerment. May I ask the question about youth empowerment. Why is it that the biggest youth organisation in Sarawak, SABERKAS, is still not headed by a youth? And it is headed by a person who is way beyond his youth already, the Honourable Chief Minister. Is there no confidence or is the Government refusing to actually give youth the position to make decision? So that is my question.

And number two, there is this Youth Development Act which is a Federal Act which limit, which give the definition of youth i.e. person below 45 years old. And if I am not mistaken until today, this Act has not been extended to Sarawak thereby allowing those people who have gone beyond the age of 45 to still chair and decide or sit in the position of authority in youth organisation. I think this is something that is hampering the development of youth which is not conducive to youth empowerment. May I know the position of the Ahli Yang Berhormat Menteri on this issue?

Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian, Kebudayaan, Belia dan Sukan (Y.B. Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat daripada Kota Sentosa kerana prihatin tentang SABERKAS. Probably Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kota Sentosa should

apply to be member of SABERKAS first then he will be able to know how SABERKAS is being managed.

Well, we always believe in guiding the youth. We always believe in guiding the youth and to guide the youth we sometimes have to be with them. SABERKAS, the structure of SABERKAS, you have to see the committee. The main committee, it must comprise 30 percent of those above 45. Only 30 percent are allowed to be above 45 in that committee.

The reason being, it is for those who are veterans, who are seniors to help those young leaders to be there. That is the reason why. There is a quota down here. Well, West Malaysia and other Youth Organisation they can have their own way of deciding how they want to groom up their youth but then Sarawak has got its own way of grooming our youth. That is how we are doing it that way and that is the reason why the President of Saberkas is somebody who is in the 60s, because he has been through it, he has been in Saberkas before, he has been the Youth leader so he would be able to empower and impart the experience that he has got to the existing youth leader he wanted to mould into what we want to be in future. Probably that answered.

Well, on the second aspect of the Youth Development Act, again we decide things our way. A lot of Akta which we feel should not be extended to Sarawak, for reasons being known probably related to assets, management and things like that. That is one of the reason why the Youth Development Act has not been extended yet. Presently, we are comfortable with how we managed out youth. I believe our youth has been very supportive of us and that can be seen in the election also. The youth in Sarawak are very supportive of the government. If we were to extend that act to Sarawak probably we would see the youth going away from us, probably lah, probably. We don't find any problem with that Act not being extended because we have got our own way of grooming our youth. Thank you.

Sports Development

The merger of sports portfolio with tourism is rather apt as they have complementary role to each other. Acknowledging this symbiosis, the government has intensified its effort to promote sports tourism as another income generating venture. The Sarawak government has spent over RM400 million to build sports infrastructures for last year's Sukan Malaysia (SUKMA) which was successfully hosted by Sarawak. To ensure that the stadiums, arenas and venues are continuously being used. We don't want them to be white elephant. The Sarawak Sports Corporation has been tasked to position Sarawak as the venue for organising international sporting events. Thus, rigorous biddings to attract international sporting events to choose Sarawak as the preferred venue has and will continue to be carried out.

After SUKMA last year, we have been able to attract and host a series of sporting events such as:

1. FINA World Championship Diving, (21st-23rd October 2016, Pandelega Rinong Aquatic Centre, Kuching);
2. Victor Far East Malaysia Masters Badminton Championships 2017 (17th - 22nd January 2017, Sibu Indoor Stadium);
3. 3rd Southeast Asian Squash Championship 2017 (14th– 18th February 2017, Sarawak Squash Centre, Petra Jaya Kuching);
4. Celcom Axiata Malaysia badminton Open 2017 (4th – 9th April 2017, Stadium Perpaduan, Petra Jaya Kuching);
5. 3rd CMS Borneo Junior Open Squash Championship 2017

- (7th–11th July 2017, Sarawak Squash Centre, Petra Jaya, Kuching)
6. 31st Malaysia International Open Master Athletics Championship 2017 (22nd–23rd July 2017, Stadium Sarawak, Kuching) involving if I am not mistaken about 700-800 participants;
7. Sarawak International Open Tenpin Bowling Championship 2017 (6th–9th September 2017, Megalanes, Batu Kawa, Kuching);
8. 4th Kuching Marathon 2017, (13th August 2017, Kuching); which when it is only in its 4th year, has garnered about 12,000 participation;
9. 2nd Kuching International Bike Week 2017 (13th– 15th October 2017, CityOne Megamall, Kuching)
10. Sarawak Open Weightlifting Championship; (23rd–28th October 2017, Sarawak Youth and Sports Complex Kuching);

The hosting and organising of international sporting events have many benefits. Among them are increasing the profile of Sarawak that can lead to lasting economic benefits. This raised profile can be important in attracting tourists and business investment.

Major sporting events can create enthusiasm and excitement among Sarawakians and can help promote uptake of sport which has lasting benefits for the nation's health. These events can lead to a rise in volunteerism which promotes civic virtues. With the hosting of events, we can see a surge in visitors, athletes and media which will provide an increase in spending and injection of revenue into the local economy.

Recently, my Ministry through SSC successfully won 2 bids to host the 21st Asia Master Athletics Championship 2019, which will involve about 40-50 countries and about 2,000 to 3,000 athletes and another one, the World PARA Swimming Championship in 2019, which will involve about 80 countries about 2,000 to 3,000 athletes also.

The Asian Youth Tenpin Bowling Championship, and the 18th Asian Cadet, junior and under 21 Karate Championship will also be held in Sarawak in 2019. So Sarawak Sports Corporation will be very busy and will continue to bid and attract and market Sarawak to professional event planners as the preferred destination for organising sporting events.

High Performance Sports

Sarawak contingent preparation for the 19th SUKMA held in Perak next year is going according to plan. A four months phase one decentralized training will be carried out starting from January next year and will involve about 2,000 athletes. In addition, the Sarawak Sports Corporation will organize a motivation camp for coaches and athletes in February 2018 which emphasizes on mental training and motivation for athletes and coaches as part of the run up to SUKMA 2018. We have also engaged 19 foreign coaches involving 13 sports in our preparation for the next SUKMA which we expect to be very interesting for Sarawak because we feel that we are very much better prepared this time.

Sukan Sarawak 2017

After 28 years of not holding Sukan Sarawak we have decided to revive back this *sukan* which is called Sukan Sarawak. A total of 1,436 athletes will be taking part in the coming Sukan Sarawak (SUKSAR) which will be held on 14th -17th December 2017 involving 14 sports. SUKSAR provides the best platform to identify the best talents and also a rich ground to nurture athletes from throughout the State for the 19th SUKMA to be held in Perak.

Construction and Upgrading of Youth and Sports Facilities

Under the 11th Malaysia Plan, a sum of RM229 million has been allocated for the construction and upgrading of Youth & Sports facilities throughout the State. The Sarawak Youth and Sports Centre is one of the major projects to be constructed. It is now in the midst of planning and design stage and expected to commence construction in 2018. The construction of the new Betong Swimming Pool Complex is progressing well and scheduled to be completed by December 2018.

Upgrading works to Miri and Kapit Sports Complexes are in the midst of tendering process and expected to be awarded in December 2017. Sri Aman and Bintulu Sports Complexes have reached the midway of construction stage, and the upgrading works are on schedule to be completed in February 2018. Sarikei Sports Complex has commenced the upgrading works in July 2017 under Rural Transformation Project and scheduled to be completed by April 2018. Upgrading works for the three (3) Youth Camps namely Pueh, Sematan, Mukah and Kemuyang in Sibu are expected to be completed early 2018.

Presently Sarawak has achieved well in sports nationally and internationally. It is necessary to sustain the present performance and achievement in making Sarawak as the sports power house in Malaysia. Therefore, it is a necessity to have an athlete centric environment to help Sarawak athletes to develop their sporting potential while balancing the importance of an academic education. The plan is to convert an existing school near the Petra Jaya Sports Complex into a National Sports School. The school is located near to all existing world-class sports complex and infrastructures and we do hope to see it become reality in future.

Now I would like to go to the issues raised by Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat during the debate on the Supply Bill which are related to my Ministry. I would like to thank Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat from Tanjung Datu, from Batu Kitang, from Lingga, from Meradong, from Dudong, Tupong, Balingian, Bukit Goram, Repok, Bukit Semuja, Kabong, apa lagi ini, Tamin, Demak Laut, Meluan, Serembu for their proposals, suggestions and issues raised in our effort to advance the development of tourism, arts, culture, youth and sports in Sarawak.

Ahli Yang Berhormat from Lingga raised up about pembinaan jeti dan Taman Negara Meludam. The Ministry has been looking into it and will make consideration to what Ahli Yang Berhormat from Lingga has suggested.

The Ahli Yang Berhormat from Meradong has raised up the issue on upgrading the Complex Sukan Bintangor, this has been take action by the Ministry to request for funding under the midterm review 11th Malaysia Plan with the estimated cost RM4.5million to do this upgrading of this complex sukan.

The Ahli Yang Berhormat for Balingian telah mencadang untuk dibaik pulih dan dinaik taraf Stadium Miri Balingian. Tindakan Kementerian adalah Kementerian akan menimbang permohonan ini di bawah Rancangan Malaysia yang ke 12.

Ahli Yang Berhormat for Dudong, has raised up on tourism and air connectivity. The action by the Ministry, the Ministry presently is communicating with Minister of Transport and Masscom on the issues of the rural air services route. My Ministry is also engaging numerous airlines to fly into Sarawak as explained much earlier and so far there is no plan for the State Government of Sarawak to have its own airline.

The Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tupong has requested for the promotion for tourism product Kampung Paroh and Kampung Sejijak. Well the reply from the Ministry, my Ministry

will follow up on the request from Yang Berhormat from Tupong to identify and developed new tourism product and potential at his constituency.

Bukit Semuja has raised up on the development of tourism product in Serian. Well the action or the reply from the Ministry, the Ministry will look into this request and communicate with them with Serian District Council on this matter.

The ADUN for Ahli Yang Berhormat for Batu Kitang has requested for a sports centre to be build in Batu Kawa, to be build in Batu Kitang. Yes, we have identified a piece of land in Kampung Paya Mebi which is suitable for that purpose.

On the reply by the Ministry, we will make due consideration of this proposal under the 12th Malaysia Plan. Well, there are too many down here to be replied *satu persatu*, I will end my (*pause*). With this Tuan Speaker, I end my winding up speech for the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth and Sports.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tuan Speaker and all staff of the Dewan Undangan Negeri for your excellent handling of all the Dewan proceedings, the State Secretary, the Federal Secretary and all Government Department both State and Federal and not forgetting the staff of my own Ministry for their hard work, commitment and dedication in giving the necessary support, inputs and information. I would like to convey my greetings to all present in this Dewan with 2 *rangkap pantun*. I start with a *pantun*, I end with a *pantun*.

*Pantai Damai dekat Santubong
Gunung Mulu Di Utara Sarawak
Semangat DUN semangat bergotong
Nilainya tinggi, perlu disemarak*

*Para ADUN membahas kemas
Terima kasih Soalan dibentang
Selamat Menyambut Hari Krismas
Selamat Tahun Baru 2018 yang akan mendatang*

Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya, saya menjemput Ahli Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip, Menteri di Pejabat Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Izinkan saya memulakan dengan dua rangkap sajak:

*Integriti nilai mulia menjadi panduan semua insane;
biarlah hakikat ini dapat diterima;
untuk menjana pentadbiran bersih, cekap dan berkesan;
Kerajaan Negeri mempunyai wawasan, membangun negeri melonjak ke hadapan;
disokong oleh rakyat Sarawak semua lapisan;
Sarawak, Sarawak cerah masa hadapan.*

That's the opening. Yang Berhormat Tuan Speaker, sepertimana yang semua kita maklum, transformasi digital sesebuah negara bukan lagi satu pilihan, *is no longer an option*,

it is mandatory. Tetapi ianya adalah keperluan dan merupakan komponen penting dalam menuju ke arah ekonomi baharu. Untuk itu, Perkhidmatan Awam Negeri Sarawak telah bersedia dan mengambil langkah agresif dan ke hadapan bagi meningkatkan serta menambah baik sistem dan prestasi penyampaian Kerajaan sejak tahun 2010.

Sehubungan dengan itu, dalam proses mewujudkan Kerajaan digital, Kerajaan Negeri memberi penekanan terhadap peningkatan kompetensi dan pembangunan modal insan sebagai persediaan menuju ekonomi digital.

Tuan Speaker, Perkhidmatan Awam Negeri Sarawak dalam visinya sebagai Perkhidmatan Awam Bertaraf Dunia sentiasa berusaha memantapkan sistem penyampaian perkhidmatan agar memenuhi keperluan rakyat yang mahukan maklum balas segera, efisien dan efektif. Pengwujudan Integrated Multi Services Counters (iMSC) di Pusat Transformasi Bandar (UTC) di Kuching, Sibu dan Miri adalah bukti Kerajaan Negeri untuk menyediakan penyampaian perkhidmatan cemerlang kepada rakyat. Selain daripada itu, Kerajaan amat peka dengan gaya hidup rakyat di era digital.

Oleh yang demikian, Kerajaan telah memperkenalkan SarawakGov Apps yang merupakan platform komunikasi rasmi Kerajaan Negeri yang menyediakan maklumat berita/acara terkini, sahih dan berwibawa. *It is reliable. This application is oriented towards people. It is people friendly,* jadi mereka boleh menggunakan dan menyumbangkan idea, aspirasi serta maklum balas terhadap sistem penyampaian melalui i-Kamek dan Talikhidmat. Sejak pelancaran rasmi pada 14 Mac yang lalu, oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri, sebanyak 6048 *hits* muat turun or download oleh pengguna telah dicatatkan melalui aplikasi *SarawakGov Apps*.

Usaha untuk mempromosikan aplikasi ini sedang giat diperhebatkan supaya penggunaan dan capaiannya dibuat secara menyeluruh bukan sahaja kepada rakyat tempatan malah boleh dicapai oleh pelancong yang datang ke Sarawak. *SarawakGov Apps* boleh dimuat turun menerusi '*Google Play Store*' dan '*Apple Apps Store*'.

Tuan Speaker, untuk memastikan rakyat di bandar mahu pun di luar bandar, tidak ketinggalan, *we don't want to leave anybody out. So, we make sure people in rural area can use it as well* atau tersisih dalam kesertaan digital (*Digital Inclusion*), strategi efektif kesertaan digital sedang giat dirancang, *we are still trying to upgrade it.* Program kesedaran (*awareness*) dan kempen (*conditioning the mind*) akan diperhebatkan melalui pelbagai medium dan platform. Selain daripada itu, strategi melestarikan Pusat Sumber Komuniti, this is on going sebagai pusat teknologi maklumat dan komunikasi (ICT) bagi penduduk luar bandar mendapat maklumat, ilmu dan kemahiran juga akan di beri penekanan. Oleh itu, amat besar harapan kita agar pusat ini juga berupaya meningkatkan taraf hidup dan kualiti hidup penduduk di luar bandar. Kita percaya kemudahan yang disediakan akan memberi faedah dan manfaat agar pembangunan pusat sumber ini mampu berperanan dalam membandarkan desa melalui ruang maya. *That's what we are trying to do.*

Integriti

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan sedia ada amat menitikberatkan pelaksanaan tadbir urus terbaik bagi memastikan jentera Kerajaan dapat memikul tanggungjawab yang diamanahkan oleh rakyat.

Oleh itu, penubuhan portfolio Integriti dan Ombudsman adalah tepat pada masanya dan kita telah merancang dan melaksanakan pelbagai program dan aktiviti. *There are many programs and activities.* Kita telah bergerak ke peringkat akar umbi. *We have gone down to*

the grass root level. Untuk menyampaikan maksud dan inti pati integriti agar pengamalan dan pembudayaan tadbir urus terbaik dapat bermula dari peringkat awal.

Pelaksanaan Program Integriti

Untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, mantan Ketua Menteri Yang Amat Berhormat Pehin Sri Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Haji Adenan bin Satem yang ingin melihat Sarawak bersih, bebas rasuah dan menjadikan integriti sebagai teras budaya pentadbiran Negeri Sarawak dapat direalisasikan menerusi pelaksanaan inisiatif-inisiatif integriti yang bertujuan untuk memerangi rasuah secara menyeluruh. Tok Nan merupakan Ketua Kerajaan Negeri yang pertama menandatangani Ikrar Integriti Korporat pada 15 Januari 2015 bersama anggota Kabinet Negeri. *We were the first ones. Sarawakian should be proud of it. The Government, the leader takes the lead.* Seminar Integriti Anggota Penguatkuasa Perkhidmatan Awam, *the Enforcement Officers* Negeri Sarawak yang melibatkan Jabatan Hutan Sarawak, Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Sarawak, NREB, Lembaga Sungai, PDRM, SPRM, Jabatan Kastam, Jabatan Imigresen dan agensi penguat kuasa yang lain telah diadakan di Kuching, Sibu dan Miri bermula pada September 2014. Aku Janji Ikrar Integriti yang melibatkan Penjawat Awam Negeri dan Persekutuan telah diadakan pada November 2014 sempena Hari Perkhidmatan Awam. Kesenambungan usaha ini telah diteruskan oleh pimpinan Ketua Menteri sekarang. Antara inisiatif integriti yang telah dilaksanakan adalah seperti berikut;

1. Ikrar Bebas Rasuah Kabinet

Ikrar ini telah ditandatangani oleh Kabinet Kerajaan Negeri Sarawak yang diketuai oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri sekarang pada 25 Januari lalu setelah 14 hari beliau dilantik sebagai Ketua Menteri Sarawak yang ke – 6. *It shows commitment, it shows urgency. Because within two weeks, this was signed.*

2. Ikrar Bebas Rasuah Penjawat Awam

Penjawat awam Negeri Sarawak turut menandatangani Ikrar Bebas Rasuah pada 14 Mac 2017 yang melibatkan seramai 1,690 orang penjawat awam. *This is another achievement. We have such a large number of officers signing.*

3. *Program One Day Conference – Governance Culture, What's Possible*

Ini merupakan inisiatif Kerajaan Negeri dan Persekutuan dengan kerjasama Institut Tadbir Urus Korporat Malaysia yang telah berjaya menghimpunkan seramai 500 orang peserta dari pelbagai sektor korporat. Program yang berlangsung pada 24 Julai tahun ini telah memberi fokus kepada tadbir urus terbaik di semua agensi kerajaan.

4. *Roadshow Integriti*

Program ini telah dilaksanakan pada 6 September 2017 yang menyaksikan seramai 232 orang hadir yang terdiri daripada masyarakat daripada pelbagai latar belakang seperti agensi kerajaan, sektor ekonomi dan politik, institusi agama, NGO dan institusi keluarga.

5. Pameran & Ceramah Integriti Sempena Kembara Jelajah Anti-Rasuah (KEJAR)

Program bersama Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) ini telah berlangsung pada 28 September 2017 bertempat di Institut Perguruan Samarahan dan telah mengumpul seramai 500 orang peserta.

6. Program Individu dan Organisasi Berintegriti (PIOB)

Program ini dikhususkan kepada penjawat awam Negeri Sarawak yang melibatkan agensi seperti SPRM, Institut Integriti Malaysia, Jabatan Penjara dan Polis DiRaja Malaysia. Setakat ini, sebanyak tujuh (7) program seumpamanya telah dilaksanakan di seluruh negeri.

7. Certified Integrity Officer (CeIO)

Setakat ini, lapan (8) orang penjawat awam Negeri Sarawak telah ditauliahkan. *They have been certified as CeIO.* Mereka telah menjalani kursus selama 4 minggu di Akademi SPRM dan lebih ramai lagi akan dihantar untuk menghadiri kursus ini pada tahun hadapan. Untuk makluman pada masa akan datang kita akan memastikan setiap agensi mempunyai sekurang-kurangnya seorang pegawai CeIO)

8. Ceramah Integriti

Agensi kerajaan negeri juga aktif menyampaikan mesej integriti dalam kalangan penjawat awam negeri. Ceramah integriti telah bergerak dari sebuah agensi ke sebuah agensi yang lain. Setakat ini, dianggarkan seramai seribu lebih penjawat awam dari pelbagai gred telah menghadiri ceramah ini yang sedikit sebanyak telah memberi kesedaran dalaman kepada penjawat awam. Program ceramah ini juga telah dikembangkan kepada institusi pendidikan.

9. Amanat Integriti 2017 bersama Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri Sarawak

Program ini telah diadakan pada 2 November 2017 yang lepas. Ia juga memberi gambaran serius, gambaran komitmen kerajaan mengambil berat mengenai isu ini, integriti penting. Bagi program ini jemputan dipanjangkan kepada pasangan semua Menteri dan Menteri Muda, Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, Setiausaha Politik dan Setiausaha Sulit, Ahli-Ahli Parti Politik sama ada daripada Parti Barisan Nasional, mahu pun pembangkang. Saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua yang hadir dan kami akan mengadakan program-program tambahan. Ini juga merangkumi Ketua Masyarakat, Ketua Kaum serta ahli kepada *Chambers of Commerce* dan sebagainya. Dianggarkan dalam 1,000 orang telah hadir untuk program ini. Mungkin orang mengatakan jumlah ini kecil berbanding dengan jumlah penduduk rakyat, namun kita tidak akan berhenti di sini sahaja, perjuangan kita menegakkan integriti akan diteruskan.

Cadangan Program dan Aktiviti Masa Hadapan

We will have more. Bagi mencapai sasaran dan memastikan mesej integriti di terjemah dalam aktiviti seharian kita, kita merancang beberapa lagi program untuk dilaksanakan sepanjang tahun 2018. Antaranya:-

i. Roadshow Integriti

Bagi pelaksanaan program ini, kita akan bekerjasama dengan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM), Institut Integriti Malaysia (INTEGRITI) dan agensi lain yang akan kita kenal pasti kemudian. Sasaran program ini adalah di bandar-bandar kecil di Sarawak sebagai usaha kita untuk mendekati masyarakat dan komuniti setempat selari dengan aspirasi negeri Sarawak dan Malaysia amnya.

ii. Amanat Integriti

Program ini merupakan kesinambungan daripada Amanat Integriti bersama-sama dengan Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri yang akan kita panjangkan ke peringkat akar umbi. Program ini akan melibatkan semua Ketua Masyarakat, Ketua Kaum dan Jawatankuasa Kemajuan dan Keselamatan Kampung (JKKK) di kesemua Bahagian di negeri Sarawak.

iii. Pemantapan Ombudsman

Kita juga akan memantapkan pengaduan awam khususnya mengenai salah laku dan isu integriti. *We will no doubt face some integrity lapses, we are going to deal with it.* Mekanisme pelaksanaan akan diteliti dan diperhalusi untuk menjamin ketelusan dan kebebasan perkara ini. Salah satu daripada saluran komunikasi yang digunakan oleh rakyat untuk menyampaikan aduan, penghargaan, pertanyaan, permohonan perkhidmatan dan cadangan adalah TALIKHIDMAT. Setakat November 2017, sebanyak 26,000 respon telah diterima. Terima kasih kepada rakyat Sarawak kerana telah menggunakan TALIKHIDMAT. Daripada respon yang 26,746, sebanyak 90.23% respons telah diselesaikan dan ia merangkumi 24,394 respons. *So, TALIKHIDMAT has been acting, solving or responding to 90% of people's input and feedback.*

iv. Penandaarasan (Benchmarking)

The Government has given us commitment, high commitment like that in a way to reinforce and to improve, we will continue. Kerajaan Negeri sentiasa memberi komitmen yang tinggi dalam usaha memantap dan menambah baik pelaksanaan ombudsman dan salah satu daripada strategi adalah dengan mengadakan *benchmarking best practices* di dalam dan luar negara. Penandaarasan ini bertujuan untuk mendapat amalan terbaik yang boleh diaplikasikan di peringkat negeri Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, sebelum saya menutup, before I conclude I would like to say thank you. Okay, is it a question? Ya. Ya.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Thank you Tuan Speaker, thank you Honourable Minister. I have been listening to your winding up speech and you have not touch on the issue that I have raised on the over power of State Secretary. I believed when we talked about integrity, it has to be done by way of leading by example. So in my speech I have touched on the positions in various statutory body and also GLC, whereby the State Secretary has hold a lot of directorships and also as a members and particularly in the directorship of PETRONAS and PETROS which I believe is conflict of interest. And over too many position in one person it is a chance to open up for corruption and abuse of power. Can I have reply from the Minister of Ombudsman and Integrity? Thank you.

