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| 2. | Encik Helmy bin Abdul Rahman | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i> |
| 3. | Encik Shah Riwandy Sia bin Ridzuan | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i> |
| 4. | Encik Mohammad Zaidi bin Rambli | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i> |
| 5. | Encik Lawrence Encharang | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i> |
| 6. | Encik Mohamed Nazeerudin bin Gulam Mohamed | <i>Kementerian Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak</i> |
| 7. | Encik Fadillah bin Lokman | <i>Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Bahagian Kuching</i> |
| 8. | Encik Addison anak Fredrick | <i>Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Bahagian Kuching</i> |

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3. Puan Nur Azira binti Abdul Kadir
4. Encik Nurkhairudin bin Osen
5. Puan Rabiah binti Abdul Kadir
6. Puan Aisha Parveen binti Badron
7. Cik Genang anak Timbung
8. Puan Siti Norhiza binti Mohammad Yusri

9. Puan Hanisah Abdullah
10. Cik Siti Halimah binti Mohamad Nawawi
11. Puan Hasfarini binti Hassim
12. Cik Nurhaffizah Abdullah
13. Puan Natasha Nadia binti Mohd. Saidi
14. Puan Angela Lisa anak Mathew Linol
15. Encik Felix Aaron anak Michael
16. Puan Calista Abbie anak Sapa @ Patrick Sapa
17. Cik Sharina binti Sopian
18. Encik Awang Mohammad Asyrul Jaya bin Awang Putra
19. Sarjan Terence anak Jayan
20. Puan Norziana binti Haji Ahmad
21. Encik Mohd Hasfia bin Abdullah
22. Puan Nur Eliana Abdullah
23. Puan Nazmah binti Darham
24. Puan Tracy Lyana anak Bana
25. Encik Mohd Zulkhairi bin Mohammad Hejemi
26. Puan Jasmine Sinja anak Robinson
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32. Puan Nur Amira Lystiani binti Poniman
33. Encik Alwie bin Haji Ali
34. Cik Hawa binti Morsad
35. Encik Razali bin Awi
36. Puan Nora binti Atem
37. Encik Zahari bin Bolhi
38. Encik Lukas Jammany anak Kated
39. Encik Hazrin Syah bin Hamzah
40. Encik Salman bin Jaya
41. Encik Romzi bin Bujang
42. Encik Musa bin Julai
43. Puan Suraya binti Hamden
44. Puan Noraisah binti Ahmad
45. Cik Siti Zalilah binti Samsawi
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2. Encik Mohammad Amir bin Mohammad Zamri
3. Encik Mohamad Aswan bin Ismail

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PEMASYHURAN DARIPADA TUAN SPEAKER

Timbalan Speaker: Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Selamat pagi dan Selamat sejahtera.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I have granted leave of absence under Standing Order 81 to Yang Berhormat Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii, Member for Repok for today and tomorrow's sitting and secondly, Yang Berhormat Datuk Hamzah bin Haji Brahim, Member for N.17 Stakan for yesterday and today's sitting.

**SAMBUNGAN PERBAHASAN USUL PENGHARGAAN ATAS UCAPAN
TUAN YANG TERUTAMA YANG DI-PERTUA NEGERI SARAWAK**

Timbalan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya, saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan. Silakan, Yang Berhormat.

Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam sejahtera, Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur, *Salam Segulai Sejalai*.

Tuan Speaker, Alhamdulillah, syukur ke hadrat Ilahi, dengan limpah kurniaNya saya diberi peluang untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan bagi Kementerian Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan Sarawak pada pagi ini. Sebelum memulakan ucapan penggulungan saya, izinkan saya juga untuk memulakan dengan dua rangkap pantun.

*Mudik ke Moyan singgah di Serpan,
Di Pasar Tambirat membeli sayur;
Destinasi pelancongan utama tunjang harapan,
Menongkah arus Sarawak Maju Makmur.*

*Dulu Nonok, sekarang Asajaya,
Penduduk mesra pelbagai suku,
Kaya seni dan warisan budaya;
Mengangkat martabat ibu pertiwiki.*

Tuan Speaker, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to His Excellency Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak for his visionary and insightful address at the opening of the First Meeting of the Fourth Session of the 19th Sarawak State Legislative Assembly, also on the 19th May 2025. Tuan Yang Terutama's address charts the Sarawak's strategic development direction in corresponding to the shifts in global landscape.

Global Tourism Outlook, Trend and Direction

The global tourism sector in 2025 is poised for continued growth, building on the strong recovery of the previous year. The sector experienced a strong rebound in 2024, which saw international tourist arrivals reaching 99% of pre-pandemic levels with 1.4 billion travellers.

The United Nation Tourism anticipates a further 3% to 5% increase in international tourist arrivals in 2025 as compared to 2024. The tourism sector is driven by changing traveller values, technological advancements and focusing on sustainable and responsible tourism.

Malaysia's tourism industry experienced a remarkable recovery in 2024, with tourist arrivals increasing by 31.1% to reach 37.96 million as compared to the year 2023. In 2025, Malaysia set a target of 45 million visitors arrival and tourism receipts of RM270 billion.

Sarawak Tourism Performance

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak's tourism sector is experiencing remarkable growth, driven by its tourism products and successful promotion. My ministry is committed in achieving our vision for Sarawak to be one of the premier tourism destinations and a showcase of unique arts, culture and heritage. Our mission is to lead the advancement of Sarawak's tourism, culture, and heritage sectors. Let me begin with the highlights on the key performance and achievement of Sarawak's tourism sector.

Visitor Arrivals

Sarawak's visitor arrivals reached 4.83 million in 2024. This not only represents a substantial 23% growth over 2023 arrivals but also surpasses pre-pandemic levels of the year 2019 by 3.63%. With more than 1.6 million visitor arrivals recorded between January and April of this year, we are on track to achieve our 5 million visitor targets for 2025 and to generate RM12.73 billion estimated tourism receipts for 2025.

ASEAN is our key tourism market, with Brunei Darussalam contributing the largest share of visitor arrivals to Sarawak in 2024 amounting to 39.1% that is from Brunei or 1,891,314 million visitors, followed by Indonesia with 653,883 visitors or 13%; and Singapore and the Philippines contributing 1.2% for Singapore, 59,793; and 1% from the Philippines that is 46,853 respectively. Meanwhile, China become significant contributor with 1.5% or 74,721 visitors.

From January to April 2025, Sarawak continues to receive large number of visitors from Brunei Darussalam. The number being 514,015. This is just for January to April and Indonesia has also contributed quite a number that is 236,054 from January to April. Additionally, China, the number from January to April was 24,865, Singapore 18,637 and the Philippines 14,482. These are the countries that remain as the top five contributors of visitors' arrival for the first four months.

Tourism Receipts

In 2024, Sarawak's tourism receipts is RM12.45 billion as compared to RM9.99 billion in 2023. For this year, from January to April, our tourism receipt amount to RM4.07 billion. So, relatively it's about RM1 billion a month.

Contribution to the Economy

Services Sector comprising sub-sector like tourism, utilities, transportation, information and communication; finance and insurance; real estate, and business sector are the major contributors to Sarawak's GDP. In 2024, the Services Sector contributed RM58.21 billion or 39% of the economy as compared to RM54.54 billion in 2023. Out of this, the tourism sector's contribution to the Services Sector is 21%.

Major Events and Festivals

Major events and festivals act as a significant catalyst for the tourism sector, generating substantial economic, social and cultural impact on the host destinations. Whether they are sporting competitions, cultural festivals, music concerts, or trade shows, they draw large number of

attendees, many of whom travel from outside the host region. This year my ministry has supported various events and festivals such as:

- (a) International Cricket Council (ICC) U19 Women T20 World Cup which was held on the 18th and 19th of January;
- (b) International 80th Commemoration of Z-Semut Parachute Landing 1945 in Bario held on the 25th of March and also at the Padang Central in Kuching, if I am not mistaken on the 27th or the 28th of March of this year;
- (c) Silabur Ultra Trail, Serian held from the 12th and the 13th of April;
- (d) *Pesta Kaul Mukah* which was held on the 19th to the 27th of April;
- (e) *Kejohanan Muaythai* Piala TYT Yang di-Pertua Sarawak and Piala Borneo which was held on the 1st to the 4th of May;
- (f) XTERRA World Off-Road Triathlon Race, Sematan held on the 2nd to the 4th of May;
- (g) Miri Marathon which was held on the 13th of May.

These are just some of the events that are going to be held this year, all together as compared to last year, it should reach up to more than 200 events that are being supported by my ministry for, to increase the number of visitors to Sarawak.

In addition, Sarawak will be hosting more major events and festivals this year, which include:

- (a) Rainforest World Music Festival which is going to be held on the 20th to the 22nd of June;
- (b) Samarahan Bike Challenge on the 22nd of June also;
- (c) Siol International Mountain Bike Challenge on the 22nd to the 24th of August;
- (d) Sarawak International Choral Festival on the 13th to the 15th of June;
- (e) WAK Festival (What About Kuching Festival) in Kuching from the 1st to the 31st of October;
- (f) The 11th Edition of Sarawak International Dragon Boat on the 24th to the 26th of October; and
- (g) Sarawak Regatta – Kuching Waterfront Festival on the 31st of October to the 2nd of November.

The iconic Rainforest World Music Festival (RWMF) is an incredibly significant event for Sarawak, representing much more than just a music festival. This year is the 28th edition of RWMF is set to take place on the 20th to the 22nd of June 2025, with the theme “*Connections: One Earth, One Love*”. The festival’s extensive musical programme will feature over 200 performers from 20 countries.

In conjunction with Rainforest World Music Festival, Sarawak will host the 2nd edition of the Rainforest Youth Summit (RAYS) 2025 from the 18th until the 20th of June 2025. RAYS is a dynamic youth-led initiative centre on the theme “*Living Landscapes: Charting a Sustainable Future*”. The youth summit will give opportunities for young Sarawakians and youth from ASEAN region to engage in addressing issues surrounding rainforest conservation, climate resilience and sustainability. It is supported and endorsed by key strategic partners including the ASEAN Malaysia Chairmanship, the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), and the United Nation Tourism.

Major Tourism Projects

Under the 12th Malaysia Plan, my ministry has been allocated RM382.57 million and RM136.44 million through the *Projek Rakyat* allocation for various infrastructure projects. In addition, the Federal Government through MOTAC has approved RM49.9 million between the year 2021 to 2025.

My ministry through Sarawak Museum Department, Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR) and local councils has completed several infrastructure projects including:

- (a) Conservation works of Historical Forts into Forts Trails, namely, Fort Lily in Betong, Fort Emma in Kanowit, Fort Brooke in Julau and Fort Hose in Marudi;
- (b) Pembangunan Kemudahan *Ecotourism* at Taman Negara Santubong;

- (c) Membaik pulih *or Upgrading* Kemudahan Pusat Pelancongan Air Terjun Melasak at Lawas; and
- (d) Menaik taraf Kemudahan Infrastruktur dan Bangunan Etnik (Persada Alam) at Kampung Budaya Sarawak in Kuching.

