



**S A R A W A K**

**PENYATA RASMI PERSIDANGAN  
DEWAN UNDANGAN NEGERI**

**DEWAN UNDANGAN NEGERI OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**MESYUARAT KEDUA BAGI PENGGAL KELIMA**

**Second Meeting Of The Fifth Session**

**09 – 13 NOVEMBER 2020**

**DEWAN UNDANGAN NEGERI SARAWAK KELAPAN BELAS**

**Eighteenth Sarawak State Legislative Assembly**

**JUMAAT**

**13 NOVEMBER 2020**

**(27 RABIULAWAL 1442H)**

**KUCHING**

**Peringatan untuk Ahli Dewan:**

Pembetulan yang dicadangkan oleh Ahli Dewan hendaklah disampaikan secara bertulis kepada Setiausaha Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak tidak lewat daripada **14 hari selepas persidangan.**

## KANDUNGAN

<b>1.0</b>	<b>PEMASYHURAN DARIPADA TUAN SPEAKER.....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>SAMBUNGAN PERBAHASAN ATAS BACAAN KALI YANG KEDUA RANG UNDANG-UNDANG PERBEKALAN (2021), 2020 DAN USUL UNTUK MERUJUK RESOLUSI ANGGARAN PEMBANGUNAN BAGI PERBELANJAAN 2021</b>	
	<i>[Ucapan Penggulungan Oleh Para Menteri]</i>	
	<b>(a) Timbalan Ketua Menteri, Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli Kedua; Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Terminal Perindustrian dan Pembangunan Usahawan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.82 Bukit Sari (YB Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Bin Ali Hasan) .....</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>(b) Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.64 Baleh (YB Tan Sri Datuk Amar Dr. James Jemut Anak Masing) .....</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>(c) Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan Kedua; Menteri Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas) .....</b>	<b>22</b>
	<b>(d) Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.8 Satok (YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg) .....</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>RANG UNDANG-UNDANG KERAJAAN – BACAAN KALI YANG KETIGA</b>	
	<b><u>Supply (2021) Bill, 2020</u> Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.8 Satok (YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg).....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>USUL UNTUK MELULUS RESOLUSI ANGGARAN PERBELANJAAN PEMBANGUNAN BAGI TAHUN 2021.....</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>USUL PENANGGUHAN</b>	
	<b>Menteri Muda Perancangan Bandar, Pentadbiran Tanah dan Alam Sekitar; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.41 Kuala Rajang (YB Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh).....</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>PENANGGUHAN PERSIDANGAN.....</b>	<b>52</b>

**SARAWAK**  
**DEWAN UNDANGAN NEGERI SARAWAK YANG KELAPAN BELAS**

*Penyata Rasmi*

---

**MESYUARAT KEDUA BAGI PENGGAL KELIMA**

---

*Jumaat, 13 November 2020*

*Dewan bermesyuarat di Petra Jaya, Kuching pada jam 9.05 pagi*

**HADIR**

<b>Bil.</b>	<b>Nama</b>	<b>Konstituensi</b>
1.	Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Mohamad Asfia Bin Awang Nassar D.A., P.N.B.S., D.S.A.P., D.I.M.P., P.B.K., P.C.E. (Emas) <i>Speaker Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak</i>	
2.	Yang Berhormat Dato Gerawat Gala P.S.B.S., P.B.K. <i>Timbalan Speaker Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak</i>	<i>N.78 Mulu</i>
3.	Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg D.P., D.A., P.N.B.S., J.B.S., P.C.E. <i>Ketua Menteri Sarawak</i> <i>Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi</i> <i>Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli</i>	<i>N.8 Satok</i>
4.	Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas D.A., P.N.B.S., P.G.B.K., P.C.E. <i>Timbalan Ketua Menteri Sarawak</i> <i>Menteri Kewangan Kedua</i> <i>Menteri Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah</i>	<i>N.37 Bukit Saban</i>
5.	Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Datuk Amar Dr James Jemut Anak Masing D.A., P.S.M., P.N.B.S., P.B.S., P.C.E. <i>Timbalan Ketua Menteri Sarawak</i> <i>Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan</i>	<i>N.64 Baleh</i>
6.	Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Bin Ali Hasan D.A., P.N.B.S., P.G.B.K., A.M.N. <i>Timbalan Ketua Menteri Sarawak</i> <i>Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Terminal Perindustrian dan Pembangunan Usahawan</i> <i>Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli Kedua</i>	<i>N.82 Bukit Sari</i>
7.	Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Michael Manyin Anak Jawong D.A., P.N.B.S., P.G.B.K., A.M.N., P.P.T., P.P.D. (Emas), P.C.E. <i>Menteri Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi</i>	<i>N.21 Tebedu</i>

8. Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah  
P.N.B.S., P.G.B.K., P.C.E.  
*Menteri Kebajikan, Kesejahteraan Komuniti dan Wanita, Keluarga dan Pembangunan Kanak-Kanak* N.56 Dalat
9. Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Prof. Dr Sim Kui Hian  
P.N.B.S., P.J.N., P.B.E.  
*Menteri Kerajaan Tempatan dan Perumahan* N.14 Batu Kawah
10. Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi Anak Utom  
P.N.B.S., P.J.N., A.B.S., P.B.E., P.C.E.  
*Menteri Utiliti* N.69 Kemena
11. Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Talib Bin Zulpilip  
P.G.B.K., P.B.K., P.P.B., P.P.D., P.P.S., P.B.E.  
*Menteri di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Integriti dan Ombudsman)* N.67 Jepak
12. Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah  
P.G.B.K., P.B.S., P.B.E.  
*Menteri Pelancongan, Kesenian dan Kebudayaan  
Menteri Belia dan Sukan* N.15 Asajaya
13. Yang Berhormat Datuk Lee Kim Shin  
P.J.N., K.M.N., P.B.S., P.P.B., B.B.S., P.B.E.  
*Menteri Pengangkutan* N.75 Senadin
14. Yang Berhormat Datuk John Sikie Anak Tayai  
P.J.N., P.B.S., P.B.E.  
*Menteri Muda di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Undang-Undang Adat Bumiputera)* N.60 Kakus
15. Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Mohd Naroden Bin Haji Majais  
P.G.B.K., P.B.S., P.B.E.  
*Menteri Muda Pembangunan Perusahaan Kecil dan Sederhana dan Keusahawanan* N.26 Gedong
16. Yang Berhormat Datuk Francis Harden Anak Hollis  
P.G.B.K., P.B.S., A.B.S., P.B.E.  
*Menteri Muda Kesejahteraan Komuniti* N.32 Simanggang
17. Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Julaihi Bin Haji Narawi  
P.G.B.K., P.B.S., K.M.N., P.P.D., P.B.E.  
*Menteri Muda Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan Sarawak* N.27 Sebuyau
18. Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr Jerip Anak Susil  
P.G.B.K., A.M.N., P.B.E.  
*Menteri Muda Pengangkutan* N.19 Mambong
19. Yang Berhormat Datuk Liwan Lagang  
P.J.N., P.P.N., K.M.N., J.B.S., P.B.E.  
*Menteri Muda Elektrik Luar Bandar* N.65 Belaga
20. Yang Berhormat Datuk Hajah Rosey Binti Haji Yunus  
P.G.B.K., J.B.K., P.P.B., P.P.S., P.B.E.  
*Menteri Muda Wanita dan Pembangunan Kanak-kanak* N.71 Bekenu

21. Yang Berhormat Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh  
D.J.B.S., P.B.K., P.P.B.  
*Menteri Muda Perancangan Bandar, Pentadbiran Tanah dan Alam Sekitar* N.41 Kuala Rajang
22. Yang Berhormat Datuk Roland Sagah Wee Inn  
P.G.B.K., J.B.K., P.B.S., P.B.E.  
*Menteri Muda Pembangunan Tanah Adat* N.20 Tarat
23. Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr Haji Abdul Rahman Bin Haji Junaidi  
P.G.B.K., J.B.S., A.B.S., P.B.E.  
*Menteri Muda Utiliti (Bekalan Air)*  
*Menteri Muda di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Hal Ehwal Islam dan Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara (DBKU))* N.4 Pantai Damai
24. Yang Berhormat Datuk Hajah Sharifah Hasidah Binti Sayeed Aman Ghazali  
P.G.B.K., P.T.E., J.B.S.  
*Menteri Muda di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Undang-Undang, Hubungan Kerajaan Negeri-Persekutuan dan Pemantauan Projek)* N.7 Samariang
25. Yang Berhormat Datuk Malcom Mussen Anak Lamoh  
P.G.B.K., P.B.S., P.T.E.  
*Menteri Muda Pembangunan Perindustrian* N.34 Batang Ai
26. Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr Haji Abdul Rahman Bin Haji Ismail  
P.G.B.K., A.B.S., P.T.E.  
*Menteri Muda Pertanian* N.79 Bukit Kota
27. Yang Berhormat Dr Haji Annuar Bin Rapae  
P.T.E., J.B.S.  
*Menteri Muda Pendidikan, Sains dan Penyelidikan Teknologi*  
*Menteri Muda Perumahan dan Kesihatan Awam* N.55 Nangka
28. Yang Berhormat Datu Dr Penguang Manggil  
D.J.B.S., K.M.N., P.P.C., P.P.B., P.T.E., P.P.S.  
*Menteri Muda Kerajaan Tempatan* N.76 Marudi
29. Yang Berhormat Datuk Snowdan Lawan  
P.G.B.K., A.M.N., P.T.E.  
*Menteri Muda Belia dan Sukan* N.30 Balai Ringin
30. Yang Berhormat Encik Abdullah Bin Haji Saidol  
J.B.K., P.T.E.  
*Menteri Muda di Jabatan Ketua Menteri (Hal Ehwal Korporat dan Unit Komunikasi Awam Sarawak)* N.42 Semop
31. Yang Berhormat Datuk Sebastian Ting Chiew Yew  
P.J.N., D.I.M.P., A.B.S.  
*Menteri Muda Pelancongan, Kesenian dan Kebudayaan* N.73 Piasau
32. Yang Berhormat Tan Sri William Mawan Anak Ikom  
P.S.M., P.N.B.S., P.G.B.K., A.M.N., P.B.S., P.P.D. (Emas) N.47 Pakan

33. Yang Berhormat Datin Patinggi Datuk Amar Hajah Jamilah Binti Haji Anu  
D.A., P.B.E., P.P.D (Perak), P.S.B.S., P.B.S., J.B.K. *N.3 Tanjung Datu*
34. Yang Berhormat Datuk Sri Ambrose Blikau Anak Enturan  
P.N.B.S., P.G.B.K., P.B.S., A.M.N., P.B.E. *N.62 Katibas*
35. Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Abdul Wahab Bin Aziz  
P.G.B.K., J.B.S., P.P.B., P.P.D., P.B.E. *N.38 Kalaka*
36. Yang Berhormat Datuk Mong Anak Dagang  
P.G.B.K., J.M.N., P.B.S., P.P.D., P.B.K., P.B.E. *N.31 Bukit Begunan*
37. Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Mohammad Ali Mahmud  
D.A., P.N.B.S., D.S.A.P., S.I.M.P., P.P.D. *N.17 Stakan*
38. Yang Berhormat Puan Hajah Simoi Binti Haji Peri  
P.T.E., J.B.K. *N.28 Lingga*
39. Yang Berhormat Encik Paulus Palu Gumbang  
A.M.N., P.B.S., J.B.K., P.T.E. *N.80 Batu Danau*
40. Yang Berhormat Encik Alexander Anak Vincent  
K.M.N., P.T.E., P.B.K., J.B.K. *N.49 Ngemah*
41. Yang Berhormat Dr Haji Hazland Bin Abang Hipni  
K.M.N., J.B.S., P.T.E. *N.5 Demak Laut*
42. Yang Berhormat Encik Maclaime @ Martin Ben  
P.T.E., J.B.S. *N.22 Kedup*
43. Yang Berhormat Ir Aidel Bin Lariwoo  
P.B.S., P.T.E. *N.24 Sadong Jaya*
44. Yang Berhormat Encik Mohammad Razi Bin Sitam  
J.B.S., P.T.E. *N.35 Saribas*
45. Yang Berhormat Encik Ripin Bin Lamat  
J.B.K., K.M.N., P.T.E. *N.72 Lambir*
46. Yang Berhormat Encik Dennis Ngau  
P.T.E. *N.77 Telang Usan*
47. Yang Berhormat Tuan Haji Razaili Bin Haji Gapor  
P.T.E., P.B.S. *N.29 Beting Maro*
48. Yang Berhormat Encik Yussibnosh Balo *N.57 Tellian*
49. Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh  
P.N.B.S., P.G.B.K., A.B.S., P.C.E. *N.53 Bawang Assan*
50. Yang Berhormat Encik Baru Bian *N.81 Ba'Kelalan*
51. Yang Berhormat Encik Chong Chieng Jen *N.12 Kota Sentosa*
52. Yang Berhormat Encik Chiew Chiu Sing *N.68 Tanjong Batu*

53. Yang Berhormat Encik Ali Anak Biju *N.39 Krian*
54. Yang Berhormat Dato Haji Idris Bin Haji Buang  
P.S.B.S., D.I.M.P., A.M.N., P.B.S., A.B.S., P.C.D., P.J.P.N., P.T.E. *N.16 Muara Tuang*
55. Yang Berhormat Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii  
D.I.M.P., S.S.A.P. *N.45 Repok*
56. Yang Berhormat Dato Henry Harry Anak Jinep  
P.S.B.S., A.B.S. *N.2 Tasik Biru*
57. Yang Berhormat Dato' Murshid DiRaja Dr Juanda Bin Jaya  
DATO' MURSHID DIRAJA, S.S.P. *N.44 Jemoreng*
58. Yang Berhormat Datuk Ding Kuong Hiing  
P.J.N., A.B.S. *N.46 Meradong*
59. Yang Berhormat Cr Ir Lo Khere Chiang  
B.B.S., J.B.K. *N.13 Batu Kitang*
60. Yang Berhormat Encik Wilson Nyabong Anak Ijang *N.61 Pelagus*
61. Yang Berhormat Encik Miro Anak Simuh *N.18 Serembu*
62. Yang Berhormat Dato Ranum Anak Mina  
P.S.B.S., K.M.N., A.M.N., K.P.K., P.J.M., P.P.S., P.P.A., B.B.S.,  
A.B.S., P.B.E. *N.1 Opar*
63. Yang Berhormat Datuk Tiong Thai King  
P.G.B.K., J.B.S. *N.52 Dudong*
64. Yang Berhormat Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui *N.10 Pending*
65. Yang Berhormat Encik David Wong Kee Woan *N.54 Pelawan*
66. Yang Berhormat Encik Wong King Wei *N.9 Padungan*
67. Yang Berhormat Encik John Anak Ilus  
A.P.S. *N.23 Bukit Semuja*
68. Yang Berhormat Encik Fazzrudin Bin Haji Abdul Rahman  
P.B.S. *N.6 Tupong*
69. Yang Berhormat Encik Awla Bin Dris  
A.B.S. *N.25 Simunjan*
70. Yang Berhormat Encik Jefferson Jamit Anak Unyat  
B.B.S., P.B.S., K.M.N., J.B.S. *N.63 Bukit Goram*
71. Yang Berhormat Encik Gerald Rentap Jabu  
A.B.S., P.P.N., J.B.K. *N.36 Layar*
72. Yang Berhormat Ir Christopher Gira Anak Sambang  
P.B.K. *N.59 Tamin*
73. Yang Berhormat Encik Rolland Duat Anak Jubin *N.48 Meluan*

- |     |   |                          |
|-----|---|--------------------------|
| 74. | Yang Berhormat Encik Abdul Yakub Bin Haji Arbi<br>A.B.S., B.B.S., J.B.K.      | <i>N.58 Balingian</i>    |
| 75. | Yang Berhormat Encik Johnichal Rayong Anak Ngipa<br>J.B.S., P.T.E.            | <i>N.33 Engkilili</i>    |
| 76. | Yang Berhormat Encik See Chee How   | <i>N.11 Batu Lintang</i> |
| 77. | Yang Berhormat Puan Irene Mary Chang Oi Ling                                  | <i>N.51 Bukit Assek</i>  |
| 78. | Yang Berhormat Encik Safiee Bin Haji Ahmad<br>J.B.K.                          | <i>N.43 Daro</i>         |
| 79. | Yang Berhormat Encik Chukpai Ugon<br>P.P.N., A.B.S.                           | <i>N.66 Murum</i>        |
| 80. | Yang Berhormat Encik Allan Siden Gramong<br>A.B.S.                            | <i>N.50 Machan</i>       |
| 81. | Yang Berhormat Encik Majang Anak Renggi<br>P.B.K., A.B.S.                     | <i>N.70 Samalaju</i>     |
| 82. | Yang Berhormat Encik Mohd. Chee Bin Kadir<br>A.B.S., P.B.S., P.J.P.N., J.B.S. | <i>N.40 Kabong</i>       |

#### **TURUT HADIR**

1. Encik Pele Peter Tinggom  
*Setiausaha Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak*
2. Inspektor Ismail Bin Ali  
*Bentara Mesyuarat*
3. Inspektor Mohd Azlan Bin Omar  
*Bentara Mesyuarat*
4. Encik Abang Nasiruddin Bin Abang Mohd Khalid  
*Bentara Mesyuarat*
5. Encik Hadyan Bin Abdul Rahman  
*Bentara Mesyuarat*
6. Encik Lydwilkyn Andar Anak Umbau  
*Bentara Mesyuarat*
7. Encik Hanimasra Bin Hamden  
*Bentara Mesyuarat*

#### **PETUGAS PERSIDANGAN**

##### **PEGAWAI UNDANG-UNDANG**

- |    |   |  |
|----|---|--|
| 1. | Puan Azreen Fasya Binti Mohamad Abu Bakar | <i>Jabatan Peguam Besar Negeri Sarawak</i> |
| 2. | Encik Nicholas Bowie Anak Buyong          | <i>Jabatan Peguam Besar Negeri Sarawak</i> |

##### **PENTERJEMAH**

- |    |                              |                                     |
|----|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | Encik Jonathan Singki Lintan | <i>Majlis Adat Istiadat Sarawak</i> |
|----|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|

##### **JURUTRENGKAS**

- |    |                              |   |
|----|------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Puan Sharlina Binti Mushar   | <i>Pejabat Setiausaha Kewangan Negeri</i> |
| 2. | Puan Malin Anak Arit         | <i>Pejabat Setiausaha Kewangan Negeri</i> |
| 3. | Encik Mohd Alfadjer Bin Tuah | <i>Jabatan Peguam Besar Negeri</i>        |

- |     |  |  |
|-----|--|--|
| 4.  | Puan Nur Izzatul Fatimah @ Patricia Abdullah   | <i>Jabatan Kerja Raya Sarawak</i>  |
| 5.  | Puan Azah Mohamad Jally                        | <i>Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak</i>                                      |
| 6.  | Puan Meri Sabas                                | <i>Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)</i>                                      |
| 7.  | Puan Noorina Binti Hamdan                      | <i>Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)</i>                                      |
| 8.  | Puan Doris Anak Francis Harris                 | <i>Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)</i>                                      |
| 9.  | Puan Winnie Anak Vincent                       | <i>Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)</i>                                      |
| 10. | Puan Nurhaida Binti Amin                       | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i>   |
| 11. | Puan Rosemary Langub                           | <i>Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak</i>                               |
| 12. | Puan Leidiana Binti Azahari                    | <i>Kementerian Utiliti Sarawak</i>   |
| 13. | Puan Dorina Asort                              | <i>Kementerian Utiliti Sarawak</i>   |
| 14. | Puan Bernadette Willon                         | <i>Jabatan Kastam DiRaja Malaysia</i>  |
| 15. | Puan Beatrice Dinus                            | <i>Jabatan Imigresen Negeri Sarawak</i>  |
| 16. | Puan Katerin Binti Jemali @ Maria Binti Jamali | <i>Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara</i>   |
| 17. | Puan Dzuridah Binti Haji Sariee                | <i>Pejabat Timbalan Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri (Transformasi Sosio-Ekonomi)</i>  |
| 18. | Puan Derna Johin                               | <i>Unit Pemantauan Pelaksanaan Negeri Sarawak, Jabatan Ketua Menteri Sarawak</i> |
| 19. | Puan Khadijah Khaider                          | <i>Jabatan Perbendaharaan Negeri Sarawak</i>                                     |
| 20. | Puan Dayang Duraiza Haji Awang Jangka          | <i>Lembaga Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar Sarawak</i>                              |
| 21. | Encik Roland Ayak                              | <i>Jabatan Penjara Negeri Sarawak</i>  |
| 22. | Puan Zuriawati Binti Mohd Laili                | <i>Pustaka Negeri Sarawak</i>  |
| 23. | Puan Anieta Sylvester Pungga                   | <i>Perbadanan Pembangunan Ekonomi Sarawak</i>                                    |
| 24. | Puan Valarie Jane Anak Aitman                  | <i>Pejabat Pembangunan Persekutuan Negeri Sarawak</i>                            |
| 25. | Puan Ratna Airwati Binti Haji Md. Junaidi      | <i>Perbadanan Pembangunan Perumahan</i>  |
| 26. | Puan Mariana Binti Brahim                      | <i>Perbadanan Pembangunan Perumahan</i>  |

#### **RAKAMAN PROSIDING**

- |    |                                       |                                  |
|----|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Encik Edwin Jambol Anak Radin         | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 2. | Encik Hussien Haji Shuini             | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 3. | Encik Syed Faizal Bin Wan Dahlan      | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 4. | Cik Siti Nazilafatullaini Binti Sukri | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |