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): Terima kasih Yang Berhormat for raising the issue at least we are together on that. We will make sure things will improve that is my immediate response. We will make sure we work on it, see the improvement. Thank you, for raising the issue. No argument, you can ask question, you are most welcome. I welcome your raising the issue.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: May I know how it will be done or how this is going to be improve? I think this august House ought to be given information as to what really is the political will of today's State Government to improve the situation right now, as the State Government has not done anything so far yet on a person who has been holding so much of power and this is something which has to be done already but Minister seems to like, not giving any tangible answer or not giving any a cogent answer to this august House. Can I have more clear answer from the Minister. Thank you.

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): Thank you. How to improve it? We have to work on it. As simple as that. We are not arguing here (*Interruption*) ... I will give you the answer. Would you like to sit down?

Tuan Speaker: No argument. No. No. Please, please no argument. The Minister will look into it and so forth and so forth. But you have to tell the Minister. Honourable Member for Padungan, which law prevents the State Secretary from holding many posts? Which law?

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Tuan Speaker, it is not about law, but it is about the political will of how we improve the integrity ... (*Interruption*) ... and principle of integrity. Ok.

Tuan Speaker: That's why you have to allow him to work out. Because you cannot point the specific law that prevents a top bureaucrat from holding posts.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Principle of integrity. Check and balance. And not one person should not be over powered.

Tuan Speaker: So there is no law.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: It is not about law. It is about principle. Tuan Speaker, it is about principle.

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): Ok, would you like me to continue and give you the reply?

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Policy. We are talking about policy in this august House.

Tuan Speaker: So let him work on the policy.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: How long?

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): You sit down. Let me answer. Ok, you sit down. As being the proper way.

Tuan Speaker: No, you cannot force the Minister.

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): As being the proper way. After you have spoken, you sit down. Right.

Tuan Speaker: But do you agree, there is no law. There is no law that prevents a top bureaucrat from holding posts in other institutions apart from the direct civil service.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Tuan Speaker. We are here to make law and to check and balance. To do the check and balance for the Government and to ask the Government to come up with a policy. It's about principle of integrity. When we have a policy then we can consider of making law and making it compulsory. So we are here. That's our job here isn't

it? It is not a court of law ... (*Interruption*) ... It is not the judge to interpret the law. But we are making the law. When we make the correct policies and according to the principle...

Tuan Speaker: But you cannot point out. You cannot point out.

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): Ok. You have said your piece.

Tuan Speaker: Now I ask you the next question. Which part of the constitution prevents a top bureaucrat from holding posts? Which Article?

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: It's about, its about accountability through our *rakyat* who voted us. Tuan Speaker ... (*Interruption*)

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): You sit down. Let me respond to you. Would you like to sit down?

Tuan Speaker: No. I am not protective. He has given the answer. As long as the Minister has given the answer that question has been addressed.

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): Come on. Sit down first. This is my show. Sit down.

Tuan Speaker: Ok, Yang Berhormat, Honourable Minister, you can conclude. No. Let him conclude.

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): Thank you very much. We look at the capability. We look at the capability of the post. Having senior Government servants in GLC is a link. A link. As simple as that. The link is necessary. If there are people not performing like you are trying to say, we'll have to remove the person. If the person is still effective, keep him there. Ok, that's my answer. It's practical... (*Interruption*)

Tuan Speaker: I disallow. Proceed. You proceed.

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): Ok. The speaker has ruled you are not allowed. Please sit down lah... (*Interruption*)

Tuan Speaker: Please proceed. No. No. I disallow. He is at the concluding part of his speech. Please proceed.

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): What is going against integrity? Yes, I am answering. What's it got to do with against integrity?

Tuan Speaker: No. Honourable Minister, please proceed. Ignore that. You ignore.

Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (Y.B. Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip): Ok.. *You just sit down and let me continue. You've been jumping up and down. Don't jump like that. Ok. Tuan Speaker, I'm actually trying to conclude just now. Ok, saya ingin merakamkan penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada Unit Sumber Manusia Negeri, Jabatan Ketua Menteri Sarawak yang telah banyak membantu saya dalam melaksanakan program dan aktiviti di atas. Ucapan terima kasih juga saya tujukan kepada semua agensi*

Negeri dan Persekutuan atas dedikasi dan komitmen yang disumbangkan bagi menjayakan program Integriti dan Ombudsman. Tidak lupa juga ucapan terima kasih kepada Rakyat Negeri Sarawak yang mendokong amalan integriti dan memberi maklum balas yang amat berharga melalui Talikhidmat. Semoga usaha murni ini dapat menyuburkan lagi nilai integriti daripada kepimpinan tertinggi Kerajaan Negeri hingga ke peringkat akar umbi.

Tuan Speaker, *there are few question being raise regarding human resource.* Untuk maklumat Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Jemoreng, pihak Jabatan Bekalan Air Luar Bandar sedang dalam proses pengambilan pegawai untuk mengisi kekosongan yang telah diluluskan. Berdasarkan perancangan bahagian Mukah mereka akan diagihkan 25 orang Pembantu Awam dan selain daripada itu, Yang Berhormat bagi Muara Tuang, setiap tahun kerajaan Negeri mengiktirafkan pegawai-pegawai yang telah memberi khidmat cemerlang dalam perkhidmatan melalui pemberian anugerah perkhidmatan cemerlang selain anugerah-anugerah kebesaran Negeri lain. Untuk maklumat Ahli Yang Berhormat Krian, Pekeliling Perjawatan Negeri Sarawak Bilangan 16 tahun 2013 pindaan nama klasifikasi mahir, separuh mahir Sarawak telah dilaksanakan.

Tuan Speaker, saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan selamat menyambut Maulidur Rasul kepada semua yang beragama Islam, selamat Hari Krismas kepada yang beragama Kristian dan selamat menyambut Tahun Baharu 2018 kepada semua. Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput YB Dato Sri Dr. Stephen Rundi ak Utom, Menteri Utiliti Sarawak untuk menyampaikan ucapan pergulungan.

Menteri Muda Utiliti Sarawak (Y.B. Dato Sri Dr. Stephen Rundi ak Utom): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Untuk menyekujukkan keadaan biar saya berpantun dulu lah.

Dari Teluk Melanau ke Kuala Lawas;
Sang suria menjelma menerangi pelusuk pendalaman;
Kementerian Utiliti memperjuangkan SARES dan SAWAS;
Agak rakyat luar bandar menikmati pembangunan.

Masih panas juga, sejukkan sikit.

Dewan Undangan Negeri dewan dimulihkan;
Tempat Ahli Berhormat menggubal perundangan;
Bajet 2018 dalam perbahasan usul sudah disampaikan;
Izinkan saya memberi ucapan penggulungan.

Tuan Speaker, firstly, my Ministry would like to congratulate YAB Ketua Menteri on the conferment of the award of Datuk Patinggi Bintang Kenyalang, the appointment as Pro-Chancellor of both University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) and Swinburne University Sarawak and the bestowment of honorary doctorate from University College of Technology Sarawak (UCTS).

My Ministry would like to put on record our thanks to YAB Ketua Menteri for his understanding and appreciation of the utility issues faced in the rural areas and also for his continuous support as reflected in the 2018 Budget allocation.

It is heartening to note that YAB Ketua Menteri has launched an aggressive drive for Sarawak to embrace digitalisation and embark on digital economy to stay ahead, thrive, and prosper in order to facilitate and accelerate its economic transformation. In line with this bold initiative, my Ministry will incorporate the use of digital technology in the water supply and

electricity sectors in tandem with technological advancement in these two sectors. At the same time, we will be extending the water and electricity grids throughout the State to ensure a more reliable service delivery of these two important amenities.

The planning of water and electricity amenities through various integrated strategies are undertaken with the aim to achieve 100% coverage of both these amenities by the year 2025. These strategies include connections through grids for areas with accessibility and through stand-alone systems for the remote rural areas without easy accessibility under the Sarawak Alternative Rural Water Supply (SAWAS) and Sarawak Alternative Rural Electrification Scheme (SARES) Programmes.

Water Supply

Tuan Speaker, I will now touch on water supply. Samuel Taylor Coleridge in *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* said:

“Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink”

We are blessed with abundance of rainfall and rivers, however, our existing water supplies especially those in the rural areas are beset with problems that must be collectively resolved in order to improve our delivery service. Our rural water supply assets are aging and Jabatan Bekalan Air Luar Bandar (JBALB) faces challenges in operating, maintaining, and rectifying these assets. With the rural water supply being extended throughout the State under the State’s Rural Transformation, my Ministry is now taking an optimised approach in addressing this matter in a holistic and systematic manner.

Tuan Speaker, my Ministry acknowledges the various issues affecting the water supply delivery service especially in the rural areas as raised by some of the Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat in this august House. There are many factors contributing to the state of the present water supply systems and they include inadequate treatment plant capacities, insufficient raw water sources, inefficient water treatment processes, inadequate treated water storages, aged pipelines, lack of interlinked networks, poor soil conditions, and high non-revenue water amongst others. For long term resolution of these shortcomings, the “Business-as-usual” and ‘Fire-fighting’ approaches are no longer applicable.

In order to address these issues holistically and systematically, my Ministry had just completed a preliminary Master Plan study which was jointly carried out by all the water supply agencies concerned together with my Ministry. This Master Plan desk top study included the development of raw and treated water grids, identifying current stressed water supply areas, interlinking water grids, the water supply and demand pattern, non-revenue water, and various other enablers relating to water supply development in the State.

The Master Plan will look into short, medium, and long term strategies. I am glad to inform this august House that my Ministry had presented our preliminary State Water Supply Master Plan Study to Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri and he had endorsed our proposals. This preliminary Master Plan study will serve as a framework to come up with the terms of reference for carrying out a detailed Master Plan Study, which is the brain-child of our Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri, and which will be commissioned in the year 2018 by the State Planning Unit in the Chief Minister’s Department.

For long term reliability and efficiency in the provision of water supply, it is proposed to have water grids spanning across the whole State of Sarawak. The existing major water treatment plants in Kuching, Sibul, Bintulu and Miri will serve as the anchors for the supply areas within their vicinities and their water distribution networks, will eventually be interlinked

to JBALB's water networks to form the State Water Grid. This will involve increasing the treatment plant capacities and water supply storages, installing booster stations, upgrading of existing undersized pipelines as well as laying of new pipelines to link up all the existing water supply systems in Sarawak.

Besides the treated water grid, it is also proposed to have a raw water grid which will involve either one or a combination of direct river abstraction from major rivers, raw water basin transfer, proposed new water supply dams and tapping of raw water source from the downstream of the hydropower dams. Similar to the treated water grid, the areas which are blessed with abundant raw water resources will form the anchors for the supply of raw water to other areas within their vicinities. With these proposed future water grids in place, it is envisaged that in the event of any water supply problem at a particular place, this place can still be supplemented with water as it is interlinked with other nearby areas, thereby increasing the reliability and efficiency of water supply service delivery in the future.

JBALB is continuously carrying out a study to identify all the stressed water supply areas and will strive to find financial solutions to improve the supply. This exercise forms part of the development of the Master Plan. Pantu and Sg. Asap water supply systems are two of the stressed water supply areas identified. We are thankful to Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri for his immediate and prompt approval of an allocation of RM5 million to solve the water issues in these two areas. The improvement works are on-going and is expected to be completed by early next year.

Tuan Speaker, many of the existing equipments and processes employed in our water supply systems, mostly in JBALB, are almost obsolete or many years behind those used in advanced countries. Therefore, it is essential that these equipments and processes are in abreast with the advent of new, efficient and safe technologies in the water supply industry. Towards this end, my Ministry is encouraging all the water supply authorities in the State to embark on asset management, geographic information system, electro-chlorination, automation, NRW Manager and the use of more effective water treatment chemicals.

Tuan Speaker, another major issue affecting the water utilities in Sarawak is the high non-revenue water (NRW), particularly in the rural areas under JBALB. The need to manage NRW better and conserve precious water resources has become increasingly important. NRW management minimises the loss of water and enables the water supply authorities to increase supply, improve services, enhance financial performance and reduce energy consumption. NRW management offers cost-effectiveness as this would defer investment on new water supply infrastructure. There is an urgent need for resources to be provided for holistic management programmes for NRW considering that our average NRW is 42.9% as against the national average of 35%.

Tuan Speaker, I personally empathize with the remote rural folks with no water and electricity supply as I experienced this hardship, myself, during my childhood days in my *kampung*. Today, we still have about 2,700 villages and longhouses without reliable potable water or are not water grid connectable within the next ten years. Therefore, my Ministry and I are committed to ensure that the rural folks will also enjoy clean and safe water as the urbanites.

In this regard, my Ministry has formulated the Sarawak Alternative Rural Water Supply (SAWAS) programme to facilitate the provision of potable water supply to the remote rural areas. The SAWAS programme is one of the key rural water supply programmes which has to be implemented in order to be able to achieve 100% potable water coverage in Sarawak by the year 2025. SAWAS is an independent, stand-alone micro water supply

system for supplying potable water to remote areas where connection through the water grid is economically not feasible.

SAWAS projects will be synchronized with the Sarawak Alternative Rural Electrification Scheme (SARES) projects under Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB) as electrical power is often required for the operation of the stand-alone systems. Therefore, the SAWAS programme is necessary as it serves as a stop gap measure to provide rural people with the basic amenity of potable water.

According to the Eleventh Malaysia Plan drawn up by the Federal Government, one of the focus areas is to transform the rural areas to uplift the well-being of the rural communities by extending the provision of rural basic infrastructure including water supply. The target set in the Eleventh Malaysia Plan is to achieve 99% coverage of clean and treated water. In line with this Federal target, it is hoped that the Federal Government can provide more funds for the implementation of rural water supply projects in Sarawak including those under the SAWAS programme.

The issue of adequate and quality raw water has been a continuous concern of Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat. In this connection, I wish to emphasize on the need for water conservation and management by all concerned for both raw and treated water. This is to safeguard the availability of water quality for future generations to come. Protecting and conserving our raw water resources are to ensure that we have quality raw water for treatment. In advanced countries the approach adopted to safeguard the raw water quality is to control the pollution at source and not to let the pollutants enter the river systems by ensuring that all effluents discharging into the waterways comply with the required standards. It is hoped that this approach can also be adopted in Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, presently, there are 29 gazetted water supply catchment areas in Sarawak. My Ministry is in the process of gazettement another 58 water catchment areas. We are committed to submit at the end of this year, 30 out of the 58 water catchment areas and our target completion date for gazettement all the 58 water catchments is at the end of next year.

Water conservation is an exercise that all consumers must practise to minimize water wastage and to value the commodity - water. The water agencies will carry out water conservation awareness program among our communities and in the schools and these programs will include NRW initiatives, ways to conserve water and customer service related matters.

Electricity

Tuan Speaker, I will now touch on Electricity Supply. The current grid generation capacity stands at 3,544 MW to meet the committed demand of 3,434 MW in 2017. The new 624 MW Balingian Coal-fired Power Station is expected to operate by the fourth quarter of 2018, 842 MW Tanjung Kidurong Combined-Cycle Gas-Fired plant by fourth quarter 2020 and the 1,300 MW Baleh Hydroelectric Plant by 2026. The planting up of these new power plants is necessary to meet the demand and growth from both organic and bulk customers.

Tuan Speaker, the 500kV second transmission backbone stretching across the State from Similajau to Lachau has been completed. However, the stretch from Lachau to Tondong is delayed due to wayleave issues. Sarawak Energy is collaborating with my Ministry and other relevant agencies in resolving these wayleave issues. This line is urgently needed as it provides an alternative double circuit line in securing the power transfer from the major generation sources in the north to Sri Aman and Kuching in the southern region. This stretch

which is targeted to complete by fourth quarter of 2018 will improve the supply performance of the grid system and reduce the outages in the southern region.

Major on-going or planned regional transmission system expansion and reinforcement are:

1. Serudit 275/33kV Substation will reinforce the existing 33kV Distribution Systems in the Betong-Debak-Pusa areas and provide a provision for the future Lachau-Sri Aman-Serudit-Saratok-Sarikei 132kV Regional Grid;
2. the 132kV transmission lines supplying to the central coastal areas spanning from Petian-Daro-Sg. Maaw-Tg. Manis is expected to complete in 2018;
3. the new Similajau-Bunut-Miri transmission line will provide a second transmission injection in Miri by 2020; and
4. the Bunut-Limbang-Lawas transmission line that will connect northern Sarawak to the State Grid by 2021.

Tuan Speaker, the distribution grid system is continuously being expanded and reinforced to meet the localized demand and improve reliability. A sum of RM1.8 billion is being allocated since 2017 and will be ongoing until 2022 for this purpose.

This includes 68 33/11kV substations that span throughout the State. Five of these projects have been completed this year. The remaining are currently in progress and scheduled to be completed in the next five years. In addition, more than 110 reinforcement of distribution system projects are also to be completed in stages until 2022.

Tuan Speaker, as part of the effort to achieve operational excellence, Sarawak Energy has taken various measures to improve the performance of the line. These include earthing improvements, installing lightning arresters, lightning tracking system, remote monitoring, automation, vegetation management, frequent line patrolling and mobile field force tracking.

The System Average Interruption Duration Index or SAIDI for distribution has been decreased as much as 46% from 357 minutes in 2010 to 125 minutes in 2016. As a comparison with Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah, the distribution SAIDI for TNB and Sabah Electricity Sdn. Bhd. (SESB) are 49 minutes and 221 minutes respectively. We will continue towards improving the distribution SAIDI to 60 minutes by the year 2020.

Rural Electricity Supply

Tuan Speaker, I will now touch on Rural Electricity Supply. It has always been the plan and intention of the Sarawak Government to narrow the gap between our urban and rural populace so that every Sarawakian can enjoy the mainstream development.

In doing this, we must be innovative as our State has very difficult terrain with mountains, hills, rivers and forests that make our vision of 24-hour electricity supply throughout Sarawak challenging especially for those living in Sarawak's remote areas.

Through the Federal-funded Rural Electrification Scheme (RES), about 110,000 new rural households have been connected to 24-hour electricity supply since 2009. Presently, the overall electricity coverage in the State is 95% with rural coverage at 89%.

Under the Rural Power Supply Master Plan, new transmission lines and substations in the rural interior have been planned. This will form part of the integrated transmission system which connects rural areas to the main transmission grid.

Amongst the Extra High Voltage rural transmission substations planned are Tatau 275kV, Kanowit 132kV and Ba'Kelalan 132kV. All of these will further strengthen the supply in their respective area, which could also support future rural economic growth.

Another initiative for rural electrification is Sarawak Alternative Rural Electrification Scheme or SARES. This scheme is intended to light up houses and communities in Sarawak's most remote villages and households.

Since last year, 58 villages representing over 1,400 households benefitting more than 7,700 rural folks were connected under SARES. 32 more villages for about 700 household benefitting over 3,000 rural folks are expected to be electrified this year. When SARES is completed in 2020, over 320 of our most remote villages will be connected with 24-hour supply through the construction of this community-based solar and micro-hydro systems.

Tuan Speaker, besides strengthening transmission supply to our rural areas, we are also constantly exploring ways to improve the performance of the distribution system.

My Ministry is working with Sarawak Energy on covered-conductor design for power distribution lines in the rural areas with challenging and densely forested terrain. The adoption of power lines utilising covered conductors can potentially cut down on wildlife disturbance, reduce easement width from the current six (6) meters to less than two (2) meters as well as reducing interruptions and enhancing reliability.

The State Government will coordinate with the Federal Government for rural power supply funding to achieve full electrification under the Rural Power Supply Master Plan. This will also include other rural transmission substations development and use of covered conductor design suitable for our conditions.

Digital Economy

Tuan Speaker, with the Government's push for digital economy, or the Internet of Things (IoT), the broadband speed in cities and towns will be greatly increased and the rural areas will also be covered. In tandem with the anticipated increase in the digital consumer base, my Ministry is leading the utilities including water supply authorities and Sarawak Energy in rolling out and strengthening their interactive applications.

Presently, the Ministry is exploring the One Utility Bill initiative in Sarawak. This involves engaging a single meter reader to read all the utility meters at a house, followed by the issuance of a single bill to the house owner or tenant. The initiative will not only bring the service delivery to the next level, but also to reduce the operating cost by the utility authorities as well as enable the move towards paperless digital billings and online payment which will be integrated with Sarawak Pay.

The Ministry will keep abreast with the development of the digital economy and explore the benefits, possibilities, and anticipate the growing expectations in interactive engagement. One of the digital initiatives undertaken is the proposed system that will incorporate Executive Information System at the Ministerial level encompassing the Geographical Information System (GIS) that includes the utilities infrastructure, monitoring and sharing of data, and also status of utilities coverage at an area or village or long house. This will enable the Government to plan, monitor, and manage the State's utilities and

infrastructure development and project implementation. Other enhancement in the system will include automated interruption alerts to the public and key information on utilities.

As more areas will be covered digitally, the water supply authorities will capitalize on deploying remote sensing and on-the-ground technologies to make data and analytics part of their decision making. Similarly, Sarawak Energy will utilize digital automation and remote monitoring system to monitor closely and control 11kV distribution system at selected locations to reduce the likelihood of system fault and to shorten restoration time.

Other initiatives undertaken by the Ministry, water and electric utilities, are to:

- i. Develop supporting infrastructure for electric vehicles and public transportation, namely, charging stations for electric vehicles and LRT power grid;
- ii. Promote smart green building through energy efficiency rating and also certification;
- iii. Develop applications which may include mobile applications, services application, automated leakage and interruption alert, real-time web-based data logging and SCADA and other applications to enhance and add value to customers; and
- iv. Implement smart metering and customer service applications.

Telecommunication

Tuan Speaker, like the implementation of other basic infrastructure facilities, network design and implementation of communication systems should also be planned and designed for both the urban and rural areas.

This is to ensure that these facilities can provide a better quality service to all regions, especially rural populated areas in Sarawak. In addition, centralized planning is also important due to various challenges such as the hilly terrain, high density of tropical rain forest, scattered population, and the constraints of stable electricity supply in the rural areas.

Nevertheless, the Sarawak State Government through MCMC and Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA) will strive and rise up to the challenge of developing and bridging urban and rural areas through the construction and upgrading of communication infrastructures, thereby improving productivity and quality of life.

Gas Distribution

Tuan Speaker, following the passing of the Gas Distribution Ordinance, my Ministry had prepared the Gas Distribution Regulations which will detail out the types of licences, competencies, safety, and maintenance required in the gas distribution industry. Once the regulations are approved, the gas distribution will be properly regulated and more opportunities will be available for local companies to participate in the various business activities associated with the gas distribution industry in the State. Currently, the Gas Distribution Division set up in my Ministry is also being strengthened to enforce the requirements of the Gas Distribution Regulations.

Specific Issues: Water Supply

Tuan Speaker, on specific issues raised by Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, Tuan Speaker I will now touch on those issues.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Lingga, peruntukan sebanyak RM2.99 juta telah dimasukkan dalam Kajian Separuh Penggal RMK-11 untuk menukarkan saluran paip yang lama sepanjang 9.8 km di Maludam.