Sarawak-Malaysia My Second Home Programme (SMM2H)

My ministry currently oversees a dual role in administering the SMM2H programme which include processing applications and managing the licensing of SMM2H agents.

SMM2H programme was launched in 2007 and was initially led by the Sarawak Immigration Department. During the tenure of 13 years from 2007 until 2019, Sarawak Immigration Department approved a total of 1,240 applications for this SMM2H programme.

In 2020, my ministry took over the role to manage the SMM2H programme and established the SMM2H Panel Coordination Committee. Several adjustments were made to enhance and make the programme more attractive and competitive. Within the period of five years and four months from 2020 until today, the number of approved applications has increased significantly to 1,901. Since its inception in 2007, a total of 3,141 applications were approved between January 2007 until mid-May 2025.

The increase in approved applications has led to a significant economic impact. In 2024, 560 applications were approved with the applications Fixed Deposits amounting to RM111.6 million. From January to mid-May this year, 265 applications have been approved with applications Fixed Deposit placement amounting to RM65.3 million.

The program's top participants come from China (513 applicants' participants), the United Kingdom (384), Taiwan (277), from Hong Kong (267), and the United States of America (262 participants), representing the top five countries of origin. For the information of this august House, the Federal Government through MOTAC had empowered my ministry to manage fully local tourism Business Licenses for SMM2H under the Tourism Industry Act 1992 or Act 482. The authorization was conveyed to my ministry via the Letter of Commission by MOTAC dated 30th of October 2024. So now the licensing and the operation of SMM2H all come under the purview of my ministry with our Sarawak Immigration Department, the Premier's Office and all other agencies whether federal or state that is in Sarawak.

So, effective from 1st January 2025, we have introduced a licensing framework for SMM2H agents. SMM2H Panel Bank has also been established to offer specialized services, including facilitation of fixed deposit placement or fixed deposit account and attractive banking packages designed for applicant convenience.

SARAWAK TOURISM STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Tuan Speaker, let me highlight key fundamentals and strategic direction of our tourism sector development. The Sarawak Government has formulated the Sarawak Tourism Master Plan 2020 to 2035 that chart the way forward for tourism development in Sarawak until 2035. In line with this master plan, my ministry, in collaboration with various agencies and industry stakeholders, will enhance our efforts to unlock and develop Sarawak tourism potential to generate more socio-economic benefits for the people of Sarawak.

Alignment with Global Tourism Direction

Moving forward, Sarawak tourism should prioritize strategic and sustainable growth, capitalizing on its unique offerings while adapting to the evolving preferences of the global market. By strategically developing and promoting its natural and cultural assets while embracing

technological advancements and aligning with the global trends, Sarawak can solidify its position as a compelling and major tourism attraction.

Global tourism is increasingly focused on sustainability and responsible travel. Aligning with this direction is not just ethical but also crucial for the long-term preservation of Sarawak natural and cultural assets, which are the foundation of our tourism industry.

Eco-Tourism and Community Based Tourism

As reflected in the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030, the aspiration is for Sarawak to be one of the leading destinations for eco-tourism in the ASEAN region. Sarawak's commitment to preserving its vast rainforests, rich biodiversity, indigenous cultures and empowering local communities directly resonates with the growing, growing global demand for sustainable and responsible tourism. My ministry has taken several initiatives to develop capacity of our human capital, including the local community, to enhance their participation in eco-tourism activities. Through collaboration with MOTAC, Tourism Malaysia as well as Sarawak Forestry Corporation, the training programs are provided to homestay operators, tour guides, park guides and community host guides.

Sarawak Delta Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark

Our eco-tourism development strategy is aligned to Sarawak Delta Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark. As a Geopark, it aims to integrate the conservation of geological, biological, and cultural heritage with sustainable development and education. My ministry will incorporate Sarawak Delta Geopark within the broader tourism network or framework. For this purpose, we are mapping, developing and packaging geo-tourism within the Geopark area, particularly in the area of Padawan, Bau and well as Santubong. The new geo-tourism products will be promoted through tour operators and designed to complement existing tourism offerings.

Culture and Heritage

Sarawak is home to 34 different ethnic groups, with unique traditions, language, beliefs, craft, music, and of course culinary practices including how they stay. This offers tourism or this offers tourists a wide array of authentic cultural experience beyond the typical tourist trail. It is a melting port of so many things. To further leverage Sarawak cultural heritage for tourism, it is necessary to package cultural experiences into attractive tour packages.

Creative Industry

Creative industry, encompassing sectors like arts, culture, media, design, and technology, plays a pivotal role in the social and economic fabric of a country. Its importance extends far beyond mere entertainment, contributing significantly to various aspects of national development.

From social perspective, the creative industry is a platform for expressing, for shaping, and preserving a nation's cultural identity. It showcases traditions, values, and stories, fostering a sense of belonging and pride among the citizens.

The creative industry drives innovation, not only within its own sectors but also by providing creative inputs and solutions to other industries, in enhancing their competitiveness. The production, distribution, and consumption of creative goods and services contribute significantly to the economy. This includes revenue from film, from music, from fashion, advertising, from design, gaming, and other creative sectors.

To develop Sarawak's creative industry, my ministry has established the Sarawak Creative Industry Coordination Committee (SCICC) under the Sarawak Tourism Steering Committee (STSC)

comprising members from the government departments and experts in arts, culture & heritage; those from the media production and information; creative arts; and design.

UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)

Kuching City has been designated as a Creative City of Gastronomy under the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) since November 2021. Gastronomy becomes a core element of Kuching's tourism brand and provides a compelling and authentic reason for travellers to choose Kuching. Participation in UCCN highlight the cities commitment to supporting local food producer, preserving traditional knowledge, promoting culinary innovation and integrating gastronomy into its sustainable development plan.

In February this year, Kuching played a leading role in the ASEAN Creative Economy Forum, hosted by MOTAC under the Malaysia's ASEAN chairmanship. In the spirit of ongoing collaboration and innovation, Kuching is preparing to host an event in conjunction with Sustainable Gastronomy Week under the World Food Forum's Global Youth Action Initiative which is scheduled to be held in 3rd Quarter 2025.

Domestically, efforts to raise awareness and support the gastronomic sector are also progressing. A new publication, The Intimate and Ultimate Guide to Kuching Gastronomy, was released and the project's website was nominated for a Gourmand World Cookbook Award.

World Craft City

Kuching City has also significantly enhanced its tourism appeal since being designated as a UNESCO Creative City of Craft in 2021 by actively integrating Sarawak's traditional crafts into immersive cultural tourism experiences.

Indigenous crafts such as *keringkam*, *pua kumbu*, beadwork, *buriek*, and rattan weaving have been showcased through vibrant festivals, hands-on workshops, and curated heritage trails. Last few days actually our craft were showcase in Paris and our kiosk was visited by the President of France and his wife, Macron and the wife actually and I was made to understand that the rattan hat as well as the beads work was also presented to the President as well as to the wife. There was quite a big breakthrough for us, I was made to understand that the President of France was very very impress with the one that has been shown down there, the native craft work of Sarawak.

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Sarawak is currently a home for two UNESCO World Heritage Site, the only state in Malaysia with two world heritage sites actually which is Gunung Mulu National Park and Niah Caves National Park. These prestigious recognitions offer significant opportunities to boost Sarawak tourism sector.

Sarawak will focus to develop marketing campaigns that highlight the UNESCO World Heritage status and the unique natural and geological and archaeological features of Gunung Mulu National Park and Niah Caves National Park to attract environmentally conscious, and adventure-seeking tourists.

Sarawak is collaborating with International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and ICOMOS Malaysia in effort to preserve and promote its rich cultural and natural heritage.

Business Events

According to data from Meetings and Conventions Asia, the global business events industry is projected to reach US\$2.3 trillion by 2032, growing at a cumulative annual growth rate of 11.6%.

Business events is a vital component of Sarawak's tourism strategy especially in creating and strengthening Sarawak's destination image and in generating income, employment and foreign investment. The coordination and promotion of convention centres are gazetted under the purview of my ministry.

The PCDS-2030 aspires Sarawak to be a leading destination for Business Events in the ASEAN region. For this reason, the Sarawak Government is expanding the Borneo Convention Centre or BCCK with the construction of BCCK2 which is ongoing now. The BCCK2 project with the total cost of RM550 million is currently under construction, designed to accommodate 9,500 capacities or participants, a significant addition to the current BCCK which can accommodate 5,000 capacities. The project is scheduled to be completed by March 2028.

Health Tourism

My ministry also placed a strong emphasis on Health Tourism or Wellness Tourism by promoting both medical treatments and wellness experiences. The Global Market Insight quoted that ASEAN medical and wellness tourism market size was valued at USD51.5 billion in 2023 and is expected to grow at 12.7% per annum from 2024 to 2032 period. Sarawak has the potential to become a key player in the ASEAN health tourism market with the availability of advanced medical facilities and the allure of its natural beauty as well as biodiversity.

According to Malaysia Health Tourism Council or MHTC, Sarawak's health tourism sector experienced significant growth in 2024, attracting 68,655 health visitors, a 6.6% increase from the 64,393 recorded in 2023. This surge in visitors translated to a substantial 13.65% in revenue, reaching RM141.5 million in 2024 as compared to RM124.5 million in the previous year. The beauty about Health Tourism, is there is one patient that is coming down to Sarawak to seek treatment there will always be another three to five family members coming along. Normally, they only stay for just one or two days, they will be staying for usually one week or two weeks if there is an operation need to be done, they can extend up to one month. And that is where the market player effect would have on the tourism industry.

In 2024, Indonesia and China were the primary drivers of Sarawak's health tourism revenue, with Indonesian visitors accounting for 52,850 arrivals and revenue of RM127 million, while Chinese visitors contributing 3,565 arrivals and revenue of RM3.6 million. Meanwhile, Brunei health visitors accounting for 3,239 with revenue of RM2.5 million, the Philippines with 1,061 arrivals and revenue of RM1.04 million, and India with 808 arrivals and revenue of RM0.6 million. Moving forward, Sarawak Tourism Board is strengthening the Health Tourism promotion through close collaboration with MHTC and participation in Malaysia Healthcare Expo or MHX.

Educational Tourism

Educational tourism is a rapidly growing sub-sector within the travel industry and presents a significant opportunity to Sarawak. In 2024, a total of 2,183 international students come to study in Sarawak, an increase of 4.8% as compared to the previous year. As for this year, there were 672 new international students enrolled in Sarawak higher learning institutions. The United Nation Tourism indicates that educational tourism generates a significant economic multiplier effect. Spending by educational tourists on accommodation, on food, on transportation, attractions, and other services circulates through the local economy.

Lake Tourism

Sarawak's natural and man-made lakes, presents a significant and largely untapped potential for lake tourism. These aquatic environments offer unique opportunities to diversify our tourism offerings. To fully realize the potential of lake tourism in Sarawak, it is crucial for us to ensure local communities' participation, creating a variety of appealing activities, targeted marketing and improving accessibility through investments in road and boat transportation.