#### **JURUCETAK**

- |    |                                      |  |
|----|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Encik Awang Faidzul Bin Awang Aboone | <i>Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Berhad</i> |
| 2. | Encik Mohd. Nor Majidi Bin Marekan   | <i>Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Berhad</i> |

#### **JURUTEKNIK IT**

- |    |                                     |              |
|----|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Encik Abang Hasmadi Bin Abang Wahab | <i>SAINS</i> |
| 2. | Encik Mohd Azri Bin Zaini           | <i>SAINS</i> |

#### **MESSENGER**

- |    |  |  |
|----|--|--|
| 1. | Encik Abang Safry Bin Abang Bohari         | <i>Jabatan Agama Islam Sarawak</i>   |
| 2. | Encik Moksen Bin Sion                      | <i>Jabatan Agama Islam Sarawak</i>   |
| 3. | Encik Ideris Bin Lamit                     | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i>   |
| 4. | Encik Lawrence Anak Encharang              | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i>   |
| 5. | Encik Mohammad Zaidi Bin Rambli            | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i>   |
| 6. | Encik Mohamed Nazeerudin Bin Gulam Mohamed | <i>Kementerian Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah</i> |
| 7. | Encik Arif Bin Bujang                      | <i>Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Sarawak</i>                                    |

## **ANGGOTA STAF DEWAN UNDANGAN NEGERI SARAWAK**

1. Cik Noria Binti Suut
2. Puan Nur Azira Binti Abdul Kadir
3. Cik Rabiah Binti Abdul Kadir
4. Encik Abang Mohammad Adib Bin Abang Sallehadin
5. Puan Siti Norhiza Binti Mohd. Yusri
6. Puan Hanisah Abdullah
7. Cik Siti Halimah Binti Mohamad Nawawi
8. Cik Hasfarini Binti Hassim
9. Cik Nurhaffizah Abdullah
10. Cik Natasha Nadia Binti Saidi
11. Cik Angela Lisa Anak Matthew Linol
12. Encik Simon Jolly
13. Puan Norziana Binti Haji Ahmad
14. Puan Katheline Killah
15. Puan Nur Eliana Abdullah
16. Puan Nazmah Binti Darham
17. Puan Tracy Lyana Anak Bana
18. Puan Dayang Nazira Binti Abang Mortaza
19. Encik Mohd Zulkhairi Bin Mohammad Hejemi
20. Encik Razali Bin Awi
21. Encik Zahari Bin Bolhi
22. Encik Mohamad Zailani Bin Junaidi
23. Encik Lukas Jammany Anak Kated
24. Encik Hazrin Syah Bin Hamzah
25. Encik Alwie Bin Haji Ali
26. Encik Romzi Bin Bujang
27. Encik Musa Bin Julai
28. Cik Hawa Binti Morsad
29. Puan Suraya Binti Hamden
30. Puan Noraisah Binti Ahmad
31. Cik Siti Zalilah Binti Samsawi

## **PELAJAR PRAKTIKAL**

1. Encik Mazz Mubarak Bin Mazelan
2. Cik Hasniza Binti Kanchil
3. Cik Asma Syafiqah Binti Jamal
4. Cik Nur Sheila Chee Binti Mudin Chee
5. Encik Celestine Guang Edison

*(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada jam 9.05 pagi)*

[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

**DOA**

**PEMASYHURAN OLEH TUAN SPEAKER**

**Tuan Speaker:** Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarrakatuh. Selamat pagi dan salam sejahtera. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I wish to notify the all the Honourable Members, you are also members of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) that there will be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) immediately after this Dewan is adjourned *sine die* this afternoon as stated in the Notice of AGM that has been circulated. Thank you.

**SAMBUNGAN PERBAHASAN ATAS BACAAN KALI YANG KEDUA RANG UNDANG-UNDANG PERBEKALAN (2021), 2020 DAN USUL UNTUK MERUJUK RESOLUSI ANGGARAN PERBELANJAAN PEMBANGUNAN BAGI TAHUN 2021**

*[Penggulungan oleh Para Menteri]*

**Tuan Speaker:** Dengan segala hormatnya saya menjemput Ahli Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Bin Ali Hasan, Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli Kedua; Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Terminal Perindustrian dan Pembangunan Usawahan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri, N.82 Bukit Sari untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

**Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli Kedua; Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Terminal Perindustrian dan Pembangunan Usawahan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri, N.82 Bukit Sari (YB Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Bin Ali Hasan):** Terima kasih Tuan Speaker. Saya akan cuba membuat penggulungan ini dalam tempoh masa yang diberikan iaitu 45 minit.

Terlebih dahulu saya mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri selaku Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi kerana telah membentangkan Bajet 2021 yang berpaksikan rakyat, *development and rural biased budget*. Bajet tersebut sudah pasti akan dapat memacu pembangunan negeri dan meningkatkan kemakmuran serta kesejahteraan rakyat Sarawak dengan mengambil kira kesan daripada pandemik COVID-19. Ianya juga sekaligus akan dapat merapatkan jurang pembangunan di antara kawasan bandar dan luar bandar. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang turut serta dalam perbahasan dan memberi pandangan yang bernas berhubung dengan perkara-perkara di bawah kuasa Kementerian Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli.

*Program Pengukuran Tanah NCR Inisiatif Baru*

Tuan Speaker, Program Pengukuran Tanah NCR inisiatif baharu. Untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini Kerajaan sentiasa mengiktiraf dan mempertahankan hak rakyat ke atas tanah mereka. Pengukuran dan pengeluaran surat hak milik tanah NCR telah dilaksanakan sejak tahun 1960-an lagi khususnya melalui operasi penyelesaian selaras dengan peruntukan dalam Kanun Tanah Negeri Bab 81.

Bagi memastikan pengukuran tanah NCR dilaksanakan secara lebih efisien dan efektif, Program Pengukuran Tanah NCR Inisiatif Baharu telah dilaksanakan bermula pada tahun 2010. Sehingga 31 Oktober 2020, seluas lebih kurang 953,000 hektar (atau bersamaan 2.35 juta ekar) telah berjaya diukur secara perimeter dan seluas lebih kurang 753,000 hektar (atau 1.86 juta ekar) daripadanya telahpun diwartakan di bawah Seksyen 6 Kanun Tanah Negeri.

Pada tahun ini, fokus pengukuran juga ditumpukan kepada pengukuran lot-lot individu bagi kawasan-kawasan yang telah diwartakan di bawah Seksyen 6 Kanun Tanah Negeri berdasarkan permohonan dan kesediaan penuntut-penuntut tanah tersebut. Sehingga 31 Oktober 2020, sebanyak 37,039 lot individu telah berjaya diukur dan melibatkan kawasan seluas 46,113 hektar (atau bersamaan 113,945 ekar) yang telah dan akan dikeluarkan surat hak milik tanah di bawah Seksyen 18 Kanun Tanah Negeri. Bagi mempercepatkan pengukuran tanah NCR ini, Kerajaan Negeri telah meluluskan pengambilan seramai 467 orang pegawai pelbagai kategori bagi menambah kapasiti sedia ada di Jabatan Tanah dan Survei yang melibatkan tambahan perbelanjaan sebanyak RM30 juta setahun.

Penuntut tanah juga hendaklah hadir semasa pengukuran di lapangan, menandakan sempadan tanah mereka dengan jelas dan mengelak pertikaian dalam membuat tuntutan agar pengukuran berjalan dengan lebih lancar. Kerajaan Negeri komited dalam memastikan kelangsungan program ini dan akan terus menyediakan peruntukan yang diperlukan di samping peruntukan yang diterima daripada Kerajaan Persekutuan.

#### *Skim Penempatan Semula (SPS) dan Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK)*

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, pelaksanaan program Skim Penempatan Semula (SPS) dan Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) sejak Rancangan Malaysia Ke-4 merupakan komitmen dan keprihatinan Kerajaan Negeri terhadap rakyat berpendapatan rendah yang memerlukan tanah untuk mendirikan rumah. Di bawah peruntukan Rancangan Malaysia Ke-11 dan peruntukan Projek Rakyat sebanyak 54 projek SPS dan SPK telah diluluskan yang menyediakan sebanyak 4,645 lot kediaman. Daripada 54 projek tersebut 34 projek telah pun siap sepenuhnya dan baki 20 projek akan diteruskan pelaksanaannya dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12. Projek-projek SPS dan SPK yang baharu akan dilaksanakan dengan menggunakan spesifikasi yang telah ditambah baik seperti jalan raya yang berturap, parit konkrit dan lot-lot yang ditimbus atau ditembok. Kerajaan juga telah menetapkan bayaran premium tidak melebihi RM2,500 selot.

#### *Penstrukturan Semula Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan Sarawak Forestry Corporation*

Tuan Speaker, bermula pada 2 Januari 2020, Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan *Sarawak Forestry Corporation* (SFC) telahpun distruktur semula agar pentadbiran pengurusan hutan dan hidupan liar dapat diurus dengan lebih fokus dan efektif. Jabatan Hutan Sarawak telah melaksanakan semua fungsi pengurusan dan pentadbiran hutan manakala SFC melaksanakan semua fungsi pengurusan kawasan terlindung sepenuhnya dan hidupan liar.

#### *Kemampuan Alam Sekitar*

Kerajaan Negeri memberi komitmen yang tinggi untuk membangunkan negeri ini di samping mengekalkan kelestarian alam sekitar di mana Dasar Guna Tanah Negeri telah menetapkan tujuh juta hektar untuk sektor perhutanan yang merangkumi satu juta hektar Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya dan enam juta hektar kawasan hutan kekal. Pada masa kini, litupan hutan di Sarawak adalah 63% yang merupakan tertinggi di Malaysia. Di samping itu, Sarawak telah mewartakan 46 Taman Negara, 15 Rizab Semula Jadi dan lima Sanktuari Hidupan Liar dengan keluasan 2.1 juta hektar yang merangkumi kawasan tanah dan air.

Untuk memastikan hutan diurus secara mampan dan memenuhi piawai antarabangsa agar produk kayu dapat dipasarkan secara kompetitif, Kerajaan Negeri telah menetapkan kesemua lesen pembalakan jangka panjang mendapat pensijilan pengurusan hutan menjelang tahun 2022 dan pelesen ladang hutan pula menjelang tahun 2025. Sehingga Oktober 2020, sebanyak 14 *Forest Management Unit* (FMU) seluas 1.32 juta hektar dan enam *Forest Plantation Management Unit* (FPMU) seluas 94,434 hektar telah dipersijilkan.

Seiring dengan komitmen kita di peringkat antarabangsa dalam melestarikan alam sekitar, Kerajaan Negeri telah memperluaskan kawasan *Heart of Borneo* (HoB) daripada 2.1 juta hektar kepada 2.7 juta hektar. Kawasan HoB ini yang mengunjur dari Lawas hingga ke Tanjung Datu, Kuching merupakan jenama yang boleh dimanfaatkan dalam melaksanakan aktiviti-aktiviti eko pelancongan, penyelidikan dan pembangunan serta projek sosio-ekonomi komuniti.

Bermula 2019, Kerajaan Negeri telah menjadikan Program Restorasi Lanskap Hutan sebagai agenda utama untuk menghijaukan Negeri Sarawak di mana melalui program ini seluas 30,026 hektar telah ditanam dengan pelbagai spesis pokok. Di samping itu, melalui lesen ladang hutan seluas 458,144 hektar turut ditanam dengan pelbagai *fast growing species*.

Kerajaan Negeri komited membanteras pembalakan haram di mana pelbagai usaha telah dilaksanakan termasuk meningkatkan keupayaan dalam penggunaan teknologi terkini. Pada 4 November 2020, kita telah melancarkan *Sarawak Aerial Detection Unit* (SADU) di bawah Jabatan Hutan Sarawak yang menjadi pelopor dalam penggunaan teknologi hiperspektral di Malaysia bagi memantau kawasan hutan di samping mengesan kegiatan pembalakan haram di seluruh Negeri Sarawak.

Pada tahun ini sehingga 15 Oktober 2020, sebanyak 64 kertas siasatan telah dibuka di mana dua kes telah dikompaun, satu kes ditutup, satu kes masih dalam proses perbicaraan dan selebihnya masih dalam proses penilaian di pelbagai peringkat. Sebanyak 15,893 meter padu kayu balak telah dirampas dengan nilai royalti lebih kurang RM1.03 juta. Turut dirampas adalah 50 jentera dan mesin seperti lori, jengkaut dan jentolak. Dalam tahun ini juga, sebanyak lapan kes terdahulu turut dibicarakan dengan dua kes daripadanya telah disabit kesalahan dan dikenakan penalti manakala enam kes lagi masih dalam proses perbicaraan.

#### *Carbon Trading*

Tuan Speaker, sebagai usaha untuk menjana sumber pendapatan baharu negeri, Kerajaan Negeri telah menandatangani perjanjian dengan *Shell Malaysia Limited* untuk menerokai potensi perdagangan karbon (*carbon trading*) pada 15 Jun 2019. Melalui kerjasama ini, seluas 0.56 juta hektar kawasan hutan telah dikenal pasti sebagai tapak perintis iaitu di Marudi, Baram, Bakun, Baleh dan Sabal. Dianggarkan sejumlah 3.93 juta tan karbon boleh disimpan di kawasan ini yang bernilai di antara RM47.2 juta hingga RM157.3 juta setahun.

#### *National Parks*

Tuan Speaker, the national parks, nature reserve and wildlife centres aim to give the best experience for visitors. Semenggoh Wildlife Centre has recently won the best Sustainable Tourism Programme of the World Excellence Tourism Award 2020, ITB Berlin, Germany. To further enhance visitors experience, among development projects currently undertaken include the upgrading of facilities in Fairy Cave, Wind Cave Nature Reserve, the bridge and elevated buggy trail at Niah National Park and the Semenggoh Rainforest Discovery Centre.

#### *The Sarawak Reef Ball Project*

The Sarawak Reef Ball Project is an initiative of Sarawak Government among others, to protect and conserve marine ecosystems, enhance marine resources and create new ecotourism sites. The State Government allocated a total of RM70 million for placement of 16,800 units of reef balls along approximately 1,000km of Sarawak's coastal waters stretching from Tanjung Datu to Lawas. This project is expected to be completed by middle of next year and will create a world record the longest stretch of reef ball in the world.

*Industri Perakayuan Nilai Eksport Produk Perakayuan*

Tuan Speaker, pendapatan daripada eksport produk perakayuan Sarawak pada Januari hingga September 2020 telah terjejas disebabkan oleh pandemik COVID-19. Permintaan pasaran utama Sarawak seperti Jepun, India, negara Timur Tengah, Korea dan lain-lain telah mencatat penurunan.

Jumlah nilai eksport produk perakayuan Negeri Sarawak telah menyusut sebanyak 20% kepada RM2.8 billion bagi tempoh Januari hingga September 2020 berbanding RM3.5 billion pada tempoh yang sama dalam tahun 2019.

Bagi tempoh yang sama, nilai eksport produk perakayuan utama iaitu, papan lapis telah menurun sebanyak 17% kepada RM1.5 billion berbanding kepada RM1.8 billion dalam tahun 2019.

Manakala nilai eksport produk perakayuan ke pasaran terbesar iaitu Jepun juga telah menyusut sebanyak 17% kepada RM1.4 bilion berbanding RM1.7 billion dalam tahun 2019.

Bagi membantu industri perakayuan mengharungi pandemik COVID-19, Kerajaan telah membenarkan industri perakayuan utama untuk beroperasi semasa perintah kawalan pergerakan dilaksanakan. Ini adalah untuk memastikan pihak industri dapat memenuhi tempahan yang sedia ada di samping meneruskan aktiviti-aktiviti ekonomi yang sangat diperlukan dalam tempoh tersebut.

Dalam usaha memperkasakan industri perakayuan dan hasil sumber perhutanan Sarawak, Kerajaan Negeri memberi tumpuan pembangunan kepada industri nilai tambah terutamanya perabot dan *engineered wood product*. Strategi pembangunan ini bertujuan untuk menggalakkan dan mengoptimalkan penggunaan bahan mentah daripada ladang hutan. Dalam masa yang sama, Kerajaan Negeri turut mempergiatkan promosi penanaman buluh untuk membangun industri berasaskan buluh.

*Isu-Isu Spesifik*

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kota Sentosa, pada tahun 2017, Kerajaan Negeri melalui Jabatan Tanah dan Survei telah mengarahkan pihak pemegang lesen untuk menjalankan kajian *Hazard Mapping and Slope Stability Assessment*. Hasil kajian oleh perunding bertauliah iaitu Jurutera ADDA Sdn. Bhd. telah merumuskan bahawa keseluruhan dinding kuari adalah kukuh. Kerja-kerja pengkuarian termasuk peletupan yang dilakukan juga mematuhi *Standard Operating Procedure* (SOP) yang ditetapkan oleh pihak Jabatan Mineral dan Geosains Malaysia, Sarawak.

Walau bagaimanapun, Kerajaan Negeri telah memutuskan untuk tidak memperbaharui lesen tersebut selepas tamat tempoh lesen iaitu pada 29 November tahun ini.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Layar, Engkilili, Saribas dan Meradong, cadangan pelaksanaan Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) Melayu Betong, SPK Skrang, SPK Debak Baru, SPK Tuie, Skim Penempatan Semula (SPS) Sungai Meradong Fasa 2, SPS Sungai Meradong Fasa 3 dan SPS Sungai Maradong (*Extension & Industrial Area*) Fasa 2 telah dikemukakan di dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 untuk pertimbangan.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Krian, *Minerals Ordinance, 2004* yang berkuatkuasa pada Julai 2010 dan *Minerals Regulations, 2012* adalah komprehensif dalam mengawal selia aktiviti-aktiviti perlombongan di Sarawak termasuk *Non-Radioactive Rare Earth Elements* (NR-REE). Memandangkan sektor perlombongan merupakan salah satu sektor penting dalam menjana ekonomi Sarawak, Kerajaan Negeri melalui *Sarawak Economic Action Council* (SEAC) sedang memperincikan dasar dan rangka kerja yang komprehensif agar sektor ini

termasuk NR-REE dapat memberi impak yang maksima kepada ekonomi negeri di samping memastikan kelestarian alam sekitar terpelihara.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Assek, garis panduan dalam menentukan status *native of Sarawak* bagi pendaftaran pindahmilik yang melibatkan tanah dalam klasifikasi *Native Area Land* adalah selaras dengan Seksyen 3, *Interpretation Ordinance, 2005* (Chapter 61) yang mendefinisikan *native* sebagai "*a citizen of Malaysia which is now considered to be indigenous to Sarawak as set out in the Schedule.*"

Jadual tersebut menyenaraikan sebanyak 20 kaum dan mana-mana percampuran antara kaum tersebut sebagai *native of Sarawak*. Oleh itu, seseorang diiktiraf sebagai *native of Sarawak* apabila kedua-dua ibu bapanya adalah kaum yang tersenarai di dalam jadual tersebut. Proses dan garis panduan yang digunapakai oleh semua Pendaftar di Jabatan Tanah dan Survei adalah seragam.

Untuk makluman Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Assek juga...*(Interruption)*...

**YB Puan Irene Mary Chang Oi Ling:** Thank you Tuan Speaker and Thank you Honourable Deputy Chief Minister. The question here is, it is a policy of this birth and death, a registry of birth and death that when you want to register the birth of a child, I know that it is a policy that the Registry will ask whether the child will follow the race of the father or the mother in a mixed marriage. Now if they are given to choose and the Birth Certificate actually says that the child is a native, I don't think it is right that the Land and Survey should go behind the Birth Certificate to actually go and classify again whether this person is a native or not. If that is a case right, what is the point of giving the policy to the birth and a Registry of birth and death to choose the race of the child. Now and also that our society actually is a paternal society, in other words a lot of our parents' land from the father will be given to the son. Now if the father is already a native and the birth certificate is also stated as a native for the child then why do you have to go behind the birth certificate to ascertain again whether the child is a native or not. Honourable Deputy Chief Minister I am sure there are a lot of mixed marriages here as well.

**Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli Kedua; Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Terminal Perindustrian dan Pembangunan Usawahan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri, N.82 Bukit Sari (YB Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Bin Ali Hasan):** Thank you, thank you Yang Berhormat for Bukit Assek.

**YB Puan Irene Mary Chang Oi Ling:** You get my point?

**Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli Kedua; Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Terminal Perindustrian dan Pembangunan Usawahan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri, N.82 Bukit Sari (YB Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Bin Ali Hasan):** We will take note of your concern.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Assek juga, Kerajaan Negeri melalui LCDA mempunyai perancangan untuk melaksanakan Pembangunan Semula Bukit Assek di bawah program Pembaharuan Bandar (*Urban Renewal*). Setakat ini, beberapa siri libat urus (*engagement session*) dan *Bukit Assek Redevelopment Lab* telah diadakan bersama agensi-agensinya teknikal dan pihak yang berkepentingan. Sebelum pelan pembangunan semula ini dimuktamadkan, sesi *Focus Group Discussion* bersama pihak yang berkepentingan juga akan diadakan agar Pelan Pembangunan Semula Bukit Assek yang dihasilkan nanti adalah komprehensif, praktikal dan memenuhi keperluan penduduk setempat.

Bagi isu-isu yang ditimbulkan oleh beberapa Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri dalam perbincangan bajet yang tidak sempat dijawab, Kementerian kita akan mengkaji dan mengambil tindakan yang sewajarnya.