Untuk makluman Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Daro dan Jemoreng, pihak Jabatan Bekalan Air Luar Bandar (JBALB) sudah bercadang untuk membina satu tangki air aras tinggi baru di kawasan Daro bagi menyelesaikan masalah tangki air aras tinggi yang uzur di Kampung Panchor Daro. Pembinaan tangki air aras tinggi baru dan mesin pam air yang baharu serta menaik taraf bekalan elektrik (*Switch Box*) di loji air Daro telah dicadangkan dalam rancangan Kajian Separuh Penggal Ke-11.

Dengan kesempatan ini, saya ingin merakamkan terima kasih kepada Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Jemoreng di atas ucapan penghargaan kepada Jabatan Bekalan Air Luar Bandar (JBALB) dan memahami cabaran dan kekangan kekurangan tenaga kerja yang dihadapi oleh Jabatan Bekalan Air Luar Bandar (JBALB). Terima kasih Ahli Yang Berhormat.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, Perancangan adalah dibuat untuk menyediakan grid air untuk bekalan air bersih. Cadangan ini telah dimasukkan ke dalam pelan induk bekalan air awal yang dijalankan oleh Kementerian bersama dengan agensi-agensi bekalan air yang lain. Kajian pelan induk terperinci akan ditauliahkan oleh Unit Perancang Negeri (SPU).

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ba'Kelalan, presently, there is a water treatment plant of 0.2MLD capacity at Ba'Kelalan serving the airport, Bunuk Nur (81 rumah), Long Langai (38 rumah), and all the surrounding areas.

In the case of Lawas, the high loads of mud during rainy days are pumped from the river intake into the sedimentation tanks resulting in treated water quality problem. A contractor has been engaged to remove the mud manually and on a regular basis to alleviate the problem.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Bukit Goram, Bekalan Air Luar Bandar (BALB) Kawasan Kapit project had been approved by KKLW for implementation under Eleventh Malaysia Plan. The scope of works include augmentation of water treatment plant and water main extension to sub urban areas that are connected by road.

Whereas, feasibility study to determine the suitability of the proposed alternative source of water supply at Sungai Benuang (Sungai Sut Nikal) for Kapit will be included under Sarawak Water Supply Masterplan Study which is to be conducted by State Planning Unit in 2018.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Opar, projek paip sementara 355mm HDPE yang kini dalam pelaksanaan merupakan langkah alternatif untuk menambah baik tekanan air di sepanjang Jalan Bau-Lundu, dan seterusnya menyumbang kepada bekalan air yang lebih konsisten kepada semua pengguna air di kawasan tersebut, termasuk bekalan air ke Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Seni+bong.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Engkilili, San Semanju, Semueh, Titok, Kampung Mujan, Kampung Murat and Kampung Nanga Mejong in Engkilili constituency are included under KKLW approved projects.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tamin, Projek Bekalan Air Luar Bandar (BALB) Menaiktaraf Loji Air Sekuau, Selangau, Sibu is currently in the design stage.

Whereas, project extension of pipelines from Selangau to Sungai Buloh and Arip, Jalan Sibu, Bintulu, Sibu Division has been put up to KKLW for consideration.

For the information of Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Daro, Tamin, Murum, Ngemah, Kalaka, Tanjung Batu, Lambir, and Telang Usan, remote areas which are not grid connectable will be considered under SAWAS programme. However, if the areas are connectable to the existing water supply system, they will be put up to KKLW for consideration.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Krian, projek bekalan air ke rumah panjang di sepanjang Jalan Ulu Sebetan dan Ulu Brayang, Sekolah Kebangsaan Ulu Sebetan, Sekolah Kebangsaan Mudong telah dikemukakan kepada KKLW dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-11.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong, dua (2) projek telahpun diluluskan untuk pelaksanaan iaitu projek RTP membaik pulih *Booster Station* Kabong yang dijangka siap pada penghujung tahun ini dan projek tangki air aras tinggi yang baharu kini dalam peringkat tender. Sistem ini akan meningkatkan reliabiliti bekalan air ke kawasan berkenaan dan dijangka beroperasi sepenuhnya pada awal tahun 2019.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Meluan, rumah-rumah yang dibangkitkan telah dikemukakan kepada KKLW di bawah Projek Bekalan Air Pakan Fasa III untuk pelaksanaan di bawah *Rolling Plan Three* Rancangan Malaysia Ke-11.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Murum, projek bekalan air Sungai Asap dijangka siap pada awal tahun 2018. Manakala projek menaik taraf bekalan air Tubau telah dikemukakan kepada pihak KKLW.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Machan, all the areas as highlighted has been put up to KKLW. Whereas, the proposal to supply treated water from Pekan Machan to Rumah Kendawang, Rumah Maria and Rumah Bejau at Nanga Matau will be put up to KKLW under Rolling Plan Four for consideration.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Saribas, projek Bekalan Air Luar Bandar (BALB) dari Kampung Manggut ke Kampung Supa, Kampung Medang, Kampung Tuie dan Kampung Serabang telahpun ditawarkan pada 12 Oktober, 2017 dan tarikh pemilikan tapak adalah pada 27 Oktober, 2017.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Danau, Projek "*Proposed Pipeline Extension from Mekasing/Ukong Junction to Daerah Kecil Medamit, Limbang Division*" telah ditawarkan pada 27 Ogos, 2017. Tempoh pembinaan adalah selama 18 bulan dan projek ini dijangka siap pada awal tahun 2019. Projek bekalan air ke kawasan Ulu Pandaruan pula telah siap dilaksanakan.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Begunan, pihak Jabatan Bekalan Air Luar Bandar (JBALB) akan membuat kajian ke atas keadaan loji rawatan air yang dibangkitkan untuk menentukan kerja-kerja membaik pulih yang diperlukan.

Specific Issues: Electricity

I shall now respond to the specific issues on Electricity Supply. For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ba'Kelalan, the study of Lawas and Trusan two (2) Dam as mentioned by the Sarawak Energy Chairman is actually an internal study conducted by Sarawak Energy in 2014. Such an internal study is a preliminary to various stages of project implementation process.

Menteri Bekalan Air dan Elektrik Luar Bandar (Y.B. Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi Anak Utom): Sarawak Energy will develop all its HEP projects in accordance to International Hydro Association (IHA) Protocol and other relevant requirements. Social and Environment Impact Assessment (SEIA) is an integral part of decision-making process before Sarawak Energy implements any HEP project.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kota Sentosa, as the licensee under the State's Electricity Ordinance 2007, Syarikat SESCO Berhad is allowed to enter private lands subject to certain conditions as provided for by the Ordinance. Compensation is paid for the tower footing and for the affected crops including along the easement under the overhead conductors. This compensations are based on the standard Land and Survey rates. Land for the easement under the overhead conductor are not compensated as the land can still be utilized but safe clearances from the extra high voltage overhead conductors must be maintained.

On the suggestion by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Batu Kitang the use of LED for street lighting ...(*Interruption*)

Y.B. Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Thank you Tuan Speaker, thank you Honorable Minister, I was suggesting in my debate that for those land, the right of way, the land below the cable, the high-tensioned cable, land used for those land is greatly diminished to extend that you cannot plant high growing trees and you cannot build houses. As such, at the moment, the compensation paid by the SESCO or the government for those lands underneath the cable not on the tower footing on those lands underneath the cable it is only a fraction of the market value whereas the land use has been greatly diminished.

As such, my proposal is that, given that a lot of land owners who were affected were very upset about the small compensation whereas their land has greatly diminished, my suggestion therefore, is that for the government to acquire the land underneath the cable running over their land. Instead of just paying a meager, a fraction of their market value. My question is whether the government is agreeable to consider such a proposal so that the land owners were not being unfairly treated and that their land has been in a way encroached, taken away from them.

Menteri Bekalan Air dan Elektrik Luar Bandar (Y.B. Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi Anak Utom): (*Continue*) Thank you Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kota Sentosa. Tuan Speaker, we will take note of your suggestion because currently the policies for the government is there is no compensation for the land taken which is used under the condition they cannot have high crops or any newly houses and so on. We take note of your suggestion.

On the suggestion by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Batu Kitang the use of LED for street lighting Sarawak Energy has conducted a review of its earlier study on the possibility of replacing conventional High Pressure Sodium Vapour (HPSV) street lighting. The outcome of the review has indicated that LED street lighting is more costly to install and also to maintain.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Telian, pihak Sarawak Energy telah pun memindahkan stesen pencawang (substation) di tebingan Sungai Mukah yang dibangkitkan tersebut. Namun demikian, pihak Sarawak Energy mendapati lokasi tersebut kurang sesuai kerana masih terdedah kepada ancaman hakisan. Oleh yang demikian, pihak Sarawak Energy telah pun sekali lagi memindahkan stesen pencawang berkenaan ke lokasi yang lebih sesuai. Stesen pencawang tersebut akan bermula operasi atau pun *commissioning* sebelum penghujung tahun ini.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Jemoreng, SESCO kini sedang memasang meter elektrik bagi membekalkan elektrik ke lampu-lampu jalan yang masih belum mendapat bekalan. Berdasarkan rekod SESCO, beberapa kes gangguan bekalan elektrik yang dilaporkan di kawasan Matu-Daro didapati berpunca daripada faktor-faktor alam seperti cuaca buruk, angin kencang dan gangguan haiwan. Sebagai langkah penambahbaikan bekalan elektrik ke kawasan-kawasan yang tersebut, SESCO sedang membina talian penghantaran 132kV dari Petian ke Daro dan pencawang 132kV Daro yang dijangka siap pada suku ketiga 2018.

Specific Issues - Rural Electricity Supply

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Daro, Projek Bekalan Elektrik Luar Bandar (BELB) ke rumah panjang di Sg. Serban Daro yang melibatkan empat (4) buah rumah panjang iaitu Rh. Manggong, Rh. Amoi, Rh. Minang betul? Untuk 75 isi rumah, rumah panjang di Ng. Lassa, Rh. Francis Kiyai di Nanga Singat, Rh. Hudson Madut di Sg. Sebinjai dan Kampung Sawai Matu akan dikemukakan untuk pertimbangan di bawah Ruling Plan ke-4 RM Ke-11.

Manakala bagi penempatan di enam (6) buah Rh. Panjang Sg. Passin, yang tidak mempunyai jalan penghubung, Skim SARES (Sarawak Alternative Rural Electrification Scheme) akan dipertimbangkan sekiranya talian grid tidak dapat dipanjangkan ke kawasan tersebut dalam masa terdekat.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tasik Biru, the area has been supplied with electricity. If there are any additional households or new villages which are not connected yet, I would appreciate assistance from YB's office and also District Office to submit the duly completed applications to our Ministry for further actions.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tamin, all these areas under our grid connection plan and will be implemented subject to accessibility.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Engkilili, Projek di Rh. Tebarong, Skrang menghadapi masalah izin lalu individu, masalah izin lalu individu, *I repeat*, dan tiada laluan alternatif bagi pembinaan tiang elektrik, *there is no option*. Justeru itu, kita memohon jasa baik Ahli Yang Berhormat untuk menyelesaikan masalah izin lalu ini sebelum projek ini dilaksanakan kerana *allocation* sudah sedia. Kampung-kampung selebihnya termasuk ke Rh. Raweng dan Rh. Repong akan dipertimbangkan untuk mendapatkan kemudahan bekalan elektrik melalui skim Bekalan Elektrik Luar Bandar (BELB).

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Layar, pemilik rumah yang terlibat dengan Projek Lebuhraya Pan Borneo akan menanggung sendiri penyambungan bekalan elektrik ke tempat baharu kerana pampasan yang dibayar adalah meliputi penyambungan bekalan elektrik di rumah kediaman yang sedia ada.

Berhubung dengan pendawaian elektrik semula di rumah panjang, sebarang pembaikan atau pendawaian semula yang diperlukan adalah di bawah tanggungjawab

pemilik rumah itu sendiri. Untuk memastikan sistem pendawaian dalaman masih berada dalam keadaan baik dan selamat, pemilik rumah digalakkan melantik kontraktor yang bertauliah untuk menjalankan ujian pendawaian dalaman.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Murum, Sg. Asap mendapat bekalan elektrik melalui talian atas 33kV manakala Metalun pula mendapat bekalan elektrik melalui Stesen Janakuasa Diesel yang dikendalikan oleh Sarawak Energy. Projek bekalan elektrik ke Long Urun, Lusong Laku dan Long Kajang telah pun siap manakala projek-projek lain bagi kawasan yang dibangkitkan adalah dalam pelaksanaan sehingga tahun 2019.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Meluan, Kementerian saya telah merancang untuk membekalkan elektrik ke kawasan Julau dan sekitarnya melalui talian grid.

Untuk makluman Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat di Dewan yang Mulia ini, SARES adalah inisiatif untuk membekalkan elektrik ke kampung atau rumah panjang yang terpencil di pedalaman dan tidak dapat disambungkan ke talian grid dalam masa terdekat *as a stop gap measure*.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Machan, kampung-kampung yang dibangkitkan adalah di dalam perancangan untuk mendapat bekalan elektrik melalui BELB.

Telecommunication

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Lingga, Bukit Goram, Tamin, Serembu dan Saribas, Kerajaan Negeri akan mengkaji semula keperluan infrastruktur menara telekomunikasi di seluruh negeri Sarawak untuk memastikan liputan perkhidmatan telekomunikasi diperluaskan dan seterusnya kadar penembusan jalur lebar dapat dipertingkatkan.

Sebanyak 10 buah menara telekomunikasi telah beroperasi di DUN Lingga di mana 4 daripadanya telah dinaik taraf ke 3G/Long Term Evolution (LTE), 7 buah menara di DUN Bukit Goram di mana tiga telah siap dinaik taraf dan dua lagi akan siap pada awal tahun 2018. Manakala untuk DUN Tamin, terdapat 23 buah menara di mana sejumlah 12 buah menara telah dinaik taraf ke 3G/LTE (Long Term Evolution).

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Serembu, menara komunikasi di Kampung Skio dan Kampung Krokong telah pun beroperasi sepenuhnya. Manakala penaiktarafan menara ke 3G/LTE di Kampung Krokong telah siap dilaksanakan.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Saribas, menara komunikasi di Kampung Manggut dan Kampung Serabang telah pun beroperasi sepenuhnya.

Untuk makluman Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong dan Layar, terdapat inisiatif Pusat Internet 1Malaysia (Pi1M) di DUN Kabong dan DUN Layar dengan kelajuan internet 20 Mbps. Pekan Kabong telah dibekalkan dengan perkhidmatan Streamyx manakala Pekan Betong telah tersedia perkhidmatan Unifi.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Begunan, terdapat tiga lokasi Wifi Komuniti (WK) yang telah dilaksanakan di beberapa kampung dan rumah panjang untuk tempoh tiga tahun melalui pembekal perkhidmatan yang dilantik dan kini kawasan ini telah dilitupi dengan perkhidmatan 3G yang memberikan liputan jalur lebar yang lebih menyeluruh dan stabil melalui pembinaan sebanyak tiga belas buah menara telekomunikasi. Selain itu, terdapat juga sebuah Pusat Internet 1Malaysia (Pi1M) di Skim Melugu, Sri Aman yang menyediakan akses capaian Internet 20 Mbps untuk kemudahan komuniti di kawasan DUN

Bukit Begunan.

Specific Issues: Gas

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Yang Berhormat DUN Piasau on gas, Sarawak Gas Distribution Sdn Bhd has over the years been extending piped gas supply service to new areas especially the outskirts of Miri. Since taking over the operation of Miri Gas Reticulation System, the number of houses connected with piped gas supply has increased by two fold from 11,122 in 1996 to 23,474 in 2016. The total length of gas pipe in service has also increased from 268km in 1996 to 855km in 2016. My Ministry will look into incorporating guidelines and policies for the developers to include gas pipeline extension in new development areas. However, these are subject to these areas being close to the Petronas metering stations, which also need to be increased.

Conclusion

Tuan Speaker, in conclusion, I wish to assure this august House that my Ministry, together with the close collaboration between all utility agencies concerned, will pro-actively look into the issues affecting the delivery service of water supply, electricity and gas supply. All the issues affecting the delivery service will be dealt with holistically and systematically so as to come up with immediate, short term, medium term and long-term solutions which will also incorporate digital technologies.

Saya mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah kepada Tuan Speaker kerana dapat mengendalikan persidangan Dewan pada kali ini dengan begitu baik sekali dan kepada Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, Peguam Besar Negeri, Setiausaha Kewangan Negeri, Setiausaha Tetap Kementerian, Ketua-ketua Jabatan, pegawai-pegawai Dewan dan jurutrenkas-jurutrenkas yang telah memberi kerjasama sepenuhnya untuk menjayakan persidangan Dewan pada kali ini.

Before that I have another *pantun* to cool down the thing. This *pantun* now, *pantun* penutup adalah berbunyi begini.

*Ekonomi digital Sarawak menjadi sebutan kini,
Menjadikan masa hadapan cerah untuk kita,
Ucapan saya berakhir sampai disini,
Mohon ampun maaf jika tersilap kata*

*Mari kita ke Sebauh melawat rumah panjang,
Tidak kira jauh, dekat, malam atau pagi,
Saya doakan agar umur kita panjang,
Mudah-mudahan persidangan akan datang kita akan bersua lagi*

I have one *pantun* in Iban.

*Merau Nanga Sekutan ngabas bubu ridan,
Mayuh ikan diulih laban ai sungai chiru,
Arap randau Ahli Yang Berhormat nyadi teladan,
Aum sidang dewan depan kitai betemu baru.*

Lastly, Tuan Speaker, Mandarin tidak tau lah, sorry brother. I would like to wish, can you do in Mandarin for me? Lastly I would like to wish our distinguish Tuan Speaker and Timbalan Speaker as well and the august House a blessed, prosperous and Happy New Year and to

all the colleagues, both sides, a Merry Christmas to all and also a Happy New Year. Let the coming years bring up us love, joy and peace. Thank you very much.

Timbalan Speaker: Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, the Sitting is adjourned and we will resume at 2.00 pm.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada jam 12.15 tengahari)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada jam 2.12 petang)

[Timbalan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Timbalan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Prof. Dr Sim Kui Hian, Menteri Kerajaan Tempatan dan Perumahan untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

Menteri Kerajaan Tempatan dan Perumahan (Y.B. Datuk Prof. Dr Sim Kui Hian): Tuan Speaker, first and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity together with other Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat in this august House to congratulate Yang Amat Berhormat Chief Minister of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Abang Haji Openg on being conferred the Darjah Utama Yang Amat Mulia Bintang Kenyalang Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Bintang Kenyalang (D.P) which carry the title Datuk Patinggi in conjunction with the 81st Birthday of Tuan Yang Terutama Yang Dipertua Negeri on the 9th of September 2017. We would also like to congratulate Yang Amat Berhormat Chief Minister for tabling the forward looking 2018 Budget in preparing the State to quantum leap into digital economy. The 2018 State budget continues to be development biased with greater emphasis on developing the necessary infrastructure and amenities such as roads, drainage, telecommunications, electricity and water supplies to bridge the gap between the urban centres and the rural areas and to improve the quality of life of the people in Sarawak through economic transformation.

I wish to thank all Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat who during the course of their debates had either commented or raised matters relating to my Ministry and departments under my purview or my watching brief. I will attempt to respond to the issues raised by the Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat.

Ministry Of Local Government and Housing

Tuan, Speaker, my Ministry and all the agencies and departments under my charge, namely the 24 local authorities including Majlis Bandaraya Kuching Selatan (MBKS), Department of Irrigation and Drainage Sarawak (DID), Sewerage Services Department Sarawak (SSD), Sarawak Health Department (JKNS), Fire and Rescue Department (BOMBA), Housing Development Corporation (HDC) and Borneo Development Corporation (BDC) as service oriented organizations are fully aware of the dynamic global changes due to digital transformation. We are committed to ensure that our service delivery systems are continuously improved to enhance the quality of life of the Rakyat.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES SERVICE DELIVERY

Local Authority Serve (LA SERVE)

As mentioned in my winding up speech at the last sitting, my Ministry has set up a pilot 24/7 Local Help Service now known as LA SERVE involving 6 local authorities namely,

Miri City Council, Padawan Municipal Council, Sibu Municipal Council, Kota Samarahan Municipal Council, Sri Aman District Council and Bintulu Development Authority. LA SERVE has commenced in September 2017 starting with 2 motorcycles each being allocated to the participating local authorities except BDA. BDA was provided with one-off financial assistance of RM50,000 to help them to proceed the necessary equipment needed by its LA SERVE team. In addition to the motorcycles, 6 units of Toyota Hilux complete with the necessary accessories and equipment will be distributed to these local authorities by December 2017. My Ministry hopes that the setting up of LA SERVE will help to enhance service delivery of the six (6) participating local authorities as well as their effectiveness in addressing public complaints 24/7.

Drain Cleaning Services

Tuan Speaker, in June this year, my Ministry has issued new guidelines on drain cleaning for the local authorities to adopt. The new guidelines are primarily directed to make sure drain cleaning service is efficient and effective. The implementation of new guidelines will involve major changes in drain cleaning service and system. These guidelines will be adopted by local authorities in phases beginning of 2018 in cooperating into the new tender contract.

Effective Monitoring of Local Services

Since last year, all the local authority councillor's name and hand phone number has been available on the respective local authority website. To further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of local authorities service, my Ministry will be producing guidelines requiring all local authorities to publish the names and telephone contacts of their contractors providing local services in their area. This aims to encourage the public to become "the eyes and ears" of the local authorities in ensuring quality service rendered by the appointed contractors. In addition to this, the Ministry will be developing special Apps on hand phone on local authorities services, keeping in line with Yang Amat Berhormat Chief Minister digital era.

Law Revision Committee

Tuan Speaker, I have also mentioned in my winding up speech during the last DUN sitting that my Ministry has set up the Local Authorities Law Revision Committee with the objective of reviewing and updating local authorities' laws and regulations. I wish to update Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat that to-date, Earthworks By-laws and amendment of Protection of Public Health (Hotels and Lodging Houses) Regulations 2003 are at the final stage of drafting while the draft for Local Authorities Licensing of Food Establishments and Miscellaneous Trades By-laws to replace the current Licensing of Miscellaneous Occupations By-laws has been completed and is now in the process of final vetting by the State Attorney General's Chambers.

My Ministry has also worked closely with the Malaysian Institute of Architects (Sarawak Chapter) in addressing some of the inconsistencies arising from the various interpretation of the Building Ordinance 1994 by the practitioners and the local authorities. In order to promote uniformity and professionalism, there is a need for clear policy guideline on applying the requirements of the laws. To-date, the Ministry has produced nine (9) policy guidelines to enable the professionals and the local authorities to have a common understanding of the building requirements.

Due to recent rabies outbreak affecting the State there is urgency for my Ministry to also consolidate and improve the provisions of the various Dog Licence By-laws of the local authorities. My Ministry has recently completed the draft for the new Local Authorities (Dog Licence) By-laws to be discussed and deliberated at the Workshop jointly organized by Sarawak Health Department and the World Health Organization started yesterday. The new

by-laws will consolidate and repeal the old by-laws with improved provisions that require dog owners to vaccinate their dogs with anti-rabies vaccination before any licence can be issued. In addition to this, my Ministry will continue to review and update the other laws of the local authorities.