Moving forward, my ministry will collaborate with relevant ministries and agencies to plan and develop lake tourism potential guided by the Sarawak Hydro Lakes Management and Development Plan 2030.

Border Tourism

Sarawak, strategically located bordering Kalimantan, Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam possesses significant potential for border tourism offering unique opportunities and benefits. Majority of Bruneian and Indonesian entering Sarawak by land, the majority of them are Bruneian and Indonesian.

In 2024, CIQS Sungai Tujuh recorded 697,666 Bruneian visitors followed by Pandaruan (290,111), Mengkalab (306,130) and Tedungan (311,619). Meanwhile CIQS Tebedu recorded 280,884 Indonesian visitors, followed by Biawak (137,454) and Lubok Antu (50,124). Relocation of Indonesia's capital to Nusantara from Jakarta in East Kalimantan presents a significant opportunity for Sarawak to position itself as a beneficiary of the increased regional activity.

Digital Tourism

The continuous advancement of digital technologies, particularly Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data, Augmented Reality (AR) and Visual Reality (VR), is fundamentally reshaping the tourism industry. Leveraging on digital technologies is crucial for attracting as well as engaging modern travellers.

Strengthening the tourism industry

Tuan Speaker, in the face of a highly competitive tourism sector, Sarawak needs to proactively cultivate outstanding qualities to ensure its successful trajectory. Moving forward, my ministry in collaboration with our agencies namely JMS, STB, BE Sarawak, Majlis Seni Sarawak, Sarawak Club Councils (SCC), as well as other stakeholders will implement various initiatives to strengthen the tourism industry.

Destination building

Given the intense competition in the global tourism sector, Sarawak needs destination branding. By developing a strong and well-defined brand, Sarawak can effectively market itself as an attractive, credible and distinct choice for travellers. Sarawak destination branding around the concept of Gateway to Borneo is a potentially powerful as strategic move. This branding can foster collaboration with tourism stakeholders in Sabah, in Kalimantan as well as Brunei to promote the entire Borneo region, with Sarawak playing a key role.

Sarawak Signature Event

Sarawak strategically develops and supports a diverse portfolio major event that align with its unique cultural and natural assets. These events serve as powerful tools for destination branding, attracting visitors, driving economic growth and positioning Sarawak as one of the premier tourism destinations.

Intellectual Property Rights (IP)

Strong IP protection is essential for creating an environment that encourages creativity, innovation, and economic prosperity. IP Rights are crucial to safeguard our heritage and traditional knowledge in establishing a distinct and recognizable tourism brand. For this purpose, my ministry in collaboration with Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA) have secured copyright for the major events, including:

- (a) Rainforest World Music Festival;
- (b) Borneo Jazz Festival;
- (c) Sarawak International Dragon Boat;
- (d) Sarawak Cultural Festival;
- (e) Sarawak Regatta-Kuching Waterfront Festival;
- (f) Pesta Benak;
- (g) Pesta Nukenen;
- (h) Pesta Kaul Mukah;
- (i) Borneo International Kite Festival;
- (j) Kuching Marathon;
- (k) Miri Marathon; and
- (l) Pesta Tasik Biru among others.

The next way forward is for securing trademarks for merchandise produced from these events. At the same time, we have also secured the logo copyright for Gateway to Borneo Sarawak, Sarawak More to Discover and Rainforest Youth Summit. These three, Sarawak Gateway to Borneo, Sarawak More to Discover and Rainforest Youth Summit.

Another significant Intellectual property is Geographical Indication (GI). GI helps preserve local culture and heritage associated with the products and its region and promotes tourism by highlighting these unique qualities.

Infrastructure Development

To support the growth of Sarawak's tourism industry, improved accessibility, particularly through essential infrastructure like roads, is crucial. For this purpose, the Sarawak Government is implementing several major projects. The transformation of the historic Old DUN Building into a world class Performing Arts Centre is set to be completed by the end of 2027. Inspired by London's Royal Albert Hall design, this new state-of-the-art venue will position Sarawak to attract a range of international-standard performances.

Sarawak Craft Centre is scheduled for implementation in 2026. The centre will become a dedicated space for local artisans to sell crafts, preserving artistic traditions and to promote Sarawak's craft heritage. Redevelopment of MBKS or Majlis Bandaraya Kuching Selatan Swimming Pool into a Water Fun Park and Centre of UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy is scheduled for completion by early 2026. This still undergoing upgrading now, redevelopment. This centre aims to highlight Kuching's food heritage and support the local creative industries. Establishment of Tourists Support Centre for Lundu and Sematan is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. The project is part of a broader effort to develop tourism in the Lundu and Sematan area. Through our close collaboration with MOTAC, my ministry has also secured an additional allocation of RM3.37 million to fund 15 projects which aim to upgrade and repair various tourism facilities and homestays in Sarawak, including:

- (a) Menaik taraf Kemudahan Pelancongan di Telaga Air Waterfront, Taman Negara Bako, Taman Negara Bukit Lambir, and Jungle Trekking at Taman Tumbina;
- (b) Menaik taraf dan Membaik pulih Kemudahan Pelawat at Rizab Alam Semula Jadi Tun Ahmad Zaidi, in Sibui; and
- (c) Menaik taraf Kemudahan Pelancongan at Homestay Santubong, Homestay Lobang Batu, and Homestay Rumah Margretta Kerangan Buloh, in Julau.

This year marks the completion of the 12th Malaysia Plan (which is from 2021 until 2025) and the commencement of preparations for the 13th Malaysia Plan (which cover the period of 2026 to 2030). I hope the 13th Malaysia Plan will greatly elevate the tourism sector and ensuring its contribution to Sarawak's development and prosperity by the year 2030.

Air Connectivity

Sarawak is optimistic that with the introduction of our own airline, AirBorneo, and the proposed new Kuching International Airport which will increase visitor arrivals and bring our tourism industry to a new height. Through the establishment of AirBorneo, Sarawak will have the opportunity to plan and chart its own destinations of choice in line with the market demand without relying on other commercial airlines. I believe, through potential strategic partnerships with other established airlines in the near future, AirBorneo would be able to secure air connectivity to major tourism hubs in the world as well as expand Sarawak's market.

Private Sector Investment

Under the 13th Malaysia Plan, strategic emphasis will be given to private sector involvement in luxury and responsible tourism to drive infrastructure development, cultural preservation, and as well elevate Sarawak's global recognition. Sarawak has great potential areas for premier tourism destinations especially the coastal line of Telok Melano, Sematan/ Pueh Beach, Pandan/ Siar Beach, Sampadi/ Kampung Sampadi, Golden Beach Trombol, Pasir Panjang and Pasir Pandak, Sejinjang and Bako. These are just within the first division of Sarawak and we are not even look into the Miri side the Bintulu side. We got many great potential areas for tourism destination in future.

Sarawak welcomes private investment in tourism sector through any workable business model that is acceptable by the Government. On the 21st May 2025, Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) has signed a concession agreement with a private sector, Sutera Sanctuary Lodges, to operate and develop tourism services at Niah National Park as well as Tanjung Datu National Park.

Grants and Facilitation Fund

My ministry is the custodian of the grants and facilitation fund to accelerate the progress of tourism and creative industry sectors. Currently, we have three grants, namely the Tourism Event Grant, Research Grant and Facilitation Grant for Heritage and Arts.

Tourism Event Grant

Tourism and festivals are integral components of Sarawak's tourism strategy, serving as powerful catalysts for economic growth, cultural promotion, and destination branding. The Sarawak Government has allocated RM45 million per year to support events and festivals. For 2025, my ministry has approved RM *so far lah*...RM19.96 million to support 88 events and festivals. That is only for the first four to five months.

Research Grant

The Sarawak Government has allocated RM5 million per year for Research Grant with the objective to facilitate collaboration among researchers from NGOs and higher learning institutions for fostering knowledge sharing and innovation with a goal of producing tourism and promotion tools for promoting Sarawak. Since 2021, my ministry has approved a total of 24 research grant projects amounting to RM6.1 million to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs), associations, and non-governmental organizations or NGOs.

Facilitation Fund for Heritage and Arts

The Sarawak Government has allocated RM10 million per year for facilitation fund to support arts, culture, and heritage stakeholders in organizing capacity-building programs, thereby ensuring the development, continuity, and sustainability of Sarawak's Creative Industry. For 2025, my Ministry has supported a total of 45 activities organised by individuals, by schools, institutes of higher learning, associations and NGOs, amounting to RM2.32 million.

Capacity Building

By prioritizing capacity building, Sarawak can ensure a skilled, professional, and sustainable tourism industry that benefits both visitors and local communities, ultimately enhancing its competitiveness in the global market. This year there will be a total of 22 capacity building programmes planned by the tourism industry players covering areas of Digital Tourism, Tourism Related Skills Management, Knowledge and Competencies, Tourism Creativity and Innovation and Tourism Sustainability.

Collaboration With the Federal Government.

In developing the tourism industry in Sarawak, it is crucial for us or for Sarawak to work together closely with the Federal Government. In this regard, my ministry is collaborating with MOTAC, with Jabatan Kesenian dan Kebudayaan Negara or JKKNS Sarawak, with Tourism Malaysia, and Kraftangan Malaysia through various platforms.

Strengthening Regional Cooperation

My ministry is also pursuing initiatives to strengthen cross-border tourism through regional cooperation platforms such as Brunei Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area or in short (BIMP EAGA), East Asia Inter-Regional Tourism Federation or in short (EATOF) and SOSEK MALINDO between Sarawak and Kalimantan. As the Malaysia's lead agency for the BIMP-EAGA, Joint Tourism Development (JTD) Cluster, my ministry is fully committed to enhance cooperation in promoting authentic cultural experiences, capacity building, enhancement of service standards and the development of "*Experience BIMP-EAGA*" tourism website to promote the subregion's diverse attractions.

In collaboration with Transport Cluster and Customs, Immigration, Quarantine, and Security (CIQS) Cluster, we aim to improve border connectivity, streamline cross-border policies and procedures to create a seamless and secure travel experience for tourists across the BIMP-EAGA region.

Sarawak is Malaysia's only member in the East Asia Inter-Regional Tourism Federation or in short EATOF which aims to jointly promote regional tourism industry and sharing of tourism policies and information. My ministry will participate in the forthcoming 23rd EATOF Standing Committee Meeting from the 21st to 24th July 2025 in Cebu, Philippines.

My ministry is a lead agency for the Social and Cultural Cooperation Cluster under SOSEK MALINDO. Through this platform, we promote cultural and arts exchange program as well as cross border tourism with West Kalimantan.

Expanding Tourism Promotions

My ministry through Sarawak Tourism Board (STB) is committed to expand tourism promotion globally. For this purpose, Sarawak Tourism Board provides strategic assistance programmes which include:

- (a) Sarawak Partnership and Collaboration Fund (SPCF) which supports industry-led marketing campaigns;
- (b) Visitors Incentive Programme or VIP programme which stimulates arrivals by encouraging tourism players to bring more visitors into Sarawak; and
- (c) Sarawak Tourism Online Ecosystem Fund or STOEF which aims to strengthen the digital presence of tourism base businesses across Sarawak.