Demikianlah saja Ucapan Penggulungan saya bagi Kementerian Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli.

Tuan Speaker, seterusnya saya ingin menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan bagi Kementerian Pelancongan, Kesenian dan Kebudayaan Sarawak serta Kementerian Belia dan Sukan Sarawak.

### **KEMENTERIAN PELANCONGAN, KESENIAN DAN KEBUDAYAAN SARAWAK**

Tourism is among the worst hit economic sectors impacted by global COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in unprecedented downturn in the tourism sector. Unlike other economic sectors, tourism sector needs a much longer period to recover due to closure of borders and travel restrictions.

From January to October this year, visitors' arrival to Sarawak has dropped 68.8% to 1.17 million as compared to the corresponding period in 2019 (3.76 million). The tourism receipt has declined 69.8% to RM2.82 billion as compared to the same corresponding period in 2019 (RM9.34 billion). By the end of the year 2020, Sarawak projects an estimated visitors' arrival of 1.2 million which is a decline of 76% from the initial target of five million before COVID-19. Sarawak is expected to slowly recover in 2021, anticipating a total visitor arrival of 1.4 million only with an estimated tourism receipt of RM3.5 billion.

MTAC has taken various measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and to help the tourism industry to recover.

MTAC has responded to the current situation by a quick review of our marketing strategies to turn our promotional and marketing initiatives towards domestic tourism. Sarawak Tourism Board initiated an intra-state travel campaign named "*Sia Sitok Sarawak*". It features 30 tourism packages from Kuching, Sibu, Mukah, Bintulu, Miri and Mulu at affordable prices by giving 50% discount for all packages to encourage Sarawakians to travel within their own home state. The booking period is from July 15<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and the travelling period starts on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

The campaign is also part of Sarawak Tourism's stimulus measures to give a boost to the local tourism industry and a good way of sustaining and maintaining the tourism eco-system for the industry players such as tourists and park guides, drivers, operators, retail, handicraft and restaurants during these challenging periods.

Visitor Incentives Package (VIP) is another incentive measure to support the revival of tourism in Sarawak. It is an incentive created for inter-state travel to provide Sarawak travel agencies or tour operators with support for bringing in domestic and international visitors to Sarawak. The incentives range from RM20 to RM50 per visitor depending on the length of the tour packages.

#### *Incentivised Package for Business Events Industry*

MTAC through Sarawak Convention Bureau is offering support packages for the business events industry during this pandemic. The support covers a wider range of claimable items, Delegate Wellness Pack, sponsored half-day city tours to aid delegate boosting, costs of virtual platforms for hybrid events, greater flexibility with achievement target. Support is also given to encourage the growth of homegrown events.

Tuan Speaker, during this low season of visitors' arrival, MTAC has continued to invest timely on the upskilling and continuous capacity building of the tourism industry which include:

- a) Regional Specific Tourist Guides (RSTG) Courses;
- b) e-Pelancongan Courses;
- c) Online Ecosystem Fund; and

- d) Tribe Digital Campus – a virtual space for capacity-building and business lead generation for our business event planners and partners.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, MTAC continues to support domestic events with watchful eyes on the necessary SOPs. This helps the local industry to sustain through this difficult time. Among the significant events are the Sarawak Adventure Challenge in Gua Silabur, the Kenyalang Tourism Booster at Lundu, *Anugerah Seniman Muzik Sarawak*, and many others.

Digital promotion will become the priority marketing strategy for Sarawak's Tourism especially when our borders are closed and physical travel is restricted. The Sarawak Travel App and Web Portal was launched to give first-hand information to the visitors while the Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) features will enhance their virtual experience of Sarawak. MTAC is working closely with Sarawak Multimedia Authority to enhance Sarawak Travel App by integrating e-commerce platform in order to support and revive the economic growth and income of industry players through digital applications and online services.

### *The Way Forward*

MTAC together with Economic Planning Unit (EPU) Sarawak has embarked on the third Sarawak Tourism Masterplan study to chart the way forward for Sarawak's tourism industry to recover from the impact of COVID-19. The Masterplan will explore new business models and strategies for both the demand and supply side of tourism industry. It will also identify and develop strategic directions and action plans for the tourism sector to spur both immediate recovery and long-term growth. Tourism sector is also one of key economic sectors under Sarawak Economic Action Council.

MTAC is planning to focus on several areas with potential for high impact projects to be implemented under 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan. Among them are:

- a) To develop tourism facilities and infrastructures for Sarawak's niche ecotourism products such as national parks, beaches and waterfalls;
- b) To preserve, conserve and promote Sarawak's unique history, culture and heritage through museums, forts, heritage buildings and archaeological sites;
- c) Sarawak's own Center for Performing Arts will also be established to be the main hub to develop local talents in performing arts industry; and
- d) The development of local crafts industry by establishing Sarawak Handicraft Centre as showcase of our unique crafts and souvenir centre for visitors.

Tuan Speaker,

### **MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS SARAWAK**

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** Tuan Speaker, thank Tuan Speaker and thank you Honourable Minister for giving clarification. My question is you are looking at the answers given by the Honourable Deputy Chief Minister about the long-term planning on tourism. That is good, but the whole thing is that at the moment the tourism industry and all other industries is suffering a lot and as what a great economist has said in long the run, we are all dead, so, if they can't tight over this period of time, there's no point in talking about long right? So, may I know what is the Government's stand on my question, my request the other day the 1 billion fund to be channelled as which subsidies for SMEs in Sarawak and grants to SMEs so that they can tight over the immediate predicament that they are in, immediate dilemma that there are in now like, including the tourism industry. What is the position of the State Government?

**Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli Kedua; Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Terminal Perindustrian dan Pembangunan Usawahan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri, N.82 Bukit Sari (YB Datuk Amar Haji Awang**

**Tengah Bin Ali Hasan):** There are so many financial and non-financial assistances to all these industrial player including the SME's, including those who are involved in the tourism sector and what is important is for them to chart the way forward on how to assist the industry players in this tourism industry.

Tuan Speaker, the Ministry of Youth and Sport Sarawak. The Ministry of Youth and Sport Sarawak is committed to provide nurture and execute, comprehensive planning related to youth in terms of human capital development, physical development and socio-economic development for the wellbeing of Sarawakian. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry has managed to implement 361 programme this year with a total of 27,173 participants and the *Projek Rakyat* and RMK11, the Ministry has allocated RM365 million to undertake the development of 42 sports facilities throughout the State. The Ministry will continue to provide more conducive sports facilities and organize more programme to develop our youth.

### **KEMENTERIAN PERDAGANGAN ANTARABANGSA DAN INDUSTRI TERMINAL DAN PERINDUSTRIAN DAN PEMBANGUNAN USAHAWAN**

Tuan Speaker, sekarang saya berpindah kepada Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri Terminal dan Perindustrian dan Pembangunan Usahawan.

This year has been a very difficult year for all of us as the global economy is experiencing the worst recession since World War II because of the COVID-19 pandemic, impacting negatively on all major sectors especially SMEs. However, we are grateful to the Right Honourable Chief Minister for having the foresight and vision to leapfrog Sarawak into digital economy by leveraging on Industry 4.0 since 2017. I will now report on my Ministry's achievements thus far.

#### *Performance of the State's Manufacturing Sector In 2020*

To date, State Industrial Coordination Committee (ICC) has approved 56 investment projects totalling RM21.6 billion, creating about 11,600 employment opportunities for the State.

Out of these, 19 are ICA (Industrial Coordination Act 1975) projects totalling RM15.8 billion, mainly in basic metal products, wood & wood-based products and transport equipment products. These projects are expected to create about 6,000 employment opportunities in the State.

The remaining 37 ICC projects totalling RM5.8 billion are mainly in electrical and electronic products, non-metallic mineral products, wood & wood-based products, renewable energy, transport equipment products, etc. These investments are expected to create about 5,600 employment opportunities in the State.

#### *Performance of The State's Manufacturing Sector Under RMK-11 (2016 – 2020)*

Under RMK-11, total approved investments for Sarawak's manufacturing sector is recorded at RM51.9 billion, creating about 31,900 new employment opportunities. FDI accounted for 57.8% (RM30.0 billion) of the total approved investments, while DDI constituted the remaining 42.2% (RM21.9 billion).

Our performance in attracting investments thus far has been commendable despite strong competitions from other states and neighbouring countries. For this, I must thank YAB Ketua Menteri for his unwavering support in our efforts to attract more FDI and DDI to Sarawak. I would also like to thank the Federal Government under YAB Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin for working closely with Sarawak Government in approving these investments which are critical for Sarawak and Malaysia to achieve high economic growth, especially during this current pandemic.

Tuan Speaker, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Sarawak continues to be an attractive investment destination in Malaysia and my Ministry will continue to engage with investors either in

person or online. For the first nine months of this year, Sarawak ranked no. 1 as the most preferred investment destination in Malaysia in term of investment value in manufacturing sector which is about RM15.8 billion as reported by MIDA.

Due to increasing global demand for mobile devices, hard disk drives, servers and energy storage solutions, as well as automotive products, Taiyo Yuden, Western Digital (HGST), IMM Technology (ILJIN) and X-FAB are proceeding with their expansion plans in Sama Jaya valued at RM6.46 billion. These investments by the foreign investors, especially during this challenging time, are a clear manifestation of the investors' continued confidence in our leadership.

Even during this challenging period, serious foreign investors continue to seek investment opportunities in Sarawak, including:

- a) One South Korean company where four of its senior representatives had travelled to Sarawak and willingly undergone 14 days' quarantine to conduct the feasibility study for their investment recently. The company is pleased with the findings and my Ministry is confident that the company will choose Sarawak for its RM2.3 billion investment;
- b) Investors from China are also in the midst of applying to enter Sarawak to further their feasibility studies in bathymetric for their proposed USD5.2 billion oil and gas project in Sarawak;
- c) An MOU was also signed recently between SEDC Energy Sdn. Bhd. and Japan's Sumitomo Corporation and ENEOS Corporation on the establishment of a hydrogen production facility in Bintulu. We have also commenced discussions with another foreign company on their proposed hydrogen project;
- d) The joint venture between Japanese companies and STIDC's subsidiary on biomass industrial fuel pellets project is at testing stage. This project worth RM126 million is expected to commence construction at Tanjung Manis in mid-2022;
- e) The RM500 million battery project at Demak Laut is under construction. This is a joint venture between China and Sarawak companies;
- f) The RM5.7 billion methanol plant in Kidurong is under site preparation; and
- g) Similarly, the RM17.05 billion steel projects in Samalaju is expected to commence site preparation soon.

My Ministry will continue to facilitate all these investments so that we do not miss out on these opportunities even during this pandemic.

#### *Entrepreneur Development*

Tuan Speaker, SMEs is the backbone of Malaysia's economy that contribute significantly to the national GDP, exports and employment. However, the economic repercussions arising from the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and the implementation of Movement Control Order (MCO) have impacted the performance of SMEs in 2020.

Based on the survey conducted by my Ministry, about 73% of SMEs are expected to register losses in 2020. Similar findings were also recorded by SME Corp. Hence, the challenges now rely on the speed and agility of the SMEs to adopt differentiated strategies to survive in new business landscapes by embracing digitalisation for their business operation, apart from the assistance provided by the Government.

In our efforts to cushion the disruptive impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to the *rakyat* including SMEs, the State Government has provided numerous assistances valued at RM1.741 billion under *Bantuan Khas Sarawakku Sayang* (BKSS), in addition to the assistance provided by the Federal Government through PRIHATIN and PENJANA.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, bagi tahun 2020, Kementerian saya telah memberi bantuan kepada PKS dalam pelbagai bidang seperti berikut:

- a) Skim Kredit Mikro Sarawak (SKMS) diperuntukkan RM50 juta;
- b) Subsidi untuk Special Relief Fund (SRF) diperuntukkan RM80.7 juta;
- c) Skim Pinjaman Industri Kecil dan Sederhana (SPIKS) diperuntukkan RM5.4 juta;
- d) Program Graduan Ke Arah Keusahawanan (GERAK) dan Usahawan Teknikal dan Vokasional (USTEV) diperuntukkan RM2.4 juta;
- e) Pembangunan Kapasiti; dan
- f) Promosi dan Pemasaran, misalnya penubuhan *Sarawak Trade and Tourism Office (STATO)* di Singapura dan *Sarawak Product Pavillion* di Kuala Lumpur telah memberi peluang yang besar kepada PKS Sarawak untuk menembusi pasaran yang lebih luas dan pasaran antarabangsa. Kita juga bercadang untuk menubuhkan pejabat yang sama di Pontianak, Indonesia dan Negara Brunei Darussalam.

Sarawak merupakan satu-satunya negeri di Malaysia yang memberikan subsidi kadar faedah (*interest subsidies*) bagi tempoh 3½ tahun kepada PKS di bawah skim SRF, SKMS dan SPIKS semasa krisis pandemik ini. Inilah istimewanya Kerajaan GPS Sarawak.

Secara keseluruhannya, bagi tempoh Rancangan Malaysia Ke-11, Kementerian saya telah membantu lebih 32,000 usahawan dalam pembangunan kapasiti, bantuan kewangan dan promosi. Kementerian saya akan terus berusaha untuk membantu PKS supaya lebih berkembang, terutamanya semasa pandemik ini.

Untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, Kementerian Kebajikan, Kesejahteraan Komuniti, Wanita, Keluarga dan Pembangunan Kanak-Kanak (KWKPK) juga menawarkan dua bantuan atau inisiatif untuk memperkasakan wanita dan keluarga seperti berikut:

Geran Usahawan di bawah Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak (JWKS) telah menawarkan geran berjumlah RM2,000 sebagai modal pusingan bagi 1,000 usahawan wanita yang perniagaan mereka terkesan akibat pandemik COVID-19. Dalam masa yang sama, JWKS juga membantu usahawan wanita untuk mendaftar perniagaan mereka melalui *Taskforce Bimbingan Pendaftaran Perniagaan dan Lesen Dagangan Usahawan Sarawak (PUWAS)*. Setakat ini, seramai 116 wanita telah berjaya mendaftarkan lesen perniagaan mereka.

Geran Usahawan Mikro Kebajikan (UMK) di bawah Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak menawarkan geran perniagaan bernilai RM5,000 kepada usahawan mikro. Dari 2013 hingga 2020, seramai 3,675 penerima bantuan kebajikan bulanan dan ahli keluarga telah mendapat manfaat.

#### *Development of Industrial Infrastructure and Facilities*

Tuan Speaker, under the 11<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan, MINTRED has been approved a total ceiling of RM309.3 million for 19 Industrial Parks and eight *Anjung Usahawan* development projects. Out of this, RM250.7 million, about 81% had been expended to date, 11 projects have been completed; 10 projects are under various stages of construction; three projects are at the tender stage; two projects are under design stage; and one project is under land acquisition.

My Ministry will continue to develop more industrial parks and *Anjung Usahawan*, especially at the rural towns in Sarawak under RMK-12 to benefit more SMEs.

*Oil and Gas Development*

Tuan Speaker, to ensure greater participation of the State in oil and gas sector and enhance revenue from our petroleum resources, a Committee has been set up to facilitate negotiations between Sarawak GPS Government, Federal Government and PETRONAS to find commercial solutions on these matters. The negotiations are still on-going between the three parties.

The State Government is firmly committed to exercise regulatory control over exploration and mining of oil and gas within the territorial boundaries of the State to accomplish the following strategic objectives:

- a) having a greater and more equitable share of the revenues from oil and gas found and produced in Sarawak;
- b) regaining complete control of onshore mining as manifested by the issuance of two Oil Mining Leases to PETROS under the State's Oil Mining Ordinance 1958;
- c) equity participation in existing offshore mining blocks and an established framework for the award of new offshore mining blocks;
- d) securing greater volume of natural gas produced in onshore and offshore areas to boost the State's industrial development agenda including the establishment of a petrochemical hub in Bintulu;
- e) taking control of gas distribution in Sarawak including the distribution of Liquefied Petroleum Gas; and
- f) ensuring greater participation of Sarawak companies in works and supply contracts in the State's oil and gas sector.

In order to increase the revenues from oil and gas, the State Government has decided to impose 5% State Sales Tax (SST) on petroleum products from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019. For year 2019, we have collected RM3.09 billion from SST on petroleum products. For this, I wish to place on record the strong determination of Yang Amat Berhormat Chief Minister to fight for Sarawak's rights and eventually secured the payment of the SST from PETRONAS and other petroleum companies operating in Sarawak. More revenues from investments in downstream industries, like the LNG Plants and through equity participation in offshore blocks are expected in future.

Given our credible leadership and political stability as well as our sound oil and gas policy, SHELL has decided to relocate its upstream operations to Miri involving around 2,000 of its employees. This is a clear manifestation of SHELL's confidence in the State's conducive business environment for investment.

Tuan Speaker, for Sarawak to achieve its vision of a high-income economy by 2030, we must have sustained political stability. Political stability is paramount in order to be able to govern well and attract more foreign investments, creating more business and employment opportunities. More so during this pandemic where the Government of the day puts all of its time, efforts and resources to focus on the well-being of the *rakyat* and building the economy, instead of politicking. Jangan gila kuasa saja. Jangan gila cari nombor sahaja seperti apa yang berlaku di Malaya.

Pakatan Harapan has been given the opportunity to govern the country for 22 months. Look what had happened? The value of our currency dropped; *bursa saham jatuh*; confidence level among investors *hilang*; *projek yang sudah dilulus pun dibatalkan*; *program bantuan untuk kebajikan masyarakat dipotong*; *untuk baik pulih dan bina semula rumah untuk golongan miskin pun dipotong*; *pembayaran balik PTPTN untuk dihapuskan tidak jadi*; recognition of UEC *tidak jadi*, *tidak seperti Sarawak yang recognise UEC*; *janji 20% royalty untuk Sarawak pun tidak jadi*; *janji 50% tax collected in Sarawak to be given back to Sarawak juga kosong dan banyak lagi*. Semua ini membuktikan parti-parti Malaya dalam Pakatan Harapan *pembulak aja!* Pakatan Harapan sebenarnya Pakatan harap-harap sahaja. Bagi kita di Sarawak, Kerajaan Pakatan Harapan hanyalah Kerajaan yang tahu potong-potong saja, dan ber-*politicking*.

Tuan Speaker, only GPS can safeguard the rights and interests of Sarawak and to unite the peoples of Sarawak. The Constitutional (Amendment) Bill, 2020 passed on Thursday is a clear reflection of our desire to protect Sarawak. Indeed, it was disappointing that the Opposition chose not to support the Constitutional (Amendment) Bill, 2020. This shows their true colour.

Fortunately, in Sarawak we have a stable Government under the strong leadership of the Right Honourable Chief Minister to unite and guide us through this very challenging time, put us on the right path to economic recovery and propel Sarawak towards greater prosperity.

“*Sarawak First*” is the guiding principle of GPS. Hak Sarawak akan tetap diutamakan. GPS will always fight for the rights of Sarawak and we have done so without fear. We have won the battle on SST against PETRONAS and we have taken control of our onshore mining.

GPS is a responsible Government that has proven its sincerity and ability to govern Sarawak well. We have not gone bankrupt as claimed by the former PH Minister. This has not happened and will not happen under GPS. Instead, our revenues have increased substantially.

Tuan Speaker,

Tuai Sarawak amat paguh,  
Rakyat lantang laban BKSS,  
Anang jako mayuh-mayuh,  
Stay safe enggau GPS.

Sebelum mengakhiri ucapan penggulungan ini, saya ingin menyampaikan penghargaan kepada Tuan Speaker kerana berjaya mengendalikan persidangan DUN dengan tegas dan baik yang memudahkan urusan kita berjalan dengan lancar. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua pegawai yang terlibat dalam menjayakan persidangan kali ini.

Saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini juga untuk mengucapkan Selamat Hari Deepavali, Selamat Hari Krismas, Selamat Tahun Baru 2021 dan Selamat Tahun Baru Cina kepada semua rakyat Sarawak. Sama-samalah kita mematuhi SOP semasa menyambut hari-hari perayaan yang akan datang dan kita ucapkan terima kasih kepada *all our frontliners* yang bekerja bersungguh-sungguh demi untuk keselamatan kita bersama.

Stay safe, stay safe with GPS. Kita jaga kita, kita jaga Sarawak, kita *intu* Sarawak. Sekian, terima kasih.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan segala hormatnya saya menjemput YB Tan Sri Datuk Amar Dr. James Jemut Anak Masing, Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.64 Baleh untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

**Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.64 Baleh (YB Tan Sri Datuk Amar Dr. James Jemut Anak Masing):** Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. As we are now saddled with the COVID-19 pandemic whereby Kuching is declared as a red zone, thus this *Dewan Undangan Negeri* session is shortened to five instead of eight days. Due to this limitation of days and consequently time, and considering that I have also been tasked to do my winding up speech involving three Ministries, namely, my Ministry and my Port Development (PD), Ministry of Utilities, Ministry of Transport and three State Agencies namely, State Service Modernization Unit (UPPN), State Security and Enforcement Unit (UKPN) and Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA). Therefore, Tuan Speaker, I would appreciate it very much if Members of this august House do not interrupt me. However, Sir, if any member wishes to seek further clarification on issues raised pertaining to my Ministry of Infrastructure and Port Development, please do see me or meet me or any of my staff after this *Dewan Undangan Negeri* sitting. Meanwhile, for clarification of issues other than that of my

Ministry, you may raise them with respective Ministries and Agencies after the sitting too. Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

#### *Federal Budget 2021*

Tuan Speaker, the 2021 Federal Budget announced by the Minister for Finance, Malaysia recently totalling to RM322.5 billion with the theme “*Stand United, We Shall Prevail*” is the largest in Malaysia’s history. It is indeed a people-centric budget and is vital in securing the welfare of the *rakyat* and business continuity as we continue to battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Out of the total development allocation of RM69 billion, Sarawak is allocated with a sum of RM4.5 billion amongst others for the construction and upgrading of water, electricity and road infrastructure, health and education facilities. Despite of an increase of only RM100 million and comparison with the approved 2020 development allocations of RM4.4 billion, it is an overall an acceptable budget as the whole of Malaysia, as Malaysia continues to grapple with COVID-19 pandemic. With this, I thank the Federal Government for the assistance and subsidies rendered to enable the *rakyat* is able to ride through these challenging times.

