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START OF CAMPAIGN

VISIT JOHOR YEAR KICKS OFF

Johor MB launches Harbour Celebration as state lines up numerous activities to welcome tourists

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VISIT Johor Year 2020 officially kicked off with a "Harbour Celebration" at the Marina Puteri Harbour in Iskandar Puteri here last night.

The event, launched by Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Sharuddin Jamal, was a collaboration between the Johor government, Tourism Johor and UEM Sunrise.

Tourism Johor director Zihan Ismail said the event marked the start of a campaign to inform the public on the tourism event's programmes and main destinations to be visited.

"Various promotional, front-



line-strengthening and information delivery programmes on Visit Johor Year 2020 will take place in the first quarter of this year.

"They include *Mesra Malaysia* for frontliners in the tourism industry such as Immigration Department personnel, the Customs

Department and the hotel industry, improvements to our website and social media platforms for the effective delivery of information and the preparation of packages for inbound tourism."

Activities held during the "Harbour Celebration" event included

Disco Santan, a Samba Show and meet-and-greet sessions with mascots from Legoland Malaysia and Angry Birds Park, as well as Joh, the Visit Malaysia Year 2020 mascot and Jimi, the mascot for 20th Sukan Malaysia, which will be hosted by Johor.

Today, Tourism Johor, in collaboration with district offices, local councils, operators of Johor entry points, Tourism Malaysia and the state office of the Tourism and Culture Ministry, will hold a welcoming ceremony for tourists who enter the state through 13 entry points in Johor.

"The event will feature a Johor cultural performance, as well as distribution of gifts to tourists," said Zihan.

The entry points are the Stu-lang Laut jetty, Puteri Harbour jetty, Pasir Gudang jetty, Muar jetty, Kukup jetty, Tanjung Pengelih jetty, Tanjung Belungkor jetty, Larkin Sentral, Senai International Airport, Skudai toll plaza, Tanjung Kupang toll plaza, JB Sentral and Lucky Garden terminal.

"The success of Visit Johor Year 2020 depends on the cooperation of industry players, departments and agencies like Tourism Malaysia, non-governmental organisations like Johor Tourism Association and Malaysian Association of Hotels, media practitioners and product owners," said Zihan.





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RM20,000 reward for paying taxes on time

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JOHOR BARU: A property owner was awarded RM20,000 cash from the city council for paying his taxes on time.

Contractor Chua Cher Siang, 70, said he was doubtful at first when he received a letter in early December from the Johor Baru City Council (MBJB) about winning the money.

"At first I thought it was a scam, so I ignored it, until they called me a few days later."

"The doubt then turned into joy

and gratitude," he said after receiving the prize at the MBJB building after its full council meeting.

Chua, along with another 14 winners who got RM5,000 each, are recipients of the MBJB lucky draw event, which seeks to reward those who pay their property taxes on time as well as those who pay via online methods.

Earlier during the meeting, Johor Baru mayor Datuk Adib Azhari Daud said the council removed numerous illegal money lending advertisements from the city.

"As of November 2019, we have removed 29,000 'Ah-Long' (money lender) advertisements and almost 14,000 other unlicensed advertising materials.

"Meanwhile, a total of 6,292 vehicles have been towed away for numerous offences together with 836 abandoned vehicles," he said.

The mayor then urged council members to do their part in ensuring that the city is ready for SUKMA 2020 and Visit Johor 2020.

"The beautification of the city should be a priority as we will have many local and foreign tour-

ists coming.

"We will also look into increasing the number of CCTV cameras in the city area as well as ensuring streets are properly lit up," he said.

MBJB also launched its eKHID-MAT app, which is an application that allows residents within the area to pay their taxes as well as compounds and renew their licences.

According to Adib, MBJB will be the first local authority to use such an app in the state, and hopes that the public will find it easier to use compared to the online portal.





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JOHOR BARU: The Johor government will come out with an environmental sustainability policy to ensure future development projects taking place here will safeguard safety and security of the people.