Local Authorities Finance

Tuan Speaker, my Ministry is aware that Local Authorities are under tremendous pressure to deliver the best services to the Rakyat and currently, almost all of them are operating on deficit budget due to reduction of assessment rates of RM31.49 million announced by late Tok Nan which has benefitted 447,235 household. My Ministry is continuously looking into ways to improve the financial resources of the local authorities and to beef up their effectiveness and efficiencies. As mentioned in my last winding up speech, my Ministry has set up a Community of Practice (COP) for Valuation comprising of valuers from my Ministry and the major local authorities in the State. The main objective of this COP is to establish a standard method of valuation for special purpose holdings such as hotels, shopping malls, medical centres, cinemas, etc. This COP also serves as a platform for these valuers to discuss on new types of property that could be legally charged with assessment rates by the local authorities but was previously not been charged such as dam, quarry, oil and gas pipelines, telecommunication tower and water main so as to generate more revenue for the local authorities. The levy on oil palm plantation is also due for revision.

Development Projects and Programmes under Local Authorities

Tuan Speaker, Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat for Balingian, Telian, Bukit Semuja, Simunjan, Engkilili, Lambir, Tupong, Kabong, Dudong, Kedup, Tamin, Repok, Padungan, Pujut and Bukit Goram have highlighted the various issues and concerns relating to the provision of infrastructures, municipal services and the occurrences of flood in their respective constituencies. These issues and concerns raised by Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat will be looked into by the respective agencies under my charge. In this regard, my Ministry will continue to seek more State and Federal fundings.

For the information of Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, the State Government has approved an allocation of RM53.97 million in 2017 for the 23 Local Authorities to implement 562 infrastructure projects such as upgrading of street lightings, traffic lights, footpaths, public toilets, libraries, jetties and recreational parks. Out of these 562 projects, 518 are at various stages of implementation and the majority will be completed within this year.

For 2017, under the Cabinet Committee Rural Transformation Initiatives, an allocation of RM45.78 million has been approved for 97 flood mitigation projects to be implemented by the local authorities, DID and JKR. 63 of these projects will be completed by the end of this year whilst the remaining 34 projects will be implemented in 2018.

For the 16 Night Markets approved in 2017 under the Cabinet Committee Socio-Economic Transformation Initiatives, 2 have already been completed while the remaining 14 are at various stages of implementation and scheduled for completion by the end of this year. I witness impactful local economic activities since the starting of the night market at Batu Kawa Old Town.

Tuan Speaker, in 2017, the Federal Government has approved a grant of RM265 million under the Malaysian Road Records Information System (MARRIS) for 23 Local Authorities to carry out maintenance of roads, drains and road furnitures under their respective jurisdiction. MARRIS constitutes a very important source of funding for these local authorities to enable all their registered roads to be maintained to the required road safety standard. In order to achieve this, my Ministry is changing the road maintenance format from

project-based to program-based. For this purpose, all the 23 Local Authorities under the Ministry have been directed to carry out a comprehensive roads and drains inventory in order to facilitate more systematic planning and effective maintenance works.

My Ministry has also received RM36.2 million from the Federal Ministry of Urban Well-being, Housing and Local Government (KPKT) for local authorities in the State to implement 342 minor infrastructure development projects, out of which 66 have been completed. The rest of the projects will be completed by the end of this year.

SMART Community Development and Engagement Programmes

Tuan Speaker, my Ministry has also implemented many initiatives involving the community in order to enhance their capacity and capabilities to be more responsive, more self-reliance and self-regulated. The community and the local authorities can together make the difference to create a socially and economically vibrant environment for our cities and towns. Up until November 2017, there are 156 community programmes approved by the Ministry and implemented by the 23 Local Authorities.

*Anugerah Menteri Kerajaan Tempatan dan Perumahan (AMKTP)
for SMART Community Programme*

Since its inception in October 2016, SMART Community Award has gained popularity amongst the local authorities and the participating communities. There were 140 local authorities SMART Community Programmes running in 2016 and there were 3 winners of the Award out of the 8 initially shortlisted. This year, out of the 156 local authorities SMART Community Programmes, 11 were shortlisted to win the Award. It is my sincere hope that such award will encourage more community-generated initiatives in our pursuit to inculcate the culture of volunteerism.

Urban Poor Eradication Programme (PPKB)

For 2017, under the Urban Poor Eradication Programme, my Ministry has also received an allocation of RM4.14 million from the Federal Ministry of Urban Well-being, Housing and Local Government (KPKT) for the local authorities in State to implement 276 house repair projects for the urban poor. To-date, all the 276 house repair projects have been completed making us the second highest achiever for this programme after Selangor.

Kuching South City Council (MBKS)

Tuan Speaker, I wish to update this august House the progress of the installation of the coordinated adaptive traffic system (SMART Traffic Light) at junctions in MBKS area in order to have impact in easing the traffic congestion during peak hours. To-date, there are already 8 junctions installed with the system in MBKS area. There are namely junction at Jalan Pending, Jalan Simpang Tiga, Jalan Wan Alwi (Tabuan Jaya), Jalan Kedandi (Lodge School), Jalan Song (Friendship Park), Jalan Song (Tabuan Laru), Jalan Song (BDC) and Jalan Padungan (MBKS Swimming Pool). Two more junctions at Jalan Rock and Jalan Chawan will equipped with same system within this year. As a result of the implementation of this SMART Traffic Light, there has been significant improvement of traffic flow which has ease the traffic congestion at the said locality during peak hours. Hence, MBKS plans to add another ten (10) more junctions to be upgraded with the system.

Tuan Speaker, there are two agencies implementing road maintenance works in the State namely the local authorities and JKR. For the ease of differentiating between local

authorities roads and JKR roads, MBKS has embarked on putting Council's crest on their road name signage. I have directed the other local authorities to do the same in their respective areas.

Issues Raised by Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kota Sentosa, there was nothing fishy in the issue of Occupation Permit (OP) by MBKS for Vivacity Apartments. Preliminary Inspections to Apartment Tower D were carried out by Building and Health Inspectors of MBKS on 10 April 2017 and again on 27 April 2017. At that material time, only Apartment Tower D was completed, then partial Occupation Permit (OP) was issued to Apartment Tower D (excluding Tower E) on 28 April 2017 in accordance with the Council's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) under the Key Focus Activities (KFA).

On 17 May 2017 and again on 26 May 2017, MBKS carried out preliminary inspections to Vivacity Apartment Tower E. During the inspection on 26 May 2017, MBKS record showed there was no live cable and scaffolding at the premises. Final inspection was carried out on 29 May 2017 to ensure works were fully completed and in compliance with the approved building plans as per the *Checklist for Application for the Issuance of Occupation Permit (OP)* submitted by the project architect. Hence, the Occupation Permit (OP) for Apartments Tower D & E was issued by MBKS on 30th May 2017 upon receipt of Form F from the project architect.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tupong, my Ministry is aware of the need for Occupation Permit (OP) to be issued promptly after all building requirements are complied with. This is applicable to all regardless of whether it is landed or strata-title property development. In the case of Taman Hillside Matang, the OP will be issued once all the requirements are fulfilled by the developer. On the issue raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Lingga on your request to build the waterfront in Lingga, I wish to inform Ahli Yang Berhormat that Sri Aman District Council has no plan to build Lingga Waterfront at present.

On the upgrading of roads in Maludam, in 2017, Betong District Council has six (6) road repair and resurfacing projects costing RM1.2 million at Kampung Sepinang Phase II, Kampung Semarang Phase II, Rumah Panjang Sg Pedada Phase II, Rumah Panjang Sg Daun Phase II, Rumah Panjang Meranti and Jalan Kampung Triso. All of these six(6) projects will be fully completed by end of this month. In 2018, another seven (7) roads will be repaired and upgraded.

On the issue raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Telian on the new Mukah sanitary landfill, I wish to inform Ahli Yang Berhormat, that the approved site for the new sanitary landfill is located at an oil palm plantation belonging to Sarawak Plantation Berhad. There are two proposed access roads to this site. Mukah and Dalat District Council will hold a discussion to finalise on the access road. Currently, the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the site is on-going and is expected to complete in December 2017.

Housing

Tuan Speaker, I will now deliberate on housing. First of all, I would like to thank YAB Prime Minister for the allocation of RM2.2 billion for the development of housing nationwide and for the provision for the 600 units of My Beautiful New Home (MyBNHome) as announced in the 2018 national budget. My Ministry will continue to work with the Federal Government in order for Sarawak to have a sizeable share of the RM2.2 billion allocated and sufficient number of *MyBNHome Built in Sarawak*.

MyBNHome was one of the National Blue Ocean Strategy (NBOS) initiatives announced by YAB Prime Minister of Malaysia in his 2017 national Budget. It provides affordable housing for households who does not own a house with a monthly household income of below RM3,900. Under the scheme, Industrialised Building System (IBS) technology will be used and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) students will be employed as one of the requirements in the construction of MyBNHome.

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, and also in regarding to the request for more affordable housing in Bau by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tasik Biru, for 2017, the Federal Government has agreed to build 51 units of MyBNHome at Kampung Sibuluh Resettlement Scheme, in Bau. Under this project, each house will cost RM60,000 to build and to be sold at RM30,000 per unit. The Federal Government will subsidise 50% of the building costs and the remaining balance will be financed through Bank Simpanan Nasional loan.

Program Perumahan Rakyat (PPR) gives opportunities for those with monthly households income of RM3,000 and below to own a house. Currently, 1,956 units are under construction in Kuching, Samarahan, Miri and Sibul. PPR Sungai Rait, Lambir in Miri consisting of 505 units of single storey terrace house have been completed and handed over to the successful applicants in stages beginning August 2017. PPR Sg. Tengah Matang II consisting of 439 units single storey terrace is 100% completed and now is in the process of issuance of Occupation Permit (OP) while PPR Tanjung Tuang Samarahan consisting of 180 units single storey terrace is nearing completion.

For 2017, Syarikat Perumahan Negara Berhad (SPNB) has approved 705 units of houses under the Program Rumah Mesra Rakyat 1Malaysia (RMR1M) in Sarawak. This program is to help those families also with a household income of RM3,000 and below who do not own a house or are living in dilapidated house. The house will be built at the cost of between RM68,000 to RM79,000 per unit. Out of this cost, the Government will subsidise RM20,000 and the balance will be financed through loan.

Out of the 705 units RMR1M in Sarawak, a total of 270 units has been completed. While 52 units at Sg. Midin Petra Jaya have been handed over to the successful participants. The construction of the remaining 435 units will be completed by end of 2018.

Skim Perumahan Khas Rakyat (SPEKTRA Housing)

Tuan Speaker, the private sector also contributes in the provision of affordable housing through Skim Perumahan Khas Rakyat (SPEKTRA housing) to cater for the low to medium income group. Since April 2016, the State Planning Authority (SPA) has approved 3 types of houses under this program comprising 1,869 units of SPEKTRA Lite (selling price ranging from RM100,000 to RM120,000), 2,865 units of SPEKTRA Medium (selling price ranging from RM135,000 to RM168,000) and 1,921 units SPEKTRA Plus (selling price of RM150,000 to RM198,000). My Ministry will closely monitor the implementation of this SPEKTRA housing by private sector.

Long House Loan Scheme

Tuan Speaker, I would like to inform this august House that since the implementation of Longhouse Loan Scheme in 1978, 632 longhouses consisting of 14,371 doors have benefitted from this Scheme with this total funding of RM108 million. In October this year, my Ministry has received funding of RM10 million from the Federal Government for this Scheme.

Currently, there are 21,118 door on waiting list under this Scheme requiring an estimated funding of RM633 million.

Reviving "Sick" Private Housing Project

Tuan Speaker, as at 31st October 2017, there are 605 private housing projects in Sarawak. A total of 20 projects that is about 3% is classified as "sick" project. To-date eight (8) projects have been successfully revived through effective coordination by my Ministry with the interested parties. My Ministry will continue to closely monitor these projects.

Tribunal Tuntutan Pembeli Rumah Sarawak

Tribunal Tuntutan Pembeli Rumah Sarawak (TTPRS) has been actively conducting awareness programmes on house buyer's rights in the State. Since its inception in 2010, a total of 196 cases were heard and settled by the Tribunal. Up to October this year, 38 cases were heard and settled, a testimonial of the increasing awareness of the tribunal service from house buyers. From the records, the most common grievances faced by the house buyers are late handing over of the house, poor workmanship and non-compliance with the agreed building specifications.

Issues Raised by Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Piasau, HDC plans to build a total number of 769 units of *Program Rumah Mampu Milik (RMM)* in Miri on part of Lot 3710, Block 6, Kuala Baram Land District, Miri. Out of these 769 units, 278 units are under SPEKTRA Lite with selling price of RM100,000 per unit for intermediate unit and RM120,000 per unit for corner unit. Meanwhile, the balance of 491 units are for normal housing with selling price ranging from RM170,000 to RM299,000 per unit.

For the information of Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat for Balingian, Repok, Batu Danau and Bukit Goram, HDC will conduct feasibility study based on good business practice in order to ascertain the housing needs including the type of houses to be built in any particular area.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Balingian, a total of 22 applicants for *Rumah Mesra Rakyat 1Malaysia (RMR1M)* at *Skim Pembesaran Kampung Balingian Fasa 2* have been approved by *Syarikat Perumahan Negara Berhad (SPNB)*. Casting of lots had been completed on 17th August 2017 at *Pejabat Daerah Kecil Balingian*. The applicants were required to furnish HDC with the information on their properties search before formal letter of offer to be issued.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tupong, the Federal Government has implemented *Program Perumahan Rakyat (PPR) Matang Sungai Tengah* comprising of 439 units of affordable single storey terrace house which are nearing completion. As for the digital facilities and amenities of PPR projects, currently there is no allocation from the Federal Government for such digital facilities. However, the State Government has considered to install Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) for PPR Taman Dahlia for the year 2018.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Layar, HDC had implemented 14 units of affordable single storey semi-detached houses on HDC's vacant lots in RPR Betong along Jalan Berbanggai. Currently, the project is 80% completed and expected to be fully completed by first quarter 2018. HDC had also planned to implement 92 units of affordable single storey semi-detached house and 13 units of detached house also on HDC's vacant lots in RPR Betong. Construction for these 105 units of affordable housing will commence

once approval for all the related statutory requirements of the project from the relevant authorities has been obtained.

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Jemoreng, my Ministry has submitted an application for funding under mid-term review (MTR) of RMK-11 for implementation of 24 units of SPEKTRA *Permata for Skim Pembesaran Kampung Igan* and 20 units of SPEKTRA *Permata for Skim Pembesaran Kampung Tian, Matu*. The project will be implemented once funding by the State Government is approved.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kabong, currently HDC had completed the site formation works for 212 housing lots at Skim *Pembesaran Kampung Sungai Muroh, Kabong*. For 2018, funding amounting of RM500,000 for pilling works and cross overs for 25 units of *Program Rumah Mesra Rakyat 1Malaysia* (RMR1M) houses had been approved by the State Government. HDC will commence with the implementation of these two works by first quarter of 2018 once the successful applicants have been confirmed.

On the issue raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tanjung Datu on public housing in Lundu, HDC will commence the earthworks for *Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) Lundu* by early next month. Meanwhile, tender for *Skim Pembesaran Kampung Sematan* earthworks is currently under evaluation and the works will commence in early 2018. Funding for the construction of total 76 units of houses has been submitted for State approval.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Samalaju, currently the Government has no specific housing programme for squatters. However, Housing Development Corporation (HDC) has plan to develop HDC's landbank at Kidurong for mixed development. Subject to funding approval from Federal Government, the mixed development will also include affordable apartments for low income group including squatters.

Department of Irrigation and Drainage Sarawak(DID)

Flood Mitigation and Urban Drainage

Federal Programs and Projects

Tuan Speaker, in 2017, the Federal Government has allocated an amount of RM47.84 million for Flood Mitigation and RM45.29 million for River Management Program. The allocations are for the implementation of Flood Mitigation Projects, River Bank Protection, Pasca Banjir projects and river clearing and maintenance works throughout the State. The Flood Mitigation Project for Bintulu at Jalan Tun Razak with physical progress of 13% is on schedule for completion by December 2018. The flood mitigation for Sibu phase 3 with a ceiling of RM100 million and Kuching with a ceiling of RM150 million are expected to commence by early next year and the second half of 2018 respectively.

The Government will continue to give priority to Stormwater Management Master Plan study for urban centers in Sarawak with approved fund amounting to RM11 million under 11th Malaysia Plan. Stormwater Management Master Plan for Sarikei, Bintangor is in progress and scheduled to be completed by February 2018.

Studies for some other main towns namely Sri Aman, Betong, Debak, Spaoh, Saratok, Limbang, Lawas and Serian are being planned in the next two years.

For coastal erosion protection and river mouth rehabilitation programme, the Federal Government has approved a total of RM84 million under the 11th Malaysia Plan. There are ten (10) projects under this programme. The projects at Kampung Santubong, Kampung

Tanah Hitam and Kpg Siru Melayu have been successfully completed while the one at Kampung Serpan, Asajaya is currently under construction. The remaining six (6) projects at SK Bedengan, Sematan, Buntal, Sebuyau, Batu 1 Kuala Baram and Oya Hilir are in the various stages of design and procurement.

In addition, RM29.96 million has been approved for river mouth dredging works to mitigate flood and facilitate river navigation. The four (4) projects are the river mouths of Sungai Sematan, Sungai Buntal, Sungai Bako and Sungai Limbang.

State Urban Drainage Program

The State Government has allocated RM18.88 million this year to implement five (5) Urban Drainage Improvement projects. Two (2) of these projects are nearing completion namely the drainage improvement works in Lawas town and drainage outlet for Sarawak General Hospital at Green Road with physical progress at 95% and 90% respectively. Two projects pending award are the drainage improvement works at Kpg. Gita, Kuching and Kpg. Jeriah, Sibul. The other project at Kpg. Bahagia, Sg. Teku, Sibul is still in the detailed design stage.

Issues Raised by Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Lingga, DID has submitted proposal for river bank erosion project covering Kampung Hilir, Kampung Tengah and Kampung Hulu in RMK-11, estimated at RM29.0 million but the proposal was not approved. DID will resubmit the said proposal again under the next rolling plan for consideration.

For the information of Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat for Lingga and Beting Maro, construction of bund and river wall are not only costly but also lead to a false sense of security when people start building on low-lying platform or extend their stilt house to the ground level. Bunding also required space and buffer along the rivers which are often not available in existing kampung. Therefore a more practical approach for many villages along coastal and riverine areas subjected to tidal flooding and at high risk of riverbank failures is relocation to higher ground.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Telian, DID has put up a proposal to the Federal Government under the 11th Malaysia Plan to request for an allocation of RM8 million to implement the river bank protection works at Sungai Penakub/Sungai Telian, Mukah. In addition, DID has also put up proposal for Stormwater Management Masterplan for Mukah and also drainage improvement works for Mukah under the 11th Malaysia Plan but these were not approved. DID will continue to source for both Federal and State funding.

On the request of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Jemoreng, for river clearing works in Sungai Bawang, Sungai Sekaan Besar, Sungai Sekaan Kecil and Sungai Sok, I wish to inform Ahli Yang Berhormat that DID will put up a proposal to the Federal Government for the consideration. The total length of these rivers is 5.7 km and is estimated to cost RM650,000.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Jemoreng, DID will submit a revised proposal for the coastal protection works at Kampung Sekerang, Igan in the next RMK-11 Rolling Plan. This revised proposal is estimated to cost RM25 million from the original RM3.5 million. On the other request for coastal erosion protection works at Kuala Matu, DID will conduct the investigation and to come up with the proposal for funding.

Sewerage Services Department (SSD)

Urban Sewerage

Tuan Speaker, I will now touch on various sewerage projects in the State undertaken by the Sewerage Services Department.

Septic Sludge Treatment Facilities

Under the First Rolling Plan (2016 and 2017) of the 11th Malaysia Plan, the Federal Government has approved a total of RM60 million to build four (4) additional septic sludge treatment plants to serve the towns of Betong, Sarikei, Kapit and Limbang. I am glad to report in this august House that the siting proposals for all the four plants have been approved. We are now proceeding into the details design works and schedule to call tender in the first quarter of next year.

Centralised Sewerage Systems

Tuan Speaker, the construction of Miri Centralised Sewerage System, Phase 1, Package A involving the sewer network has achieved 3.5% progress and is on schedule. The works has commenced on 30th March 2017 and it is scheduled for completion in 4 years time. The calling of tender for Package B involving the construction of the centralised sewage treatment plant is scheduled in the 1st Quarter of next year. The total scheme value for Package A and Package B is RM428 million.

For Kuching Centralised Sewerage System Zone 1 Package 2, the project has commenced on 7th September 2017 and is scheduled to complete in 15 months' time. Currently, it is in the site preparatory stage. This project has an approved allocation of RM20 million for the provision of sewerage infrastructure in Darul Hana Development Scheme.

The Kuching Centralised Sewerage System Package 2 has also commenced on 15th September 2017 and is scheduled to complete in 6 years' time. Currently, works has started along Jalan Tun Abdul Rahman Yaakub and Jalan Tun Salahuddin. The progress is on schedule at 0.5%. The project is to provide sewerage infrastructure in Petra Jaya area and has an approved allocation of RM750 million.

Sewerage Master Plan Studies

Tuan Speaker, the Federal Government has also approved RM1 million each for three (3) sewerage Master Plan studies under the RMK-11 First Rolling Plan (2016-2017). These master plan studies are for our smaller urban centres of Kota Samarahan Town, Sarikei and Bintangor Town, and Mukah Town. These studies have commenced on 22nd May 2017 and shall be completed within eight (8) months. The progress of the three studies are all on schedule.

Sarawak Health Department

Health Services

Tuan Speaker, I shall now touch on the services provided by Sarawak Health Department, one of the Federal departments under my watching brief. The Department provides services through a network of 23 hospitals consisting of one (1) state hospital, three (3) major specialist hospitals, five (5) minor specialist hospitals, three (3) special institutions

and 11 district hospitals. The department also operates 205 health clinics or Klinik Kesihatan (KK), seven (7) Klinik Desa, 35 Klinik 1Malaysia (K1M) and 24 Klinik Kesihatan Ibu dan Anak (KKIA).

Sarawak Health Department has a total of 25,233 approved posts of which 96% has been filled. These consist of 308 specialists, 2,764 medical officers, 328 dental officers, 625 pharmacists and 8,608 nurses. The remaining is the supporting personnel for the medical services. To-date, the State Health Department has received RM1.95 billion under the operating expenditure compared to RM2.5 billion in 2016, a decrease of RM500 million. Of the allocation received, RM1.174 billion or 60% is for emolument alone while the remaining RM774 million or 40% is for drugs, vaccines, reagent, consumables, maintenance and administrative costs.

Tuan Speaker, I am pleased to inform Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat of this august House that throughout this year, most of the communicable diseases reported in the State are under control and with declining incidence rates. However, non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and heart diseases continue to pose problem. In addition to this, the Rabies outbreak declared in July this year is a new challenge in the history of health services in Sarawak.

Rabies

The last case of human Rabies in Malaysia was reported in the year of 1998 in Kedah, involving a person scratched by a cat infected with rabies. Sarawak was rabies-free until the declaration of human rabies outbreak on the 1st July 2017. Sarawak Health Department has since reported six (6) laboratory confirmed human rabies cases, five (5) of which had died due to the disease. The latest human rabies case was notified on 8th August 2017. The patient is currently critically ill and warded in intensive care unit of Sarawak General Hospital.

Up to 25th October this year, four (4) Divisions in Sarawak are affected by the rabies outbreak, namely Serian, Kuching, Sri Aman and Samarahan. A total of 4,320 cases of animal bites from the outbreak areas have been reported to Sarawak Health Department. Out of this number, 1,586 cases have received vaccination.

My Ministry is working closely with Sarawak Health Department, Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak, Sarawak State Agencies, and non-Government organizations (NGO) in controlling and preventing the rabies outbreak.