STB has formed strategic partnerships with newspapers, magazines, blogs, and digital platforms - such as Songlines (UK), GayaTravel and The Star (Malaysia), Kompas and Jakarta Post

(Indonesia), The Bruneian (Brunei), Channel News Asia (Singapore), and Outbound India (India) to ensure consistent visibility across local as well as international audiences.

These strategies have played a critical role in driving global interest in Sarawak's eco-tourism, indigenous culture, and culinary diversity, especially through international promotions like the "*Gateway to Borneo*" campaign. This campaign, launched at the World Travel Market in London in 2024 and activated in markets such as Taiwan and the United Kingdom, has successfully positioned Sarawak as a premier destination in Southeast Asia.

Sarawak Tourism Board engaged with global strategic partners to enhance our already robust Out-of-Home (OOH) and Digital Out-of-Home (DOOH) strategy. This initiative focuses on increasing visibility and engagement for the Sarawak's tourism offerings by leveraging high-impact advertising spaces in strategic domestic and international locations.

As of May 2025, Sarawak Tourism Board has secured ad placements or advertisement placements in Taiwan, in Indonesia, in Australia, in UK, in Germany, Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei, in addition to airport screens located at KLIA1 and KLIA2, in Kuching, in Kota Kinabalu, in Langkawi, Penang as well as Brunei Darussalam. Sarawak Tourism Board also actively engages with both print and online media to promote Sarawak's rich cultural heritage, diverse natural attractions, and unique festivals.

From January to May 2025, Sarawak Tourism Board (STB) sustained a robust digital strategy built on innovation and audience engagement to reach approximately 136 million audiences thus far. Sarawak Tourism Board continued its leadership in digital transformation by leveraging on artificial intelligence (AI) in its promotional efforts with various internationally renowned partners such as Skyscanner, Tripzilla, Ticket2U, Family Traveller and Sojern, among others towards strengthening Sarawak's online presence as a preferred eco-tourism destination.

Mega Events

Sarawak has a valuable opportunity to expand its event tourism by leveraging its potential to host mega-events like concerts and sporting tournaments. Hosting large-scale events offers Sarawak significant advantages to gain immediate financial return, attracting global media attention and increasing its appeal as a travel destination.

Sarawak is actively positioning itself to attract more mega-events and for this purpose, Sarawak is heavily investing in expanding its venues as well as facilities.

Engagement with Stakeholders

In developing and promoting our tourism sector, my ministry is working closely with various stakeholders through several platforms.

State Tourism Steering Committee Meeting (STSC 2025)

State Tourism Steering Committee Meeting (STSC) serves as an important platform for the Ministry to engage with the stakeholders on issues and challenges, sectoral performance and charting the way forward for the tourism industry.

The Committee is chaired by myself and convened once a year. The recent STSC meeting was held on the 27th February 2025 involving 90 stakeholders including industry players, NGOs and Associations.

Sarawak Tourism Coordination Committee Meeting (STCC 2025)

My ministry has also established the Sarawak Tourism Coordination Committee (STCC) with the objective to assist the ministry in implementing the policies, projects and programs.

This Committee comprises members from institutions of higher learning, associations registered under the Sarawak Tourism Federation (STF), major tourism industry players and Residents, who are the chairman of the Divisional Tourism Task Group (DTTG).

This Committee meeting is scheduled three times a year and chaired by the Deputy Minister for Tourism. The next meeting will be held on the 24th of June in Miri.

Collaboration With STATOS and STATOB

My ministry is working closely with STATOS in Singapore and STATOB in Brunei to develop and promote our tourism industry.

Through STATOS, we are actively promoting Sarawak tourism by participating in major travel fairs such as the Go Malaysia Fair, Travel Malaysia Fair, NATAS Fair, and the upcoming Sarawak Mega Fair, scheduled to take place in Singapore from 16th to 19th October 2025. These platforms provide opportunities to showcase Sarawak's rich cultural heritage, ecotourism, and unique experiences, not only to Singaporean but also to foreign expatriates residing in Singapore.

STATOS and Sarawak Tourism Board have made significant strides in enhancing Sarawak's profile in Singapore, through targeted marketing, strategic partnerships, and inclusivity. These efforts will support the continued growth of Sarawak's tourism sector.

My ministry is also collaborating with STATOB in Brunei to expand our tourism promotion to Bruneian. Among the initiatives carried out by STATOB include:

- (a) Brunei Coffee Trail Campaign in February 2025;
- (b) Sales Calls Blitz in April 2025;
- (c) Tourism Malaysia Brunei Darussalam Familiarisation Trip, 13th to 17th May 2025;
- (d) Joint Art Exhibition, 20th to 26th June 2025; and
- (e) Proposed Consumer Exposition and Cultural Exchange Program; and Joint Symposium.

HIGHLIGHTS OF REPORT BY AGENCIES

Tuan Speaker, there are five State agencies under the jurisdiction of my ministry, namely, Sarawak Museum Department, Sarawak Tourism Board, Business Event Sarawak or Sarawak Convention Bureau, Sarawak Craft Council and Sarawak Arts Council.

Sarawak Museum Department (JMS)

The Borneo Cultures Museum (BCM) continues to draw attention and has received 73,463 visitors from January until April this year bringing a total of more than 1.3 million visitors since its opening.

Other museums such as Petroleum Museum in Miri, Islamic Heritage Museum and Natural History Museum recorded a total number of 124,594 visitors since January 2025. This data indicates that museums and galleries remain a prominent attraction in Sarawak as well as in the tourism industry in Sarawak.

In collaboration with National Geographic, JMS or Jabatan Muzium Sarawak has organised the exhibition Pristine Seas: Bringing the Ocean Back from 28th October 2024 until 13rd April 2025 that highlighted the importance of Marine Protected Areas. The exhibition recorded 93,528 visitors.

JMS continues to enhance its capacity and capability in upholding the Sarawak Heritage Ordinance (SHO 2019). On 12th February 2025, JMS has successfully gazetted 14 historical sites, buildings, monuments and underwater heritage under SHO 2019. The gazetted sites, buildings, monuments and underwater heritage among others are:

- (a) Rumah Panjang Melanau Kampong Sok in Matu;
- (b) Rumah Sri Tanjung, Tanjung Lobang in Miri;
- (c) Sacred Heart Church, Sungai Bawan in Kanowit;
- (d) Makam Dato Permaisuri in Miri;
- (e) Pusara Ali Wallace in Kampung Jaie, Sadong Jaya, Asajaya;
- (f) Kubur Shariff Skrang, Kampung Igan, Matu;
- (g) Tapak Masjid Bandaraya Kuching;
- (h) Tapak Pertempuran Beting Maro;
- (i) Lombong Arang Batu Brooke at Gunung Ngeli, Simunjan;
- (j) Batu Ritong in Pa' Lungan, Bario;
- (k) Tapak Pertempuran Kampung Jangkar in Lundu;
- (l) Tuang Schist Semeba in Kuching;
- (m) Folded Schist in Demak, Kuching; and the
- (n) Japanese Landing Craft, Brighton Beach, Miri.

This are among the sites which has been gazetted under Sarawak Heritage Ordinance. The latest one 2029.

JMS as the guardian of Sarawak and Borneo shared heritage, has received five artefacts' donations recently:

- (a) Two sunhats originally from Sarawak belonged to Bill and Pam Lavery, we received from their son, John Lavery. The donor claimed that authentic sunhats were obtained during the formation of Malaysia in 1963 in Kuching. Bill Lavery was posted to Limbang that same year as a teacher and later served as headmaster under the Colombo Plan of External Aid of the Canadian Government to Sarawak. The Lavery family left Sarawak in 1965. The hats were later passed on to their son, John Lavery, who entrusted it to the Sarawak Museum for safekeeping.
- (b) An old parang from Tebakang, Serian we received from Lewis anak Mengu. The donor claimed that this parang has been with his family for almost 100 years. The donor claimed that the parang originally belonged to a group of headhunters who confronted Bueng and his wife in the early 1900s. Bueng was Lewis' forefather. In the ensuing fight, Bueng fought bravely and took one of their parangs. He brought it back to Kampung Tebakang Bidayuh, where it became a treasured family heirloom. The parang remained with the Bueng's family, passed down through generations.
- (c) Two unglazed ceramic vases from Santubong we received from Mohd Rizal bin Bujang. The donor claimed that the pottery was discovered in the 1970s by his father Haji Bujang bin Abdullah together with the late Ibni bin Zen and the late Othman bin Zen while fishing off the coast of Santubong.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks again to these donors. We hope their generosity inspires others to contribute their historical collections to the Sarawak Museum, ensuring future generations can appreciate our rich heritage. Jabatan Muzium Sarawak also entered into more strategic partnerships with several renowned institutions, including:

- (a) National Gallery, Malay Heritage Centre, and Heritage Conservation Centre of Singapore;
- (b) The British Museum in United Kingdom;
- (c) The Embassy of Hungary in Malaysia;
- (d) The University of Debrecen, Hungary; and

(e) French School of the Far East – PSL University, France.

On the 6th of January 2025, JMS or Jabatan Muzium has successfully signed an MoU with the National Science Museum of Thailand on international strategic partnerships in knowledge sharing and joint conservation efforts. Apart from overseas partners, JMS also engages with local agencies as strategic partners. To date, JMS maintains active collaborations with UNIMAS, with UiTM, with USM, UKM, and Sunway University Malaysia.

Sarawak Tourism Board

Sarawak Tourism Board or STB takes a bolder, more strategic approach in high-impact consumer and trade travel fairs, strengthening brand visibility and amplifying industry presence at prestigious platforms such as ITB Berlin, ITB China, ITB Asia, World Tourism Mart or WTM London and MATTA Fair in Kuala Lumpur. In the first quarter of 2025, STB successfully implemented a total of 24 marketing initiatives across various targeted markets. These comprised four initiatives in the domestic market, eight in ASEAN, two in North Asia, seven in Europe and Oceania, and three in New Markets. Collectively, these initiatives represent 47% of the 51 marketing programmes planned for this year.

The Sarawak Tourism Board's research and development strategies are based on data-driven market intelligence. In the first quarter of 2025, the Board conducted four market surveys during its B2B/B2C sessions, focusing on Europe, India, Indonesia and the domestic market. In March 2025, Sarawak's destination performance was strong, with numerical rating of 8.6 out of 10, while the sentiment achieved 8.8. This led to a Total Experience Score (TES) of 8.7. This score shows a positive improvement as compared to March of last year.

The numerical rating reflects visitor satisfaction, while the sentiment rating analyzes the emotional tone of visitor reviews. The source used for these ratings are Google reviews, Agoda, Booking.com, Ctrip, Traveloka, TripAdvisor, Expedia, Hotels.com, Opentable and Get Your Guide. Sarawak's geographical location emerged as the top-performing category, with both numerical and sentiment scores at 9.1 over 10, accompanied by a 28.5% increase in online reviews. In addition to that, the strong performance was recorded in our food and beverages, and hospitality services which score 9.4 and 8.8 respectively. While the ambience category with a sentiment rating of 7.7.