Johor local government, urban wellbeing and environment committee chairman Tan Chen Choon said the Federal and state governments as well as local authority (PBT) will continue to work together for sustainable development.

"We are continuously monitoring the situations in Johor through our agencies like the Department of Environment so that pollution incidents like at Sungai Kim Kim in March and Taman Mawar in June will not reoccur.

"We have to make sure that policies or developments go through detailed inspections before being approved to make sure there is no harm to the environment," said Tan after opening the Balau community centre in Taman Rinting here.

He assured the public that the government would always keep the public informed of any new policy or development that it planned to carry out.

Tan said this was in line with the Federal Government's National Cleanliness Policy (NCP) that aimed to create a clean and comfortable environment to live in.

On the Balau community centre, he said it was built through the strategic partnership between Pasir Gudang Municipal Council (MPPG) and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM).

"The landscaping on the 0.08ha of land was carried out by the stu-

Plans for environmental sustainability policy

Move to ensure there is no harm to the environment

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Tan planting a Balau tree to mark the opening of the Balau community centre in Taman Rinting.



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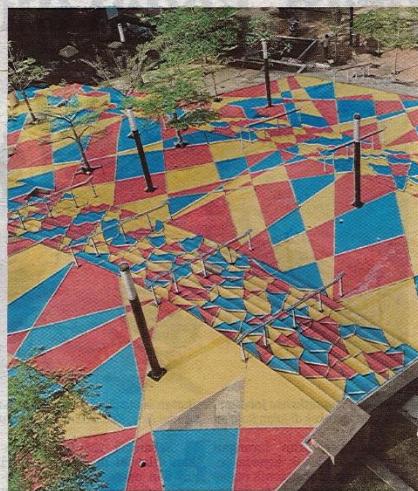
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Pembangunan kawasan lapang tingkat kualiti kehidupan



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Alamanda Steps adalah kawasan tanda yang diberi wajah baharu menjadi tarikan untuk orang ramai bersantai bersebelahan Alamanda Putrajaya.

Pembangunan bandar dan masyarakat mapan adalah antara 17 agenda yang digariskan Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (PBB) dalam Matlamat Pembangunan Lestari (SDG) 2030.

Melalui agenda itu, pembangunan mestilah menjadikan bandar dan pemimpinan manusia menyeluruh, selamat, kukuh dan lestari.

Bagi pakar perancangan pembangunan bandar pula, pembangunan mapan atau lestari bermaksud pembangunan yang memenuhi keperluan semasa tanpa memusnahkan atau memperburuk keperluan generasi akan datang.

Ada juga berpandangan bandar, kelebihan adalah paradigma pemikiran masa depan (futuristik) yang mementingkan aspek keselarasan persekitaran, sosial dan ekonomi dalam merancang pembangunan dan menaik taraf serta meningkatkan kualiti kehidupan.

Pakar perancangan bandar Fahmi Alias berkata pembangunan lestari adalah pembangunan masa hadapan yang seimbang bukan hanya mengambil kira keperluan semasa tetapi kehendak generasi akan datang.

Beliau berpendangan bandar, kelebihan adalah contoh bagi empatan, pembinaan taman permainan dan wakaf di taman berchampiran sebuah sekolah di Putrajaya, tidak dikenakan oleh pelajar sekolah walaupun kemudahan itu terletak di lokasi ramai pengunjung.

"Kelebihan merancang pembangunan itu 20 tahun lalu, jadi takah itu dililit terhadap kerana memberi manfaat untuk pelajar bersama membuat kerja sekolah supaya mereka tidak lelap di hentian bas."

"Namun, agak pelik ia tidak mendapat sambutan, sebaliknya pelajar-lebih bermakna 'melepak' di kedai mamak. Saya dapat tarikan kedai mamak kerana menyediakan WiFi percuma. Wakaf itu dibuat ketika tiada teknologi WiFi," katanya.

Justeru, menjadi tanggungjawab pakar perancangan untuk melihat semula dan menilai semula mana-mana pembangunan yang sudah ada diberikan wajah baharu sesuai dengan keperluan semasa supaya ia terus mapan untuk ke-



Dari kiri, Rozaini, Fahmi dan Mazrina ketika ditemui bual di Shah Alam.