Rabies is a fatal disease if left untreated. However, it is 100% preventable through prompt medical care. Dogs remain as the main global source of rabies disease in humans. To-date, 90,000 brochures have been distributed to the community and 420 banners have been put up at strategic locations to educate and continually remind the public on rabies. Sarawak can only be declared free of rabies once again after the State remains free of animal and human rabies for a period of at least 2 years from the last reported case. For information, the World Health Organization (WHO) has the target of eliminating rabies globally by the year 2030.

Komuniti Sihat Pembina Negara (KOSPEN)

Tuan Speaker, the Ministry of Health introduced *Komuniti Sihat Pembina Negara* (KOSPEN) in 2013 with the objectives to promote healthy lifestyle, to provide health screening services, to detect early non-communicable disease among the community members. It is alarming to note that the rate of undiagnosed diabetes is increasing with 16.0% recorded in 2014, 16.5% in 2015 and 21.2% in 2016. Since 2013, a total of 989

KOSPEN localities have been set up throughout the State, with 5,978 community health volunteers-known as *Gerak Sihat Malaysia* recruited and trained. To-date, a total of 40,209 persons have been screened by the Gerak Sihat Malaysia. As at 30th September 2017, the department has registered 136,892 cases of diabetes throughout the State, of which 7,036 cases are newly diagnosed cases.

Dengue

As at 21st October this year, 818 dengue cases were reported in Sarawak compared to 2,302 cases over the same period in 2016, a decrease by 64.46%. Sarawak Health Department is committed to continue to work hand-in-hand with other non-health agencies in the State to further reduce dengue cases in Sarawak.

Tuberculosis or TB

Tuan Speaker, as of October 2017, a total of 2,197 tuberculosis cases were reported compared to 2,242 cases in 2016, a decrease of 2.0%. Sarawak Health Department is taking steps to detect as many cases as possible through systematic screening and to start early treatment in order to control the spread of the disease. In 2016, the Department started a new TB screening service through its mobile x-ray unit. As at 21st October, 2017, a total of 7,982 persons have been screened using the mobile x-ray unit at 152 rural locations throughout the State. Out of that, 49 cases were found to have tuberculosis.

Rural Health Service (State Rural Transformation Initiatives)

Rural Health Service is under the Key Result Area 2 (KRA 2) of the State Rural Transformation Initiatives. The State Government has allocated RM2.48 million in 2017 to finance upgrading of rural clinics project through the National Blue Ocean Strategy (NBOS) approach, Rural Clinic Visiting Doctors and Cluster Clinic System.

A total of 114 rural clinics in Sarawak do not have resident doctors. The Rural Clinic Visiting Doctors service is an approach taken to fill this gap before permanent doctors can be posted there. For the first phase in 2017, 85 out of 114 rural clinics were involved in this program. To-date, 67 clinics are visited every month, 15 clinics are visited once every two months and three clinics are visited once every three months. The remaining 29 clinics will be included into this programme in Phase 2 in 2018.

Development Projects

For the information of Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, two (2) hospital projects in Sarawak are being built under the supervision of Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR) Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur. They are Petra Jaya Hospital and Sri Aman Hospital.

As at 22nd October 2017, the actual progress for Petra Jaya Hospital is 27.68%, compared with the scheduled progress of 100%. The initial completion date was November 2016. The contractor was granted an Extension of Time (EOT) and the completion date was therefore shifted to 9th June 2017. However, the project still suffers a huge delay. Currently, JKR Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur is closely monitoring the project in order to ensure that this much needed hospital completed for the benefit of the people in Kuching as soon as possible.

For Sri Aman Hospital, the actual physical progress as at 28th October 2017 is 23.4% compared with the scheduled progress of 41.00%. The initial completion date was

25th October 2018. With the approval of the first Extension of Time (EOT) by JKR Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, the new date of completion is now shifted to the 3rd August 2019.

Pharmaceutical Services

For the information of Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, Sarawak Health Department has taken steps to further improve the system at medication dispensing counters. Nine (9) Centralised Collection Centres for follow-up medications has been set up at:

- i. Klinik 1Malaysia UTC Kuching, Klinik 1Malaysia UTC Sibul, Klinik 1Malaysia UTC Miri;
- ii. Klinik 1Malaysia Taman Malihah Kuching, Klinik 1Malaysia Taman Rejang Sibul, Klinik 1Malaysia Farley Sibul, Klinik 1Malaysia Bandung Sibul, Klinik 1Malaysia Taman Tunku Miri; and
- iii. Sarawak Health Department.

Other medication collection points such as Locker for You (Locker 4 U) have been set up in Sibul Hospital and Klinik 1Malaysia Taman Tunku Miri. Walk-Through Pharmacy in Kota Sentosa Health Clinic also has been set up for patients to ease the congestion at dispensing counters, while at the same time provide alternative collection points for follow-up medication. Follow-up medication can also be delivered directly to patients through PosLaju to avoid hassle of coming back to pharmacy. For patients who prefer to collect the follow-up medications at pharmacy counters, all hospitals' and health clinics' pharmacies are providing appointment dispensing service where the follow-up medications will be prepared before collection.

Issues Raised by Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Bukit Gorum, the State Health Department has no plan yet to build a health clinic in Nanga Trusa, Sungai Belawai, Kapit as the population size has not reach the minimum number of people to qualify for a static clinic. Currently, the health services are provided by the Mobile Health Team from Kapit Divisional Health Office, once in every three months for duration of three days. Approximately 130 patients seen over the three days in each visit.

Tuan Speaker, on the request to improve the medical facilities at Kapit Hospital raised up by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Bukit Gorum, I wish to inform Ahli Yang Berhormat that the proposal for additional clinical block can only be materialised after the electricity component is upgraded to cater for the need of additional equipment. Due to space constraint at the Kapit Hospital, currently only 13 haemodialysis machines with the capacity to serve 78 patients are provided to cater for the need of 61 patients. Currently the hospital site has no more land to build additional quarters for the staff.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Bukit Semuja, the implementation of Klinik Kesihatan Serian (Type 3) is under the supervision of JKR Sarawak. The project is expected to be tendered out in February 2018 and the construction period is 24 months.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Pujut, Miri Hospital currently has stress ECG and Eco Services provided under the general physician. The State Health Department has no plan to build a cardiac hub centre in Miri. The present cardiac facilities in the Sarawak Heart Centre, Kuching is still able to meet the needs for Sarawak.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Repok, Sarikei Hospital has a total of ten (10) ambulances. A total of 36 new ambulances will be allocated for Sarawak hospitals in year 2018, of which at least two (2) new ambulances will be allocated to Sarikei Hospital.

For information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tamin, currently 13 patients from Selangau who are receiving haemodialysis treatment in Bintulu Hospital, Sibu Hospital and Mukah Hospital. As the number of patients has exceeded the minimum of 10, Sarawak Health Department will submit a proposal to Ministry of Health for a haemodialysis unit to be set up in KK Selangau.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ba'Kelalan, the 2018 national budget for Sarawak Health Department has not been determined yet. With regard to the policy change by Ministry of Health relating to supply of medication from 3 months supply to 1 month supply, I wish to inform Ahli Yang Berhormat that this is due to the following reasons:

- i. to monitor patients' compliance and occurrence of adverse reactions;
- ii. to ensure that the medications are properly stored so as not to compromise the efficacy of these medications and safety of patients; and
- iii. to avoid wastage of the medicine supplied.

On another issue raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ba'kelalan, on the status of Lawas Hospital, I wish to inform Ahli Yang Berhormat, that this is a project supervised by JKR Malaysia. The Phase 2B of the project is retendered as the previous appointed contractor declined to proceed due to cost. Phase 2B is currently under tender evaluation stage for the second time.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Daro, KK (Jenis 4) Daro, Mukah, has been approved with the cost of RM35 million under RMK-11 Rolling Plan 2 in 2017. The implementing agency for this project is JKR Sarawak. The Preliminary Detailed Abstract (PDA) will be submitted by JKR to KKM for approval in January 2018 and expected to be tendered out in May 2018.

On the issue raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Lingga regarding the upgrading of KK Maludam, Ministry of Health has approved RM111,528 in 2016 for the repair and upgrading work of KK Maludam. Apart from that, a total cost of RM70,800 has been approved under the Rural Transformation Initiatives – KRA 2 for upgrading and renovation work of quarters at KK Maludam.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Meluan, there is no plan to build Hospital Julau at present. The site identified is for future development of a new clinic in Julau. The current KK Julau can cater to the need of local population. Patients requiring further treatment will be referred to Sarikei Hospital.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Murum, Sarawak Health Department has plan to build KK Metalun and KK Tegulang. The sites for the said clinics have been identified and approved by the Ministry of Health. The project proposal will be submitted under the 4th Rolling Plan. Apart from that, KK Sungai Asap will be upgraded to become the referral clinic in the Cluster Clinic System under the Cabinet Committee for Rural Transformation Initiatives. The clinic will be the referral for cases from KK Sungai Koyan, KK Uma Sambop, KK (S) Sarawak Hidro and KK Tubau.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Serembu, there is no plan to build KK Krokong and KK Siniawan at present. The health services in both places can be catered by KK Serasot.

Fire and Rescue Department

Fire and Rescue Stations under RMK-11

Tuan Speaker, the Fire and Rescue Station at Tanjung Manis was completed on 12th October 2017 while construction works for Daro, Batu Niah and Samalaju Fire and Rescue Stations is still ongoing. Apart from that, the new Fire & Rescue Stations for Matu, Belaga, Sibu Jaya and the replacement of Bintangor Fire and Rescue Stations are still in design stage by JKR Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker: Are you taking clarification?

Menteri Kerajaan Tempatan dan Perumahan (Y.B. Datuk Prof. Dr Sim Kui Hian): Ya. Okay.

Y.B. Puan Irene Mary Chang Oi Ling: Thank you Tuan Speaker and thank you Honourable Minister. Regarding this hospital, I raised the issue of lack of specialist in Sibu Hospital and the need of Oncologist and Cardiologist and also the possibility of building a Cancer Centre in Sibu Hospital. May I have a reply on this? Thank you.

Menteri Kerajaan Tempatan dan Perumahan (Y.B. Datuk Prof. Dr Sim Kui Hian): Thank you very much Member from Bukit Assek. As at the moment, we have submitted to the Ministry of Health and they have not given us the answer whether they approve or not approve. The current challenges as said by me in Kuching, I mean that having difficulties retaining the Oncologist and often we can build the hospital, we can funded the projects but some of you call it white elephant because no specialist. And so I will try to follow up and perhaps, I mean the MP from Sibu can also follow up in Parliament because Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia is a Federal Government agency. Where do I go to?...*(Laughter)*

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“Khidmat Bakti Bomba” Project Under The National Blue Ocean Strategy (NBOS) 7

The Fire and Rescue Department of Sarawak through “Khidmat Bakti Bomba” program under National Blue Ocean Strategy 7 have provided assistance in the form of house repair for the poor and also helping to reconstruct houses that has been burnt down. As at October 2017, the Fire and Rescue Department of Sarawak has repaired 30 houses, rebuilt 13 burnt houses while the rebuilding of another 2 houses are in progress.

Fire Safety Awareness Program

The Fire and Rescue Department Sarawak will continue to be committed to implement Public Educational and Awareness programs in fire safety to the community in Sarawak. As at September 2017, the department has carried out 1,346 Public Awareness Programs, 19 longhouse fire safety campaigns, 56 fire points and set up 101 new Bomba Community teams with a total of 1,080 members.

Statistic of Emergency Calls

Up to September 2017, Fire and Rescue Department Sarawak received a total of 5,666 emergency calls, as compared with 4,058 calls recorded for the same period in 2016 which is an increase of 40% due to rescue and special service. This 5,666 emergency calls comprised of 1,409 calls on fire outbreaks, 3,546 rescue calls, 694 calls for special service and 17 prank calls. The numbers of call on fire outbreaks recorded in 2017 have decreased by 12% as compared with the cases recorded for the same period in 2016. The department managed to save RM234 million worth of properties. However, the estimated loss recorded due to fire was RM121 million, an increase of 69% as compared to RM71.6 million in 2016. This marked increase is mainly due to high value content of properties affected by fire.

Tuan Speaker, SUPP as one of the 4 component parties of BN Sarawak would like to strongly support Captain Abg Jo, of Team Tok Nan to continue Tok Nan's 53 actions and principles such as funding for the Chinese Schools, UEC graduates for Sarawak Civil Service, 90% of teachers in Sarawak are Sarawakians, English as the 2nd official language including resort in Sarawak Autonomy as seen from the motion on MA63 that was passed by this August House on 9 Nov 2017. I am pleased to see even Honorable members from DAP reluctantly raising their hands to support the motion despite stating not supporting it in the debate.

Tuan Speaker, luckily the Honorable Members from DAP support the motion as otherwise you can see how the West Malaysia DAP treated our fellow Sarawakian. During the DAP's CEC re-election on the 12 November 2017, only one Sarawakian was elected.
Tengok sahaja!

Tuan Speaker, Captain Abg Jo, of Team Tok Nan, not only continues Tok Nan's policy, but continues to strengthen and transforming Sarawak economy thru digital economy and working towards Sarawak Financial Autonomy. Now 100 percent Sarawak owned Bakum Dam, 100 percent Sarawak owned DBOS, 100 percent Sarawak owned PETROS. All these are for the young people and the future of Sarawak as what Yang Amat Berhormat Chief Minister spoke during the Sarawak Pay just now.

Tuan Speaker, our Honourable Members from DAP always claimed Penang is better. Despite they are being sidelined by their West Malaysia boss. Let's compare DAP Penang Government and I am not sure they called it Pakatan Rakyat or Pakatan Harapan Selangor Government's in 2018 Budget with BN Sarawak Government:

	Revenue	Deficit	Reserve	Total Expenditure
Sarawak	5.525 billion	256 million	30 billion	8.226 billion
Selangor	2.250 billion	870 million	3 billion	3.120 billion
Penang	504 million	748 million	1 billion	1.337 billion

Tuan Speaker, DAP always said Malaysia bankrupt. Looks like it is because Penang's Government running out of money or should I said insolvency. This is not surprising as before 20km of roads are being built in Penang, DAP Penang Government paid RM209 million for consultant fees. Before the tunnel is built in Penang, DAP Penang Government paid RM220 million of consultant fees. DAP has always said "*white elephant*" but in this case no elephant to be seen. Why our Honorable Members from DAP Sarawak don't dare to ask Penang Chief Minister to resign or walking the talk? Is it because our Honorable Members from DAP Sarawak too scared of their West Malaysia boss or the kittens from Sarawak has given something?

Tuan Speaker DAP Penang Government only needs RM100 million for flood mitigation but claimed Federal Government does not allocate them money. However, they had more than RM400 million for consultant fees for the project that cannot be seen.

Tuan Speaker, as I spoke in this august House in May this year, I promise to continue on the 53 U Turns of DAP which I need to continue today as otherwise I may be cited for *janji tidak ditepati*.

Tok Nam's 53 Actions and Principles. DAP's 53 U Turns

U-turn No.16, at first they wanted blanket subsidies for petrol but in their latest alternative budget 2018, it has been changed to targeted subsidies for motorcycles and cars below 1,000cc.

Tuan Speaker: Honorable Minister, Honorable Minister. Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kota Sentosa, you show me which point of order is the Honorable Minister is violating? No, you show me. If you show me, I will on your mic. You tell me first. Okay, you continue, you continue.

Menteri Kerajaan Tempatan dan Perumahan (Y.B. Datuk Prof. Dr. Sim Kui Hian): At first DAP opposed BR1M but they now say BR1M is a good thing and will continue this policy.

U-turn No.18, at first DAP protested strongly for a return to sugar subsidies but now they agree with the Government that cheap sugar leads to higher consumption thus is bad for the health.

U-turn No.19, before 2008, DAP had protested strongly against Gurney Drive and other land reclamation projects but now they approved 6,000 acres of land reclamation projects in Penang.

U-turn No.20, at first they protested against the Penang Outer Ring Road (PORR) project but now they are building the same road projects as part of the three main roads portion of the dodgy Penang Tunnel project.

U-turn No. 21, DAP says they are against toll rates but is now giving a 30 years toll concession for the Penang Tunnel project.

U-turn No. 22, before 2008, DAP protested heavily against hill-side and hill-top developments but since taking power, they have approved more than 56 such projects between 2008 and 2015 and are now defending the hill-side and hill-top projects. Hence, not surprising on the recent landslides and sadly the loss of human lives in Penang.

Tuan Speaker, because of time constraints, I shall continue the other U Turns in the next Dewan session next year. What I can say is that Sarawakians are not stupid. I hope the rakyat could now clearly see the color of DAP, reject their blaming SUPP brand apolitical to distract rakyat's attention and hide their failure to deliver the goods to the people they represent. Very fortunately that Sarawak does not have UMNO or UMNO culture. Unfortunately, Sarawak have DAP and DAP culture and this is what you can see. Lets in the coming GE 15 next year, Sarawakians; naughty boy sit down, Sarawakians choose to have stronger BN Sarawak rather than West Malaysia parties. SUPP, the oldest Sarawakian party has always been the loyal and faithful Sarawakian party.

Conclusion

Tuan Speaker, before I conclude, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate and thanks Tuan Speaker for your wisdom in ensuring that the proceedings in this august House were conducted with dignity and proper decorum.

I would also like to put on record my thanks and appreciation to Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Datuk Amar State Secretary of Sarawak and all officers from the various Ministries, State and Federal Departments as well as Government agencies for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the smooth proceedings of this august House. My special thanks also go to our friends from the media who have provided detail coverage throughout the sittings.

Lastly, I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Tuan Speaker,

*Smile, Smile and avoid unhappiness;
Smile, Smile and avoid being suicidal;
Smile and Smile to keep cool;
Smile and smile to serve the rakyat.*

Sekian, terima kasih.

USUL DARIPADA AHLI DEWAN BIASA DI BAWAH PERATURAN MESYUARAT 15

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, yesterday that is 14th November 2017 at 5:54 pm, the Secretary of the Dewan received a motion dated 14th November from the Honourable Member for Batu Lintang under Standing Order 15. I shall call upon the Honourable Member for Batu Lintang to read out his motion.

Y.B. Encik See Chee How: Thank you Tuan Speaker. My humble Motion reads as follows:

Whereas:

1. On the 12th November, 2017, it was reported in the print media that the Bengoh Dam situated at the upper reach of Sungai Sarawak Kiri had shown signs of water seepages.
2. On 13th November 2017, the Honourable Minister had issued a statement, quoting the report by the dam's design consultant expert and contractor, assured that the Bengoh Dam is technically and structurally sound and stable.
3. The Minister, with respect, had only consulted and was briefed by the contractor and consultant whose reports and information are misleading, contradictory, self-serving at best and not contemporaneous;
 - 3.1 For example, the Minister, quoted the "experienced experts" and "consultants" who were the contractors and consultants, are interested parties and not independent.
 - 3.2 Halcrow Group Limited had ceased to exist. It was acquired by CH2M Hill in 2011 and the group was rebranded to be CH2M in 2015; and

- 3.3 The Minister said that the seepage through the contraction joint, which he believed to have started two months ago, is deliberate and are expected but yet he added that the water level has to be reduced to 65 metre (now 77.6 metre) to enable the contractor to patch the seepage.

Therefore, I urge this house hereby resolves that:

1. The State Government to immediately appoint an independent dam consultant to examine the seepage and to determine its potential risk of harming the dam.
2. To reveal the Emergency Response Plan and to conduct workshops on the ERP with all the residents residing at the downstream of the Dam.
3. To audit the safety of the Dam.

Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, for a Motion to succeed under Standing Order 15 the matter must be:

- i. definite;
- ii. urgent; and
- iii. of public importance.

The Bengoh Dam is definite and is of public importance. The Honourable Member for Batu Lintang had taken the alarmist view that the briefing by the contractor and consultant of the dam is misleading, contradictory and self-serving.

Yesterday, that is 14th November 2017, the Honourable Minister of Utilities is Deputy and Ministry Official has spent almost an entire day on the briefing of the dam by the consultant and experts. The Honourable Minister is in the know and is fully briefed about the dam. The JKR had commented that a consultant from United Kingdom had flown in and confirmed that the integrity of the dam is not affected. The contractor whose opinion is based on an experience of constructing two hundreds dam over the world assured that the dam is technically and structurally sound and safe. The recent lowering of the reservoir water, water level, was in accordance with the operation procedures advised by the dam consultant. It was a planned lowering of the water level releasing the water through the draw off culvert and was not caused by any fault of the dam leakage.

As such, the dam's integrity and safety are not compromise whatsoever. This was confirmed by the dam consultant and the specialist from Halcrow Consultant United Kingdom during his recent public inspection site late October 2017.

In the very unlikely event of an emergency situation, the relevant parties including the downstream residence would be informed immediately and evacuation plan triggered evacuation areas on higher grounds have been designated and the emergency response plan would be immediately executed. In fact a dialogue and workshop on the ERP was held in a local hotel at the end of 2016 participated by all the relevant Government agencies, the contractor and consultant, the headman of all the affected villages and the media. The issue of urgency does not arise.

Tuan Speaker: Because the issue of Bengoh dam is of paramount public importance, the pertinent issues raised in the Motion have to be addressed and cannot be circumvented. I therefore, have to elaborate and deliberate on the issues raised.

1. Halcrow has indeed been acquired a few years ago by CH2M, a world-renowned design, engineering and program management firm.
2. The acquisition does not mean that Halcrow did not exist, neither should there be a doubt that Halcrow specialists were indeed involved in the Bengoh Dam engineering.
3. After they acquired, most of the former Halcrow offices were maintained, albeit renamed CH2M.
4. In fact, recently, CH2M has been further acquired by Jacobs Engineering, an even bigger firm, a world premier consulting, design, engineering, construction and operations and maintenance technical service firm.
5. The same expert, precisely from Halcrow, now with CH2M-Jacobs, Mr Anthony Morison, was engaged by the local consultant to make the periodic inspection. He stayed 6 days in Kuching in October 2017.
6. The agreement signed between the local consultant and Halcrow remains valid, with Halcrow's responsibilities assumed by the take over company.
7. There was an independent 3rd party peer review dam consultant, JP Wahba in association with GHD Australia, and their review specialist was world renowned roller compacted concrete dam expert, Mr Brian Forbes.
8. Besides Anthony Morison, Halcrow's dam specialist geologist, Mr Michael Palmer, was also very much involved in the dam design and construction.
9. The seepage actually started when the dam was being impounded. However, it was not visible on the downstream face, because prior to 20 October 2017, the dam was full, and water was spilling over the downstream face, covering the seepage patch.
10. The dam has been constructed to international standards. The consultants are duty bound to give their professional comment that the dam is structurally safe and sound.
11. Seepages through dams are normal occurrences. However good engineering practices require that the seepages should be patched up as much as possible as a serviceability issue and not that the dam's safety is compromised.
12. The contractor is continuing to patch up the areas concerned. This will likely take up to 6 months to complete.
13. The lowering of the reservoir water level is:-
 - (i) To reduce the hydraulic pressure to facilitate better quality sealing of seepage paths; and
 - (ii) To create a buffer air storage prepared for the coming monsoon period to hold back water in the event after extra rainfall in the catchment, to help mitigate potential flooding downstream.

Reports available:-

- (1) 3rd party Audit, carried out by JP Wahba and GHD Australia, indicates its acceptable, carried out in 2013. A new audit is planned for at the end of 2017/2018.
- (2) Emergency Response Plans for:-
 - (i) Internal – on site
 - (ii) External – off – site
 - (iii) Dam control

Dialogue session with residents already planned and scheduled with Resident Kuching on 24th November 2017. On 13 November 2017, the Honourable Minister for Utilities had categorically stated that the facility's safety and integrity have not been compromised and unequivocally assured that the Bengoh Dam is technically and structurally sound and stable. The motion is disapproved. Yes?