Currently, Sarawak Tourism Board have received a total of 56 Strategic Partnerships Collaboration Fund (SPCF) applications and 73 Visitors Incentive Programme (VIP) applications with a combined disbursement of RM615,000. This figure reflects 49% of the total budget allocated for both programmes underscoring our ongoing efforts to enhance Sarawak's visibility and competitiveness in the regional and global tourism landscape. Tourism product owners may also apply for Sarawak Tourism Online Ecosystem Fund, which has been expanded to include Artificial Intelligence solutions among the eligible services. Successful applicants can now receive support for AI-powered solutions such as chatbots, automated inventory systems, and other smart technologies that improve efficiency and customer experiences. This inclusion reflects STB's commitment to fostering innovation and embracing emerging technologies to elevate the overall quality and appeal of Sarawak's tourism offerings.

Waste management strategies aim to further reduce the Rainforest World Music Festival environmental impact, aligning with SDGs. A five-year MoU with the Sarawak Forestry Corporation supports STB's long-term carbon offsetting strategy. As part of this, 2,500 trees will be planted at Piasau Nature Reserve in Miri, funded through ticket sales and sponsorships, reinforcing the festival's commitment to sustainability and climate action. Mainly, there's no one know actually. The moment you buy a ticket for Rainforest World Music Festival; you are also contributing to preserving nature because a portion of that money for the ticket is main for replanting programme with Sarawak Forestry Corporation.

In 2025, Sarawak Tourism Board (STB) received significant international recognition through a series of prestigious awards for 2024, these are the awards that STB has received:

- (a) Hospitality, Sales and Marketing Association International (HSMAI) Adrian Award for Travel Marketing Excellence for “Gateway to Borneo” Campaign in New York, USA, reflecting strong consumer trust and brand value;
- (b) Best Booth PR Award at the 39th Seoul International Travel Fair highlighting the Board’s creativity and effectiveness in engaging international audiences;
- (c) Tourism Board Campaign of the Year-Malaysia at the Travel Daily Media (Singapore) Travel Trade Excellence Awards, celebrating its impactful marketing and outreach efforts;
- (d) BrandLaureate’s Brand of the Year for Tourism Promotion and Development category in Singapore;
- (e) Most Promising New Destination Excellence Award at Outbound Travel Mart (OTM) in India;
- (f) Malaysia Public Relations Awards (MPRA) 2024, winning in both the Product Brand Development (B2C) and Campaign of the Year categories; and
- (g) Putra Aria Brand Award (Bronze) in the Transportation, Travel and Tourism category.

Business Events (BE) Sarawak or Sarawak Convention Bureau

As of 31st December 2024, under Business Events Sarawak, we have secured 111 out of the targeted 100 business events in 2024, scheduled to take place through to 2028. These secured events are projected to generate a Total Economic Impact (TEI) of RM313.6 million for Sarawak. Of this, direct delegate expenditure is estimated to contribute approximately RM170.4 million to the economy, while anticipated tax revenue stands at RM18.4 million. Notably, Sarawak has successfully secured major international conferences, including the Hydrogen Economy Forum 2025 and the 16th Asia Pacific Hospice Palliative Care Conference 2025, further positioning the State as a preferred destination for impactful and strategic business events.

Business Events Sarawak has become the exclusive seed fund contributor for the first legacy impact certification programme, Association Impact Masterclass, in collaboration with three global industry leaders, namely International Congress and Convention Association, GainingEdge and Meet4Impact.

In the first quarter of 2025, Sarawak has hosted 16 business events which generated RM37.6 million in total economic impact. Direct delegate expenditure injected RM20.5 million into the economy and RM2.3 million translated into tax. We have currently concluded 17% of the scheduled events, some of which are:

- (a) EIC Connect Energy Borneo 2025; and
- (b) National Symposium on Islamic Banking and Finance 2025 in Conjunction with the Opening of the Legal Year Sabah & Sarawak 2025 (OLYSS 2025).

On 13th January this year, Sarawak launched the AI.LEGACY, an intelligent impact management system specifically designed to monitor, to measure, and report the legacies of business events hosted in Sarawak. As the first of its kind in the world, AI.LEGACY Intelligent Impact Management System offers a revolutionary approach to business event legacy management by leveraging cutting-edge artificial intelligence.

In 2025, Business Events Sarawak will host LEGACY360, Southeast Asia’s first homegrown event dedicated to the education, advocacy, and advancement of business event legacies. As Sarawak progresses to become the legacy capital of business events in Malaysia and Borneo by 2030, LEGACY360 is a pivotal platform to drive this vision forward.

Meanwhile, the Borneo International Legacy Awards (BILA) will celebrate outstanding contributions from industry leaders, associations, and stakeholders who have successfully integrated legacy principles into their business events. As an evolved version of the Anak Sarawak Awards,

BILA reflects Sarawak's growing influence in legacy-driven business events and will expand its scope to a regional and global level.

Sarawak Craft Council

Sarawak Craft Council (SCC) continues to build up the development of local craft industry with the aim to increase the market reach of local craft products in the local, domestic and global markets. Sales and promotion continue to be the focus to grow the markets for Sarawak Crafts.

The presence of Sarawak craft entrepreneurs at craft related activities helps to boost sales, enhance visibility, and increase market shares, market sales. During the first quarter of the year, Sarawak Crafts were staged and made their presence at various events in Kuching and Sri Aman, as well as in Kuala Lumpur.

Recently, Sarawak Craft has made waves, this is the one I mentioned just now. Recently, Sarawak Craft has made waves, at the Revelations Biennale Paris 2025, it was just last week. The President of French Republic, His Excellency Emmanuel Macron and The First Lady, Brigitte Macron, visited the Sarawak Exhibition booth. They were impressed with the Sarawak Crafts which was on display.

Under the SCC Industrial Development Initiatives, 53 new craft producers were registered, bringing the total number of registered to 1,300. To get more community participation, Sarawak Craft Council carried out Craft Community Development programme in Sri Aman, in Kapit, in Bintulu, in Limbang, as well in Lawas.

Meanwhile, for the first quarter of 2025, Kraftangan Malaysia reported that craft sales in Sarawak amounted to RM6.3 million.

Sarawak Arts Council

The Sarawak Arts Council or Majlis Seni Sarawak continues its initiatives to develop and strengthen cultural performances and the performing arts.

From January to May 2025, Majlis Seni Sarawak has conducted 50 programs and activities focused on arts development and training across Sarawak and beyond.

Majlis Seni Sarawak continues to promote Sarawak's arts and cultural performances in 2025 through participation in various events including international festivals in Helsinki, Finland; in Berlin, Germany; as well as in Vietnam.

As for MYSENI's annual grant of RM1 million, from January until May 2025, Majlis Seni Sarawak approved nine out of 12 applications amounting to RM297,000.

Responses to Issues Raised by Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat

I wish to thank Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat for their views and suggestions to enhance the tourism industry, to improve tourism products in their respective constituencies. My ministry welcomes the proposal by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tanjong Datu to make turtle as a tourist attraction in Talang Satang National Park. My ministry will collaborate with relevant agencies such as Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Forest Department and Sarawak Museum Department to study this proposal. For information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tanjong Datu, Gunung Pueh is undergoing proposal to be recognized as UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

On the proposal by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Balingian, my ministry will assess the feasibility of the proposed tourism development in Muara Sungai Badengan beach area to ensure it aligns with the Sarawak Tourism Masterplan guideline. In response to the proposal by Ahli Yang Berhormat for

Tamin, the Sarawak Craft Council will study the needs for a dedicated craft centre in Selangau and consider the proposal in line with the Government's plan to produce high quality craft products. We acknowledged the eco-tourism potential in Ulu Oya, Ulu Mukah, as well as Ulu Selangau, hence, my ministry will collaborate with local council and relevant agencies to develop this potential.

On the proposal by both Ahli Yang Berhormat for Krian as well as Kabong, my ministry will consider listing Krian Fest as well as Kabong International Beach Trail Marathon under the Sarawak Tourism Calendar of Events as long as they meet the requirement. My ministry will consider also the request by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Serembu to give more funding for the upcoming 8th Edition of Siniawan Country Music Festival which will include two additional ceremonies.

In response to both Ahli Yang Berhormat for Repok as well as for Jepak, the government will consider any proposal for a new convention centre should there be a demonstrated need or a dire need and sufficient market demand for those convention centre to be built or develop in those areas.

Conclusion

Tuan Speaker, before I conclude my winding up speech, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tuan Speaker and Deputy Speaker and all staff of the Dewan Undangan Negeri for your excellent handling of the dewan proceedings.

Special thanks also to Sarawak State Secretary, Sarawak Federal Secretary, all Heads of Department both from the State as well as Federal, and not forgetting the Permanent Secretary, the officers and all staff of my ministry, all agencies under my Ministry's purview, for their hard work, for their commitment and dedication in providing the necessary support, input as well as information.

I would like wish those celebrating forthcoming Gawai Dayak, Selamat Hari Gawai, *Gayu Gerai Nyamai, Lantang Senang Nguan Menua*, Selamat Hari Raya Aidil Fitri, *eh*, Selamat Hari Raya Aidiladha, Aidil Fitri has already pass, Selamat Hari Raya Aidiladha or Hari Raya Qurban to all Muslims. And I wish to conclude my winding up speech with two *rangkap pantun*:

*Cantik si Kumang mata melirik,
Hendak memikat si Bujang Tanjung;
Pelancongan lestari kekal menarik,
Seni dan warisan tetap dijunjung.*

*Selamat Ari Gawai ngagai semua,
Alu merik tabik basa;
Gayu guru nguan menua,
Datai ka pemansang serakup bansa.
Ooooohaaa!!!!*

With that, I wish to express my support to the Motion of Appreciation of the address of Tuan Yang Terutama's opening address. Terima kasih.

Timbalan Speaker: Terima kasih, Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Karim Rahman Hamzah, Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan for a very comprehensive and elaborate speech. You will have another Ministry to give a winding up speech. Would you like to care for a short break? Menteri, it's your option.

Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Tuan Speaker, with allow, can we have a short break? Short one, because my next winding up will not be very long, it will just be about 45 minutes.

Timbalan Speaker: Shall we have 15 minutes?

Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Okay, thank you.

Timbalan Speaker: Much obliged. Thank you. Sitting will meet in the next 15 minutes.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 10.53 pagi)

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[Timbalan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Timbalan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, Menteri Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan. Silakan, Yang Berhormat.