#### *State Budget 2021*

The State Budget 2021 presented by the Right Honourable Chief Minister and Minister for Finance Sarawak with the theme “*Reinvigorating The Economy Towards a Caring, Resilient and Inclusive Society*”, was a well formulated Budget and living up to its theme which is caring, resilient and inclusive. I am happy to note that the 2021 State Budget continues to be a surplus Budget of RM180 million, with an estimated total revenue of RM10.012 billion and a total proposed ordinary expenditure of RM9.832 billion. It is crucial that we continue to have a surplus Budget to ensure that our future needs are met and the well-being of Sarawakians are taken care of in times of uncertainty post COVID-19.

The development budget which is rural biased State Budget for is important to narrow the disparity gap between the urban and rural areas. I strongly welcome and support this rural biased budget as I hail from the rural area. Despite this, the GPS Government is not in any way neglecting the development of urban sectors. The setting up of the Sarawak Economic Action Council or SEAC is an commendable effort for our State’s post COVID-19 Exit Economic Strategy.

With more emphasis towards infrastructure development under the SEAC initiatives, my Ministry will be gearing up on the planning and implementation of crucial and impactful projects under 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan to further improve the connectivity and accessibility especially in the rural areas.

I would like to reiterate here some of the proposed projects which were mentioned by the Right Honourable Chief Minister in his 2021 State Budget address:

- a) Proposed Jalan Nanga lbau/ Ulu Sungai lbau, Kapit. I would like therefore to thank the GPS Government for this meaningful project for rural constituency;
- b) Proposed construction of road from Kampung Bako to Kampung Buntal, Kuching, which when completed will be the last mile of our Coastal Road network. With the completion of this road, traffic congestion will be reduced by diverting road users coming from Santubong, Bako and Buntal without having to pass through Kuching City if they wish to travel to Samarahan and beyond; and
- c) Proposed construction of Rantau Panjang/ Rassau Road, Batang Igan Phase 1, Mukah. With the completion of this tar sealed road, the people in the area can expert better access to the other parts of Sarawak.

The continuous effort by the GPS Government to develop the State and to ensure that no one is left behind is applauded. Indeed, I would like to stress here “*Sarawak First*”. Development matters for the people and by the people.

### *Infrastructure Development*

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak has been developing slowly, but steadily, in terms of infrastructure development over the years. Accessibility, Tuan Speaker, is one of the core ingredients essential for any development. It serves as the backbone for economic activities like tourism, provides access for cultivation and allow our products to reach its consumers.

While Sarawak is developing our digital economy, infrastructure is and shall remain as an integral part that support physical movement of human and goods in support of digital economy I cannot sir, but agree with Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ba’Kelalan, the former Federal Minister for Work Malaysia, when he said in this august House on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020, I quote: “*Road infrastructure is crucial in any country’s development plan. The connectivity it provides serves as a catalyst for economic activities*”. The motto of my Ministry which is “*Link and Develop*”, has accurately portrayed the essence of what the Ministry does and the objectives that we hope to achieve.

To be a developed State by 2030, infrastructural network has to be built between towns and villages, which will then allow development of various industries.

The vision of Sarawak becoming a developed State by 2030 can only be realised when it has a Ministry that “*Link and Develop*”. Our Chief Minister has placed a lot of emphasis on this aspect and hence, infrastructure development was accorded the recognition and budget it requires to achieve these objectives.

Tuan Speaker, only a few years ago, Kapit town was only reachable via riverine transport. It was a town with cars despite no road connectivity to anywhere else. Kapit was so isolated that vehicle owner just left their keys and vehicles on by the road side without any fear of theft then.

But today sir, Kapit’s entire landscape has changed. Hence, my advice to an visitors to Kapit, please do not leave your vehicles unlock like you did in the olden days. Kapit is no longer an island within the island of Borneo. The 120km of Sibu-Kapit road has physically connected Kapit with other parts of Sarawak. Very soon, Kapit will be connected into interior with the construction and completion of more than 200km of roads under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan.

On 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the Right Honourable Chief Minister led an expedition on motorbike from Sibu to Kapit. The journey via the newly completed road took us only about one hours 45 minutes compared to the three hours long express boat ride we otherwise had to take to make it to Kapit in during that time.

And then sir, on the 20<sup>th</sup> October this year, I visited a long at Sg. Bidut-Tutus which is located in Bawang Assan. Instead of road as I do now to Kapit, the way to reach the longhouse in Bawang Assan, still remains like what it was some 30 years ago, which was and still is via a vessel along the Igan River. No other words could describe the embarrassment. Tuan Speaker, when I see the placed is devoid of development and without any apparent road connectivity, especially because the area is represented by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Bawang Assan who was once also a Second Finance Minister; and Minister for Infrastructure Development and Communications for eight year. Because of that, I would like to share with this august House, the ongoing construction of the 32km Jalan Sungai Bidut-Tutus-Sebedil-Kampung Bungan Kecil traversing the whole stretch of DND Bawang Assan as the cost of RM340 million, even though this *kawasan* is under PSB.

Tuan Speaker, Ahli Yang Berhormat for Dudong had requested during his debate yesterday in this august House for the GPS Government to be fair in allocating fund for development

including in all Opposition areas. Sir yes, we are fair. The GPS Government has always and will be fair in channelling development projects so that Sarawakian regardless of political affiliations, race and religion would be able to enjoy the fruits of development. The only way we could ensure this, it is to set aside our political differences, prioritise our people's needs and build connectivity to where it is most needed. This is why my Ministry allocate RM314 million to DUN Bawang Assan.

With the completion of 30km Jalan Sungai Bidut-Tutus-Sebedil-Kampung Bungan Kecil road that cuts across Bawang Assan, travelling distance from coast to the interior of Sarawak would be much reduced. A journey from Mukah to Kapit, for example sir, would take less than five hours and vice versa. Kapit folks could then enjoy the beaches of Mukah whilst sampling *umai* and other Melanau delicacies with just few hours of drive. Imagine how this will benefit our local communities when domestic tourism activities such as these start to flourish and this is what development means under the GPS Government, sir. GPS Government will look at ways to expedite the construction and completion of the Coastal Road Network and the Second Trunk Road in view of the strategic roles, positive impact and benefit this road will bring to our people once they are completed.

Under the Coastal Road Network and Second Trunk Road Programme, there are 13 bridges which are currently at various stages of implementation. As of now, out of the 13 bridges, 10 have been awarded and under construction while three are still under documentation stage where a decision is still yet to be made. With the completion of the Coastal Road projects, the economic potential of our coastal areas will be enhanced as the area the road traverses will present economic opportunities for development of large scale agricultural and aqua culture projects. Once completed, Tuan Speaker, the Second Trunk Road projects will compliment the Coastal Road and Pan Borneo Highway road network. Apart from Shortening the travelling time from Sibu to Kuching by 2½ hours, the Second Trunk Road will open up Native Customary Rights (NCR) lands and settlements located between the Coastal Road and Pan Borneo Highway. Again, MIPD that's my Ministry sir, motto "*Links and Develops*" remains relevant.

#### *Border Security Road*

Tuan Speaker, the importance of security cannot be taken lightly. Because of that, a Border Security Road Network with a total of 1,032km has been proposed and approved by these Government and principle. The proposed Border Security Road will originate from Biawak to Lubok Antu passing through Kapit Division and Upper Baram river and then to Bario and finally to be connected to the Sarawak-Sabah Link Road. The completion of the Border Security Road will enable us to better safeguard and protect out multi billion ringgit assets such as the Sarawak-Sabah gas Pipeline and four of our Hydro-Electric Power Dam project namely, Bakun, Murum, Baleh and Batang Ai. All of which are allocated adjacent to our international border with Indonesia. With an estimated cost of RM24 billion, my Ministry is seeking for Federal funding under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan for this.

#### *Air Connectivity*

Tuan Speaker, development cannot grow in isolation without air connectivity. In our efforts to enhance rural economic transformation therefore, the GPS Government is undertaking to construct two airports which are also known as STOLports (Short Take-off and Landing Airports) at Bukit Mambong in Kapit and Bebulung in Betong. These projects are at their early planning stages with construction expected to commerce in 2021. Air connectivity will be improved and expended within this region and the interiors of Sarawak to provide better accessibility that is affordable and reliable to generate economic especially through the development of tourism sector.

#### *Projek Rakyat*

Tuan Speaker, our Chief Minister is committed and very serious in delivering meaningful projects under *Projek Rakyat*. My Ministry with the assistance of other agencies is being tasked to

deliver a total of 142 infrastructure development amounting to about RM5.6 billion throughout Sarawak. These 84 roads projects, 27 bridges, four jetties, 24 buildings and two state-funded airports. The status of 142 *Projek Rakyat* as of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 are 16 projects have been completed, 78 projects are under construction and 48 projects are under design.

#### *Ports*

Tuan Speaker, port plays a vital role in the overall logistics chain of goods delivery for our State. Up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, all the ports in Sarawak, namely Kuching Port, Miri Port, Tanjung Manis Port and Samalaju Port have all experienced decrease in cargo handling as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic except for Rajang Port Authority which has experienced an increase of cargo throughput. In order to remain competitive, several development projects for ports in Sarawak have been planned to improve their capacity and security. The Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) for Kuching Port was approved earlier this year and expected to be in operation by the end of 2021. For the other ports this will come in stages. The installation of AtoN (Aids to Navigations) at Batang Rajang, Tanjung Manis Port is expected to be in operation by the end of 2021.

#### *Border Food Security Committee*

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, Sarawak's border posts remain closed to immigration until the end of this year. The Border Food Security Committee through Kuching Port Authority (KPA) has coordinated the export and delivery of essential goods to Indonesians living on the other side of the border. These exports and delivery of essential goods to Nanga Badau on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 and Aruk, Indonesia on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 were assisted by the Royal Malaysian Customs Department, Royal Malaysia Air Force, Immigration Department, Veterinary Department and other relevant Government agencies. It was Tuan Speaker, a success and we may be asked to assist them again and a near future.

#### *Upper Rajang Development Authority (URDA)*

Tuan Speaker, in 2019, the Sarawak Government approved a total of RM4.5 billion or RM1.5 billion to each of the three development agencies under Regional Corridor Development Authority (RECODA), namely, Upper Rajang Development Agency (URDA), Highland Development Authority (HDA) and Northern Development Agency (NRDA). For URDA, there are currently 41 projects to be implemented by 2021 and beyond, ranging from roads, bridges to water supplies which will greatly uplift the lives of people in the region. On 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020, our Chief Minister announced that another RM1.5 billion will be allocated to URDA to implement more projects. The projects which have been identified are:

- a) 77km Nanga Mujong/ Nanga Tiau/ Sungai Tunoh; and
- b) to carry out Masterplan studies for town expansion and socio-economic growth for Kapit, Belaga and Bakun which are expected to be completed by 2021.

In this regard, on behalf of URDA, I would like to thank our Chief Minister for his very kind gesture.

#### *Achievements*

The Sarawak Government's development agenda has been proven through its development-biased budget in the annual Budget provisions for the past two decades.

The success of project implementation lies with each and every one of us. A lot of infrastructural projects under my Ministry will have not been possible, Tuan Speaker, if it has not been for Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat including those from the Opposition who have went to the

ground, engaged with their people and provided feedback to my Ministry as one of the input for me to carry on our planning.

The completion of Batang Baleh Bridge, Sungai Mujong Bridge and Banyau Bridge as well as the 120km Sibu-Kapit road are clear testimonies to the earnest efforts of our GPS Government in developing the rural areas. My Ministry together with the Public Works Department targeted to connect a total of 6,099 rural villages to public roads by 2030. Up to this year, a total of 3,172 villages have been connected, with the remaining 2,927 villages to be connected by 2030. This is very massive challenge for GPS Government, that is why we need assistance. Every Yang Berhormat regardless what political he belonged to, let us work together to make Sarawak a better place for everybody.

#### **Sarawak Road Safety Council (MKJR Sarawak)**

Tuan Speaker, for the information of this august House, Sarawak Road Safety Council which is currently under the purview of my Ministry will be officially handed over to Ministry of Transport Sarawak on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. As the Chairman of Sarawak Road Safety Council, I would like to thank all the Committee Members from the State and Federal Agencies, Resident Offices, Local Authorities and Corporate entities for all their commitments, contributions and efforts in carrying out all the programmes under the Council.

Now, I would like to touch on other two Ministries namely, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Utilities. These Ministries were under our charge in the SEAC (Sarawak Economic Action Council) cluster. Besides these two ministries, I will also like to touch on State Service Modernization Unit (UPPN), Sarawak Security and Enforcement Unit (UKPN) and Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA).

#### *Ministry of Transport*

Tuan Speaker, transport sector is the backbone of the development in any country, enabling the seamless movement of people from one point to another and efficient transportation of goods from production areas to markets. Therefore, a competitive transport sector that acts as an enabler is required to accelerate the growth of the economic sectors especially in agriculture, manufacturing, mining and tourism.

#### *Bantuan Khas Sarawakku Sayang (BKSS)*

A sum of RM3.897 million was allocated under BKSS to relieve the financial burden of 199 penambang operators, 1,976 taxi drivers, 739 school bus and van operators, 959 licensed van drivers, 2,396 e-hailing drivers and 791 driving instructors.

Since the inception of the Ministry of Transport, Sarawak on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019, various main initiatives were implemented for the benefit of the people:

#### *RM1 Flat Rate Bus Fare*

The RM1.00 Flat Rate Bus Fare Programme was implemented in Kuching, Sibu and Miri since 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and to date, it has benefitted more than 608,488 people.

#### *Free School Bus*

The free school bus service which started in Kuching was launched by the Right Honourable Chief Minister on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and will be extended to Miri and other towns in Sarawak.

### *Smart Traffic Lights*

Under the SMART Mobility Initiative, the Sarawak Government implementing SCATS (Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System) traffic systems for 72 traffic signals to provide safe movement at intersections for vehicles and pedestrians in the State. The installation of 42 SCATS traffic system in Kuching is scheduled to be complete in first quarter of 2021. This will be extended to Miri, Bintulu, and Sibul.

### *Automated rapid transit (ART) under Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS)*

The Sarawak Government is implementing Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) of which the main component is the automated rapid transit (ART). ART will be powered by hydrogen fuel cells and is proposed to run on virtual tracks at the Samarahan Line and Serian Line. ART will be complemented by feeder bus services that provide the last mile journey.

### *Sarawak Rivers Board (SRB)*

Based on records, about 1.2 million passengers moved through the wharves and terminals annually which are managed by the Sarawak Rivers Board. Sarawak Rivers Board will continue to ensure that the riverine transport system will be affordable, safe and reliable through the installation and continuous upgrading of Aids to Navigation (AtoNs) and the strengthening of river enforcement activities.

## MINISTRY OF UTILITIES

Tuan Speaker, the Ministry of Utilities aspires to have world class utilities which are reliable, economical, safe and sustainable, throughout Sarawak to uplift the economic and social wellbeing of Sarawakians. It targets 100% coverage for both water and electricity supplies by the year 2025 and maintaining a generation mix of at least 60% hydro by 2030. The major projects that have impacted on our policies are as follows:

### a) Water Supply

The current water supply coverage is 84.1%. The Ministry has embarked on the implementation of the Sarawak Water Supply Master Plan and Water Grid since 2018. The Master Plan and Water Grid are implemented in stages:

- i) Implementation of the *Projek Rakyat* in Stressed Areas comprising 322 varying projects to minimize the current water issues, such as insufficient capacity, aging system and low water pressure;
- ii) The Master Plan strategic thrust until 2070 will include addressing the water demand, water treatment plants and distribution, water quality and adequacy of both raw and treated water;
- iii) The implementation of the Sarawak Alternative Rural Water Supply or SAWAS programme; and
- iv) Leveraging on digitalization and the strengthening of water supply by establishing a single water entity during the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan.

### *Generation, Transmission and Distribution Network Development*

Tuan Speaker, the 1,285 Mega Watt Baleh hydroproject plant and the 842 mega watt Tanjung Kidurong Combined Cycle plant are being constructed to provide the energy capacity needed to support Sarawak's future growth and development as a high-income State. To provide adequate transmission security and capacity for future system load growth, a 500 kilo Volt backbone transmission system stretching from Similajau to Tondong is implemented, and various transmission substations, transmission lines and distribution systems are being constructed.

*Rural Electrification Scheme (RES) Development*

Tuan Speaker, under the Rural Electrification Master Plan, the various initiatives to extend 24-hour supply to the rural areas are as follows:

- a) Rural Power Supply Scheme (RPSS) that extends the 132 kilo Volt and higher voltage transmission Grid system into the interior;
- b) The RES last-mile projects that extend the 33 kilo Volt and lower voltage distribution Grid line to rural villages and longhouses;
- c) The standalone hybrid system for remote sizeable villages inaccessible to the Grid system; and
- d) The stand-alone Sarawak Alternative Electrification Supply (SARES) using solar energy for an estimated 400 smaller villages or longhouses inaccessible to Grid.

*Green Agenda*

Tuan Speaker, besides hydro, solar power has been identified as one of the potential renewable sources. A pilot 500 Mega Watt floating solar farm project at Batang Ai reservoir will be implemented as a case study to determine the suitability of implementing large scale floating solar projects in other hydropower reservoirs. The Ministry of Utilities has submitted for funding under 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan to subsidize home solar roof top installation. The household will also benefit from reduced electricity cost under the Net Energy Metering (NEM) scheme, whereby this electricity usage will be deducted from SEB's electricity bill.

Tuan Speaker,

*Interconnection to Sabah*

Interconnection to neighbouring States will enhance the power export potential on Sarawak's renewable energy. The negotiation between Sarawak and Sabah for the interconnection to Sabah is being finalized.

Besides enhancing system reliability and security for both States by sharing of generation resources, this interconnection is part of the Borneo Grid agenda that will facilitate economic collaboration and development between the two regions.

*Bintulu - Samalaju Gas Pipeline and Pan Sarawak Virtual Pipeline System*

With Sarawak having full regulatory control over its domestic gas distribution under the Distribution of Gas Ordinance 2016 (DGO2016), the Sarawak Government plans to expand the coverage of natural gas (NG) distribution across Sarawak to enable greater utilization of gas. Thus, there is a plan to develop Bintulu-Samalaju gas pipeline and the Pan Sarawak Virtual Pipeline System.

**STATE CIVIL SERVICE MODERNIZATION UNIT**

*Digital Government – Connectivity*

Tuan Speaker, SarawakNet is an official communication platform used by the State Civil Service since 1996. In addressing the immediate needs for better services to our *rakyat* in the rural communities, the Sarawak Government has taken the initiative to install new "Very Small Aperture Terminal" (VSAT) at public areas.

Under this initiative, the Government will provide free internet connection to the public through the existing SarawakNet infrastructure using VSAT technology, where each site will be provided with 30 megabits per second (Mbps) bandwidth.

As of now, a total of 3,069 devices have been registered under Phase I initiative comprising 20 villages from eight Divisions. While for Phase II, 40 villages have been identified and will commence in November 2020. By having this initiative, it will provide better internet performance experience to the rural communities and subsequently, this will increase the take up rate and bridge the digital divide between the rural and the urban areas.

### *Service Sarawak*

Transforming the Government service delivery has always been one of the important initiatives of the Sarawak Government. Service Sarawak was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 and serves as a single point of contact for our people to access to Government services through multiple service channels which are:

- a) Service Sarawak Centre;
- b) Service Sarawak Kiosk;
- c) Service Sarawak Mobile apps; and
- d) Service Sarawak Portal preferred by customers.

To-date, apart from the Service Sarawak Centres at UTC Kuching, UTC Sibu and UTC Miri, we have also enhanced the existing Sarawak Government Information kiosks as Payment Kiosks. The centres and kiosks have benefitted more than 700,000 customers providing more than one million transactions and collected more than RM1 billion in revenue.

### STATE SECURITY AND ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Tuan Speaker, The Sarawak Government has set up the Sarawak Coastguard to protect 788km of Sarawak coastline and RM90 million has been allocated in the State Budget 2020 to undertake various programmes and projects.

The assets for Sarawak Coastguard include six interceptors, 51 newly recruited Coastguards, nine patrol boats. There will be several Coastguard headquarter/offices proposed under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan.

Having all these capacities and resources, the Sarawak Coastguard is expected to operate in 2021.

### SARAWAK MULTIMEDIA AUTHORITY (SMA)

#### *Digital Economy Development*

Tuan Speaker, since 2017, the Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA) was set up to drive the strategic digital economic initiatives and has initiated 66 digital economic projects.