(Foto Faiz Anuar /BH)

sebagai pemenang platinum untuk kategori Taman Awam Terbuka (*On The Move*) anugerah MyPlace Awards 2019 yang dianjurkan oleh Pertubuhan Perancang Malaysia (MP).

Berkongsi pengalaman memberi wajah baharu tangga di Alamanda itu, katanya, beliau mahu menjadikan satu-satu tangga itu tempat yang digunakan, bermakna dan sentiasa dinikmati pengunjung serta memberi manfaat kepada keadaan sekelilingnya.

"Kawasan ini asalnya hanya berfungsi sebagai tangga, tetapi diberikan sentuhan baharu tanpa menafak kegunaannya, malah kita memberi nilai kepada tangga itu, mengecat dengan corak geometrik dan kini ia menjadi lokasi untuk berhatih dan pengungkung menjadikannya makmur," katanya.

Pengarah Perancangan Strategik, Urban SCALE Studio, Datin Mazrina Abdul Khalid mengakui aspek peningkatan gaya hidup adalah elemen penting dalam perancangan dan pembangunan kawasan bandar masa kini.

Malah, pembangunan kawasan lapang atau hijau ini menjadi elemen penting untuk memfasarkan dalam penjualan kediaman.

"Pemaju sangat mudah untuk pembangunan kawasan hijau ini, termasuk mengeluarkan perbelanjaan untuk penyelenggaraan. Kawasan hijau juga meningkatkan kualiti hidup, kesihatan dan keselamatan."

"Jika dulu pemaju sering merungut apabila diminta menyediakan 10 peratus kawasan lapang, tetapi kini sebaliknya, kawasan lapang menjadi pemangkin serta aset penting meningkatkan nilai hartanah," katanya.

Bagi Pengarah Perumahan dan Komersial Urban SCALE Studio, Rozaini Mohd Rasib pula pembangunan kawasan lapang di bandar adalah cabaran baharu kepada perancangan bandar. Dalam kebanyakannya kes, katanya, ia bukannya mengenai pembangunan kawasan baharu, tetapi mengenai pembangunan di kawasan yang sudah membangun, namur terbiasa kerana pelbagai faktor.

Beliau contoh taman permainan dan riadah di kawasan perumahan serta perbandaran, beliau berkata, adu sesetengah kelebihan itu tidak dapat berfungsi dengan sempurna, sebaliknya

mendatangkan bahaya dari segi keselamatan dan kesihatan kepada pengguna.

"Ini menjadi cabaran kepada perancangan bandar bagaimana kawasan itu dibalik pulih atau diberikan wajah baharu bukan saja mengambil kira aspek keselamatan dan kesihatan, tetapi memberi nilai dan manfaat semula kepada penduduk," katanya.

Perkara itu timbul kerana tiada usaha untuk menjaga dan memelihara serta memulihara kawasan terbalik, lebih-lebih lagi apabila satu-satu kawasan perumahan itu bukan lagi di kawal sejلا pemaju perumahan.

Bagi pihak berklausus tempatan (PBT), kos penyelenggaraan kawasan riadah, seperti taman permainan atau tasik adalah satu besar kerana kosnya yang semakin hari semakin meningkat, tambahan pula tabiat pengguna yang tidak prihatin dan bekerjasama dalam menjaga serta memelihara kawasan berkenaan.

Adalah sesetengah PBT melaksanakan konsep perkongsian tanggungjawab "menang-menang" kawasan berkenaan kepada persatu penduduk atau pihak berkenaan untuk menyelenggaranya yang mana ia dijadikan sebagai pendapatan tambahan melalui sebaik padang dan jualan hasil aktiviti pertanian kebun komuniti.

Cabaran lain dalam menguruskan perbandaran ini apabila ada kawasan yang disenarai kepada PBT bagi tujuan rizab kerajaan seperti tapak rizab sekolah, rumah ibadat dan tapak rizab agensi milik kerajaan yang lain, tetapi masih belum dibangunkan.