Y.B. Encik See Chee How: Thank you Tuan Speaker. Can I just put two observations on record? One thing is I accept the explanation by Tuan Speaker just now. But the question is, now you are just mentioning seepages. You are not talking about the contraction joint. So, is it the contraction joint or is it the seepages? I think this, of course, I am not the engineer, I don't want to pretend to be one as well. But you see the contradiction that is there. Because it was said that this contraction joint in the first place. Then, they say it is now seepages and Tuan Speaker confirmed that as well and I think seepages is definitely quite dangerous and I reliably learned that the seepages is not just at the downstream face of the dam but it seems the control room as well. So I think to put on this point that with the planned audit that is coming up probably this can be taken into consideration by those who are undertaking the audit exercise.

The other point that Tuan Speaker pointed out is on Halcrow. That is correct, I mean Tuan Speaker definitely has done quite a bit of research. Yes, indeed Jacob is in the process of taking over or actually merger with the CH2M but the whole process, of course, is until next year, its not done, the merger is not been completed. Transaction according to what Jacob's website is saying they are only going to complete it probably in 2018 first or second quarter after the stakeholders have agreed to the whole thing. So in this circumstances, but of course I am not saying that Halcrow people, their obligations, they don't have to observe. Of course this has been taken over by CH2M huge after 2011 and after that 2015 taken over by CH2M. It is them who are observing the obligations that was signed and contracted by Halcrow but it is no more Halcrow in the picture. That is the legal aspect instead of just saying that ya, Halcrow is bound by it, and Halcrow is still doing it, no. Only after six years it is still talking about Halcrow but it's not. If CH2M is bigger than Halcrow and Jacob that is coming in is even bigger why don't we say CH2M and Jacob? But I think it is important, the independence of the report is important because the Minister clearly said in issuing the statement that is relying on the dam, those consultant and expert who were there. There are not independent report and I certainly hope that the audit that is carried out will be done by independent experts and consultants. Thank you Tuan Speaker.

Tuan Speaker: Because the way the case was presented, you presumed that the contractor and the consultant were self-serving and so forth. In fact, it is thorough, comprehensive. I went into the details of the acquisition of the share as and so forth, the seepage, now there is no urgency because the Minister is in the know. He and his boys spent the whole day yesterday so that is my ruling, that there is no urgency. The Minister is in the know, the consultant are there, the contractor gives an opinion based on experience of constructing 200 dams all over the world and then experts coming in from UK, and so forth. Now, I do not wish you to contradict the experts and the consultants. Now we move to, no, I don't take. I

have given my ruling. I have given my ruling. Okay. No, Secretary, read out. You have no respect for the Standing Order, you have no respect when the Honourable Member for Batu Kawa speak, you just stand up without the Standing Order. Under what Standing Order? When you stood up, under what Standing Order did you stand up? When Honourable Member for Batu Kawa was talking, you stood up, under what Standing Order? I give you.

Y.B. Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Short my mind...*(Interruption)*

Tuan Speaker: Under what Standing Order?

Y.B. Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Tuan Speaker, members privilege to speak, that intend on the part of the members. And now for this issue Tuan Speaker...*(Interruption)*

Tuan Speaker: This is not your Motion.

Y.B. Encik Chong Chieng Jen: You are not here to answer question from ADUN, it is for the Minister to reply to issues. You are not sitting there to answer question. The Speaker doesn't speak, that is the fundamental convention of the Parliament...*(Interruption)*

Tuan Speaker: This is not your Motion.

Y.B. Encik Chong Chieng Jen: No, doesn't matter, it's the Motion of the House.

Tuan Speaker: Is this your Motion?

Y.B. Encik Chong Chieng Jen: It is a member's Motion, it is of public interest.

Tuan Speaker: This is a Motion of Honourable Member for Batu Lintang. Proceed, proceed.

**SAMBUNGAN PERBAHASAN ATAS BACAAN KALI YANG KEDUA RANG UNDANG-
UNDANG PERBEKALAN (2018) 2017 DAN USUL UNTUK MERUJUK RESOLUSI
ANGGARAN PEMBANGUNAN BAGI PERBELANJAAN 2018
PENGKULUNGAN OLEH PARA MENTERI**

Tuan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah, Menteri Kebajikan, Kesejahteraan Komuniti, Wanita, Keluarga dan Pembangunan Kanak-Kanak untuk menyampaikan ucapan pengkulungan.

Menteri Kebajikan, Kesejahteraan Komuniti, Wanita, Keluarga dan Pembangunan Kanak-Kanak (Y.B. Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah):

*Bismillah pembuka bicara,
Assalamualaikum dan salam sejahtera,
Ucapan pengkulungan untuk semua,
Kesejahteraan komuniti matlamat bersama.*

Tuan Speaker, I will be using a total of 96 likes to illustrate and to emphasize salient points in my winding up speech. Thank you.

*Sungai Sarawak tebing berbukit
Tempat pedagang berjual beli
Dengan izinnnya Tuan Speaker
Hendak ku bawa perahuku sempit*

Hendak ku tinggal sayang, hendak ku tinggal tak sampai hati.
(Gurindam)

That's to cool down. Demikian nyanyian yang menggambarkan keindahan, kesibukan dan kerinduan yang dikaitkan dengan Sungai Sarawak pada masa dahulu. Pada malam hari Sabtu, 11 November 2017 baru-baru ini, tepat pada jam 11.11.11 malam, keindahan, kesibukan dan kerinduan tersebut sekali lagi telah dihidupkan. Meskipun dalam suasana dan persekitaran yang sudah jauh berbeza, Sungai Sarawak tetap gagah dan perkasa. Pembinaan Jambatan Darul Hana dan majlis perasmianya yang gilang gemilang serta berwarna-warni pada malam itu, bukan sahaja berjaya memberi kenangan manis kepada rakyat Sarawak tentang khazanah dan sejarah lampaunya, tetapi juga berjaya menggerakkan dan menjana harapan, impian dan inspirasi baharu kepada generasi muda untuk melihat pembangunan yang mapan dan masa hadapan yang gemilang.

Jambatan Darul Hana yang cantik dan gagah menghubungkan dua tebingan sungai yang menggambarkan dua corak kehidupan masyarakat yang berbeza latar budaya adalah satu ikon baharu dan merupakan lambang struktur teknologi dan sosial yang sangat unik dan hebat. Jambatan ini memang wajar dikagumi dan menjadi kebanggaan serta kemegahan rakyat Sarawak amnya dan warga Bandaraya Kuching khususnya. Jambatan ini menyimpan rahsia dan khazanah ketajaman pengamatan sosial dan kebijaksanaan akal fikir serta visi orang yang mengilham dan mengimpikan pembinaannya, dan juga pada masa yang sama, memancarkan kepintaran serta kehebatan minda perancang politik, kepandaian dan kecekapan para arkitek, ketangkasan ketukangan tangan jurubina yang berjaya menterjemahkannya ke dalam bentuk yang amat hebat dan mengkagumkan.

Sehubungan ini, dalam konteks usaha membina masyarakat sejahtera dan keluarga bahagia, izinkan saya secara rasmi menzahirkan penghargaan, mengucapkan syabas dan tahniah kepada Tun Pehin Sri Taib Mahmud, alahyarham Tok Nan dan Datuk Patinggi Abang Jo, kerana telah berjaya menghampar dan merentangkan di hadapan kita sebuah struktur fizikal yang perkasa dan tegak berdiri sebagai lambang arca budi masyarakat Sarawak yang amat menyintai keindahan, menyanjung kedamaian dan menghargai perpaduan untuk memacu pertumbuhan ekonomi dan pembangunan sosial Negeri Sarawak dalam era ekonomi digital.

Tuan Speaker, justeru dalam konteks ini, pelaburan ke atas pembangunan sosial sesebuah masyarakat adalah sama pentingnya dengan pelaburan ke atas pembangunan infrastruktur fizikal, ekonomi mahupun alam sekitar, sekiranya Sarawak ingin membangun secara maju dan seimbang apabila tiba tahun 2030. In fact, our effort to address social issues by focusing on integrated packages of benefits and services that could help communities achieve sustainable positive social outcomes is indeed a social investment. Therefore, the social planning, implementation, and evaluation roles entrusted upon us is a social investment strategy to achieves social wellbeing for the state.

In this context, the Ministry advocates social inclusion for all members of our society from all walks of life. For children and young people, we ensure early support to break inter-generational transmission of disadvantage. For women, we seek for more equal opportunities and access to better social protection. For older people, we facilitate more opportunities for active participation in society. For people with disabilities, we create support for independent living. For the homeless, we help them opt for better living. For our communities in general, we keep them informed about better life by staying away from social ills to have higher productivity, better health and wellbeing.

Indeks Kesejahteraan Sosial Negeri

Tuan Speaker, sebagai perancangan untuk melaksanakan strategi pelaburan sosial yang lebih berkesan dan sistematik bagi memantapkan lagi kesejahteraan komuniti di Negeri Sarawak, Kementerian sedang menjalankan kajian untuk membangunkan Indeks Kesejahteraan Sosial Negeri atau *State Social Wellbeing Index* atau singkatannya SSWI, berdasarkan 10 tunjang utama yang telah dikenalpasti iaitu Institusi Kekeluargaan (Family Institution), Pembinaan Kapasiti Masyarakat (Capacity Building), Perumahan (Housing), Keharmonian Masyarakat (Social Harmony), Keselamatan Awam (Public Safety), Tanggungjawab Sosial (Social Responsibility), Ruang dan Prasarana Sosial (Social Space and Infrastructure), Amalan Tadbir Urus (Good Governance and Practices), Kelestarian Alam Sekitar (Environmental Sustainability), dan Keselamatan Sosial dan Kesihatan (Social Protection and Health).

Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, kita wajar mempunyai Indeks Kesejahteraan Sosial sendiri berdasarkan angkuh seingat yang mengambil kira keadaan fizikal dan sosio-budaya setempat. Objektif SSWI adalah untuk mengukur tahap kesejahteraan sosial Negeri Sarawak, untuk mengenal pasti domain-domain sosial utama yang mempengaruhi kesejahteraan hidup rakyat Sarawak, dan untuk memanfaatkan dapatannya bagi menentukan pelan tindakan transformasi dan pelaburan sosial yang mampu menjamin pulihara dan meningkatkan lagi kualiti hidup rakyat Sarawak.

Pembangunan Awal Kanak-Kanak

Tuan Speaker, berpandukan kepada prinsip bahawa pendidikan awal kanak-kanak merupakan asas kepada pembentukan sumber manusia dan generasi masa depan yang berkualiti, Kerajaan Negeri memberi fokus dan perhatian kepada komponen-komponen asuhan, bimbingan dan didikan awal kanak-kanak di rumah mahupun di institusi, demi untuk memastikan pengasuhan, bimbingan dan didikan awal kanak-kanak di Sarawak adalah berkualiti, holistik dan seimbang dalam suatu persekitaran yang selamat, kondusif dan indkulf. Matlamat utama Kementerian adalah untuk melahirkan kanak-kanak yang sihat, aktif, ceria, bersahsiah mulia, boleh berkomunikasi dan berfikir secara kreatif dan kritis, berdikari, berjati diri dan patriotik sebagai persediaan generasi yang *future ready*.

Untuk makluman Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat Tuan Speaker, setakat bulan Oktober 2017, terdapat sebanyak 3012 buah Taska, Tabika, Tadika, Prasekolah di Sarawak yang dilaksanakan oleh pihak Kerajaan dan Swasta. Daripada bilangan tersebut, 1156 buah dikendalikan oleh KEMAS, yang mana 109 buah berada dalam keadaan yang daif seperti ditunjukkan di dalam slaid. Meskipun Taska /Tabika KEMAS adalah dibawah tanggungjawab Kerajaan Persekutuan, namun masalah ini turut diberi perhatian oleh Kerajaan Negeri. Atas keprihatinan tersebut sebagai permulaan, YAB Datuk Patinggi Ketua Menteri telah meluluskan peruntukan sebnyak RM5.8 juta untuk membantu pembinaan semula 11 buah Taska atau Tabika berkenaan. Terima kasih, YAB Datuk Patinggi. 11 buah Tabika/Taska KEMAS untuk bina baru pada 2018 adalah:

1. Tabika Rumah Senit, Kapit;
2. Tabika Rumah Pilai juga di Kapit;
3. Tabika Rumah Tunjang Sg. Lelabi;
4. Tabika Selangan, Sarikei;
5. Tabika Rumah Jamba, Kapit;
6. Tabika Rumah Sagah, Petra Jaya;
7. Tabika Sg. Malikat, Marudi;
8. Tabika Manok, Machal Kapit, dalam Bahasa Melanau manok adalah ayam;

9. Tabika Kpg. Ampungan di Puncak Borneo;
10. Tabika Kpg. Banting, Lawas; dan
11. Tabika Kpg. Sg. Tapang di Stampin.

Pada tahun 2017, Kementerian juga melaksanakan Program Latihan *English Fun Learning*, saya ada buku panduan *English Fun Learning* yang bertujuan pengupaya pendidik Tadika/Tabika dengan ilmu pengetahuan dan kemahiran pedagogi pembelajaran Bahasa Inggeris secara menyeronokkan, *fun learning*. Kementerian telah melatih seramai 2844 orang pendidik. Penilaian yang dibuat menunjukkan peserta mendapati kursus ini sangat membantu mereka dalam mengendalikan aktiviti pembelajaran dalam bahasa Inggeris.

Tuan Speaker, in the contexts of early childhood development in Sarawak, the effort placed by the State Government to improve digital infrastructure will further enhance the implementation of teaching and learning in pre-school classes. The internet helps teachers explore and facilitate the acquisition of global knowledge and information from any corner of the earth. Good connectivity will definitely help even our rural early childhood educators.

Mengambil maklum perkara ini, Kementerian telah menganjurkan Seminar ICT dalam Pembangunan Awal Kanak-Kanak: Isu-isu dan Cabaran, pada 31 Oktober 2017. Seminar yang dihadiri oleh 204 orang peserta dalam kalangan ibu bapa, penjaga, pendidik dan pengasuh bertujuan untuk meningkatkan kesedaran tentang pentingnya pemantauan dan pengawasan dilakukan bagi memastikan IT membantu dalam pembangunan kanak-kanak.

During the seminar, findings from various studies conducted on the effect and impact of IT in early childhood development were highlighted. Research by members of the American Paediatric Academy in 2010 was quoted to have indicated that technology does affect children's cognitive and social development. It was also reported, generally the studies by Garrison, 2005, Schmit, 2009, Linebarger, 2005, Zimmerman, 2007 and Chonchaiya, 2008, show that there is negative effects of media resulting in less parent-child interaction, poor self regulation, promoting violent behavior, short attention span, academic problem, sleep disturbance, overly vivid and irrational imagination and obesity.

Tuan Speaker, apa yang kita dapat rumuskan daripada seminar ini dalam konteks pembangunan awal kanak-kanak ialah tentang perlunya ibu bapa, penjaga, pendidik dan pengasuh memanfaatkan sepenuhnya kemudahan IT yang akan dibangunkan oleh Kerajaan tetapi pada masa yang sama hendaklah menguruskan penggunaannya secara bijaksana dan berhemah supaya kesan negative tidak menjejaskan perkembangan kanak-kanak.

Pembangunan Masyarakat

Tuan Speaker, Kementerian turut memantau tren mengenai isu-isu sosial di Negeri Sarawak. Dalam persidangan DUN yang lepas, saya telah memaklumkan tentan Sembilan isu sosial yang dipantau oleh Kementerian kami iaitu:

1. Penyalahgunaan dadah dan substance;
2. Kehamilan remaja;
3. Perkahwinan dan perceraian;
4. Jenayah seksual terhadap kanak-kanak dan wanita;
5. Penyakit jangkitan kelamin, HIV dan AIDS;
6. Keganasan rumah tangga;
7. Jenayah jalanan;
8. Geladangan; dan

9. Masalah dokumen pengenalan diri.

Bagi menangani isi-isu sosial tersebut, Kementerian giat melaksanakan inisiatif yang merangkumi aktiviti kajian dan penyelidikan, pengurusan pangkalan data, pemantauan trend sosial Negeri, penganjuran majlis kesedaran sosial dan pelaksanaan pelbagai program intervensi sosial. Pada tahun ini sehingga bulan Oktober, Majlis Pembangunan Sosial Sarawak atau singkatannya (MPS) telah menganjurkan 8 sesi dialog, 8 siri forum dan 9 buah program intervensi sosial yang melibatkan jumlah keseluruhan seramai 5692 orang peserta.

Isu Penyalahgunaan Dadah dan Substance

Tuan Speaker, we share the concern of Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat in this August house regarding issues on drugs and substance abuse. It is indeed alarming when drugs are traded openly in broad day light as shown in this light as viraled via the social media on a case at Kampung Sin Sin, Jalan Astana. It is also confirmed by PDRM Sarawak that 30 to 40 percent of property crimes and 27 percent of domestic violence are related to drugs and substance abuse. I am sure everyone in this August house knows that the war against drugs and substance abuse is an uphill battle. As such, let us collectively fight this menace for the sake of Sarawak well-being.

Bagi memastikan isu ini ditangani dengan lebih sistematik dan berkesan, Kementerian memberi tumpuan kepada penyelarasan tindakan berhubung dengan perkara-perkara berikut:

1. Menyekat pembekalan dadah dalam pasaran melalui tindakan agensi-agensi penguatkuasaan khasnya pihak PDRM dan Jabatan Kastam.
2. Mengurangkan permintaan terhadap dadah melalui tindakan pencegahan dan kesedaran.
3. Merawat dan memulih penagih dadah dan *substance*.
4. Meningkatkan pemerksaan (*empowerment*) dan daya keupayaan (*resilience*) komuniti.

Bagi terus memantapkan usaha membebaskan masyarakat daripada gejala dadah, pihak Kementerian bersetuju, *we agree* dengan cadangan yang telah dikemukakan oleh pihak penguat kuasa iaitu:

1. Jabatan Kimia dan Jabatan Kesihatan peringkat Negeri Sarawak diberi kemudahan dan keupayaan untuk melaksanakan semua ujian air kencing.
2. Mewujudkan mahkamah dan sumber manusia berkeelayakan di peringkat daerah bagi menyelesaikan kes dengan cepat dan dengan itu mengurangkan *backlog* kes-kes yang berkaitan.
3. Mewujudkan *Intoxicating Substance Act* untuk memasukkan semua jenis bahan atau *substance* yang mempunyai kesan yang sama seperti dadah, contohnya *gam*, *car*, *gasolin* dan *lacquer* atau *thinner*.
4. Menghalang kemasukkan individu dari luar Sarawak yang mempunyai rekod jenayah dadah di bawah ADB (Langkah-Langkah Pencegahan Khas) 1985.
5. Mewujudkan mekanisma untuk mengesan dan memantau pelajar-pelajar asing yang mempunyai rekod terdahulu berkaitan dadah.

6. Mewujudkan mekanisme untuk menangani isu penagihan dan pengedaran dadah dengan kaedah “snowballing” untuk memperolehi maklumat daripada pelajar yang positif ujian air kencing.

Kehamilan Remaja

Tuan Speaker, seperti yang dilaporkan dalam persidangan yang lepas, kita bersyukur kerana trend kehamilan remaja telah menurun sejak 2015. Walaupun demikian, Kementerian ingin berkongsi kebimbangan terhadap trend kehamilan yang meningkat dalam kalangan remaja tidak berkahwin. Pada tahun 2015, peratusan remaja hamil yang tidak berkahwin ialah 48.5%, 2016, 54.1% dan 2017 setakat September 54.8%.

Selain isu perkahwinan, isu-isu pendidikan, kebajikan, perundangan dan kesihatan dalam kalangan remaja hamil juga perlu ditangani secara lebih cekap dan berkesan. Sebagai panduan dalam menangani isu-isu tersebut, Kementerian telah mengeluarkan satu prosedur operasi standard – Panduan Pengurusan Kes Remaja Hamil Edisi 1/2017. Jerayawara untuk memberi penerangan mengenai Garis Panduan ini akan dilaksanakan kesemua bahagian bermula pada hujung tahun ini.

Sebagai langkah *outreach* untuk memberi kesedaran dan advokasi bagi meningkatkan kefahaman tentang kesan kehamilan remaja dalam kalangan pelajar-pelajar di Sarawak, Kementerian melaksanakan Program Intervensi Sosial, Kesedaran dan Advokasi Pendidikan Seksual atau singkatannya (KAPS) dengan kerjasama sepuluh rakan strategik Kementerian iaitu Lembaga Pembangunan Penduduk Kebangsaan Negara singkatannya (LPPKN), Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM), Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri, Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri, Jabatan Penjara, Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Negeri, Agensi Antidadah Kebangsaan (AADK), Pejabat Residen, Harakah Islamiah (HIKMAH), Jabatan Agama Islam (JAIS) dan Persatuan Gereja Sarawak.

Antara pengisian program tersebut adalah *Abstinence To Sex*, Perundangan dan Pengaruh Internet Terhadap Pendidikan Seksual, Seks Selamat Dan Hubungan Sihat, Keagamaan Dan Moral Dalam Pendidikan Seksual, Perlindungan Dan Sokongan untuk Remaja Hamil, Penyakit Jangkitan Kelamin (STI) dan Hukuman Terhadap Jenayah Salah Laku Seksual Di Penjara. Usaha ini adalah tambahan kepada kurikulum Kesihatan Reproduktif yang diajar di sekolah.

Setakat Oktober 2017, sebanyak sepuluh siri KAPS telah diadakan di lapan bahagian iaitu di Bahagian Kapit, Limbang, Serian, Sibul, Sri Aman, Mukah, Miri dan Sarikei yang melibatkan 2,662 orang pelajar dari Tingkatan 1 hingga Tingkatan 5.

Pemantapan Institusi Keluarga

Tuan Speaker, bagi memantapkan institusi keluarga, Kementerian melalui Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak (JWKS) sentiasa mengambil berat tentang usaha memperkukuhkan ikatan kekeluargaan. Selain meneruskan program “*Till Jannah: Smart Marriage*” dan “*The Marriage Course: How to Build Long Lasting Relationship*”, JWKS telah memperkenalkan dua (2) program baharu iaitu *Baitul Muslim: Smart Parenting Skills* untuk ibu bapa beragama Islam dan *The Parenting Teenagers Course: How to Build A Long Lasting Family*. Kedua-dua program keibubapaan ini bertujuan membantu peserta memahami tanggungjawab sebagai suami isteri dan juga sebagai ibu bapa, di samping menguasai kemahiran berkomunikasi secara berkesan. Setelah lapan (8) siri, seramai 490 peserta telah mendapat manfaat daripadanya (246 peserta *Baitul Muslim: Smart Parenting Skills* dan 244 peserta *The Parenting Teenagers Course: How to Build A Long Lasting*

Family). Melalui tinjauan yang dibuat, 94.9% menyatakan bahawa program tersebut dapat membantu peserta memahami keperluan dan tingkah laku anak-anak di samping meningkatkan kemahiran komunikasi di kalangan ahli-ahli keluarga terutama antara suami dan isteri.

Tuan Speaker, sukacita saya maklumkan bahawa *Standard Operating Procedure* (SOP) bagi menangani kes keganasan terhadap wanita dan kanak-kanak seperti yang telah saya sebut dalam sidang Dewan yang lalu pada 18 Mei 2017, sekarang sudah dibukukan untuk dijadikan rujukan bagi semua agensi dan pihak yang berkepentingan. Buku ini telah dilancarkan pada 24 Julai 2017.