Menteri Belia, Sukan, dan Pembangunan Usahawan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih, Yang Berhormat Tuan Speaker. Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Salam sejahtera, Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur dan *Salam Segulai Sejalai*. Syukur kepada Allah S.W.T. kerana dengan limpah kurniaNya, saya juga diberi peluang untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan bagi Kementerian Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan pada tengah hari ini. Sebelum saya memulakan ucapan penggulungan saya, izinkan saya juga untuk memulakan dengan dua rangkap pantun:

*Dari Sematan hingga ke Merapok,
MYSED mendukung tekad yang tegap;
Ilmu dan bakat terus dipupuk,
Belia Sarawak melangkah mantap.*

*Belia gagah semangat membara,
Bersatu teguh harungi cabaran;
Sukan diutama kepimpinan jadi agenda,
Usahawan lahir penuh harapan.*

VISION, MISSION AND STRATEGIES

Tuan Speaker, for the information of this august House, my Ministry has revised our vision, mission and strategies to align with the 13th Malaysia Plan (13MP) and Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030. The new vision “*Sustainable Youth, Inclusive Sports*” and mission “*Empowering Youth, Sports and Entrepreneurship for a Sustainable Future*” emphasise youth empowerment, inclusive sports, entrepreneurship and sustainability as core priorities.

Under the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Entrepreneur Development (MYSED) Strategic Plan 2025–2030, my ministry is committed to forward-thinking, inclusive policies and impactful programmes that build leadership, creativity and resilience among youth. Investments are being made in youth centres and world-class sports facilities to support both grassroots and elite development. As we move forward, our direction is guided by the MYSED Strategic Plan 2025–2030, which aims to create a lasting impact in the fields of youth development, sports excellence and entrepreneurial development. At the core of this strategy is our commitment to formulating forward-thinking, inclusive policies that align with national priorities and global standards.

REVIVING BORNEO GAMES 2025

Tuan Speaker, the Borneo Games, with roots tracing back to 1954, are set to return on 24th to 28th September 2025 after the last edition in 2013 hosted by Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan. Rekindling a traditional sportsmanship and unity among Negara Brunei Darussalam, Kalimantan

Timur, Kalimantan Barat, Sabah, the Federal Territory of Labuan and Sarawak. Initially hosted by the Seria Recreation Club, Negara Brunei Darussalam, the Games have grown into a symbol of regional connection, blending athletics with cultural pride. The revival is championed by Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, the Premier of Sarawak.

His vision for the Games transcends sport, aims to unite the Bornean people through shared values, foster peace and prosperity, enhance cross-border relationships, and empower youth to lead with cultural pride and confidence. In his words, *"We are not merely constructing sports facilities, we are nurturing relationships, reinforcing identity and equipping our youth to become future leaders of Borneo"*. This initiative is in line with Sarawak's PCDS 2030, which recognises sports as a catalyst for economic growth, well-being, tourism and regional diplomacy. Tasked with leading this effort, my ministry together with the Sarawak Sports Corporation (SSC) will ensure the Games serve as a vibrant platform for both athletic excellence and cultural celebration.

Borneo Games 2025 will feature over a thousand athletes and officials competing in mainstream sports such as athletics, swimming, lawn bowls, archery and badminton, alongside traditional events like *Menyumpit* (Blowpipe) and *Tarik Tali* (Tug-of War). These games will celebrate Borneo's diverse landscape or heritage while fostering deeper connections among its people. To ensure continuity, Sarawak has initiated the formation of the Borneo Games Supreme Council. This council comprising Sports Ministers and relevant agencies from participating nations, states and provinces, will govern future editions. Official invitations have been extended, and final coordination is underway in collaboration with sports associations and implementing agencies, marking a new chapter in this regional sporting legacy.

THE ROAD TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES (SEA GAMES) 2027

Tuan Speaker, the Road to Southeast Asian Games or (SEA Games) 2027. For the first time in Southeast Asian Games history, Sarawak will serve as a direct host region, offering world-class facilities alongside the resilience, hospitality, cultural richness and organisational excellence of its people. I am proud to share that the Federal Government has formally agreed for Sarawak to host the Opening Ceremony of the SEA Games 2027 in Kuching, an honour that offers an opportunity to showcase Sarawak's cultural vibrancy, renowned hospitality and logistical capabilities to a global audience. This will be the first time the SEA Games will have its opening ceremony outside of our nation capital Kuala Lumpur.

As we prepare to welcome Southeast Asia's top athletes in 2027, we recognise that the SEA Games represent more than just a competition. They embody regional unity, youth empowerment and the celebration of diversity. To ensure world-class delivery, my Ministry is planning a strategic benchmarking visit to Thailand, the host of the 33rd SEA Games in 2025, to observe and study the live operations of a major sporting event. The knowledge gained will help us refine our strategies for 2027. Ultimately, the SEA Games will not only inspire future athletes but will also position Kuching in Sarawak as a central hub for international sports in Southeast Asia, marking Sarawak's bold stride onto the global stage.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Tuan Speaker, Youth Development, with the new vision establish, my ministry is committed to nurturing a resilient, inclusive and future ready youth population. The youth development framework focuses on five key areas, namely Leadership, Education, Economy, Health and Well-being and Environmental Sustainability. This approach sees youth not just as beneficiaries but as main contributors to society, empowering them to lead, innovate and participate in governance, environmental advocacy, digital development, entrepreneurship and civic engagement.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES

To support the PCDS 2030 and promote Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), my ministry introduced *Belia Go TVET*, starting in Gedong and expanding to other districts. This initiative offers youth career guidance, information access and industrial training opportunities. My ministry's flagship programme, that is *Jelajah Belia Sarawak* has reached 33 districts, involving 25,300 youth and is targeting 45 districts. Targeting the whole of Sarawak.

This year programme will continue in Sebuyau and Maradong among others. Several other initiatives are also planned for this year, among them:

- (a) Sarawak International Conference on Youth Mental Health;
- (b) *Eksplorasi Belia* in Long Semado in Limbang and Long Busang in Kapit;
- (c) Sarawak - Pahang Youth Integration Programme; and
- (d) Sarawak - Johor - Sabah - Melaka Youth Integration Programme.

These initiatives reinforce the ministry's commitment to ensuring that no youth is left behind.

NURTURING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Leadership development remains a top priority in Sarawak's youth agenda, with active support for youth engagement on national and international stages. Currently, five Sarawakian youth are participating in the 4th ASEAN Youth Dialogue during the 46th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur from 22nd to the 28th this month to explore regional policies and exchange policy ideas.

Furthermore, 250 local youths will take part in the Rainforest Youth Summit 2025 together with other invited ASEAN youths, held from the 18th to the 20th June in conjunction with the Rainforest World Music Festival. The summit aims to promote environmental awareness and leadership under the theme "*Living Landscape Charting a Sustainable Future*". Actually, for Rainforest Youth Summit with engage with the countries in Asean especially public Universities within Asean to get those leaders that help positioned in the Student Union in Asean Countries to come over to participate in our Rainforest Youth Summit. That goes how far we try to integrate and get ourselves connected with future leaders of our Asean Countries. Knowing fully well that these Student Leaders that are in the public Universities in Asean will maybe one day become future leaders of those countries where they come from.

DRIVING YOUTH CREATIVE GROWTH

Since its launch in 2019 with RM9 million, the Sarawak Youth Creative Industry Fund has supported 89 youth associations as well as individuals. Aimed at nurturing talent in music, film, theatre and innovation, the fund has helped youth access international platforms, develop digital content and implement community initiatives. Sarawakian youth are encouraged to make full use of this opportunity to grow their talents and elevate their creative projects.

CELEBRATING YOUTH IN SARAWAK

This October, Sarawak will celebrate its youth through the rebranded Sarawak Youth Fest, a week-long event in Bintulu that will highlight innovation in arts, in sports, in entrepreneurship, sustainability and as well as leadership. The *Anugerah Belia Sarawak* 2025 will also be awarded to the outstanding individuals and youth organisations for their contributions to the State of Sarawak.

PERTUBUHAN BELIA KEBANGSAAN BERSATU SARAWAK (SABERKAS)

In 2025, my ministry has actively collaborated with SABERKAS to implement a range of impactful programmes aimed at enhancing youth engagement and promoting community service across Sarawak, as follow:

Sports and Recreation Programme

The 7th SABERKAS Sports Carnival or in short (KASUS) has involved about 35 SABERKAS branches and over 3,500 youths. Upcoming events include the SABERKAS Youth Glamping in August and the SABERKAS President's Cup (Futsal) in November.

Social and Welfare Programme

The SABERKAS *Prihatin* initiative continues to attract youth by promoting kindness and helping those in need. So far, 42 branches have applied, with some activities already carried out including aid for the recent flood victims in Miri as well as in Bintulu in January 2025.

Bubur Lambuk Roadshow

During the fasting month, SABERKAS every year has successfully organised the programme at 65 locations all over Sarawak.

Science, Technology and Innovation Programme

SABERKAS will run four Artificial Intelligence (AI) Literacy Programme sessions, starting in Miri (Northern Zone) in June and ending in Kuching (Southern Zone) in November 2025. SABERKAS remains a vital force in Sarawak's youth development agenda, as enduring partnership is crucial for advancing youth empowerment across the State.

PERSATUAN MENCEGAH DADAH MALAYSIA (PEMADAM)

To prevent youth in Sarawak from engaging in social issues like drug abuse, PEMADAM conducted 41 awareness programmes between January and May 2025 through six main bureaus.

In 2024, the National Anti-Drug Agency or (AADK) tested 3,770 students from 123 secondary schools, showing a decline in positive urine cases, 35 cases in 2024 as compared to 48 cases in 2023 and 116 cases in 2022. This improvement reflects the effectiveness of drug awareness campaigns organised by PEMADAM in collaboration with the Sarawak State Education Department (AADK) as well as other agencies and NGOs. All schools in Sarawak now have Drug Prevention Education Pathways or (PPDa), offering student access to drug-related information. PPDa was developed through support from PEMADAM and the One Stop Committee to tackle drug and substance issues in the State.

Awareness efforts continue through both online platforms and community engagement. Highlights include the Breakoff E-Sports Challenge with CENTEXS, drawing over 1,000 visitors and 300 participants, PEMADAM's *Bubur Lambuk* and Iftar events with PUSPEN clients and a short video competition. These diverse initiatives aim to create awareness and involve the community in addressing drug issues.

Moving forward, PEMADAM is dedicated to continuing and expanding its initiatives beyond May 2025. Upcoming programmes include Break Off Debak, a Family Seminar, more e-sports challenges and the Lipur Layar short video competition. PEMADAM remains steadfast in its mission to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse in Sarawak.

SARAWAK INCLUSIVE SPORTS: VISION, STRATEGY AND ACTION

My ministry introduced the Inclusive Sports initiative to promote inclusivity, accessibility and equal opportunities in sports for all Sarawakians, including those in the rural areas and individuals with disabilities. By collaborating with government agencies and youth and sports associations, the initiative raises public awareness and supports over 150 association or sports activities statewide. We also work closely with all Resident and District Offices to integrate sports programmes into major

community events such as *Pesta Sematan*, *Sarikei Festival*, *Pesta Benak*, *Pesta Sebauh*, *Pesta Besaung Dalat* and many more to enhance health awareness.

Our key component, Sarawak X-Tive has been redesigned to include eco-friendly and adventure-based activities aligned with PCDS 2030. Programmes such as MYSED Explore, Eco Challenge Runs and the Kuching X-Tive Urban Nature Run, which is a low-carbon event, promote environmental sustainability alongside healthy living. My ministry also conduct engagement sessions with over 60 strategic partners will help boost community collaboration and encourage widespread participation in inclusive, health-focused activities throughout Sarawak.