#### *Digital Infrastructure*

In order to leverage on the digital economy for a quality and equitable connectivity, the Sarawak Government has approved the implementation of 600 SMA Rural Telecommunication or SMART towers. To date, 202 of these towers have been completed providing connection to the rural areas, while the remaining towers will be installed in stages by 2022.

#### *Fintech*

Tuan Speaker, in addition, the Government has launched Sarawak Pay in November 2017, the first Sarawak Government owned Fintech platform, which is being patronized by majority of Sarawakians.

Sarawak Pay has now overtaken the likes of Touch and Go eWallet, Boost and GrabPay in terms of subscribers.

#### *Smart Agriculture*

One of the early successes of digital economy is also the ability to create successful smart farmers at *Taman Kekal Pengeluaran Makanan (TKPM) Rampangi*, with the utilization of Internet of Things (IoT) and automation. This has attracted the youth's interests in digital economy and farming.

#### *Digital Entrepreneurship*

Tuan Speaker, Digital Economy eventually is to be driven by the private sectors. Hence, the Sarawak Government is investing heavily in ensuring that the private sectors and the young innovators in Sarawak, are given the necessary access and aid to digital economy with the establishment of seven digital innovation hubs covering Sarikei, Kuching, Miri, Bintulu and Sibul. Another six innovation hubs are in the pipeline to be implemented in other Divisions.

#### *Digital Solution During the COVID-19 Pandemic*

The wisdom of strengthening the State's digital capability is clearly manifested during the pandemic period. Through the State Disaster Management Committee (SDMC), Sarawak was the first State to implement systematic digital solutions to record and control movement to manage the pandemic. During the initial Movement Control Order period, digital solutions were also used to quickly channel the official information to the public.

In addition, Tuan Speaker the Sarawak Government leveraged on Sarawak Pay to expeditiously channel the much needed aid to the micro businesses under the *Bantuan Khas Sarawakku Sayang (BKSS) 2.0* program within days. The Fintech platform provides the means for quick registration of those businesses previously not recorded so that they were not left out from the crucial aid. Meanwhile, the smart traffic light solution enabled the Government to monitor the effectiveness of Movement Control Order via volume of traffic.

#### *Issues Raised by Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat*

Tuan Speaker, to Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, thank you for all your comments and issues raised pertaining to my Ministry together with Ministry of Transport; Ministry of Utilities; State Service Modernization Unit; State Security and Enforcement Unit (UKPN); and Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA). We will ensure that they are attended to appropriately. If not, you may knock at our office doors or even camp at our offices until the matter is attended to. If I may quote the Bible, Tuan Speaker, Matthew 7:7, "*Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.*"

Therefore, to all Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, you may ask from my Ministry, if you ask, you may be given!

#### **CONCLUSION**

Therefore, Tuan Speaker I conclude, I would like to urge all Sarawakians to continue to give their full support to our GPS Government as without stability we cannot have continuity in pursuits of our development agenda.

I wish to thank you, Tuan Speaker, for having successfully conducted and managed the proceedings of this august House in a respectful and skilful manner.

I would also like to thank my MIPD team, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Utilities including all agencies under these three Ministries, State Service Modernization Unit, State Security and Enforcement Unit (UKPN), Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA) as well as the State and Federal Civil Servants, members of the media for your hard work and contributions towards the smooth running of this session.

This COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of us tremendously. Therefore, we must continue to be vigilant and always adhere to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in view of the festivities that are just around the corner.

With this, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Hindu friends a Happy Deepavali, a Blessed Merry Christmas to all Christians friends and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Please stay safe and God bless you all. Thank you.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan segala hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas, Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan Kedua; Menteri Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri, N.37 Bukit Saban untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

**Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan Kedua; dan Menteri Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. First and foremost, I would like to congratulate the Right Honourable Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg for presenting the 2021 State Budget which carries the theme of "*Reinvigorating the Economy towards a Resilient, Caring and Inclusive Society*". The 2021 State Budget is a testimony to the strong commitment of the Sarawak Government to expedite rural development, stimulate economic growth and improving livelihood of the *rakyat*.

I am very grateful to the Sarawak Government under the leadership of the Right Honourable Chief Minister, for allocating RM1.123 billion in the 2021 budget for strengthening agriculture transformation. This amount is an increase of RM326 million or 40.9% over the 2020 approved budget.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to congratulate you Tuan Speaker, for your reappointment as the Speaker of the Sarawak Legislative Assembly (DUN) and also, I would like to extend my congratulation to Members of this august House who has been bestowed with their respective State Awards on the occasion of the 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration for His Excellency the Governor of Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, I would, like on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology; Ministry of Local Government and Housing; Ministry of Welfare, Community Wellbeing and Women, Family and Childhood Development; and my Ministry would like to record our appreciation to all the Yang Berhormat that has raised the matter on the four Ministries. All your constructive comments, suggestions and recommendations are critical inputs to our Ministry and for us to develop each particular area within our Ministry.

#### PERFORMANCE OF THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

Tuan Speaker, I am glad to inform that the State agriculture sector has remained resilient and remained continue to be an important contributor to State GDP. In 2019, the agriculture sector contributed 12.1% or RM16.5 billion to the State GDP; and recorded State Agriculture Trade Balance surplus of RM6.9 billion. However, in term of Food Trade Balance, the State experienced RM3.98 billion deficits in 2019.

Tuan Speaker, allow me to highlight the major achievements in our effort to transform the State agriculture sector and to uplift the socio-economic status of the farming community.

### *Paddy & Rice Industry*

Tuan Speaker, our target is to be 70% self-sufficiency level (SSL) for rice by 2030 and towards the end, we have three initiatives:

- a) To ensure sufficient supply of quality paddy seed;
- b) Upgrading of farm infrastructure; and
- c) Intensifying farm mechanization to increase paddy productivity.

### *Commodity Crops Development*

On the crop's development, the Government is committed to provide continuous assistance to smallholder cultivating major commodity crops. In the year 2020, a sum of RM76.1 million has been spent for commodity crops and benefitting 22,683 farm families.

### *Development of Agroparks*

Tuan Speaker, the agropark is a new land development model that involves anchor companies with market access and technology, and also giving opportunity to smallholders to participate in commercial and market driven agriculture. The Government has identified four sites to be developed namely Sadong Jaya, Samarahan; Parit Bugis, Sarikei; Lubok Tamang, Debak and Sungai Tisak, Simanggang.

### *Fisheries and Aquaculture Industry Development*

To date, a total of 1,974 hectares has been gazetted as Aquaculture Industrial Zone (AIZ) including Batang Ai, Rambungan Loba Stoh, Selalang and Sundar Awat-Awat.

Under the 11<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan, a total of 70 farmers in AIZ Batang Ai and Sundar Awat-Awat have been assisted with a total allocation of RM10 million for red tilapia and seabass culture.

In term of the export market, one of the leading companies in Sarawak has exported 2,251 metric tonnes worth RM61 millions of frozen shrimp to 10 countries in 2019. At the end of the third quarter this year, the export has increased to 2,567 metric tonnes with an estimated value of RM63 million. Another leading company has also successfully export 60 metric tonnes of fresh water tilapia to Singapore since October 2019.

### *Assistance for Fishermen*

I would like to report on the status on cash assistance for fishermen during monsoon season or *Bantuan Musim Tengkujuh Nelayan* (BMTN). To date, a total sum of RM5.04 million has been spent for the first three months (January, February and March 2020) to 5,601 fishermen in Sarawak. The remaining two months (November and December 2020) will be paid by early December 2020.

On the *Bantuan Input Peralatan Perikanan Nelayan* (BIPPN), a sum of RM20 millions is in the process of implementation.

### *Veterinary and Livestock*

In order to increase the population of ruminants, the State has imported 1,000 heads of cattle; 300 heads of buffalo; 1,326 heads of goat; and 120 heads of sheep from Australia. To date, a total of 5,044 heads of cattle; 438 heads of buffalo; 1,110 heads of goat; and 120 heads of sheep were distributed to the entrepreneur under Pawah Scheme.

In addition, Artificial Insemination (AI) and Embryo Transfer (ET) technology are being pursued to increase the population of ruminant in the State.

The swine industry is another major export earner for the State of Sarawak. In 2020, Sarawak has exported 75,258 heads of live porkers worth RM105 million to Singapore. In view of this, the Government has provided a sum of RM30 million to develop another three Pig Farming Areas in Simunjan, Selangau and Samarakan.

Another lucrative industry is Edible Bird's Nest (EBN). In 2019, the export value of raw EBN is RM69 million and for this year up to October, the export value is RM46 million.

#### *Farm Infrastructure*

Tuan Speaker, the Department of Agriculture Sarawak is implementing 471 kilometre of farm road costing RM35.2 million. Currently, these projects are in their various stages of implementation.

#### *Agriculture Facilities for Collecting, Processing and Distribution Centre*

In ensuring food chain, the Government will build more facilities such as CPPC and wholesale market to collect, process and distribute agriculture produce in the food production areas throughout the State. A sum of RM10 million has been allocated this year.

#### *Strengthening Farmer's Organisation Capacity*

Tuan Speaker, the Government has approved RM20 million for the construction of newly launched *Pertubuhan Peladang Negeri Sarawak* (PPNS) office complex at Kota Samarahan. In addition, the Government had approved an allocation of RM2.6 million for operational cost for the year 2020 for PPNS and an annual allocation of RM10 million to finance various development programmes.

#### *Agriculture Venture Capital (AVC)*

Tuan Speaker, I wish to report on the progress of Agriculture Venture Capital financing facility. To date, we have received a total of 20 applications with a combined value of RM96.67 million. These projects include livestock farming, pineapple planting, deep sea fishing and food processing. As at end of November 2020, the Joint Evaluation Committee has approved RM22 millions of which RM9.8 million had been disbursed.

#### *Agriculture Facilitation Fund (AFF)*

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Government has also launched a special fund known as Agriculture Facilitation Fund (AFF) in 2018 to invigorate and spur the agriculture development mainly in the rural areas in Sarawak. A total sum of RM265 million has been allocated.

To date RM239.62 million has been committed to implement various programmes:

- a) Agriculture Products Buy-back Programme during Movement Control Order: RM2.5 million has been allocated to *Pertubuhan Peladang Kawasan* (PPK) throughout Sarawak, Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (FAMA) and *Persatuan Nelayan Kawasan* (PNK);
- b) Agriculture Outreach Programmes (AgriCOP): RM9 million, 242 AgriCOP involving 21,811 participants has been organised;
- c) Distribution of Musang King Seedlings: a sum of RM11.92 million has been spent; and we have distributed 250,735 seedlings benefiting 44,339 farmers;
- d) Modern Farming: RM4.2 million benefiting 229 farm families; and

- e) Swiftlet Ranching for Edible Bird's Nest: RM1.36 million and benefiting 68 farm families.

*Special Assistance to Farmers*

Tuan Speaker, to reduce the impact of the price fluctuation of commodities that directly affect the farmers' incomes, the Sarawak Government has approved an allocation of RM60 million to assist farmers with farm inputs such as fertiliser & pesticide. Under this programme, each farmer is entitled RM1,000.

*REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT*

*Rural Growth Centre*

Untuk Rancangan Malaysia Ke-11, a total sum of RM106.8 million has been approved for the development of RGCs throughout the State. As of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, a total of RM65.5 million had been spent to carry out projects at Long Lama, Semop, Opar, Awat-Awat and Beladin. A sum of RM81.1 million has been proposed under this 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan.

*Highland Development Agency (HDA)*

Tuan Speaker, the *rakyat* within the Highland Development Agency would like to express their appreciation to the GPS Government for creating the Highland Development Agency. A sum of RM1.5 billion had been allocated to carry out various infrastructure projects. The allocation undertakes three major projects namely:

- a) Construction of 30 road and bridges benefiting 63 villages community in Bario Highland, Apoh-Tutoh, Long Lama, Tinjar and Upper Rajang, costing RM1.264 billion;
- b) Construction of 20 water supply and treatment projects costing RM210 million; and
- c) Construction two power supply projects with a cost of RM25.6 million.

*Integrated Regional Samarahan Development Agency (IRSDA)*

The Integrated Regional Samarahan Development Agency (IRSDA) has been allocated a sum of RM 1.5 billion also to implement various development projects in Samarahan Division. As of October 2020, 52 projects had been completed while 237 projects are in pre-implementation stage and the remaining 139 projects are still in its planning stage.

*Food Basket*

Tuan Speaker, to support the development of food basket development area, the Department of Irrigation and Drainage Sarawak (DID) has identified around 77,000 hectares of land within Betong, Sarikei and Mukah Division. To date, a sum of RM184 million has been approved for the construction of drainage schemes to develop commercial-scale production in the area.

**SARAWAK LAND CONSOLIDATION AND REHABILITATION AUTHORITY (SALCRA)**

We have received a number of constructive comments from scheme participants. SALCRA are taking steps to address those issues.

In order to increase a productivity and operation efficiency, SALCRA is currently working with Sime Darby Plantation Berhad to develop SALCRA Transformation Roadmap 2025 (STR25). Among key initiatives are to increase average yield per hectare to 20 metric tonnes, Oil Extraction Rate (OER) of 23% as well as aligning a business activity in order to be profitable.

I am pleased to inform this august House that the Land and Survey Department has agreed to authorise SALCRA to carry out and expedite Section 18 Title survey. To this effect, SALCRA has formed seven new survey teams and the team will increase when the need arises. As at October, 2020, 655 land titles under Section 18 have been handed to the landowners and a total of 68 lots were surveyed.

A new policy has also been set for all newly developed areas to be surveyed in issuance of Land Title, within three years of development.

Tuan Speaker, the Ministry will continue to aggressively pursue the transformation of the State Agriculture Sector through adoption of modern technology, leveraging on the digital economy; commercialisation of agriculture; and strengthening the agriculture eco-system and regulatory requirement.

Tuan Speaker, I wish to report on some of the achievements of the agencies under my portfolio:

#### UNIT FOR OTHER RELIGIONS (UNIFOR)

In 2020, the State Government has allocated RM50 million to UNIFOR to assist on religious house of worships and other religions in Sarawak. As of October 2020, RM38.947 million has been disbursed and granted to 299 houses of worships. We are now in the process of disbursing the balance.

#### NATIVE COURTS SARAWAK (MBS)

Tuan Speaker, the State Government has appointed a local consultant to undertake a comprehensive study on the transformation of the Native Courts in Sarawak. The Final Study Report is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

#### MAJLIS ADAT ISTIADAT SARAWAK (MAIS)

Tuan Speaker, Majlis Adat Istiadat Sarawak is the custodian of the *adat*. In 2020, 25 seminars and workshops involving 1,917 participants and six outreach programmes has been conducted. MAIS has also published 24 books on various topics on *adat*, traditional knowledge, cultural expressions, and folklores.

#### RURAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS (RTP)

Tuan Speaker, on Rural Transformation Project (RTP), a total of RM2, 938.7 million was allocated for the period of 2015 to 2020 to implement 12,780 RTP projects in Sarawak.

As of October 2020, out of 12,780 projects, 9,089 (71.1%) projects had been completed while the remaining 3,691 (28.9%) projects are still in various stages of implementation. For the year 2020, out of 2,783 projects approved, 31 projects have been completed.

In our effort to further enhance the delivery of RTP projects, the State Cabinet implement a new method empowering *Jawatankuasa Kemajuan dan Keselamatan Kampung* (JKKK) to appoint contractors and implement RTP through *gotong royong* concept. The involvement of JKKK in project implementation is to instil sense of ownership among the local community and to ensure efficient delivery of projects for the benefit of *rakyat*.

#### MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING (MLGH)

Tuan Speaker, now, I would like to deliberate on matters related to the Ministry of Local Government and Housing (MLGH).

*Development Projects and Programmes Under Local Authorities*

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, this year, the State Government has approved an allocation of RM55.8 million for 25 local authorities including DBKU to implement 356 infrastructure projects such as provision of street lightings, traffic lights, footpaths, roads, public toilets, drainage, town beautification and rural facilities and amenities. Out of these, 179 projects were completed and the remaining projects are at various stages of implementation.

The Ministry has also received RM15.9 million from the Federal Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT) for local authorities in the State to implement 316 minor infrastructure projects this year, while for *Program Pembasmian Kemiskinan Bandar* (PPKB), the Ministry was allocated with RM6.69 million which has benefited 452 *Ketua Isi Rumah* (KIR).

*Affordable Housing*

Tuan Speaker, under RMK-11 State funded project, Housing Development Corporation (HDC) is tasked to implement 2,802 units of affordable housing and Rumah SPEKTRA Permata (RSP). Out of these, 793 units are expected to be delivered by the year end, 478 units still on-going and 1,531 units are at various stages of implementation.

There are three on-going Federal funded projects with a total of 1,112 units under the Program Perumahan Rakyat (PPR). Two projects with 651 units are scheduled to be completed by year end, while one project with 461 units is expected to be completed in 2023. The State Government has allocated RM11 million for the issuance of strata titles which will benefit to 12,000 owners.

*Longhouse Loan*

Tuan Speaker, for the information of Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the Ministry received an allocation of RM10 million this year from Federal Government for Longhouse Loan and RM50 million from the State Government. A total of 339 *pintu* have been approved under the Federal contribution while 1,604 doors have been approved from the fund by the State Government.

**SEWERAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

*Centralised Sewerage Systems*

Tuan Speaker, the implementation of Miri Centralised Sewerage System, Phase One has started in 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 is scheduled to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021. The decommissioning of existing septic tanks in the Central Business District is scheduled to commence in March next year. Meanwhile, the Kuching Centralized Sewerage System, Package Two, covering Kampung Gita, parts of Jalan Matang, Jalan Tun Abdul Rahman Yaakub and Padungan is scheduled to be completed by the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

*Sarawak State Health Department Development Projects*

Tuan Speaker, I wish to update this august House on the retender of Petra Jaya Hospital Project. Jabatan Kerja Raya, Sarawak (JKR) has submitted the tender evaluation report to the Ministry of Finance on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

On the other hand, the site for Miri Hospital new block project for 328 beds has been handed over to the contractor on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020. This project is scheduled to be completed on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023. As for the new Lawas Hospital, the project has started on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and is scheduled to complete on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Besides that, the actual progress of the new Sri Aman Hospital as of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 is 86.22% compared to the schedule of 97.00%. The

contractor has been granted an additional three extension of time where the completion date has been revised to the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

*Fire and Rescue Stations Under RMK-11*

The Fire and Rescue Station at Batu Niah, Miri has officially started its operation on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. While the Fire and Rescue Station at Selangau, Sibul starts its operation on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. The physical progress of the construction works for two new Fire and Rescue Stations at Sibul Jaya, Sibul and Belaga are progressing at 99% and 89% respectively. In addition, the construction for the replacement of the existing Bintangor Fire and Rescue Stations is scheduled for completion by the end of 2020.

*Rabies*

Tuan Speaker, rabies control and elimination program remain a high priority by the State Government in which both State and Federal governments have spent RM20.31 million and RM6.86 million respectively to implement various programmes. Since 2017, a total of 190,349 dogs and cats have been vaccinated and about 40,000 stray dogs has been targeted removed. The Government would like to appeal to the public to get treatment immediately if bitten by animal because rabies is curable if treated early.

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH (MESTR)**

Tuan Speaker, now, I'm reading, speaking on the matters of Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Research.

*Redevelopment, Upgrading and Repair of Dilapidated Schools in Sarawak*

Tuan Speaker, there are 1,020 dilapidated schools in Sarawak. Since 2016, 274 schools have been repaired, 159 schools in various stages of repair and upgrading, making the total of 433 schools being addressed. This means that the remaining 587 schools have yet to be repaired. Since 2018, a total of RM1.85 billion was allocated for repairs and upgrading of dilapidated schools, of which the State contributed RM1.34 billion while Federal Government allocated RM517 million.

*Centralised Schools*

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Government had proposed merging low enrolment schools into centralised schools in order to address the issues faced by low enrolment. I am pleased to inform this august House that we are piloting one central school in Tebedu, Serian known as SK Kujang Mawang. The school will be the merger of two existing low enrolment schools in the area, SK Tesu and SK Entubuh. With the successful implementation of this school, we hope that other low enrolment schools will follow suit.

*State Sponsored Continuous Professional Development (CPD) for  
School Leaders and Teachers*

Tuan Speaker, The CPD programme for school leaders (Headmasters and Senior Assistants or *Penolong Kanan*) started in 2017. So far, 2,853 out of 3,795 targeted school leaders have attended various training programmes provided by the State at a cost RM2.52 million. CPD programme for teachers began in 2018 and Sarawak has spent a total of RM3.15 million to train 3,850 Science, Mathematics and English teachers.

*Technical and Vocational Training (TVET)*

Tuan Speaker, I am also pleased to inform this august House that both our State owned TVET institutions - PPKS and CENTEXS have played a significant role in producing skilled workforce of Sarawak.

To date, PPKS has produced a total of 62,000 TVET graduates since its establishment in 1994. PPKS has also expanded from a single institution since its inception, to seven institutions offering different courses at different levels. Graduate employability rate within six months after completion of study hovers around 89%.

Similarly, CENTEXS has also grown from a single campus in 2015 to six campuses in 2020, and produced 2,755 TVET graduates since its establishment. About 91% of graduates have secured employment within six months of completing their training.