JWKS Helpline 082-448866

Bagi memperkukuhkan lagi usaha menangani kes-kes keganasan tersebut, pihak JWKS telah mewujudkan sistem sokongan sosial melalui satu talian khas iaitu JWKS *Helpline* 082-448866. Talian ini bertujuan menyediakan saluran pemudahcaraan bagi membantu wanita dan keluarga yang menjadi mangsa kes keganasan rumah tangga mendapat bantuan dan sokongan emosi dan penjelasan tentang prosedur undang-undang. JWKS *Helpline* ini telah dilancarkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri Sarawak pada 9 November 2017.

Sumbang Mahram (Sexual Crime – Incest)

Emerging issues related to sexual crimes against children and women that warrant attention are incest and rape (including statutory rape). The rise in incest cases is alarming. In 2014, Sarawak recorded 14 cases; 2015 – 21 cases; 2016 – 13 cases; and as of October 2017 – 18 cases. Majlis Pembangunan Sosial Sarawak (MPS) together with PDRM and Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak (JKMS) is in the process of profiling data on the victims and perpetrators to study the causes before organising a workshop in 2018 to address the issue.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Kitang, pendidikan seksual diajar di sekolah sebagai Kesihatan Reproktif. Selain itu, pelbagai inisiatif dilaksanakan oleh Jabatan Kesihatan, LPPKN, Kementerian kami melalui MPS dan NGOs untuk memberi kesedaran, pengetahuan dan kompetensi tentang pendidikan seksual di Sarawak.

Dari sudut perundangan, selain undang-undang jenayah yang sedia ada seperti Kanun Keseksaan dan Akta Kanak-Kanak yang melindungi seseorang yang teraniaya dari segi seksual, satu lagi undang-undang yang lebih komprehensif iaitu Akta Kesalahan Seksual Terhadap Kanak-Kanak 2017 (Akta 792) telah mula berkuatkuasa pada 10 Julai 2017 dengan matlamat utama untuk melindungi kanak-kanak 18 tahun ke bawah daripada menjadi mangsa jenayah seksual dengan skop yang lebih luas dan hukuman yang lebih berat terhadap pesalah.

Penyakit Jangkitan Kelamin (STI)/HIV/AIDS

Penyakit Jangkitan Kelamin atau *Sexually Transmitted Infection* (STI) menunjukkan trend yang meningkat dan membimbangkan kerana penyakit STI merupakan salah satu punca utama penyebaran penyakit HIV/AIDS. Penyakit STI di negeri Sarawak dipantau melalui trend tiga jenis penyakit STI utama iaitu jangkitan penyakit *Syphilis*, *Gonorrhoea* dan *Hepatitis C*.

Ketiga-tiga penyakit ini menunjukkan trend yang meningkat sejak tahun 2015. Pada tahun 2015, Sarawak merekodkan kes jangkitan *Gonorrhoea* sebanyak 557 kes, 645 kes

pada tahun 2016, 760 kes setakat bulan Oktober 2017. Bagi kes jangkitan *Hepatitis C*, sebanyak 167 kes pada tahun 2015, 336 kes pada tahun 2016, dan 476 kes setakat bulan Oktober 2017. Jangkitan untuk penyakit *Syphilis* pula, 191 kes pada tahun 2015, 231 kes pada tahun 2016, dan 364 setakat bulan Oktober 2017.

Dalam masa yang sama, kes jangkitan penyakit HIV juga menunjukkan peningkatan iaitu sebanyak 255 kes pada tahun 2015, 275 kes pada tahun 2016, dan 305 kes setakat bulan Oktober 2017. Peningkatan dalam kadar notifikasi kes HIV per 100,000 penduduk membimbangkan kerana pada 10 tahun yang lalu, kadar notifikasi adalah hanya 4.7 pada tahun 2006. Sementara 10.3 pada tahun 2016, 10.9 pada tahun 2017 setakat bulan Oktober 2017.

Bagi menangani isu STI, Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sarawak melaksanakan tindakan-tindakan seperti pengesanan, rawatan, pencegahan dan kaunseling untuk pesakit serta pasangan mereka yang dijangkiti dan kumpulan berisiko tinggi (contohnya, homoseksual, *transgender*, *sex worker*, pengamal dadah secara suntikan), menganjur program kesedaran dan pendidikan, kolaborasi dan perancangan strategik dengan agensi awam serta *Sarawak AIDS Concern Society*. Pada tahun 2018, satu Wacana Bestari akan diadakan bagi membincang isu Penyakit Jangkitan Kelamin (STI) dan merangka pelan tindakan untuk menanganinya.

Jenayah

Tuan Speaker, Statistik jenayah Polis DiRaja Malaysia (PDRM) berkaitan dengan Jenayah Indeks menunjukkan trend yang menurun sejak 2014. 2014 – 8,285 kes, 2015 – 7,204 kes, 2016 – 6,817 kes dan setakat Oktober 2017 – 5,299 kes seperti yang ditunjukkan di dalam graf. Jenayah harta benda atau *property crimes* adalah penyumbang utama kepada Jenayah Indeks keseluruhan di negeri Sarawak. Jumlah kes jenayah harta benda dilaporkan pada tahun 2015 adalah 6,353 kes atau 88.2% daripada jumlah keseluruhan Indeks Jenayah, tahun 2016 – 5,865 kes atau 86%, dan tahun 2017, 4,546 kes atau 85.8%. Kajian PDRM juga mendapati bahawa 30 – 40% kes tersebut mempunyai kaitan dengan isu dadah.

Dalam konteks ini, usaha membanteras gejala penyalahgunaan dadah secara bersepadu yang sama-sama kita usahakan boleh menjadi satu pendekatan strategik untuk menangani juga Jenayah Harta Benda.

Dokumen Pengenalan Diri

Berhubung dengan isu pengenalan diri, dokumen pengenalan diri yang selalu mendapat perhatian oleh Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat di Dewan ini dan baru-baru ini dibangkitkan oleh Yang Berhormat DUN N81 Ba'Kelalan, Yang Berhormat DUN N51 Bukit Assek, Yang Berhormat N10 Pending dan Yang Berhormat N57 Balingian. Adalah dimaklumkan bahawa Jawatankuasa Khas Status Kewarganegaraan di Bawah Perkara 15A Peringkat Negeri Sarawak telah bermesyuarat sebanyak 12 kali sejak penubuhannya pada September 2016. Sehingga Oktober 2017, sejumlah 224 permohonan telah diterima, dinilai dan dimajukan kepada pihak Kementerian Dalam Negeri.

Dalam perjumpaan dengan Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Bin Hamidi, Timbalan Perdana Menteri merangkap Menteri Dalam Negeri pada 5 November 2017 baru-baru ini, Jawatankuasa telah diberi jaminan bahawa semua permohonan yang telah dikemukakan akan diketahui keputusannya pada 1 Disember 2017. Bagi permohonan kewarganegaraan yang dikemukakan sebelum penubuhan Jawatankuasa Khas tersebut, pihak KDN menasihati pemohon untuk merujuk semula kes mereka dengan pihak JPN Sarawak sekiranya belum mendapat sebarang jawapan.

Berhubung dengan isu yang dibangkitkan oleh Yang Berhormat DUN N81 Ba'Kelalan, Jabatan Pendaftaran Negara, Negeri Sarawak melalui Unit Khas Bergerak, JPN Sarawak telah menjalankan program-program pendaftaran bergerak ke kawasan pedalaman seperti ditunjuk dalam peta, dengan bantuan wakil rakyat-wakil rakyat. Mekanisma pelaksanaan *Task Force* melibatkan kaedah pengesahan status pemohon oleh pemimpin tempatan Sarawak sendiri iaitu Ketua Kaum dan Ketua Masyarakat melalui Akuan Berkanun (statutory declaration) yang disediakan.

Sehingga 8 November 2017, terdapat 153 operasi PPK telah dijalankan ke seluruh pelusuk Negeri Sarawak. Sebanyak 6,624 permohonan Pendaftaran Lewat Kelahiran telah diterima. Daripada jumlah tersebut, Panel PPK di lapangan dan Jawatankuasa Teknikal telah meluluskan sebanyak 4,512 permohonan. 2,069 permohonan ditolak atas alasan tanpa pengesahan Ketua Kaum dan Ketua Masyarakat atau memberi keterangan yang bercanggah atau pemohon merupakan warganegara asing, sementara 43 permohonan masih dalam pertimbangan.

Pengangkatan Anak

Berkenaan dengan isu pengangkatan anak, Kementerian telah menyediakan satu dokumen Panduan Pengangkatan Anak di Sarawak (SOP) bagi membukukan proses kerja serta tafsiran yang seragam untuk diguna pakai di semua Pejabat Daerah serta rujukan umum. Panduan ini memberi perincian tentang tafsiran yang seragam, *I emphasize* seragam, berhubung peruntukan di bawah *Adoption Ordinance (Cap 91)* serta perundangan lain yang berkaitan. Panduan ini telah dihasilkan melalui satu Bengkel Prosedur Operasi Standard Pengangkatan Anak pada 8 hingga 9 Jun 2017, bersama dengan enam buah Pejabat Residen, 40 buah Pejabat Daerah, agensi-agensi Kerajaan dan NGOs dan turut dihadiri oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat Bukit Assek, N.51, *thank you*.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat DUN Bukit Assek berkaitan dengan isu *automatic citizenship for legally adopted children by Malaysian parents*, perkara ini telah dimajukan kepada Menteri Dalam Negeri dan beliau telah menegaskan agar menggunakan peruntukan Perlembagaan Persekutuan serta Jawatankuasa Khas Status Kewarganegaraan di Bawah Perkara 15A Peringkat Negeri Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, kesihatan mental. Rakan saya menyarankan senyum selalu.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat, ada...

Menteri Kebajikan, Kesejahteraan Komuniti, Wanita, Keluarga dan Pembangunan Kanak-Kanak (Y.B. Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah): Okay.

Y.B. Puan Irene Mary Chang Oi Ling: Thank you, Tuan Speaker and thank you, Honourable Minister. Actually I just want to raise an issue here concerning a circumstance where interested adopting parents failed to make proper adoption application for the child before he/she was 18 years old. And once a child has reached 18 years old, between 18 and 21, there is no one to apply citizenship for him/her. For this reason I have approached the District Office in Sibu for the purpose of applying for adult adoption under Section 10 of Adoption Ordinance. And I was informed that so far none of this application has been done before and they don't know how to do it. So perhaps if the Ministry can look into this. Thank you.

Menteri Kebajikan, Kesejahteraan Komuniti, Wanita, Keluarga dan Pembangunan Kanak-Kanak (Y.B. Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah): Terima kasih, Ahli Yang

Berhormat bagi Bukit Assek. Perkara ini juga telah kita bincang bersama dengan Menteri Dalam Negeri dan ada peruntukan yang boleh digunakan iaitu Jawatankuasa Khas yang telah kita tubuhkan di peringkat negeri.

Kesihatan Mental

I was mentioning about smiling, keep on smiling just now. I am fortunate that I am seated next to Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Kawah who is always smiling. Kesihatan mental boleh mempengaruhi kesejahteraan dan kebahagiaan dalam komuniti. Mengikut definisi Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia, kesihatan mental ialah keadaan di mana seseorang individu menyedari potensinya, boleh berdaya tindak terhadap tekanan kehidupan seharian, boleh bekerja dengan produktif dan boleh menyumbang kepada masyarakat. Secara umum, kesihatan mental menggambarkan tahap kesejahteraan pemikiran dan emosi seseorang individu.

Kajian kesihatan Morbiditi Kebangsaan yang dijalankan oleh Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia pada tahun 2015 mendapati bahawa 35.8% penduduk di Sarawak yang berumur 16 tahun ke atas mempunyai masalah kesihatan mental, khususnya dalam kalangan etnik bumiputera di luar bandar. Peratusan tersebut meletakkan Sarawak di kedudukan keempat tertinggi di Malaysia selepas Sabah dan Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (42.9%), Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (39.8%) dan Kelantan (39.1%).

Menyedari pentingnya perkara ini difahami dan ditangani secara bersepadu, Kementerian telah mengambil inisiatif untuk menganjurkan Wacana Bestari bertajuk "Kesedaran Kesihatan Mental" dengan kerjasama Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sarawak pada 31 Oktober 2017 di Kuching. Wacana ini bertujuan memberi kesedaran kepada masyarakat tentang isu kesihatan mental, peranan dan tanggungjawab mereka untuk menanganinya.

Bantuan Kesejahteraan Sosial

Tuan Speaker, seperti Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat maklum, Kementerian kami menyediakan skim-skim bantuan bulanan dan bantuan sekali gus melalui Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak.

Sehingga September 2017, bilangan penerima bantuan bulanan adalah berjumlah 56,867 orang dengan perbelanjaan bantuan kira-kira RM143.2 juta, berbanding 56,661 orang dengan perbelanjaan bantuan RM142.7 juta pada September 2016, iaitu pertambahan sebanyak 0.36 peratus. Pertambahan ini adalah disebabkan oleh peningkatan capaian yang dilakukan oleh Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak.

Pengumuman yang dibuat oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Perdana Menteri Malaysia semasa pembentangan bajet 2018, mengenai pertambahan kadar bantuan RM50 kepada warga emas dan OKU adalah diharapkan akan memberi manfaat kepada 22,320 orang warga emas dan 11,575 OKU di Sarawak.

Pemeriksaan Ekonomi Komuniti: Program 1AZAM

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi N.2 Tasik Biru dan Dewan yang mulia ini, berdasarkan kepada statistik eKasih, setakat 1 November 2017, bilangan yang didaftarkan di Sarawak adalah seramai 116,827 orang. Sehingga kini, bilangan yang telah disahkan berada dalam kategori miskin dan miskin tegar adalah seramai 60,378 Ketua Isi Rumah.

Sejak dilaksanakan di bawah Kementerian ini pada tahun 2011 seramai 42,379 KIR telah menerima bantuan 1AZAM dan yang berjaya meningkatkan pendapatan 13,693 Ketua Isi Rumah iaitu 32 peratus. Pencapaian ini jauh lebih tinggi jika dibandingkan dengan piawai iaitu 18 peratus seperti yang ditetapkan oleh *United Nation Development Programme* (UNDP) dalam mengukur kejayaan program pembasmian kemiskinan.

Bagi memastikan program ini berterusan, pihak Kerajaan Persekutuan telah memperuntukan sebanyak RM10 juta kepada Kerajaan Negeri bagi meneruskan pelaksanaan program 1AZAM pada tahun 2018 yang menyasarkan seramai 1,633 Ketua Isi Rumah.

Digital Ekonomi

Tuan Speaker, sejajar dengan seruan Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri Sarawak, Kementerian telah melaksanakan Program e-Usahawan dan e-Rezeki pada tahun ini. Ianya telah dirasmikan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri Sarawak pada 14 September 2017. Program yang bertujuan mentelaras keupayaan serta kebolehan usahawan-usahawan mikro dalam kumpulan B40, dilaksanakan di enam bahagian iaitu Kuching, Sri Aman, Miri, Limbang, Sibu dan Samarahan. Setakat Oktober 2017, seramai 2,911 peserta daripada Bahagian Kuching, Sri Aman, Miri dan Limbang telah menghadiri latihan kesedaran (*awareness*) tersebut. Seramai 1,744 orang daripada mereka telah mendaftar untuk mengikuti latihan lanjutan yang akan dikendalikan oleh pihak *Malaysian Digital Economy Cooperation* (MDec). Program ini akan diteruskan di Bahagian Sibu pada 20 November 2017 dan Bahagian Samarahan pada 27 November 2017.

Tuan Speaker, pada tahun ini, Kementerian melalui Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak telah memperkenalkan dua program baharu iaitu Program *Women in Digital Entrepreneurship* (WIDE) serta *Kursus Kemahiran Asas ICT for Ibu Tunggal* (ICT4IT). Program WIDE adalah untuk usahawan wanita keluaran *Wisma Wanita Training Centre* (WWTC) yang baru memulakan perniagaan dan ianya merupakan kerjasama strategic di antara JWKS, *NAM Institute for the Empowerment of Women* (NIEW) dan *Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation* (MDec). Bagi tahun 2017, seramai 33 orang peserta telah menjalani Program WIDE. JWKS akan membimbing dan melatih tiga lagi kumpulan pada tahun 2018.

Hasil kajian "*An Investigation Into Barriers For Single Mothers Re-Entry Into Workforce In Urban Sarawak*", yang dijalankan oleh Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak bersama Swinburne University mendapati bahawa salah satu faktor yang menghalang golongan ibu tunggal kembali bekerja adalah kekurangan kemahiran dalam teknologi maklumat. JWKS telah memperkenalkan Kursus ICT4IT. Dua kursus yang dijalankan di Kuching dan Miri melibatkan 45 peserta. Kursus yang sama akan dilaksanakan di Sibu pada 20 hingga 23 November tahun ini.

Tuan Speaker, di bawah pogram Pembangunan Usahawan Mikro Kebajikan (UMK), penerima bantuan yang produktif menerima geran projek bernilai maksima RM5,000 dan menjalani aktiviti pembangunan minda, latihan bisnes, latihan kemahiran perusahaan dan perkhidmatan, bimbingan pengurusan projek ekonomi, latihan pemasaran termasuk *online marketing*, *carnival promise* produk dan pengedaran produk ke luar Sarawak.

Sejak tahun 2013, seramai 207 (10.9 peratus) orang daripada 1,889 orang peserta telah berjaya dan berdikari dengan pendapatan bersih antara RM1,000.00 hingga RM13,000.00 sebulan, dan dengan itu terkeluar daripada senarai penerima bantuan bulanan Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak.

Sebagai pengiktirafan kepada mereka yang telah menunjukkan pencapaian cemerlang tahun ini, Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak telah menobatkan tiga orang UMK sebagai Usahawan Mikro Kebajikan Contoh 2016/2017.

- i. Kategori Platinum – Puan Sulastry Binti Othman dengan pendapatan bersih RM8,040.00 sebulan. (Saya sebutkan nama dan juga tunjukkan gambar Tuan Speaker, setelah mendapat izin daripada orang empunya badan).
- ii. Kategori Diamond – Puan Zuriah Binti Abdul Hamid dengan pendapatan bersih RM6,865.00 sebulan
- iii. Kategori Gold – Encik Abdul Rasid Bin Rosli dengan pendapatan bersih RM5,730 sebulan

Tuan Speaker, saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan terima kasih kepada yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri kerana meluluskan peruntukan dana modal teroka bernilai RM500 ribu bagi permulaan perniagaan koperasi UMK yang baru sahaja diluluskan Suruhanjaya Koperasi Malaysia (SKM) pada Oktober 2017. Terima kasih dan keladi Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri.

Kesiapsiagaan Menghadapi Bencana

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, hasil persetujuan Jawatankuasa Bencana Peringkat Negeri, sebanyak 610 buah Pusat Pemindahan (PP) telah dikenal pasti di seluruh negeri, dan mampu menampung sejumlah 203,960 orang mangsa. Bagi kawasan yang sukar dihubungi, 12 Pangkalan Hadapan (PH) telah diwujudkan untuk menyimpan stok bekalan makanan. Tambahan kepada itu, bagi memastikan bahan makanan dan keperluan lain seperti selimut, bantal, tilam mencukupi dan mudah dihantar JKMS telah melantik 165 pembekal makanan di kawasan-kawasan strategik di semua bahagian, dan menyediakan tiga (3) buah mini depot berbentuk kontena di Bahagian Kuching, Samarahan dan Miri.

Bagi mendapatkan kesiapsiagaan pengurusan bantuan bencana, latihan dan simulasi bencana telah ditambah terutama di kawasan berisiko tinggi di lima (5) bahagian iaitu Bintulu, Betong, Serian, Kuching dan Sri Aman.

Tuan Speaker, sebagai penutup, izikan saya sekali lagi merujuk kepada pembinaan Jambatan Darul Hana yang menghubungkan dua (2) kawasan Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara sebagai lambang tekad dan kegigihan serta komitmen dan kesungguhan Kerajaan Barisan Nasional untuk melaksanakan pembangunan yang seimbang bagi semua rakyat negeri Sarawak. Jambatan Darul Hana bukan sahaja merupakan lambang visi, misi, laluan dan hala tuju agenda pembangunan yang jelas, tetapi juga menggambarkan keharmonian dan perpaduan kukuh yang terjalin sekian lama dalam kalangan rakyat berbilang bangsa budaya dan agama yang ingin kita terus pupuk dan jaga pelihara secara sedar dan bijaksana.

Tuan Speaker, Darul Hana Bridge truly reflects a culturally diverse yet united Sarawak which treasures both its rich heritage as well as its meaningful past and possible future links with other global communities and their culture. It too, represents our hope and aspiration for a better future for all, economically, politically and socially. Barisan Nasional has always and will continue to place *rakyat's* welfare, community, wellbeing, family and childhood development as one of its social agenda to transform Sarawak into a fully developed State by 2030. *Berilah tepuk sedikit.*

To conclude Tuan Speaker, I would like to wish everyone in this august House, Selamat Menyambut Maulidur Rasul, Selamat Hari Krismas dan Selamat Tahun Baharu 2018.

In conjunction with these happy occasions which truly reflect both our rich cultural traditional as well as our future hopes and aspirations. I would like to remind ourselves about the need to be culturally conscious of the way how we communicate and interact with others.

Yang penting untuk diberi perhatian semasa perayaan ini adalah kesudian dan kesediaan untuk memberi pengiktirafan dan penghargaan kepada mereka yang berbudi dan berjasa, seperti juga pentingnya memiliki kemahuan dan kesudian untuk memberi dan merelakan keampunan dan kemaafan.

“Daun selasih, daun mengkudu
Sekian, terima kasih, thank you.”

Wabilahi Taufik Walhidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Micheal Manyin Anak Jawong, Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Micheal Manyin Anak Jawong): No slide. Tuan Speaker, I believe that I can finish within 40 minutes or 30 minutes, make sure you don't interrupt.

Tuan Speaker, saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Ketua Menteri Sarawak atas pengurniaan darjah utama Yang Amat Mulia Bintang Kenyalang Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Bintang Kenyalang (D.P) yang membawa gelaran Datuk Patinggi sempena sambutan perayaan hari jadi ke-81 Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak pada 9 September 2017.

Setinggi-tinggi tahniah juga diucapkan kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri atas pemsyukuran sebagai Pro Canselor Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Pro Canselor Swinburne Sarawak dan penganugerahan *Honorary Doctorate Degree in Business and Management* daripada *University College Technology Sarawak* baru-baru ini.

Saya juga mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri merangkap Menteri Kewangan di atas pembentangan Belanjawan Tahun 2018 yang masih memberi penekanan kepada pembangunan. Belanjawan 2018 memberi fokus kepada pembangunan luar bandar, selain daripada pembangunan ekonomi digital, bagi memastikan pembangunan seimbang dalam usaha Kerajaan Negeri meningkatkan lagi pertumbuhan ekonomi bagi Negeri Sarawak.

Value of Education

Tuan Speaker, John F. Kennedy, a former President of The United States of America stated that *“our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education”*. This implies that we must undertake necessary steps to improve our education system first if we want to develop our beloved State Sarawak. It is only through education that we can ensure the upward socio-economic mobility of our people and the development of our State. I firmly believe that education is the great equalizer. It enables people to seize opportunities to prosper in life, and puts “virtual income” into pocket of the poor families.

Since the establishment of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Research Sarawak in May 2017, to be exact 7th of May, the Ministry, in collaboration with State Education Department, has embarked on several activities and programmes to improve the standard of education in the State.

Improving Schools Infrastructure

Tuan Speaker, it is important that we provide our school children and teachers with conducive teaching and learning environment. As I have reported in the last DUN sitting, 1,020 out of 1,454 schools in the State are in dilapidated condition of which 415 are categorised as critically dilapidated. Our Ministry is focused on addressing these 415 dilapidated schools, of which 205 schools will be rebuilt or upgraded under the 11th Malaysia Plan.