To further drive sports development, my ministry is planning to host the Sarawak Sport Leadership International Conference: Empowering Leaders for the Future of Sports in October 2025. This event will serve as a platform to bridge key areas such as sports science, management and administration, ethics, governance and policy as well as innovation. It aims to equip local coaches and officials with the knowledge and skills necessary to foster inclusive and sustainable sports practices.

The Sarawak Inclusive Sports Initiative is gaining momentum and recognition for advancing social inclusion through sports. Private sector partners have been acknowledged for their investments in elite sports like badminton, swimming, marathons and many more.

SARAWAK SPORTS CORPORATION

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak Sports Corporation is dedicated to creating a strong, inclusive athlete development pathway that supports talent from grassroots to the elite levels, aiming for sustained sporting excellence locally and beyond. Its focus includes recognizing athlete achievements, improving performance standards and securing sustainable funding for long-term growth. Sarawak Sports Corporation advises the government, collaborates with state sports associations on training camps and competitions and builds strategic partnerships to foster a dynamic sports ecosystem. With 335 active coaches across development and elite programmes, many in grassroots coaching. Sarawak Sports Corporation shows a strong commitment to early talent identification and long-term athlete development.

In 2025, Tuan Speaker, Sarawak further cemented its role as a regional sports hub by organizing the Kejohanan Muaythai Piala Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak and Piala Borneo 2025, alongside such as the International Cricket Council (ICC) Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup and launching the Sarawak Hornbill Team Cup in collaboration with Sarawak Bowling Association. These events attracted participants from across Malaysia as well as the neighbouring countries, including negara Brunei Darussalam and Indonesia.

The state is also set to host a series of major sporting events, including:

(a) Squash

- the 23rd Asian Individual Squash Championship from 15th to 21st June 2025;
- the 2nd Asian Doubles Squash Championship from 22nd to 26th June 2025; and
- the 8th Borneo Junior Open (Squash) from 15th to 20th July 2025 in Kuching.

(b) Youth International Football Tournament from 28th May to 1st June 2025 in Kuching.

(c) Taekwondo Championships: 24th July to 2nd August 2025 in Kuching. Among them also in Taekwondo:

- the Asian Junior Kyorugi and Poomsae Taekwondo Championship;
- the Asian Cadet Kyorugi and Poomsae Taekwondo Championship and;
- the Asian Para Taekwondo Championship.

- (d) The Sarawak Open Boxing Championship from 19th to 23rd August 2025 in Sri Aman.

As you can see after the last SUKMA Games, Sarawak has become a boxing powerhouse in Malaysia.

- (e) 43rd Premier Sarawak Cup; ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, J100 Sarawak from 2nd to 7th September 2025.

Other sports disciplines will also play a significant role in Sarawak's vibrant 2025 sport calendar under scoring the state rising influence in promoting both high-performance excellence and grassroots sports development throughout the region.

Sarawak's Commitment to Sports Excellence and Infrastructure

Tuan Speaker, my ministry reaffirms the State Government's commitment to making Sarawak a regional sports hub. Led by Sarawak Sports Corporation, key initiatives include upgrading grassroots and elite sports facilities to boost access, talent development and quality of life. A highlight is the redevelopment of Stadium Sarawak, set to meet international standards with smart and athlete-friendly features. Sarawak Sports Corporation will roll out a Critical Maintenance Audit Plan to ensure long-term sustainability.

International Exposure and Athlete Achievements

To strengthen Sarawak's competitive edge, Sarawak Sports Corporation is refining its development strategy by focusing on 14 high-potential sports with strong medal prospects, including Golf, Taekwondo, Tenpin Bowling, Aquatic for swimming and diving, Boxing, Muay Thai, Athletic, Archery, Silat, Squash, Volleyball, Artistic Gymnastic, Wushu and as well as Lawn Bowl. The accomplishments from various sporting events highlight the effectiveness of Sarawak Sports Corporation's Athlete Development Program and its commitment to provide athletes with the exposure and competitive experience needed to excel on the global stage. This targeted approach reflects a strategic restructuring of the state sports development programmes, aimed at raising these key disciplines to new levels of excellence and performance.

Tuan Speaker, I am proud to inform this august House that Mr. Sunny Si Poh Heng, the President of Amateur Tenpin Bowling Association of Sarawak and Deputy President of Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress was honoured with the esteemed *Anugerah Kepimpinan Sukan Negara* at the Majlis Sukan Negara Awards on 13th May 2025. This national accolade acknowledges his exceptional leadership in the development of sports which service Tenpin Bowling in Sarawak and throughout Malaysia and stands as a source of inspiration for future generations of sports leaders.

In addition, several other outstanding Sarawakian athletes have achieved remarkable success in recent competitions, as listed below:

- (a) Daeloniel McDelon Bong – “*Kilat Boy*”

Received a special invitation to the IBA Intercontinental Boxing Event; ranked No. 1 in Super Bantam Weight in Malaysia; ranked 210 globally; ranked No. 10 in the World Boxing Championship (WBC) Asia rankings; set to contend for the WBC Intercontinental Title Match in December 2025.

- (b) Gideon Riquelme Jonathan

We've got another one, Gideon Riquelme Jonathan. He competed in the World Boxing Championship in the Middle Weight 70kg Category on 29th March 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand, defeating an Australian opponent via TKO (Technical Knockout).

(c) Nur Hazirah Ramli

Then we've got Nur Hazirah Ramli. We might have seen her in the media also. Bronze medallist, 3rd place finisher at the Professional Women Bowling Association (PWBA) United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Queens 2025, held from 14th to 20th May 2025 at Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, USA. The first time ever, the Sarawakian bowler or kegler which ever able to reach up to that level. The USBC Queens continues to be corner stone event in Women's Bowling offering a platform for elite competition and showcasing top talent from around the globe.

(d) Ethan Damien Goh Chen Ming

Then we've got Ethan Damien Goh Chen Ming was a champion at the 43rd Malaysian International Open Bowling Championship 2025; continued Sarawak's winning streak in the event.

(e) Mirabel Ting

We've also got the golfer, Mirabel Ting who has become the first Asian Golfer to win the prestigious Annika Sörenstam Award at California; acknowledged after Annika Sörenstam's 72 LPGA Tour victories. It was established in 2014, this award presented by Stifel honours the top National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division One female golfer, as voted by coaches, by players and media after the NCAA Championship. Named after Annika Sörenstam, it recognises season-long performance with emphasis on championship results.

(f) Joshua Lim Zhi Xin

Then, we've got Joshua Lim Zhi Xin, our Sukma XXI Sarawak team silver medallist; which captured his first major title at the Royal Selangor Golf Club – Junior International Golf Championship 2025 on 22nd May, just last week.

Apart from this, there are two other departments if I am not mistaken, because I just got the news this morning whereby our squash player, Daniel from Miri had just won the New Zealand Open, yesterday in New Zealand. So, you can see a lot of Sarawak athletes are making waves all around the world. These are partly because of the effort, the build-up that we have done in Sarawak. A lot of them have gone overseas, they're creating names, and I am very sure give us a few more years and we will be able to get somewhere, probably also for a Sarawakian to win the elusive gold medal in Olympic. Insya-Allah, the next one.

To support evidence-based practices, Sarawak Sport Corporation is upgrading their Integrated Games Management System for more efficient communication and data sharing among coaches, scientists and administrators. Continuous training, evaluation and collaboration with key agencies such as the State Education Department, National Coaching Academy and sports associations to ensure up-to-date methods and ongoing education in sports science, sport management and administration. Sarawak Sport Corporation remains dedicated to sports excellence through innovation, strategic partnerships and continuous professional development.

High-Performance Sport through International Benchmark and Integrated Support Services

To support the establishment of Sarawak's Sports High Performance Centre, my ministry recently led a benchmarking mission to Australia, focusing on two of the country premier institutions: the New South Wales Institute of Sport in Sydney and the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

The visit aimed to explore global best practices in sports science, athlete support systems and high-performance facility design. Insights gained will guide the development of High-Performance Centre, envisioned as a world-class hub to nurture elite athletes and drive regional sports excellence.

This aligns with Sarawak's goal of becoming Malaysia's leading sports powerhouse. A key initiative is the Coaches Coaching and Periodisation Workshop, which trains coaches to create structured training plans aligned with athletes' competitive schedules, ensuring long-term athlete development and performance success.

Jabatan Belia dan Sukan Negeri Sarawak (JBS)

Tuan Speaker, this July, Sarawak will host the ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme in collaboration with Jabatan Belia dan Sukan Negeri Sarawak; and the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia (KBS). It will unite 20 participants from 10 ASEAN nations as well as Timor-Leste with 30 local youths for cultural exchange and regional cooperation through volunteer activities.

Kementerian Belia Sukan, the Federal Ministry through its agency, Jabatan Belia dan Sukan, continue to support youth and sports organisations with financial aid. RM160,000.00 in e-BANTUAN funds has been allocated with RM70,000 already disbursed. Additionally, RM1.05 million from the *Dana Sukan Komuniti* supports local sports competitions with RM500,000 released so far.

KBS also approved RM1 million to upgrade six small-scale sports facilities, namely:

- (a) Gelanggang Tenis MAKSAK, Sarikei;
- (b) Pagar Padang Sintetik Bintulu Development Authority, Bintulu;
- (c) Padang Bola Sepak Kampung Bumbok Kuching;
- (d) Gelanggang Futsal Kompleks Sukan Lundu;
- (e) Gelanggang Bola Keranjang Bletch, Kapit; and
- (f) Gelanggang Futsal RGC Layar, Betong, enhancing accessibility and encouraging healthier lifestyles within the communities.

JBS is launching a new initiative called the Sports League for the Disabled (LiSOKU), featuring three competitive sports for individuals with disabilities: bowling, sitting volleyball and futsal, all held at the state level. These programme aims to develop new development talent, recognising the strong potential of disabled athletes, who have previously secured up to eight gold medals in the Paralympic Games.

PUBLICITY AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

Tuan Speaker, my ministry prioritises strategic communication to engage with the public, build trust and ensure communities across Sarawak are informed about youth, sports and entrepreneurship programmes. To expand outreach, my ministry actively uses digital platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and TikTok, sharing engaging content such as infographics, videos and interactive campaigns. These efforts have boosted youth participation, especially in the rural and semi-urban areas, by highlighting success stories and funding opportunities.

Recognising communication challenges in remote areas, my ministry combines digital outreach with traditional methods like local radio, printed materials and community sessions. This inclusive approach ensures all Sarawakians can access vital information.

Looking ahead, my ministry is enhancing innovation with a revamped MYSED portal for easier access to programmes and developing Sarawak Youth and Sports System to consolidate the data for better policy making. Plans are also underway to adopt automation and AI tools for improved social media management and public engagement. These initiatives reflect MYSED's commitment to being a responsive, people-focused organisation.