Ini membulatkan permasalahan lain terhadap tapak itu dalam menguruskannya sebuah perbandaran yang lebih terancang. Setakat ini, difahamkan kawasan itu biasanya dibiarakan menjadi semak saman yang dikategorikan sebagai kawasan hijau (belutan).

Hakikatnya, kawasan itu sebenarnya satu ancaman bahaya kepada penduduk dan kawasan perbandaran apabila dijadikan sebagai tempat aktiviti jenayah, pembuang sampah dan sisa pembinaan yang berkesan keselamatan dan kesihatan.

Pembangunan kawasan lapang atau kawasan hijau menjadi elemen penting untuk pemasaran dalam penjualan kediaman.

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Move to build commercial centre with sports facilities

JOHOR BARU: The Johor Baru Tiong Hua Association is planning to convert its oil palm plantation located in Gelang Patah into a commercial centre.

The association's newly-appointed president Ho Sow Tong said they were currently in talks to convert their agricultural land into a commercial lot, which would also house sports facilities for public use.

He revealed that the association was in discussions with Iskandar Puteri City Council and other relevant agencies to process the land conversion.

"We are planning to build a small commercial centre as well as have sports facilities for the public.

"The cost is estimated at around RM33mil and if all goes smoothly, it

will be operational by 2022," he said in his speech during a ceremony for Johor Baru Tiong Hua Association's new committee here.

Ho added that the sports section would enable association members and the public to have a place to conduct sporting activities and exercise.

The new committee, along with Ho, will serve for two years.

The Johor Baru Tiong Hua Association currently has about 2,000 members and is the biggest Tiong Hua association in the state.

The association is a non-profit organisation which was established in 1922, and it celebrates the culture of the Chinese community in Johor through events, classes and festivals. — By JOHN BARRY



Ho (left) with Johor Baru Tiong Hua Association past presidents Datuk Teo Ah Kiang (centre) and Datuk Sri Tey Kim Chai at the ceremony.





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Reservoir at risk of contamination

Councillor: Pesticides used at illegal farms nearby could pollute water source

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JOHOR BARU: A major reservoir supplying water to some 600,000 households in the state is at risk of contamination due to illegal farming around it.

Besides the risk of pesticides polluting the water source, nearby plantation and farms are also drawing water from it.

The Sultan Iskandar Reservoir, which the Upper Layang Dam draws water from, is currently surrounded by many illegal farms and plantations.

The illegal activities were highlighted by Johor Baru City Council (MBJB) Taman Rinting zone councillor Poh Pai Yik during a visit to the area.

"There are many illegal plantations which have encroached into the government reserve land,

"Mostly are planted with oil palm as well as fruits and vegetable," he said.

Poh added that the activities were cause for concern as the water level in the reservoir was already low.

"We have reason to believe that the illegal plantations are also drawing water from the reservoir.

"The risk of contamination from fertiliser used by them is there and we must take action fast," he said.

The reservoir is about 20 minutes on grav-

el road from the main Jalan Masai Lama. The Upper Layang Dam supplies water to several areas in Johor Baru including Pasir Gudang, Masai, Plentong and Seri Alam.

State international trade, investment and utilities committee chairman Jimmy Puah Wee Tse said the situation was not only prevalent at this reservoir but also at Lebam, Bekok and Macap.

He said the state government viewed such cases seriously and was setting up a committee comprising many members from agencies including the land department, district office, agriculture, drainage and irrigation and the state water regulatory agency.

"We need a comprehensive framework to solve this problem which has been going on for many years," he said, adding that the case in Lebam was serious as it was an important water source in the south of Johor.

Earlier this month, taps ran dry in some 35,000 households for six days after high amounts of ammonia were detected in the Muar river.

Last year alone there were nine major pollution cases in the state resulting in water disruption to thousands of households and losses for industries.

During the same period, three companies including two palm oil mills and a sand mining company were fined a total of RM300,000.



Poh showing the padlock removed by trespassers from a gate leading to the reserve land.