*Research and Development*

Tuan Speaker, The State believes that R&D is very important to harness the potential of its natural resources in creating wealth and driving the economy. Thus, the Sarawak Government, through the Research and Development Council has established a Research Grants Scheme to assist local researchers to encourage research and innovation in Sarawak. As at October 2020, a total of RM7.58 million worth of research grants have been disbursed. These grants were categorised:

- a) Catalyst Grant (27 recipients);
- b) Research Initiation Fund (16 recipients);
- c) Special Ventures Fund (16 recipients);
- d) Commercialisation Fund (one recipient); and
- e) Bright Sparx School Fund (11 schools).

Meanwhile, moving forward for 2021, the Council has allocated RM29 million for specific challenge grant call that addresses the key focus area of biomedical health sciences and biodiversity.

**MINISTRY OF WELFARE, COMMUNITY WELLBEING, WOMEN, FAMILY AND  
CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (KWKPK)**

Tuan Speaker, now I'm touching on the Ministry of Welfare, Community Wellbeing, Women, Family and Childhood Development.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to share the State Government's caring efforts in continuously improving our administrative and service delivery towards societal wellbeing of our *rakyat*, from "cradle to grave".

Early childhood development is a platform for our future generations to reach their fullest potential. Introduced in 2019, Endowment Fund Sarawak of RM1,000 each for all Sarawakian newborns recorded a registration of 21,192 babies as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

For the post-natal care assistance or *Bantuan Ibu Bersalin* of RM450, a total of 9,405 mothers have benefited from the initiative introduced this year, involving allocation of RM4,232,250.

Next, is our *Geran Tahunan Khas*, RM5,000 yearly grant to all registered Early Childhood Care Institutions in Sarawak. In addition, the Sarawak Government has taken over SeDidik Sdn. Bhd., with its 94 *tadika* and *taska*, to ensure quality early childhood care and education services, especially in rural areas.

To ensure inclusivity in all our social efforts, we have just set up a One Stop Early Intervention Centre, which provides diagnosis, rehabilitation and intervention services for children with special needs (autism, down syndrome and learning disabilities), aged seven years and below. PETRONAS under its CSR program provided the initial RM4 million fund to set up the centre. Subsequent cost of maintaining the centre will be borne by the Sarawak Government.

For PWDs aged seven years and above, sports opportunities and capacity development are available through talent identifications and training schemes in sports. Presently, there are 165 athletes undergoing systematic development for participation at local, national and international levels. Sarawak has been the champion of para SUKMA Malaysia for 13 consecutive times since 1994.

Keeping the wellbeing of women in mind, Women Skills Training is continuously carried out to improve the social and economic independence of Sarawakian women. As at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, 17,321 women have been trained. Since 2018, the Sarawak Government has allocated a special grant of RM5,000 in the form of business equipment to 300 women. However, 2020, this grant was converted to a revolving capital of RM2,000 to help 1,000 women entrepreneurs affected by the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Social issues have a direct impact on social wellbeing and are given focus by our Government. The number one top on the list is drug and substance abuse close correlation with many other social issues. To address this, the Government has set up One Stop Committees at the State and District levels. To date, 36 district level OSCs, that are chaired by District Officers, has been set up in Sarawak.

As at November 2020, our monthly welfare assistances for the needy recorded 52,779 recipients with a total expenditure of RM160,649,790 both State and Federal fund. Majority of these assistance categories are Federal funded. We applaud the 2021 budget presenting made by the Minister of Finance, Malaysia, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020, under *Matlamat Pertama: Kesejahteraan Rakyat*, in which the Federal Government has agreed to increase the monthly welfare assistance rate as follows:

- a) Bantuan OKU Tidak Berupaya Bekerja *raised from* RM250 to RM300;
- b) Bantuan Orang Tua *raised from* RM350 to RM500;
- c) Bantuan Penjagaan OKU/ Pesakit Kronik Terlantar *also raised from* RM350 to RM500;
- d) Elaun Pekerja Catat (EPC) *raised from* RM400 to RM450; *and*
- e) Bantuan Kanak-Kanak *raised from* RM100 *per child with a maximum of* RM450 *per family, to* RM150 *per child aged 7 to 18 or* RM200 *per child aged 6 and below with a maximum of* RM1,000 *per family.*

Our Chief Minister has also tabled in the 2021 Sarawak Budget on the continuation of our State Government allocation of RM57 million for *Bantuan Am* – RM200 to RM300 per month; *Bantuan Belia-Beliawanis* – RM200 sebulan; and as a top-up to the Federal allocation, RM50 per case/ family per month for both *Bantuan Kanak-Kanak* (BKK) and *Bantuan OKU Tidak Berupaya Bekerja* (BTB).

The Sarawak Government has also introduced the Kenyalang Gold Card (KGC), for the elderly aged 60 and above. As holders of KGC, the elderly can enjoy discounts, rebates or non-chargeable fee on goods and services offered by strategic partners (Government Agencies) and vendors (e.g. commercial centers and private enterprises) of KGC. Presently there are 162 registered vendors with Kuching having the most numbers i.e. 74, followed with Sibu (19), Miri (19), Bintulu (12), Samarahan (11), Limbang (10), Serian (five), Mukah (four), Sarikei (three), Sri Aman (three) and Betong (two). We still need more private enterprises especially in the rural areas, to come in as vendors and willing to give back to the society i.e. our elderly. Interested vendors can apply through the Ministry's website. This KGC comes along with the Death Compassionate Assistance of RM3,000 that can be claimed by the heirs of KGC holders for funeral expenses. As

at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, there are 190,115 KGC holders and 878 heirs have benefited from the death compassionate assistance amounting to RM2,634,000.

The second assistance *Bantuan Khas Pesakit Buah Pinggang*, given to kidney failure patients, for medical treatment such as haemodialysis, and transportation assistance for patients in the rural areas. As at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, 61 kidney patients have benefited involving an expenditure of RM420,452... *(Interruption)*... Yes...

**YB Irene Mary Chang Oi Ling:** Thank you, Tuan Speaker, and the Honourable Minister. I just want to ask about this Kenyalang Gold Card. We are thankful for all these additional benefits but now that we have this PETRONAS payment SST, we are just wondering, the queries from the ground, whether there can be made any monthly allowance to be given to pensioners, on a monthly basis, for everyone who actually possesses this Kenyalang Gold Card. Would the Government consider that at all?

**Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan Kedua; dan Menteri Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Thank you, Ahli Yang Berhormat. You should suggest that when the PH was the Government. We take note of your proposal.

**Timbalan Speaker:** The Minister said he takes note of your suggestion. He has answered your question.

#### *COVID-19 Report*

**Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan Kedua; dan Menteri Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** First of all, I would like to thank all Members of the ADUN for their call to mitigate the pandemic report of COVID-19. And we also like to record our appreciation for the support of each and every one of you in this august House as well as to your supporters, in Sarawak because with your cooperation, we have been able to flatten a certain phase of this COVID-19. The State Disaster Management Committee (SDMC) will take up all the constructive feedback given and bring it up to the Committee.

In managing COVID-19, the SDMC had adopted the policy of full containment where we "*Trace, Test, Quarantine and Isolate*" when there is a positive case. To ensure the success of the policy of full containment, the SDMC had implemented various strategies - funded by the Sarawak Government. The strategies are:

- a) Providing sufficient medical equipment, consumables and PPE;
- b) Preparation of adequate quarantine centres, prioritizing returning Sarawakians;
- c) Providing free quarantine and swab test for returning Sarawakians;
- d) Supplying food and provide logistic support for our frontliners;
- e) Distribution of food assistance to those in need, especially during the MCO and EMCO;
- f) Organizing and supporting the return of Sarawakians, namely 10,311 students and 670 teachers returning to Sarawak during the EMCO;
- g) Ensuring that all 12 Divisional Disaster Committees have sufficient operational funds;
- h) Setting up and enforcing the use of Enter Sarawak and E-Health Declaration Form to track and regulate the movement of people – entering and exiting the State;
- i) Mobilization of manpower; and finally
- j) Conducting periodic and at one time daily conference call meetings with SDMC to allow for quick decision making across the State

Among the above top 10 mentioned, there are many more steps and strategies taken by the SDMC. On the whole, since March 2020 till October 2020, the State Government had spent about

RM96 million. We must thank the State Government for their generosity to support this Committee. For as long as a vaccine is yet to be found, the entire globe will have to live with the COVID-19.

Therefore, the State Government through the SDMC would like to echo the appeal made by Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin during his 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-China Summit yesterday – to make sure, to make the availability of successfully developed COVID-19 vaccines to Malaysia as a top priority. The SDMC would also like to thank China's contribution and support for ASEAN's initiatives for public health emergencies and record our appreciation towards President Xi Jinping for pledging to make the vaccine a "*global public good*".

Yang Amat Berhormat Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg has also pledged to allocate a sum of fund to ensure that all Sarawakian will have access to the vaccine once it is made available.

### *Conclusion*

Tuan Speaker, the COVID-19 pandemic is a big challenge for Sarawak. This is the crisis which will define our future. The choice that we make now defines who we are as people, what values and ideas we will pass into the future. Confronting adversity, do we yield to anger, fear and bitterness? Or will we be true to ourselves, stand firm, make tough choice and continue to trust and depend on one another?

On the economic front, Sarawak will have to pursue economic transformation more vigorously. For our plan to succeed, for our hopes and dreams to come true, we will need the unity and resilience of our people. Together, let us take Sarawak safely through this crisis with the Sarawak spirit, *Agi Idup Agi Ngelaban*.

Tuan Speaker, now I am answering question, discussing issue under the Ministry of Finance. First and foremost, I would like to congratulate our Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri, Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg for tabling the 2021 State Budget with a theme "*Reinvigorating the Economy towards a Resilient, Caring and Inclusive Society*". I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to all Ahli Yang Berhormat who have actively participated in the debate and gave their constructive comments and suggestions on the Supply (2021) Bill, 2020.

### *State Budget 2021 At A Glance*

The 2021 State Budget is indeed a people-centric budget focusing on steering economic recovery towards sustainable growth. It is an expansionary budget where a large sum of allocation will be provided next year amounting to RM6.304 billion or 62% for development expenditure, of which RM4.251 billion or 67% is set aside for the implementation of programmes and projects in the rural areas. These include roads and bridges; water and electricity supplies; digital connectivity, telecommunication, agriculture transformation and social amenities. Increase in public spending reflects the State Government commitment towards meeting the socio-economic needs of the *rakyat*, especially in the rural areas as well as providing conducive business environment.

It is critical that the State Government implement the infrastructure development and basic amenities much needed by the State now, in view of the following factors:

- a) The huge spending on development expenditure will act as stimulus to cushion the economic slowdown as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- b) The completion of these projects will generate greater multiplier effects to the local economy resulting in creation of more jobs and business opportunities. This effort will also help to uplift the standard of living of the *rakyat* and narrow the development gap between the urban and rural areas; and

- c) The implementation of projects now is more cost advantage as the cost normally escalate in the long run due to inflation.

Tuan Speaker, amidst the outbreak of COVID-19, the State has taken various immediate measures to combat the pandemic. Moving forward, the State has to undertake bold steps for the State economy to recover and strengthen our economic resilience. In a nutshell, the 2021 State Budget multi-pronged strategies that focus on facilitating business ecosystem, enhancing social protection, advancing digital technology, transforming the agriculture production, upskilling and reskilling of human capital as well as enhancing government service delivery will provide impetus towards State economic recovery and strengthen social inclusivity.

#### *Good Governance and Prudent Financial Management*

Tuan Speaker, Good Governance and Prudent Financial Management. The State has always been upholding and maintaining good governance practices to achieve and sustain its sound financial position. This is reaffirmed by the commendable investment-grade credit ratings given by both international and domestic rating houses. Moody's and Standard & Poor's have maintained the ratings at A3 and A- respectively. Whilst, Rating Agency Malaysia (RAM) has affirmed the State with credit rating of AAA. This sound financial position would give the State the fiscal flexibility in managing its financial affairs to ensure that its development momentum remain unhindered.

#### *State Government Procurement*

I wish to inform this august House that the State Government will continue to enhance and strengthen accountability, transparency and efficiency in all State procurement processes and procedures. Among the initiatives being undertaken are:

- a) Review and improve the State Procurement Guidelines or Manual for implementation by all State Ministries, Departments and Statutory Bodies;
- b) Increase limit of authority of Divisional Tender Board from RM500,000 to RM2.0 million;
- c) Embark on the Study on State e-Procurement to implement an online procurement system; and
- d) Establish a Disciplinary Action Committee on Non-Performing Contractor to avoid delay in project implementation.

#### *Issues raised by Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat*

Tuan Speaker, Issues that was raised By Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat. In response to issues raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kota Sentosa on the State's reserve in 2018 and 2019, I wish to reiterate that the State is committed to exercise prudent financial management to ensure financial sustainability in the long run. Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kota Sentosa's statement that the State is having a deficit for year 2018 is unfounded and misleading. Based on the Audited State Financial Statement for 2018, the State has registered a surplus of RM110.13 million.

In respect of the 2019 budget, it was formulated as a surplus budget based on the assumption that the projected revenue would include State Sales Tax (SST) on petroleum products from PETRONAS. However, Petronas failed to pay the SST in 2019 even though they are legally obligated to do so. On the other hand, the State is committed to implement various strategic and impactful projects which are for the benefit of the *rakyat*. This is even more crucial as some of the approved Federal projects as promised earlier to the *rakyat* have been cancelled by the previous *Pakatan Harapan* Government. Thus, as an interim measure, we have to tap into our reserve to fund the implementation of all these projects. This has caused a reduction of our State reserve from RM27.09 billion in 2018 to RM23.97 billion in 2019. Nevertheless, the reserve for 2020 is estimated to be at RM25.2 billion which is about RM1.3 billion higher than 2019. We are mindful of

the need to strike a balance and the need to accelerate the State development while at the same time, maintaining a healthy financial position.

In addition to the State reserve of RM23.97 billion in 2019, please take note on this one. The State has also investment in both listed and unlisted companies worth RM7.645 billion. These reserve figures are published annually in the Annual Official Auditor-General's Report which are available to the public. And therefore, there is no necessity for us to table this in the Dewan because there will be time when this auditor's report will be tabled.

On the issue that the State Government is setting aside about RM1.0 billion annually for repayment of its debt, I wish to reiterate that this provision is necessary to service the commitment in financing the State strategic development projects in our efforts to achieve high income economy by 2030. These projects are being implemented to achieve the following key objectives:

- a) to accelerate the development in the rural areas in order to reduce development disparity;
- b) to narrow development gap between Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia; and
- c) to ultimately uplift the level, the standard of living of the rakyat.

And Ahli Yang Berhormat from Kota Sentosa's question why we took some loan. I wish to inform this Dewan when PH was in the Government they also took a loan in the form of Samurai Bond, RM200 billion Yen Samurai Bond and they are paying RM3.7 million for the broker of the Samurai Bond. While ours is process creative financing through our DBoS no broker cost.

Tuan Speaker, on the issue of keeping a substantial reserve in the bank and not spending enough money for development especially during this current pandemic, this is a baseless accusation. Having a healthy financial position reflects the State prudent financial management. Under the Eleventh Malaysia Plan (2016-2020), the State is expected to spend about RM30.0 billion for development purposes. We have been spending substantially on development expenditure to improve the livelihood of the rakyat especially in the rural areas. Besides that, the State is also committed to provide financial assistance such as Bantuan Khas Sarawakku Sayang (BKSS) amounting to RM1.74 billion in 2020 to lessen the burden faced by the rakyat caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

Tuan Speaker, the 2021 Budget is an expansionary budget. Expansionary budget is a fiscal policy used by the Government to balance the contraction faced in the economic cycle and usually undertaken during recession. It involves increase in Government spending particularly on infrastructure development to spur economic growth and on welfare by providing more financial assistances to enhance social protection. An expansionary budget also involves waiver of fees, premium and interest as well as discount on water and electricity charges.

On the other hand, a deficit budget is when the estimated Government expenditure exceeds the estimated revenue in a particular financial year. This type of budget is normally adopted to revive the economy and generate additional demand. The Government also incurs such excessive expenditure to improve the employment rate. The Government covers this deficit by tapping into its reserves or through borrowing. However, in a country where the revenue base is strong, the budget may not be necessarily a deficit budget despite substantial increase in expenditure. From this perspective, Sarawak Government is in a position to have a surplus budget in 2021 as our revenue is sufficient to cover the substantial development expenditure. Even though the State is having a surplus budget, the State is still able to fulfil its responsibilities to the rakyat by allocating a large amount of fund for implementation of various initiatives in line with the State development agenda.

Tuan Speaker,...(*Inaudible*)...in response to the issue raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ahli Bawang Assan on the need for the State Government to spend more to assist the rakyat during the current pandemic. I wish to reiterate that the 2021 Budget is providing large sum of allocation to

implement various measures for wellbeing of *rakyat* during the pandemic. We will also continue to leverage on State Alternative Funding Initiatives to complement the State development budget. This is necessary to fund infrastructure projects water, electricity, telecommunication and digital projects.

In respect of the allocation to mitigate COVID-19 pandemic, I like to bring to attention of Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Bawang Assan *bahawa* Federal Government has allocated a sum of RM305 billion for both PRIHATIN and PENJANA packages in comparison to Singapore COVID-19 stimulus package of SGD193 billion. Therefore, it is a fallacy and inappropriate to compare our State allocation with that of Singapore. On the other hand, our allocation of RM1.74 billion is over and above the allocation provided by the State Government. Jangan cuma tengok *State Government punya contribution*. We are in Malaysia.

As for the other States, the allocation provided by them to mitigate COVID-19 is very much less compared to Sarawak. For example:

- a) Penang allocated RM151 million;
- b) Selangor allocated RM272 million;
- c) Sabah allocated RM210 million; and
- d) Johor allocated RM174.5 million.

The State is allocating a sum of about RM350 million to assist SMEs and micro businesses during COVID-19 pandemic. This is on top of RM20.43 billion allocation provided by Federal Government under PENJANA and PRIHATIN packages.

#### *Conclusion*

Tuan Speaker, this 2020 Budget is a clear reflection of what the GPS have the vision, have the programme, have the compensation for right and have the fund to implement this programme. Bukan macam *some of the opposition*, pergi ke hulu, pergi ke hilir, buat macam-macam janji tapi dia sendiri tidak tahu bagaimana dia nak tunai janji. But to them its normal, lying to the people is seem to be their daily profession. Janji dibuat, lepas tu lupa, lepas itu balik jumpa rakyat, lepas itu janji lagi. Bagitau gaji ini naik, gaji itu naik. Rakyat *should know there is no locus standi at all to mention such thing*. They can only make promises. Ever GPS is also lead by very capable and experience leader, YB Datuk Patinggi Abang Zohari and the last three years, we have seen how he brought the development to Sarawak and how he leads Sarawak through the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Therefore, *inilah pemimpin yang pandai cari duit, yang telah berjaya membela hak Sarawak* and continue to fight for Sarawak. Therefore, I call upon Sarawakian to give full support to GPS Government. What we have seen from the last three years and what we see today, only GPS can *jaga Sarawak*, can take care of Sarawak. Only GPS understand *masalah Sarawak*. So, only GPS will be able to bring Sarawak to prosperity, to unity, to peace and to be developed State by 2030.

COVID-19 melanda negeri,  
Mana kawan tak mahu dengar pantun?  
Bersatu hari tempuh bersama,  
Sarawak ku Sayang Bantuan Diberi,  
Kebajikan rakyat tetap kita pelihara.

Abang Jo bijak budget berbillion,  
Projek rakyat kita laksanakan,  
Jangan risau memilih ADUN,  
Bersama GPS, rakyat sejahtera.

With that, Tuan Speaker, I wish to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to Tuan Speaker and Timbalan Speaker and to all your staff for tactful handling of proceeding on the sitting of this House with proper decorum and dignity of this House. I wish also to extend my appreciation and thanks to Honourable Secretary, officers from various State and Federal agencies for their commitment, dedication and providing the necessary input and support for the smooth proceeding of this august House.

Finally, I would like to extend my greeting to all our Hindu friend, Happy Deepavali, to those my Christian friend, Merry Christmas for everyone, Happy New Year 2021 and Gong Xi Fa Chai to our Chinese friend. May we continue to a good health, peace, harmony among all communities in Sarawak under GPS. Kita Jaga Sarawak, *Intu* Sarawak. Thank you.

**Timbalan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the sitting is adjourned until 3.00 p.m.

*(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada jam 11.56 pagi)*

*(Mesyuarat dimulakan jam 3.00 petang)*

[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

**Tuan Speaker:** Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dengan segala hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri, N.8 Satok untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

**Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri, N.8 Satok (YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg):** Terima kasih Tuan Speaker. Saya telah mendengar dengan teliti sesi perbahasan yang berlangsung dan dapat menyimpulkan bahawa secara umumnya semua Ahli Dewan menyokong ke semua *Supply (2021) Bill, 2020*.

Oleh itu saya, Tuan Speaker, ingin mengambil kesempatan untuk mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang mengambil bahagian dalam perbahasan serta sokongan mereka terhadap Rang Undang-Undang *Supply (2021) Bill, 2020*. Kepada mereka, saya mengucapkan terima kasih.

Dalam ucapan penggulungan saya kali ini, saya tidak akan menyentuh perkara-perkara spesifik kerana saya percaya Timbalan-timbalan saya telahpun menjelaskannya dalam ucapan penggulungan masing-masing. Sebaliknya saya akan mengambil kesempatan ini untuk menerangkan perkara-perkara pokok iaitu, strategi-strategi pemulihan ekonomi Sarawak dalam menangani krisis pandemic COVID-19 dan hala tuju Sarawak ke arah mencapai status negeri maju menjelang tahun 2030.