The remaining 210 schools will be rebuilt or upgraded under the special funding of RM1 billion recently announced by the Prime Minister during the recent National Budget speech. We hope to implement the rebuilding of schools under the RM1 billion funding in 2018 and 2019. On behalf of the State Government I would like to put on record that we are extremely grateful to the Prime Minister for allocating RM1 billion for us to address the problems of dilapidated schools, for this huge sum of money has never been allocated before.

*Merging of Low Enrolment Schools
(Sekolah Kurang Murid)*

Tuan Speaker, another major challenge that we have with our education ecosystem is that there are 651 low enrolment schools. In developed countries like New Zealand, Ireland and Finland small schools are beautiful, have several advantages particularly in terms of closer interaction between students and teachers.

These schools are provided with all the necessary facilities and have resources the same as the bigger schools. Moreover, parents in developed countries are also well educated and can provide support to their children. However, in a developing nation like Malaysia and especially in Sarawak, low enrolment school faces several problems such as:

- i. Budget allocation by the Ministry of Education (MOE) is based on the number of students in a school (called per capita grant). As such, Low enrolment schools receive lower budget allocation resulting in lack of necessary facilities, resources and poor maintenance;
- ii. Classes with very few students do not provide a competitive environment. For example, this year, there are 417 schools that have 10 or less number of students sitting for UPSR; and
- iii. Teachers have to teach subjects they are not trained for. For example, a Bahasa Melayu teacher who has to teach Mathematics, English or Science or vice versa. For the students to excel in their subjects, they must be taught by those who have been trained for it. If you have teachers teaching subjects they are not trained for, it will result in the poor performance of the students and the students losing interest in the subjects taught. This especially applies to Science and Mathematics where students have to be taught using proper method during the formative years.

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli- Ahli Yang Berhormat, for the past three (3) years Sarawak has been ranked poorly in public examinations. In UPSR, Sarawak was

ranked 12th and 15th in 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively. In SPM, Sarawak was ranked 15th out of the 16th for 2014, 2015 and 2016. For this reason, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Research together with Sarawak Education Department, have identified 357 low enrolment schools throughout the State that can be merged into 126 centralized schools (*Pusat Pengabungan*).

However, merging of schools and the final number of centralized schools created will entirely depend on the outcome of engagement with affected communities. I therefore, appeal to all members of this august House to support our effort and explain the benefits of merging low enrolment schools to their constituents, for the sake of their children's future.

Promoting STEM Education

For the information of Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat who have expressed their concerns with regard to STEM education. STEM means Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematic Education. That actually is international education. As I have reported during the last DUN Sitting in May, the current enrolment of Science stream students in upper secondary classes in our schools is only 23%. This is of very serious concern to us as 80% of the jobs created by Industrial Revolution 4.0 will be science and engineering based. The contributing factors for the low number of students in science stream include:

1. Too many low enrolment schools where science and mathematics are taught by non-option teachers whereby in certain cases, teachers may be forced to teach the subjects. Often these teachers may use unsuitable methodology and approaches which kill the students interest at early stage;
2. Low enrolment schools do not have facilities and resources such as Science Lab for the teaching of science and mathematics;
3. A strong foundation in science and mathematics can only be inculcated by building the students' interest in and appreciation for the subject taught at the formative years and it is too late to start at secondary level.

This is one of the main reasons why the Ministry and the Department of Education Sarawak is actively pursuing centralisation of low enrolment schools. With this, we can place option and specialist teachers, provide necessary facilities such as STEM labs and science labs, allocate better teaching and learning resources, and create more competitive and conducive learning environment amongst students.

Tuan Speaker, the performance of any school very much depends on the leadership of the headmasters or principals and the quality of teachers. For this, our Ministry together with State Education Department will organize the *Persidangan Guru Besar* starting from the Northern Region (Limbang, Lawas, Miri, Marudi and Bintulu) which will be held from 27 to 29 November this year. The Central (Sibu, Kapit, Mukah and Sarikei) and Southern Regions (Betong, Sri Aman, Kuching, Bau, Lundu, Samarahan and Serian) will be conducted next year. Among others, the conference will focus on the strategic leadership, strategic planning, community engagement and motivation.

The Ministry will also conduct programmes to train master trainers who can help to improve the quality of teaching of our teachers in specific subjects such Mathematics, Science, English and Bahasa Melayu.

Tuan Speaker, I thank all Ahli - Ahli Yang Berhormat who have raised matters under the purview of Ministry that is Education, Science and Technological Research during their

debate on Supply Bill 2018. Allow me now to respond to issues raised by Ahli - Ahli Yang Berhormat on the subject matter of Education.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ba' Kelalan, we will target to build a new school or upgrade existing schools in every rural constituency under the RM1 billion funding. Where it involves the merger of low enrolment schools, approval from the parents will be sought before we decide to merge.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ba' Kelalan, the Federal Government, in the 2017 budget, announced to rebuild 120 dilapidated schools nation-wide using Industrialized Building System (IBS) as well as the upgrading of 1,800 science labs with an allocation of RM570 million. Of this RM570 million, Sarawak has been allocated RM84,880,000 to rebuild 30 dilapidated schools using IBS technology and a further RM29.7 million to upgrade 120 science labs in 39 schools.

In addition to the above, RM49.5 million was allocated for Special Maintenance Project (PPK) from Tabung Khas Penambahbaikan dan Penyelenggaraan Sekolah under Ministry of Education.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Lingga and Daro, we had four (4) labs on dilapidated schools participated by officers from our Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Research, State Education Department (JPNS), District Education Officers (PPD), Public Works Department (JKR) and Land and Survey Department. Through the labs, out of the list of 210 schools, we have identified 76 schools covering all rural constituencies as priority to be addressed of which 21 will be centralized schools.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Opar, SK Selampit is categorized under critically dilapidated school and has been included in the priority list under RM1 billion of funding. We take note of your concern on the flooding situation affecting the current site. My officers will discuss with Sarawak Education Department and the District Education Office to ensure a more suitable site for SK Selampit.

In the case of SK Bokah, current student enrolment is 88 and is therefore considered a Low Enrolment School. We will explore the possible solutions for this school.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Bukit Goram, there are altogether seven (7) primary schools and two (2) secondary schools in your constituency and SK Ulu Yong has been identified for rebuilding under the RM1 billion funding.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Bukit Semuja, SK Lebor Remun will be considered for rebuilding under the RM1 billion funding replacing six (6) classrooms and pre-school building. SK Riih Daso, meanwhile has been listed for implementation under the IBS project in the 11th Malaysia Plan.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Bukit Semuja, SMK Serian has been proposed for upgrading and the proposed scope includes replacement of 24 classrooms, six (6) teachers' quarters, upgrading and building new hostels to accommodate 800 students (400 boys and 400 girls) and a new dining hall (300 students). This is subject to of course availability of fund.

For SMK Serian No. 2, the project has been approved under Rolling Plan 1 of the 11th Malaysia Plan. The new school will consist of 36 classrooms, hostels for 400 students, 11 units of teacher's quarters and other facilities. However, we are still in the process of acquiring a new parcel of land for the school as the original approved site (land

compensation already paid at the price of RM1.265 million in 2004) was certified unsuitable by the Minerals and Geoscience Department. So, SMK Serian No 2 once completed will relieve the congestion at SMK Serian No. 1.

With regard to SK Sri Sadong, the project, approved under the 11th Malaysia Plan, will consist of 12 classrooms and other facilities. The site has been approved and consultant has been appointed. The project is at the design stage. We are also in the process of finalizing the land acquisition for the access road. Actually the site, as far as the land for the site it has has been indentified and also been paid compensation.

For the Information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Bukit Begunan, SK Bakong is categorized as DS school that is critically dilapidated school. In view of the urgency of the situation, six (6) classrooms and one (1) science room were built using IBS technology as an interim measure and is now being utilized. However, the project implementation of new SK Bakong is under the Ministry of Education Malaysia and is currently pending the appointment of consultant.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ngemah, there is no plan to have Form 6 classes in SMK Sedaya as there are already four (4) Form Six classes available at nearby SMK Kanowit.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Katibas, both SMK Katibas and SMK Song do have science streams classes though the number of students is very very small. SMK Song has 17 Form 4 students and 20 Form 5 science students while SMK Katibas has 8 Form 4 and 10 Form 5 science students.

For the Information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Saribas, the new site for the SK Seberan has been approved by the State Planning Authority and the process of land acquisition is pending. JKR is now in the process of appointing a consultant and the project is expected to commence in the fourth quarter of 2018.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tanjung Datu, with regard to SMK Lundu, an existing building has been renovated to be used as classroom for Program Pendidikan Khas Integrasi (PPKI) at the cost of RM210,000 in 2014. In view of the increasing enrolment, the State Education Department will propose to build a new block for PPKI under Rolling Plan 4 of 11th Malaysia Plan. With regard to rewiring of the library it will be implemented under Special Maintenance Project (PPK) in 2018.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tanjung Datu also, the perimeter fencing for SMK Sematan will be implemented in 2018 under the Special Maintenance Project (PPKhas).

Currently, all schools are provided with 24-hour Security Guards service which is under the supervision of the Principals or headmasters. SMK Sematan is provided with four (4) Security Guards. Therefore, the principal must ensure that the security guards are doing their jobs effectively.

Meanwhile, with regard to the tender for the rewiring of two (2) Science Labs at SMK Sematan, it is in progress and works is expected to commence in the second quarter of 2018.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ba'Kelalan, currently, SK Ba'kelalan, SK Long Semadoh, SK Long Luping and SK Long Sukang are feeder schools for SMK Trusan and these schools produce only 60-70 Form One students annually. So based on

this number, it is not feasible to have a new secondary school in Long Semadoh. Current enrolment of SMK Trusan is only 619 against its capacity of 840.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tamin and Engkilili, the merging of schools, as I have mentioned before, will only be finalized after consultation with the community involved. With regard to the facilities, centralized schools will be equipped with classrooms, computer and science laboratories, hostels (where required), sports facilities and internet connectivity (where possible).

With regard to the progress of SMK Selangau, a site has been identified and pending siting approval so that land acquisition can proceed. Fund for land acquisition is already available and the project is approved under Rolling Plan 2 of 11th Malaysia Plan.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Meradong, the Federal Government had decided to close the IPG Sarawak Miri and IPG Rajang, Bintangor and convert them into TVET centres. As for Miri, the State Government has agreed that it will be a Polytechnic but for IPG Rajang we will explore on the optimal use before the State Government makes a counter proposal to the Federal Government.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ba' Kelalan again, the total number of Sarawakian Trainee Teachers is 784 (71%) while the Non Sarawakian is 323 (29%) in the four (4) IPGs.

For the information of Yang Berhormat for Ba' Kelalan again and Bukit Assek, the current composition of Sarawakian teachers in schools as at 30th October 2017 is as follows:

1. Primary School - 84.2%
2. Secondary School – 88.2%

For the information of this august House, the difference in figures as quoted by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ba' Kelalan is due to change of definitions of Sarawakian Teachers. The earlier definition of Sarawakian Teachers are:

- a. Sarawak-born teachers;
- b. Teacher who have spouses are Sarawakian; and
- c. Non - Sarawakians who have been serving in Sarawak for more than 20 years and have bought houses in Sarawak.

After February 2017, it was decided to exclude the definition (c). Therefore, the percentage of Sarawakian Teachers in 2016 and 2017 thus differs.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Layar, there are already several initiatives towards enhancing the proficiency in the English Language undertaken by the Ministry of Education Malaysia. These initiatives focus on teacher's professional development such as Professional up skilling of English Language Teachers (ProELT) and Schools Support Plan (SSP).

At the State level, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Research had actually organized the Sarawak English Language Education Symposium participated by 1,200 teachers throughout the State. We will explore other initiatives to support the teachers.

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Padungan, Education is indeed under the Federal list. While we cannot dictate policies and the overall direction of

development of Education in the State, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Research can complement and supplement the effort of the State Education Department to raise the standard of Education in the State. Moreover, as a Ministry, we can project the needs of the State more effectively to the Federal Ministry. Our voice will have more influence than individual voices of education officers in highlighting the State needs. Through the Ministry Education, Science and Technological Research, Sarawak will have leverage to deal with Putrajaya at Ministerial level.

Promoting Technical Vocational Education And Training (Tvet)

Tuan Speaker, as our socio economic development gather pace and our industrial and commercial activities, yes?... *(Interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: Honourable Minister, are you taking a clarification?

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): Yes.

Timbalan Speaker: Honourable Member for Padungan.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Thank you Tuan Speaker and thank you Honourable Minister. I believe you, the Honourable Minister will replying on the issue that I raised in my motion on about 75 interim teachers... *(Interruption)*

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): We go to that. You don't jump the gun. I will go.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Thank you Honourable Minister.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): As our socio economic developments gather pace and our industrial and commercial activities become more diversified, the demand for high quality workforce that is creative and innovative and equipped with relevant knowledge and skill will continue to rise. Based on the study by Institute for Labour Market Information and Analysis (ILMIAH) in 2015, about half of the 58,000 new jobs that are expected to be generated each year from 2015 to 2020 in Sarawak are going to be skilled and semi-skilled jobs. It is therefore imperative that our students that leave schools after completing their SPM examinations continue their studies at tertiary levels or undertake accredited technical and vocational skills training in relevant areas.

Our Ministry, in collaboration with relevant agencies such as TEGAS, has embarked on several initiatives to promote TVET and TVET Careers to our youth. These include the annual Sarawak Career and Training Fair (SCaTFair), Training and Industry Awareness Program (TRIA) and Mobile Youth Transformation through Vocational Training (MYTV).

However a lot more needs to be done to improve the perception of parents and students who still regard TVET as having low social status, poor career prospects, and generally associated with low achievers. Consequently, about 10,000 to 12,000 SPM school leavers enter the job market without attaining any skills as they see little benefit in doing so. If these students are trained, they will contribute to the pool of skilled workers that are needed to drive our economic development. Also they can be self-reliant and become skill-based entrepreneurs that create jobs for themselves and for others.

In order to enhance the prestige of and public perception towards TVET and TVET related careers, our Ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resources Malaysia had organised the first ever World Skills Malaysia Sarawak 2017 Competition. The main objective is to elevate the status of skills training and showcase the value of skills training and provide recognition for skilled workers. The competition provided a platform to challenge our skilled trainees and skilled workers to be the best in the trade. 209 contenders from 38 institutions competed in 11 skills categories. Some of the winners will be selected to represent Sarawak at the national level competition. We hope that in the near future our Sarawak talents will compete at the international stage.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to respond to Ahli - Ahli Yang Berhormat for Repok, Bukit Semuja, Kalaka, Sadong Jaya and Lingga who have requested the Government to establish technical and vocational institutions in their respective constituencies. It is always very nice to have these institutions in our own area as it will be easier for our constituents to access them. However, we must be mindful of the importance of industrial exposure in TVET. Ideally, a significant portion of the training should take place in the industries and therefore it is necessary to locate these institutions closer to industrial centres. Rather than locating new institutions in rural areas where interactions with industry will be difficult it is more sensible to develop those that are already available in urban centres so that we can provide better facilities, attract experienced trainers and expose students to a more competitive learning environment. I therefore urge our Ahli- Ahli Yang Berhormat to consider the future of the students and encourage them to venture out and undergo training in TVET institutions that are close to industrial centres.

Workforce

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Krian, based on the study by UNIMAS, SCORE would create 1.3 million new jobs by 2030. As at 30th September 2017, there are ten (10) companies already operating within SCORE. In total, these companies have generated 6,285 jobs of which 3,414 that is 54% are filled by locals.

In addition, four (4) companies with potential to generate 3,475 jobs are in various stages of construction. Further investments from eight (8) other companies have been approved and this is expected to generate 3,866 jobs. However, the figures I have mentioned earlier do not include the substantial number of jobs generated by other trigger industries in SCORE such as tourism, timber, plantation and marine as well as the supporting and enabling industries such as construction, logistics and maintenance.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat, we are now at the beginning of phase 2 of SCORE which places greater focus on the development of small and medium industries (SMEs) that will be the main creator of new jobs. In the long term, the number of jobs generated directly or indirectly as a result of SCORE will be substantial and will have significant impact on the economy of Sarawak.

Research and Development

Tuan Speaker, I would like to clarify that one of the main objectives of setting up the Sarawak Research and Development Council is to coordinate and facilitate the effort of various agencies and institutions undertaking research in Sarawak and not to conduct any research of its own. Hence, there is no issue of duplication and redundancy. In fact, the Sarawak Research and Development Council will remove duplication and streamline our effort to optimize our resources. Sarawak Research and Development Council will also help to commercialize the outcomes of the R&D done in the State.

In drafting the Sarawak Research and Development Council Ordinance, the Ministry has had several engagements with all the research agencies, universities and other relevant stakeholders to obtain inputs and comments from them. The Ordinance therefore is a product of all these inputs. We will have a workshop in December with all the stakeholders and research institutions to determine research clusters relevant to Sarawak's needs. We will also, from time to time, bring in expertise to engage with the various R&D clusters and the industries, to share knowledge and spark ideas on how we can innovate to bring about benefits, to Sarawak and its people.

Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kota Sentosa has argued that allocating fund for research and development by developing states such as Sarawak is a waste of money and effort. He quoted studies that claim that there is no link between investment in R&D and the development of a developing country. I do not dispute the findings of the study as it is understandable that the developing countries will not be able to allocate significant amount of funds toward R&D. However, it is a fact that both developed countries such as Israel, US, Japan, Germany and South Korea as well as developing countries such as Vietnam, Indonesia, Cyprus, Botswana and the Philippines are investing in R&D as they recognize the importance of developing R&D capability in order to progress. Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan did not wait until they become developed countries before investing in R&D. Instead, their investment in R&D has been an important factor that has propelled them to become developed countries. Our R&D will focus on utilizing our rich biodiversity and natural resources to bring value and benefit to the State.

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Piasau, the Biovalley Park building located at Curtin University Malaysia has recently been completed. The Certificate of Practical Completion of the building was issued on 18 May 2017 and the first set of equipment has already been delivered to the facility. The second tender for equipment is currently being processed while the final equipment tender will be called on the first week of January 2018. Rectification works are currently ongoing under the Defects Liability Period and the facility will be fully operational towards the middle of 2018. The Biovalley Park will be managed and operated by Curtin Malaysia, and it fits with intentions of the Sarawak Research and Development Ordinance in facilitating commercialization and ultimately enhancing the bioeconomy of Sarawak.

As for the interim teachers, actually I have already have a press conference for this but I would like to repeat here in this august House. Originally there were altogether 601 candidates who were accepted as interim teachers with the State Education Department in 2016. Of this 392, there is no such thing as pass or fail actually, got through the first Psycho Matrix Test while 209 did not get through. The 209 interim teachers who did not get through the first interview were given a second chance out of which 134 did get through while 75 did not get through. This means that from the original number of 601 interim teachers who started in 2016, 526 that is 88 percent have actually gone through and their service have been continued. The service of the 75 interim teachers who did not get through the second time should have been terminated by the Sarawak Education Department on the 30th of June 2017. However, I personally went to see the Minister of Education on May 2017 and appeal to him to give them the third chance and be engaged until the end of the school year and also to be conducted or to be given the third Psycho Matrix Test.

And I would like to explain here, what do you mean by Psycho Matrix Test. Psycho Matrix Test is designed by specialist normally they are psychologist and to test the mental traits of a person whether he or she is suitable for the job. In the past, multi nationals companies, agencies and all these normally depends on your CVs, the curriculum vitae. So if your CV are beautiful normally you will get the job. And if you are doing very well during the interviews, normally will be taken in. But it is found out that the correlation on the

performances on the job and the CVs is not really very encouraging. It is quite low. So that is why they come up with the Psycho Matrix Test that is to test the mental trait of a person. I don't know whether we, politician also should be given a Psycho Matrix Test whether we are suitable to be politician if we shout all the time, maybe that is one of the criteria. If we smile all the time, I think that is good for us in the kampung. So the 75 interim teachers will be given a third chance and that will be the final chance and they will be sitting for the exam on the 30th of this month and hopefully that they do well and their services will be continue.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): Do I answer your question?

Timbalan Speaker: Minister, are you taking a question?

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): Ya.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay. Honourable Member for Padungan.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Thank you Tuan Speaker and thank you Honourable Minister. Before I ask question on the Interim Teacher, I will respond to the Psychometric Test on the politician. It should not be done for the politician because it will be, the result will be used by Tuan Speaker to table another motion to disqualify any of us which is very unfair... *(Interruption)*

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): So before we... *(Interruption)*

Timbalan Speaker: Member of Padungan, keep to your question ya.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): Before. Nevermind.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: I'm coming to the question.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): I don't mind. Give me a chance.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Yes.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): Before we are thinking of introducing the Psychometric Test for the politician, Honourable Member for Padungan is already scared of that... *(Laughter)*.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay Honourable Member for Padungan, proceed with the question please.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: I'm only scared the result will be misused.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): How do you know?

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Proven. It is proven.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): The problem with DAP, Ahli Yang Berhormat for Padungan, the problem with DAP is that you always presume that we do this, we do that. We have not done it. So you always presume we are very stupid here... (*Interruption*)

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Alright Minister. I don't want... (*Interruption*)

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): We are not stupid.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: I do not want to argue, I want to go to the issues. Honourable Minister, on the, how about the contract for the time being... (*Interruption*)

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): There is no contract. Once they passed then they will be recruited like anybody else... (*Interruption*)

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Before they pass yet.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): No. Not before they pass because they have already been terminated because it is the end of the school year. And now is already a school holiday.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Not yet.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): No no. For the SPM only, so the school holiday, they will be terminated. So once they pass later on when the school term starts, they will be re-engaged as permanent teachers like anybody else. Okay. *Faham?*

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: For the time being they have been deprived of their salary.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): I just don't understand.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Yes.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): I just don't understand why Ahli Yang Berhormat for Padungan try to be champion. There are a lot of people who fail to enter universities who fail to get jobs somewhere else I would like to encourage Ahli Yang Berhormat for Padungan to be a champion and tell the universities they need to be accepted into universities.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: Honourable Minister I have to, if I may.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): Why you concentrate on the 75. We have given already 3rd chance already.

Timbalan Speaker: Honorable Member for Padungan.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): No. No. No. Seventy Five have been given third chance already. No I don't to answer any more.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: No the issue. Apart from this 75, there are still few others facing the same problem.

Timbalan Speaker: Order, Order.

Y.B. Encik Wong King Wei: I would like the Ministry to address to this issue also. They are from the 2016 batch and they are the 3rd phase 199 of them. I have just been informed through private message after I moved the motion.

Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi (Y.B. Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong): ... (*Inaudible*)...Tuan Speaker, bagi mengakhiri ucapan penggulungan ini, saya ingin merakamkan syabas dan terima kasih kepada Tuan Speaker, Timbalan Speaker serta pegawai-pegawai, dan petugas Dewan Undangan Negeri yang telah melaksanakan perjalanan persidangan ini dengan penuh efisien dan jayanya. Saya juga ingin merakamkan ucapan terima kasih kepada semua pegawai Kerajaan serta agensi-agensi yang terlibat, khususnya daripada Kementerian saya dan Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Sarawak atas komitmen dan kerjasama yang telah diberikan sepanjang persidangan ini.

Bersempena dengan perayaan Hari Krismas dan Tahun Baru 2018, saya ingin mengucapkan '*Merry Christmas*' kepada rakan-rakan kita yang beragama Kristian dan Selamat Tahun Baru kepada semua. Sekian, terima kasih.

Timbalan Speaker: Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat the sitting is now adjourned. And we shall resume sitting at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada jam 5:34 petang)