#### *Overcoming Economic Challenges*

Tuan Speaker, even though COVID-19 has been well contained in Sarawak the pandemic has significant impact on the global economy and Sarawak economy is no exception. Therefore, my administration has introduced 2021 Budget which ensures that economic risks associated with the pandemic is effectively mitigated. At the same time, the 2021 Budget has also highlighted various strategies and programmes to ensure that Sarawak's economy stands on strong foundation.

In formulating the 2021 Budget, Sarawak Government is aware of the need to exercise prudent financial management. As such, we cannot afford to have expenditure well beyond our revenue, thus a physical surplus of RM180 million in this Budget.

### *Sarawak Way Forward*

Tuan Speaker, as the Chief Minister, I believe Sarawak is on the right track to become a high-income economy by year 2030. However, to be one, Sarawak must have sufficient talent and good infrastructure, public amenities, good communication and connectivity that can support and attract private investments. That is why the State Government has allocated substantial fund for these purposes.

To achieve the economic transformation, the Sarawak Government will emphasise on revenue diversification. We also need to move from upstream to high value downstream activities with improvement in both hard and soft connectivity infrastructure to position Sarawak in the global investment map. In addition, major upskilling of our human capital will be carried out to improve labour productivity that can translate to higher household income for the *rakyat*.

Initiatives and projects will also be carried out based on globally recognised environmental practices and policies to ensure the Sarawak's economic growth will be sustainable. Finally, all the policies and catalytic initiatives will be driven by digital transformation and innovation across all economic sectors.

Tuan Speaker, now let me highlight some of the initiatives for us to move forward and recover from this health and economic crisis caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

### *Digital Transformation Initiatives*

My priority has always been to bring about a major paradigm shift in our development strategy by adopting digital technology. This will be vigorously pursued in the coming 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan and beyond. This is the way to move forward to make our economy more competitive globally so that we can have more global prominence. Successful implementation of this initiative will boost our economic competitiveness and lay the foundation for Sarawak to become an attractive investment destination for digital related economic activities.

### *Innovation Initiatives*

Building an innovative society will not happen overnight as we all know but we are putting in place key ecosystem and policies that will encourage and promote innovation. Innovation is required for the economy to respond to the shock of COVID-19 pandemic. Testing technologies are changing quickly for instance, vaccines are being developed at the rapid rate, never seen before. This is how a pandemic can create opportunities despite its negative implications.

In Sarawak, there are many areas of opportunities for innovation. Research and development particularly in digital technologies and biodiversity could position Sarawak as a testbed and living labs for scientists to develop technologies in a wide range of applications. With her vast biodiversity resources, Sarawak needs to take care of her flora and fauna and protect the environment. We want to ensure that these resources are used sustainably for research as well as to develop new innovations that will place Sarawak on the world map.

We want to encourage and develop more indigenous products for commercialisation. Only through R&D can we create new form of products which have potential economic value for commercialisation.

### *Education and Human Capital Initiatives*

In term of education and human capital, we aspire to ensure that quality education is accessible for all *rakyat* regardless of who they are or where they are. We want to develop knowledge-based society that is globally competitive. By 2030, we want Sarawak to have an agile workforce to drive the State's vision and excel globally. We are also serious in addressing the quality of education in our State. As such, Sarawak Government with initiate interventions to complement Federal Government Education policies and development to suit our requirement such as the international schools. We need to ensure that our workforce have the right skills to match the needs of a society and also the industry. This requires integrated planning based on collaboration between institution of higher learning, the industry and other stakeholders.

### *Agriculture Initiatives*

To uplift our agriculture economy and community, few key strategies have been initiated. A major shift from current small-scale and subsistence farming to commercial large-scale farming is required to increase our food production.

Adoption of modern farming technologies and techniques, for example, precision farming, vertical farming, artificial intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT) and Blockchain technology in agriculture will be intensified to achieve higher productivity in selected commodities, crops, fisheries and livestock. New business models are being introduced in the agriculture sector, to move the sector forward.

This needs to be supported by appropriate marketing and branding campaigns to create awareness about Sarawak products to the outside world.

### *Services Sector Initiatives*

One of our economic recovery strategies is to enhance the efficiency of our services sector such as transport and logistics, tourism-related services, banking and insurance, housing, healthcare and education. This effort is important to support the expansion of our major economic sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, mining and construction.

Meanwhile on social services, we will emphasize on interventions to assist the vulnerable group. We will provide healthcare support and shelter initiatives for people with disabilities, elderly and the less fortunate. We will also implement poverty eradication programmes to improve their livelihood.

### *Infrastructure and Utilities Initiatives.*

By 2030, Sarawak aspires to have high quality and environmentally sustainable public infrastructure to drive the State socio-economic growth alongside with advancement in digital and green economy.

We aspire to have world class utilities, which are reliable, economical, safe and sustainable throughout the State, to uplift the economic and social wellbeing of Sarawakians. For this purpose, we will focus on water grid system, single water entity and ensuring electricity supply will be able to reach even the remotest part of Sarawak.

### *Transportation Initiatives*

In our pursuit to transform Sarawak into a competitive economy, we need to upgrade our transportation sector because this sector plays a pivotal role in making Sarawak as an investment and tourism destination of choice.

Transportation sector which includes our land transport, logistic and port facilities, airports and aviation services as well as our river transportation services will be developed further and integrated with digital technology initiatives.

Tuan Speaker,

*Renewable Energy Initiatives*

Renewable energy especially through hydropower has always been the key in powering our industries. Realising this, we aspire to continue to achieve more sustainable growth and prosperity for Sarawak through affordable, reliable and renewable energy.

Towards this end, the Sarawak Government will provide the regulatory support and promote public private collaborations in renewable energy value chain in Sarawak, either in hydropower, solar, biomass or hydrogen development.

Sarawak stands to gain economically by utilising environment friendly sources of power to develop our industry in the most cost-competitive way while maintaining our pristine environment for our future generations.

*Tourism Initiatives*

Sarawak Government will vigorously work towards increasing tourist arrivals into Sarawak by improving accessibility and connectivity. We will explore the provision of incentives to commercial airlines to expand their route offerings to Sarawak to enhance Sarawak connectivity to the rest of the world.

We will also forge strategic collaboration and joint marketing efforts with other regions to create synergy in promoting Sarawak as tourist destination. We will pursue this initiative once international air travel resumes.

*Forestry Initiatives*

Tuan Speaker, we expect the forestry sector to generate new revenue streams from forest resources from payment for ecosystem services, such as carbon offset projects that will bring benefits to our rural communities, as well as protecting our ecosystems and restoring our forests.

We will continue to generate and sustain economic returns from our forest produce by promoting more value-added timber manufacturing processing activities.

*Manufacturing and Entrepreneur Development*

High-value manufacturing industries will be given high priority to propel the recovery of Sarawak economy. These industries will bring higher productivity to the economy and generate high income employment for the *rakyat*.

The Government will continue to develop Sarawak's entrepreneur capacity and capability in key areas to increase productivity and competitiveness to support major industries as well as meeting the international standards to penetrate the global markets.

*Mining Initiatives*

Tuan Speaker, to ensure more rigorous mining activities, we need to create the right ecosystem to drive exploration and attract quality investments in the mining industry.

First of all, we will strengthen our mining policy and regulatory framework. This includes the strengthening of State Minerals Management Authority and relevant agencies involved in the mining sector.

Mining sector would require comprehensive minerals data and mapping. Hence, we will invest in this mapping process by developing geological mapping for all onshore and offshore minerals.

We will design business models to intensify downstream activities with private sector participation, especially attracting global giants as anchor companies to spur more business activities.

Tuan Speaker, the 2021 Budget is designed to create the investment environment and ecosystem for private sector to invest and crafted to suit a new economic development model. Essentially, this is the development strategy of Sarawak Government for a better Sarawak in the future under GPS Government.

The Honourable Member for Kota Sentosa has expressed his view and criticized and alleged that the Sarawak Government has been spending extravagantly. At the same time, he requested that the Sarawak Government spend extra RM1 billion to the proposed 2021 Budget.

Tuan Speaker, I am inclined to believe that the Honourable Member for Kota Sentosa is confuse on what he actually wants. He is blowing hot and cold about his request. Does he want the Sarawak Government to increase spending or reduce spending? I am personally perplexed at the conflicting statements of the Honourable Member for Kota Sentosa.

#### *State Financial Modelling*

Tuan Speaker, State Financial Modelling Sarawak is able to achieve, Sarawak is able to achieve fiscal sustainability as our economy develops because we adopted a multipronged approach in our budget exercise. We have other sources of revenue on stream, which will ensure healthy and well-functioning economy. The broadening of the State's present revenue base has strengthened our financial capacity and supported the State in meeting its objective to achieve healthy financial position.

Syukur alhamdulillah, *our alternative financing initiative with establishment of our own development bank, the Development Bank of has proven to be a sustainable platform to facilitate and expedite the realisation of the State development agenda.* This innovative financing model will ultimately provide the growth impetus to achieve the status of high income and developed State by the year 2030.

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak is indeed fortunate to have established our very own DBoS in 2017 to meet the competing demands for our financial resources. Without this innovative model, Sarawak would not be able to develop its physical infrastructure and amenities at the scale we are doing now.

#### *Digital Banking*

Tuan Speaker, like it or not, our economy today works across powerful networks, changing how people consume, work and communicate. The landscape of our way in doing business is indeed changing. Sales are increasingly taking place online and over digital platforms, rather than from physical shops. Intangible capital is now getting more important than physical capital. As we have heard and read, data is the new oil.

Also, like it or not, we are at a time where anyone can produce anything anywhere through 3-D printing, where anyone can broadcast their talent globally via YouTube or buy products from

China whatever they want via *alibaba.com* or other platforms. In this pandemic crisis, hyper-connected, capital-light world, I see the future belongs to Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) firms utilising digital platforms, which may come from our rural Pulau Buit or Ulu Paku or Lusong Laku or Long Seridan; you never know, thus, giving future technopreneurs direct stakes in local and global markets.

I see that the financial impacts of these economic development are going to be huge. In anticipation, my cabinet colleagues and I in GPS Government is already preparing this new banking infrastructure that new and young generation of Sarawakian will require. After all, now we have amended our constitution. At the age of 18 they will determine our future. For the information of this august House, Sarawak government have submitted our expression of interest to *Bank Negara Malaysia* for a digital banking license to serve the underserved.

Of course, we are fully aware that an effective digital banking must be resilient, fair and dynamic. It is among the prerequisites for Sarawak Government to collaborate with reputable technology companies and local retail banks approved by the government bodies. Accordingly, Sarawak Government is in the midst of putting up the necessary telecommunication infrastructure and facilities throughout Sarawak in part to support our digital banking and other digital initiatives.

#### *Sovereign Wealth Fund*

Tuan Speaker, Sovereign Wealth Fund. I welcome the suggestions made by some of the Honourable Members including in the last DUN sitting for the State Government to establish a sovereign wealth fund by investing on surplus revenue as a buffer in time of financial crisis, as well as for the benefits of our current and future generations. Such fund could also help the State to address the issue of high volatility of resource prices, unpredictability of extraction, and exhaustibility of natural resources.

Before we set up this fund, the Government will undertake a thorough feasibility study for its establishment. This is to ensure that we have proper governance framework and implementation mechanism to mitigate any major risks associated with the operation of such a fund.

The study will also ensure that all key aspects of the fund set up such as financial, legal and operational perspectives are taken into consideration and lately you are thinking to study the Norway model.

#### *Revenue Re-Engineering*

Tuan Speaker, Revenue Re-Engineering Sarawak Government will continue to implement the revenue re-engineering initiative towards enhancing and expanding Sarawak revenue stream. This effort is even more crucial given the current global economy slow down where our State is dependent on export of commodity-based resources.

Therefore, my administration will explore other revenue resources including potential investments in strategic industries that would generate future dividends for the State.

The recent issuance of two Oil Mining Leases for onshore fields to PETROS under the Oil Mining Ordinance 1958 is also one of these key measures towards generating future revenue for the State.

#### *Hydrogen Economy Initiatives*

Tuan Speaker, GPS Government has taken bold steps to promote clean energy industry by exploring the hydrogen economy, diversifying from traditional energy sources. Honourable Members may note that the Federal Government in their 2020 budget have acknowledge and supported Sarawak's foresight on the development of hydrogen economy in Malaysia.

Earlier this month, SEDC, Sumitomo Corporation and ENEOS (a subsidiary company of Nippon oil) made a bold decision to invest with a strong commitment to explore mega hydrogen production in Bintulu and to achieve export potential.

Earlier this week I witnessed the signing of MOU on Green Hydrogen Commercial Exploration between Sarawak Energy Berhad and PETRONAS. Sarawak Government will provide support for all these initiatives by the private sectors.

Tuan Speaker, these developments signify the conviction of private sectors on the immense potential of hydrogen production in Sarawak. I can also sense the confidence of international investors to turn crisis into opportunities, in pioneering the development of green hydrogen in this region.

The investment will contribute not only to localise production of alternative energy, but also reinvigorating the local economy and creating job opportunities, having the effect of killing three birds with one stone.

However, Tuan Speaker, there are some sceptics on the future of hydrogen economy by saying it is an infant economy. But I just got the document, only yesterday, only on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020, where the European Union Strategy on hydrogen says that the market by the year 2030, 2050 will be about 11 trillion dollars and they say that *“Australia could lead the 11 trillion dollars hydrogen bond and this is the market, just a matter of 20 more years”*. The potential is there and Sarawak must position ourselves because we had the resources to produce hydrogen, *Insya Allah* under GPS we will be there.

#### *Sarawak Oil and Gas Overall Policy*

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak Oil and Gas Overall Policy Sarawak Government is committed to create a stable and attractive environment for companies, both local and from overseas, to invest in the oil and gas industry in the State.

Our State laws such as the Oil Mining Ordinance 1958 (OMO 1958) ensures the protection of the interest and investments of companies undertaking oil exploration and mining in Sarawak, so that the industry can grow sustainably in a well regulated and business friendly environment.

Since 1970s, the focus of oil mining in Sarawak has been in the offshore areas of the State where significant reserves of oil and natural gas has been discovered and currently being produced.

Although there have been significant exploration efforts since 1980s by various international oil and gas companies onshore, the results have been very modest.

However, through a focused approach including the application of new technologies, we remain hopeful that we would be able to discover commercial reserves onshore, which will augur well for the State’s economic development.

This is one of the outcomes when we say we have rights on oil and gas exploration.

#### *Sarawak Involvement Onshore Exploration*

Tuan Speaker, in the winding up speech by my Honourable Deputy Chief Minister, he mentioned about Sarawak’s involvement in onshore exploration. Nevertheless, I would like to reiterate what he has mentioned as this is very important for the State.

The enforcement of OMO 1958 is a test of Sarawak Government’s efforts to exercise our constitutional rights to regulate oil mining and to take complete control over the exploration and

production of petroleum within the territorial boundaries of Sarawak including that in the offshore areas.

This commitment is exemplified by the issuance of Mining Leases to PETROS in respect of two blocks, one in the Adong Kechil West in Miri area, and the other in the Engkabang Area South of Marudi.

With this arrangement, Sarawak Government, through PETROS, will have the control of, and legal title to, all oil and natural gas produced from the onshore areas. PETROS will also have the rights to appoint contractors, or enter into ventures with investors to explore and produce the oil and gas from the onshore areas in Sarawak.

By enforcing our constitutional authority over the distribution of gas through Distribution of Gas Ordinance, 2016, Sarawak Government will further strengthen the role of PETROS in spearheading the State's involvement in the oil and gas industry especially in the downstream sectors. With these rights, we are able to secure natural gas supplies needed to pursue the State's socio-economic development agenda.

These initiatives Tuan Speaker, will ensure greater opportunities for Sarawakians and Sarawak companies to participate and invest in the oil and gas industry as well as acquire expertise, knowledge and technology to develop oil and gas industry in the State.

#### *Projek Rakyat Sarawak*

Tuan Speaker, Projek Rakyat Sarawak. Kerajaan Negeri di bawah GPS melaksanakan pembangunan mengikut acuan Sarawak, demi rakyat Sarawak. Kita melihat Projek Rakyat, terutama projek-projek pembangunan luar bandar sebagai usaha yang sangat penting dan satu amanah yang perlu kita tunaikan kepada rakyat.

Saya sangat bersukacita kerana impak pelaksanaan Projek Rakyat telah mula dikecapi oleh segenap lapisan rakyat Sarawak. Kawasan yang dahulunya menghadapi masalah air yang kritikal kini telah mendapat bekalan air bersih dan terawat.

Kampung dan rumah panjang juga telah menikmati bekalan elektrik. Kawasan terpencil juga telah berjaya dihubungkan dengan rangkaian jalan dan jambatan bernilai berbilion ringgit.

#### *Social Safety Net*

Tuan Speaker, now I touch on social safety net. The Honourable Member for Kota Sentosa has raised his concern on the poverty rate in Sarawak. I wish to inform this august House, our poverty eradication programmes have proven to be effective. Data from Department of Statistics Malaysia shows that based on Poverty Line Income (PLI) 2004 of RM765, poverty rate in Sarawak has been reduced from 21.0% in 1989 to 6.7% in 1999 and further reduced to 0.3% in 2019.

Even, even if we use the latest PLI of RM2,131 in 2019 for Sarawak, the poverty rate has also shown a drop from 11.9% in 2016 to 9.0% in 2019.

I acknowledge that more need to be done to help this vulnerable group. For this reason, we will intensify our intervention by bringing them into mainstream of development through physical connectivity, improve their skills and create more income generation activities.

Furthermore, in 2021 Budget, my administration will also give special attention to implement social safety net programmes. Substantial amount has been allocated to implement these programmes covering a whole spectrum of our society in particular the less privileged. This will help to cushion the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the vulnerable groups in our society.

These safety net initiatives, including micro-business development programmes, will help to replace loss of income for poor households and enterprising individuals. It will also help to counter the economic drag of the pandemic by providing a financial stimulus that would generate multiplier effects during recovery period.

This is what a caring Government does, protecting those most in need and giving them a helping hand to recover from the crisis.

#### *Appeal for Financial Assistance Under BKSS*

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan GPS telah membayar sejumlah hampir RM800 juta kepada 397,000 isi rumah dan 392,000 individu bujang B40 yang layak mendapat BKSS B40. Bantuan ini telah mengurangkan beban kewangan mereka dalam menghadapi kesusahan akibat penularan pandemik COVID-19.

Kerajaan GPS yang prihatin dengan masalah rakyat telah membuka ruang untuk mereka yang tercicir daripada bantuan ini untuk membuat rayuan. Berdasarkan rayuan yang diterima pada tarikh tutup 31 Mei 2020, seramai kira-kira 82,000 ketua isi rumah dan 40,000 individu bujang B40 memenuhi kriteria yang telah ditetapkan dan layak mendapat bantuan ini. Mereka tercicir kerana mereka tidak dalam senarai *Inland Revenue*.

Oleh yang demikian, saya dengan sukacitanya mengumumkan bayaran khas RM250 sebulan untuk tempoh enam bulan kepada 82,000 ketua isi rumah B40 yang telah berjaya dalam rayuan. Sebahagian pembayaran akan dibuat dalam tahun ini dan selebihnya pada tahun hadapan.

Manakala 40,000 individu bujang B40 yang juga tercicir tapi sepatutnya menerima dan berjaya dalam rayuan ini akan dibayar secara *one-off* RM500. Pembayaran akan dibuat pada bulan Disember 2020.

Melalui kelulusan ini, secara keseluruhannya, Kerajaan GPS Sarawak membelanjakan sejumlah RM943 juta, di mana RM800 juta telah dibayar melalui senarai LHDN manakala RM143 juta akan dibayar kepada 82,000 ketua isi rumah dan 40,000 individu bujang B40 yang tercicir tetapi layak menerima bantuan ini. Ini bermakna di bawah BKSS Kerajaan GPS membayar sejumlah RM943 juta kepada 479,000 Ketua Isi Rumah dan 432,000 individu bujang B40, iaitu kalau dikumpul 921,000 rakyat Sarawak, yang tertinggi menerima bantuan dalam kalangan negeri-negeri dan kedua terbesar selepas bantuan Prihatin Nasional.

#### *Sarawak Civil Service*

Tuan Speaker, my administration recognized the support and contribution of the Sarawak Civil Service under the leadership of the Honourable State Secretary in implementing our policies, delivering development programmes and projects as well as public service to the *rakyat*. Many business processes and procedures have been simplified for the benefit of the *rakyat*.

I am happy to note that our Sarawak Civil Service has been instrumental in ensuring that most projects are well implemented and executed in a timely manner, especially people centric projects such as *Projek Rakyat* and Rural Transformation Projects (RTP). This shows that the Sarawak Civil Service, Tuan Speaker, is able to rise to the occasion to meet the ever increasing expectation of the people, even in challenging times as this year.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Sarawak Civil Service and the Federal Civil Service including doctors, nurses, health workers, uniformed bodies, immigration and other frontline personnels have also worked tirelessly to protect our *rakyat*. Syukur alhamdulillah, the COVID-19 pandemic has been well contained to a manageable level.

In doing so they have risked their own safety and sacrificed their comfort. There are also countless other members of the civil service who are working behind the scene, away from the glare of publicity, but working diligently in their respective work places. To all of them, I would like to say thank you very much.

Justeru, Kerajaan GPS amat menghargai sumbangan, pengorbanan dan komitmen pegawai-pegawai Perkhidmatan Awam Negeri Sarawak dan pegawai-pegawai Perkhidmatan Awam Persekutuan dalam melaksanakan tugas dan tanggungjawab secara profesional dalam keadaan yang mencabar ini.

Oleh yang demikian, Kerajaan GPS telah memutuskan untuk memberi bayaran insentif khas bersamaan sebulan setengah gaji (*one and a half months*) gaji pokok atau minima RM2,000 kepada pegawai Perkhidmatan Awam Negeri Sarawak, dan akan dibayar sebelum penghujung tahun ini.

Juga tidak ketinggalan kebajikan pegawai-pegawai Perkhidmatan Awam Persekutuan yang telah menyumbang khidmat bakti mereka di Sarawak. Pegawai-pegawai Perkhidmatan Awam Persekutuan ini akan di bayar insentif secara *one-off* RM500 dalam suku pertama 2021. Saya difahamkan Kerajaan Persekutuan memberi mereka RM600. Sarawak Government top up with another RM500 to those working in Sarawak. Negeri lain tidak kasih *Federal officers*.

#### *Sokongan Padu Rakyat*

Tuan Speaker, the 2021 Budget that I have mentioned is a road map to a future that embodies Sarawakians' values and aspirations: opportunities for all; a rising standard of living; and a sustainable, peaceful Sarawak.

This future is within our reach. But just as it took the collective efforts of all Sarawakians to rise and build an even stronger economy, it would also need all of us to work together to meet the challenges that lie ahead. It will not be easy.

But I strongly believe as a united and hardworking Sarawakians, I am very optimistic about Sarawak's future than I am today.

I know that when we are united in the face of challenges, we will emerge stronger and better than before. I know that when we work together, there are no limits to what we can achieve. Together, we will move forward to innovate, to create opportunities, and to make Sarawak stronger than ever before.

The Government is cognizant that the implementation of the economic plan cannot be successfully delivered by the Government alone. Therefore, I call on the private sector to play their part in ensuring our 10 years plan towards Sarawak as a developed State by 2030 is successful.

At the same time, I like to call on the *rakyat* to remain steadfast, brave and diligent in prevailing over the current economic challenges and emerge even stronger after this episode.

*Insyah Allah*, with the cooperation, persistent effort and solid support of all, our beloved Sarawak under GPS will become a prosperous and developed State by 2030.

#### *Conclusion*

Tuan Speaker, akhir kata, saya mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Tuan Speaker yang telah mengendalikan persidangan DUN dengan teratur dan cemerlang.

Ucapan terima kasih juga kepada semua pegawai-pegawai Kerajaan dan petugas Dewan yang telah menjalankan tugas dengan penuh kesabaran dan cemerlang.

Saya juga ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan Selamat Menyambut Hari Deepavali dan Selamat Hari Krismas kepada semua rakyat yang akan menyambutnya.

Kita akan terus memberi keutamaan kepada Sarawak. "*Sama-sama kita jaga Sarawak, intu Sarawak*". Tuan Speaker, I beg to move. Sekian. Terima Kasih.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I shall now call upon Yang Amat Berhormat Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Planning to move the Motion that the Bill be read a second time.

**Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri, N.8 Satok (YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg):** Tuan Speaker, I beg to move that the Supply (2021) Bill, 2020 be read a second time.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, The question is that the Supply (2021) Bill, 2020 be read a second time. As many as opinion say "Yes".

**Government:** Yes... (Resounding "Yes").

**Tuan Speaker:** As many as contrary opinion say "No". The "Yes" have it. The Bill is read for a second time.

*Bill is read a second time*

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the following Motion be approved and referred to the Committee of Supply that the Dewan resolves to approve the Development Estimates (2021) as contain in the Command Paper No. 13 of 2020 laid on the Table on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020. As many as opinion say "Yes".

**Government:** Yes... (Resounding "Yes").

**Tuan Speaker:** As many as contrary opinion say "No". The "Yes" have it. The Motion is carried and shall stand committed to the Committee of Supply. The House shall now resolve into the Committee of Supply.

## **COMMITTEE STAGE**

### **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**

[Tuan Pengerusi mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

**Tuan Pengerusi:** Honourable Members, we shall now consider Command Paper No. 11 of 2020 on the Estimates of the Revenue and Ordinary Expenditure for the year 2021 laid on the Table on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The question is that the amount of the expenditure on all heads as set forth in the estimates of revenue and ordinary expenditure for the year 2021 be approved. As many as are of the opinion say "Yes".

**Government:** Yes ... (Resounding "Yes")

**Tuan Pengerusi:** As many as are of the contrary opinion say "No". The "Yes" have it. The estimates of the Revenue and Ordinary Expenditure for the year 2021 is approved. We shall now consider the Supply (2021) Bill, 2020.

*The Schedule*

**Tuan Pengerusi:** The question is that the Schedule be ordered to stand part of the Bill. As many as are of the opinion say “Yes”.

**Government:** Yes...(Resounding “Yes”)

**Tuan Pengerusi:** As many as are of the contrary opinion say “No”. The “Yes” have it. The Schedule is to stand part of the Bill.

*Clauses 1 and 2*

**Tuan Pengerusi:** The question is that Clauses 1 and 2 be ordered to stand part of the Bill. As many as are of the opinion say “Yes”.

**Government:** Yes ... (Resounding “Yes”)

**Tuan Pengerusi:** As many as are of the contrary opinion say “No”.

**Opposition:** No ... (Murmuring “No”)

**Tuan Pengerusi:** The “Yes” have it. The Clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Bill.

*Enacting Clauses and Title*

**Tuan Pengerusi:** Honourable Members, we shall now consider Command Paper No. 13 of 2020 on the Development Estimates 2021 laid on the table on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The question is that the amount of the expenditure on all heads as set forth in the Development Estimates 2021 be approved. As many as are of the opinion say “Yes”.

**Government:** Yes ... (Resounding “Yes”)

**Tuan Pengerusi:** As many as are of the contrary opinion say “No”. The “Yes” have it. The Development Estimates 2021 is approved. The House shall now resume.

**HOUSE RESUMED**

[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

**Tuan Speaker:** Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri.

**Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri, N.8 Satok (YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg):** I wish to report that the Supply (2021) Bill, 2020, the estimates of the revenue and ordinary expenditure for the year 2021 and the Motion of the Development Estimate for the year 2021 have been considered by the Committee of Supply and agreed to without amendment.

**RANG UNDANG-UNDANG –  
BACAAN KALI YANG KETIGA**

SUPPLY (2021) BILL, 2020

**Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri, N.8 Satok (YAB Datuk Patinggi**

**(Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg:** Tuan Speaker, I beg to move that the Supply (2021) Bill, 2020 be read a third time and do pass.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the Supply (2021) Bill, 2020 be read the third time and do pass. As many as are the opinion say "Yes".

**Government:** Yes...(*Resounding "Yes"*)

**Tuan Speaker:** As many as are of the opinion say "No"

**Tuan Speaker:** The "Yes" have it. The Bill is read the third time and passed.

*Bill is read the third time and passed*

### **USUL UNTUK MELULUS RESOLUSI ANGGARAN PERBELANJAAN PEMBANGUNAN BAGI TAHUN 2021**

**Tuan Speaker:** Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri.

**Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi; Menteri Pembangunan Bandar dan Sumber Asli; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri, N.8 Satok (YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg):** Tuan Speaker, I beg to move that the House resolve to approve the development estimate for the year 2021 as contained in Command Paper No. 13 of 2020 laid on the Table on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

**Tuan Speaker:** Another Minister wish to second?

**Timbalan Ketua Menteri; Menteri Kewangan Kedua; dan Menteri Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Tuan Speaker, I beg to second.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question before the Dewan is that the Motion in the name of Yang Amat Berhormat Chief Minister; and Minister for Finance and Economic Planning be approved. As many as are the opinion say "Yes".

**Government:** Yes... (*Resounding "Yes"*)

**Tuan Speaker:** As many as are of the contrary opinion say "No". The "Yes" have it. The motion is approved.

*Question is put and agreed to*

*Motion is approved*

### **USUL PENANGGUHAN**

**Menteri Muda Perancangan Bandar, Pentadbiran Tanah dan Alam Sekitar; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.41 Kuala Rajang (YB Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh):** Terima kasih Tuan Speaker. Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum warahmatulahi wabarakatuh.

**Tuan Speaker:** Waalaikumussalam.

**Menteri Muda Perancangan Bandar, Pentadbiran Tanah dan Alam Sekitar; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.41 Kuala Rajang (YB Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh):** Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, kerana memberi saya peluang untuk membenteng usul penangguhan ini. Mesyuarat kali ini adalah sesi yang mencabar di mana kita berdepan dengan pandemik COVID-19 yang bukan

sahaja menjejaskan kesihatan tetapi juga sosio-ekonomi di seluruh dunia. Sehubungan itu, sesi kali ini juga dibuat dalam norma baharu berdasarkan *Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)* yang ditetapkan oleh pihak berwajib bagi membendung penularan COVID-19. Syukur alhamdulillah kerana kita telah mengadakan persidangan pada sesi ini dengan jayanya walaupun dipendekkan dari lapan hari ke lima hari namun ianya tidak menjejaskan atau melemahkan atau mematahkan semangat Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat berhujah dan mempamerkan kebolehan masing-masing untuk mengajukan permasalahan rakyat. Ini menunjukkan komitmen kita dalam memberikan perkhidmatan yang terbaik kepada negeri dan rakyat walaupun dalam situasi yang mencabarkan.

Tuan Speaker, penghargaan dan ucapan terima kasih kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri Sarawak selaku Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi yang telah berjaya membentangkan Belanjawan 2021 yang tuntas pada 9<sup>hb</sup> November 2020 di Dewan yang mulia ini.

Dalam sesi persidangan ini, lima Rang Undang-Undang telah dibentangkan dan dilulus tanpa pindaan. Kebanyakan Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat mengambil bahagian dalam perbahasan Rang Undang-Undang ini dengan hujah-hujah yang bernas. Saya ucapkan syabas dan tahniah kepada semua yang terlibat.

### *Bajet 2021*

Tuan Speaker, Bajet 2021 seperti yang telah dinyatakan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri yang juga Menteri Kewangan dan Perancangan Ekonomi Sarawak, tema Bajet 2021 ialah "*Reinvigorating the Economy towards a Resilient, Caring and Inclusive Society*". Bertepatan dengan tema tersebut, sejumlah RM9.832 billion, di mana RM6.304 bilion atau 64% daripada peruntukan tersebut adalah untuk perbelanjaan pembangunan.

Tahniah dan syabas diucapkan kepada kepimpinan Kerajaan GPS kerana sekali lagi berjaya membentangkan *surplus budget* sebanyak RM180 juta dalam Dewan yang mulia ini. Ini menunjukkan ramalan mantan Menteri Kewangan Malaysia dari Kerajaan PH bahawa Sarawak akan bankrap dalam tiga tahun adalah juga jauh tersasar dari landasan kebenaran.

Bajet 2021 yang memberi fokus kepada pembangunan luar bandar, usaha pemulihan ekonomi negeri dan usaha meningkatkan kesejahteraan rakyat adalah sangat bertepatan dengan situasi sekarang. Fokus kepada pembangunan luar bandar dapat merapatkan jurang pembangunan bandar dan luar bandar. Usaha Kerajaan Negeri dalam mentransformasikan pembangunan luar bandar seharusnya disambut baik oleh semua pihak kerana ia bertujuan menjadikan kawasan luar bandar lebih kondusif, produktif, maju, berpendapatan tinggi dan mampan.

Kawasan luar bandar adalah tali hayat bagi sesebuah negara. Dalam konteks Sarawak, kawasan luar bandar adalah sumber makanan dari petani, nelayan, penternak, peladang dan lain-lain. Dan juga terdapat sumber asli seperti minyak dan gas cecair, sumber tenaga hidro, sumber air mentah, arang batu, galian, kawasan eko pelancongan dan lain-lain.

### *Memacu Pemulihan Ekonomi*

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan GPS adalah sebuah Kerajaan yang prihatin dan sentiasa mengutamakan kebajikan dan kesejahteraan rakyat. Bagi memulihkan ekonomi negeri, Kerajaan GPS melalui Bajet 2021 telah mengambil pelbagai langkah yang relevan seperti meningkatkan jaringan kemudahan, memperkasakan program industrialisasi, mempercepat pembangunan SCORE dan sebagainya. Langkah-langkah ini dipercayai dapat membantu memulihkan ekonomi negeri yang terjejas dan seterusnya dapat meningkatkan kesejahteraan hidup rakyat Sarawak.

Dengan kata lain, dapatlah dirumuskan program dan inisiatif yang disediakan oleh Kerajaan GPS pimpinan Datuk Patinggi Abang Zohari merangkumi semua aspek kehidupan rakyat. Dari anak yang baru lahir kepada mereka yang meninggal dunia. From “*Cradle to Grave*”.

#### *Pemeliharaan Alam Sekitar*

Tuan Speaker, Bajet 2021 juga adalah bajet yang seimbang kerana bukan sahaja menekankan komitmen Kerajaan Negeri dalam pembangunan sosio-ekonomi tetapi juga komitmen kepada perlindungan alam sekitar bagi memastikan sumber asli dan alam sekitar dapat dinikmati oleh generasi kini dan akan datang.

#### *Pengiktirafan Hak Tanah*

Kerajaan Negeri Sarawak sentiasa mengiktiraf hak rakyat ke atas tanah hak adat bumiputera (NCR) yang sah iaitu berdasarkan perundangan di bawah Kanun Tanah Negeri Bab 81. Kerajaan Negeri melalui Jabatan Tanah dan Survei telah membantu masyarakat terbabit menyukat tanah NCR mereka sejak tahun 1960-an melalui pelbagai program seperti operasi penyelesaian dan Program Penyukatan Tanah NCR Inisiatif Baharu.

Syukur alhamdulillah, dalam perbentangan bajet Persekutuan oleh Kerajaan PN baru-baru ini, sejumlah RM41 juta diperuntukkan bagi program NCR di Sabah dan Sarawak. Semasa Kerajaan PH, tiada peruntukan khusus untuk tujuan ini. Jadi Kerajaan Negeri berharap semua ADUN dapat memainkan peranan masing-masing untuk memastikan tanah NCR di bawah DUN mereka diukur dengan jayanya dan bukan menabur fitnah untuk tujuan politik semata-mata.

#### *Penutup*

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan GPS sangat komited dalam memastikan kelancaran pelaksanaan projek yang telah diluluskan. Ini dapat dilihat dengan komitmen yang diberikan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri yang mempengerusikan sendiri mesyuarat *State Development Coordination Committee* (SDCCM) bagi menyelesaikan permasalahan di lapangan. Syabas dan tahniah diucapkan kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri.

Saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan terima kasih dan syabas kepada Yang Berhormat Timbalan Ketua Menteri Sarawak selaku Menteri Kewangan Kedua; dan Menteri Pemodenan, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak selaku Pengerusi *Sarawak Disaster Management Committee* (SDMC) dan Ahli-ahli Jawatankuasa serta semua *frontliner* yang bertungkus lumus menangani penularan pandemik COVID-19 di Sarawak tanpa mengenal penat lelah. Saya ingin menyeru kepada semua rakyat Sarawak agar memainkan peranan masing-masing dalam mengekang penularan COVID-19 iaitu dengan mematuhi SOP yang telah ditetapkan.

Untuk mengakhiri ucapan, saya mengucapkan tahniah dan syabas kepada Tuan Speaker, Timbalan Speaker, Setiausaha Dewan dan Timbalan beliau, semua pegawai-pegawai Dewan Undangan Negeri termasuk para *stenographers*, dan *secretaries* kerana telah berjaya mengendalikan persidangan kali ini. Tahniah dan syabas serta terima kasih juga kepada Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, Setiausaha Persekutuan Negeri Sarawak, Setiausaha Kewangan Negeri, Peguam Besar Negeri Sarawak, Ketua-Ketua Jabatan serta agensi-agensi Kerajaan Negeri dan Persekutuan serta semua pegawai-pegawai yang terlibat secara langsung dan tidak langsung dalam menjayakan persidangan kali ini. Dan tahniah sudah dapat bonus satu setengah bulan dan minimum RM2,000 dan juga RM500 untuk pegawai Persekutuan yang bertugas di Sarawak. Tidak lupa juga saya ucapkan terima kasih kepada pasukan media yang telah memberi liputan yang menyeluruh kepada persidangan kali ini.

Saya ingin mengambil kesempatan untuk mengucapkan selamat menyambut Hari Natal kepada mereka yang beragama Kristian, Selamat Menyambut Tahun 2021 kepada semua,

Selamat Tahun Baru Cina kepada kaum Cina dan kepada yang akan pulang ke kampung halaman, saya mengucapkan selamat jalan dan semoga selamat sampai ke destinasi masing-masing.

Tuan Speaker, akhirnya saya ingin menyampaikan dua rangkap pantun walau pun ada Yang Berhormat tidak dapat menghayati budaya berpantun oleh kerana tidak memahami maksud yang tersurat dan tersirat di dalam mesej yang hendak disampaikan. Bak kata kita, "*Tak kenal maka tak cinta*". Begini pantun dia, *if you don't understand, you can ask me later on*.

Katak Melompat dari Triso,  
Tersalah Lompat Masuk Longkang,  
Pemimpin Berwawasan CM Abang Jo,  
Untuk Menjamin Hak Sarawak Diutamakan.

Daun Selasih Harum Kasturi,  
Pokok Engkabang Tersergam Megah,  
Terima kasih Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri,  
Bajet dibentang pembangkang yang gundah.

Dengan ini saya mencadangkan supaya Mesyuarat Kedua bagi Penggal Kelima Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak Kelapan Belas ini ditangguh. Sekian, terima kasih.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan ucapan usul penangguhan itu tadi, maka kita telah sampai ke penghujung Mesyuarat Kedua Penggal Kelima Persidangan Dewan Undangan Negeri Ke-18. Alhamdulillah, persidangan yang berlangsung selama lima hari ini telah berjalan dengan lancar dan teratur atas kerjasama dan keprihatinan Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dalam menjaga keteguhan dan kemuliaan Dewan yang mulia ini.

Syabas Ahli Yang Berhormat sekalian kerana telah menunjukkan komitmen yang tinggi untuk memberi khidmat yang terbaik kepada rakyat menerusi perbahasan yang disampaikan dalam Dewan yang mulia ini. Saya berdoa agar Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dan sekalian yang hadir ke persidangan kali ini kembali ke destinasi masing-masing dengan selamatnya dan terus mencurahkan khidmat bakti kepada rakyat.

Jagalah keselamatan dan kebersihan diri, semoga kita akan terus dijauhi dan dihindari daripada penyakit yang tidak diingini dan terus diberi kesihatan yang terbaik. Insya Allah. Sentiasalah kita berdoa kepada Ilahi dan mengamalkan *Standard Operating Procedure* dalam menjalankan kehidupan harian di bawah norma baharu ini. *Stay safe everyone!*

Bagi pihak Dewan yang mulia ini, saya ingin merakamkan penghargaan dan ucapan terima kasih kepada Yang Berhormat Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, Yang Arif Peguam Besar Negeri, Yang Berbahagia Setiausaha Kewangan Negeri, Yang Berbahagia Setiausaha Persekutuan, Yang Berbahagia Timbalan-Timbalan Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, semua Setiausaha Tetap Kementerian, Ketua Jabatan dan agensi Kerajaan, para pegawai, petugas khas serta wakil media dan semua pihak yang telah bertungkus-lumus dalam menjalankan persidangan ini yang telah berlangsung selama lima hari.

Tidak ketinggalan, bagi pihak Dewan yang mulia ini, saya ingin mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Sarawak, para pegawai dan kakitangan perubatan, para pegawai dan anggota keselamatan serta pasukan beruniform dan semua pihak di barisan hadapan (*frontliners*) yang sentiasa bertungkus-lumus dan bersiap siaga memastikan rakyat dalam keadaan yang selamat serta dihindari dari pandemik virus Corona yang melanda kita.

Seterusnya, saya juga ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Deepavali kepada penganut agama Hindu; Selamat Hari Krismas kepada penganut agama Kristian; Selamat Tahun Baru 2021 kepada semua; dan Gong Xi Fa Cai yang diraikan pada Tahun Baru Cina, tahun 2021.

Saya ingin mengakhiri persidangan kita pada kali ini dengan menyampaikan empat rangkap pantun. *Sik* boleh kalah. Its not banned yet.

Gurindam pantun pusaka lama,  
Warisan untuk generasi baru,  
Mesyuarat Kedua Penggal Kelima,  
Bersidang dalam norma baharu.

Selendang keringkam hiasan pengantin,  
Duduk bersanding atas pelamin,  
CM berwawasan Kerajaan prihatin,  
Sarawak makmur rakyat terjamin.

Kilauan perak di dalam peti,  
Harum semerbak tidak tertahan,  
ADUN Sarawak bersatu hati,  
Hak Sarawak tetap dipertahan.

Langkah Laksamana langkah berani,  
Turun Pendekar berani mati,  
Sidang kita setakat ini,  
DUN Ke-19 bersua lagi.

With that, the House is now adjourned *sine die*.

*(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada jam 4.26 petang)*