EMPOWERING YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS: BUILDING A BETTER SARAWAK

Tuan Speaker, over the past year, Sarawak's youth development efforts have gone beyond programmes to focus on people especially the rising wave of young entrepreneurs transforming

ideas into real ventures. From the concept to employment, young Sarawakians are beginning to shape the State's economic future supported by structured initiatives and strategic partnerships.

Sarawak Youth Startup: Laying The Foundation

Launched in November 2024, the Sarawak Youth Startup (SYStartup) programme began with 275 aspiring youth entrepreneurs. To date, 216 have successfully launched their ventures and 106 have registered their businesses. Though many remain at the micro-enterprise level, their early achievements highlight the programme's strong impact. Impressively, 98 startups have already created employment opportunities by hiring up to three staff each, a clear signal of early growth and grassroots job creation.

To sustain this momentum, my ministry has continued to monitor progress and provided targeted support. In March and April 2025, Meet and Greet Sessions were held in Miri for the Northern Zone, in Sibul for the Central Zone, Sri Aman for the Sri Aman/ Betong Zone and Kuching for the Southern Zone to reconnect with SYStartup alumni, gather valuable feedback, and strengthen mentorship and support networks, all while to scale up entrepreneurial competencies among youth.

In parallel, the Startup Biz Initiative Programme is being actively implemented across Kuching, Sri Aman, Sibul, Miri and Bintulu as well as in Limbang. This initiative delivers hands-on business training and digital marketing skills to help alumni to scale up their capacity and capability. The data gathered through this program will be systematically analysed to guide evidence-based planning and strengthen policy frameworks for sustainable and robust entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Building Capacity for Long-Term Success

Tuan Speaker, to further strengthen our entrepreneurship development initiatives, my ministry in collaboration with Universiti Teknologi MARA (Sarawak Campus) has initiated the Sarawak Youth Business Ideas Competition (SaYBIC) in 2024. This dynamic platform empowers university students across Sarawak to showcase their innovative entrepreneurial ideas and sustainable business models. SaYBIC is more than just a competition, it is a movement to ignite the entrepreneurial spirit among youth, nurturing their passion to pursue entrepreneurship as a viable and rewarding career path. It encourages them to think beyond convention, build ventures that are both creative as well as competitive and step confidently into the national and global stages.

Following its success, SaYBIC 2025 continues to be one of our flagship programmes from June to September this year, providing even more opportunities for youth to innovate, to compete and transform their ideas into impactful ventures. Ultimately, SaYBIC inspires youth to shift their mindset from job seekers to job creators. In short, to BE YOUR OWN BOSS (BYOB).

Youth Entrepreneur Setup (YES)

To reach more youth in rural areas, we are rolling out YES 3.0 - a district-level outreach programme designed to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset among youth beyond urban centres. Through practical, hands-on learning and real-world exposure, YES 3.0 equips rural youth with the confidence and the skills to explore entrepreneurship as a viable career path. At the same time, the programme enables the ministry to gather valuable input from grassroots-level to have more precise data-driven strategies and deliver tailored support where it is needed most.

Expanding Opportunities and Exposure

To boost momentum and market access, youth entrepreneurs have participated in high-impact platforms such as the Sabah International Food Expo in Kota Kinabalu from 25th to 27th April 2025 and *Satu Daerah Satu Industri* in Tawau, from 9th to 11th May 2025 held in conjunction with *Program Madani Rakyat*. In collaboration with the Ministry of International Trade, Industry and Investment Sarawak (MINTRED), additional platforms like *Showcase Usahawan Sarawak* are being held in

Bintulu, Miri, Lubok Antu and even Penang - significantly broadening exposure beyond local districts and enabling young entrepreneurs to engage with wider and more diverse audiences.

Recognising the growing influence of youth entrepreneurs, My ministry has also been invited to participate in international trade fairs - a testament to the quality and potential of local talent. These events not only spotlight Sarawak's youth-led ventures on the global stage but also serve as a gateway to identify promising Sarawak Youth Startup (SYStartUP) alumni for international collaborations and partnerships. Moving forward, My ministry remains committed to strengthening export readiness through specialised trade mission training, strategic follow-ups, and business matching activities - ensuring that our youth entrepreneurs are equipped for sustainable growth and meaningful access to international markets.

Strengthening the Ecosystem Through Collaboration

My ministry works in close collaboration with other ministries, state and federal agencies, as well as Institutions of Higher Learning to deliver practical and impactful entrepreneurship programmes, while creating symbiotic ecosystems that support the PCDS 2030 vision of achieving high household income. These partnerships also support in-depth studies of the youth entrepreneurship ecosystem across Sarawak. The insights gained from these initiatives allow us to develop tailored, targeted interventions that foster entrepreneurial mind-sets from an early stage.

As part of our broader mission, we are also working towards establishing a dedicated Youth Startup Hub - a dynamic, inclusive space that will serve as a central platform for young entrepreneurs to access resources, mentorship, training and business networks under one roof. This hub will play a critical role in accelerating startup growth, strengthening Sarawak's entrepreneurial landscape, and positioning our youth to compete confidently at national as well as global stage.

Ultimately, this holistic approach equips Sarawak's youth with the skills, with the knowledge, and the confidence to succeed - not only building resilient businesses, but also nurturing empowered communities and shaping a bold, inclusive future for the state.

DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL FACILITIES AND SPORTS FACILITIES

Social Facilities

Tuan Speaker, a famous home maker writer from Australia, Sarah Anderson once said, "*Old places have souls*", and this sentiment reflects the enduring legacy of *Dewan Suarrah* facilities across Sarawak. These iconic community halls have been central to cultural events, public engagement and local economies. Not forgetting also, when people converge, when leaders come over to meet, the grassroots using the *Dewan Suarrah* that become a focal point for *perpaduan*, for unity to be built up all through the years in Sarawak.

However, as time passed, many of these buildings have aged and require revitalisation to stay relevant and useful for future generations. One prominent example is *Dewan Suarrah Negeri, Kuching*, which has served as a vital venue since the 1980s. Despite growing competition from modern hotels and convention centres, the hall remains a key venue for suburban communities due to its spacious design and historical significance. Located amidst the greenery, the building's rooftop provides panoramic views that highlight both its heritage and its commitment towards nature. Recognising the need for restoration, my ministry has planned a comprehensive refurbishment. Immediate attention is being given to the tower's roofing for safety reasons, with Jabatan Kerja Raya Sarawak (JKR) overseeing the renovation. Completion is targeted for early 2026. The new design will integrate elements symbolic of Sarawak's identity, complementing nearby landscape like the Dewan Undangan Negeri and Borneo Cultures Museum. So, I do hope that the Jabatan Kerja Raya Sarawak could expedite the restoration so that we can have that place, in place for the future.

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Just to highlight one incident whereby the roofing sheet on top of the tower was blown off and fell onto the ground below and this sheet is so sharp and heavy that when it fell down, it cuts like a huge knife, and we will not like any unfortunate event to happen. So, my question is, when would the replacement at least before the overall renovation of the place is commenced? when will be the replacement of the roofing sheet be carried out? Because there are residents underneath, there is a Sarawak Club over there, people are swimming, playing, kids are playing. We don't want any unfortunate incident to happen. Thank you.

Menteri Belia, Sukan, dan Pembangunan Usahawan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Thank you, Ahli Yang Berhormat for Padungan for his concern about the recent incident where there was a strong wind in Kuching and one of the sheets fly off and landed in the neighbouring house, one of the neighbour's houses. Well, we do admit an accident happens. When you drive a car of course you wouldn't want to have an accident, but accidents do happen. And when buildings are being constructed, strong wind sometimes inclement of weather like this, it happens also. It's just that, for a moment of time, we are quite lucky that there was no untoward accident whereby injuries happen, and we do hope that something like that does not happen again. It is just the same with Dewan Suarah in Sibu whereby during one of the big storm, the whole roof collapsed and we were quite lucky also there was no untoward accident, injuries happening, but we do hope and pray that things like this don't happen that often and that is the reason why after what happened in that incident where that plastic sheet landed in one of the neighbour's near to the *Dewan Suarah*. Immediately the next day, JKR and those officials from the ministry went over to do an inspection. There was an emergency meeting and that's where the restoration comes up and that is also the reason why I mentioned it just now. I do hope that JKR can get this thing going very, very fast because I do know, it was briefed to me that the whole roofing will be replaced. The whole roofing will be replaced. When is it going to be?...*(Interruption)*...

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: At least, at least to remove the roofing first. Just we don't although, yes, we believe in prayers but, you know, we can help to prevent accident from happening. So, at least, the replacement of the building to be carried out immediately because this is potential danger, that is hanging over all the residents there. So, my appeal is that, at least that part of the job be carried out immediately. Can it be done?

Menteri Belia, Sukan, dan Pembangunan Usahawan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Well, I am not a technical person on this. I am very, very sure when you want to remove a structure, or you want to remove the roofing that have been in place for...*(Inaudible)*...of years probably even the stand where the roofing is in place probably, might be also needing replacement. If it is just to replace the roof, then put another roof for all you know next few months or years, it may collapse just because the structure is not being replaced. So, that is why I would rather leave the things to the expert, to JKR to have a look into it what needs to be replaced. If the things that need to be replaced are the roofing as well as the metal sheet or the structure that holds the roofing, then it has to be done together. Because it is not just patches. Because this one is flew off the other day because of the wind, we took it off just replaced to another one as long as it covers everything but that might not solve the problem. So, as it is, I will just wait for the report and I do hope that JKR and of course be monitored from my ministry can expedite this thing because we do not want any untoward incident happening to passerby down there, to the neighbours staying in the neighbourhood and I wish to thank Ahli Yang Berhormat for Padungan for being very conscious about this. Terima kasih.

Additionally, we are pleased to report that the upgrading of Dewan Suarah facilities in Sibu, Baram, Bau and Mukah is on-going. Furthermore, Dewan Suarah buildings over 20 years old will be upgraded to improve their functionality and attractiveness for community programmes and as well as rentals. This revitalisation goes beyond refurbishment, reflects a commitment to preserving Sarawak's heritage while adapting to modern needs. By investing in these spaces, we aim to create community hubs that support social connection and cultural and economic development across the state.

Sports Facilities

Timbalan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Menteri?

Menteri Belia, Sukan, dan Pembangunan Usahawan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah: Ya?

Timbalan Speaker: I feel, I have also some interests as a Member of Muara Tuang, the Dewan Suarah in Muara Tuang has recently been viewed by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier with your knowledge and I think it is going to be upgraded to some extend towards a more modern, more accommodative, alluring to the present trend. So, what say you, Yang Berhormat on this?

Menteri Belia, Sukan, dan Pembangunan Usahawan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah: Ya?

Timbalan Speaker: This is, I declare, I am a Muara Tuang Member. Thank you.

Menteri Belia, Sukan, dan Pembangunan Usahawan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah:...*(Laughter)*... Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, in his capacity as Honourable Member for Muara Tuang raising up the issue of the Dewan Suarah in Muara Tuang, which has been there, if I am not mistaken, more than 30 years already.

Timbalan Speaker: Ya.

Menteri Belia, Sukan, dan Pembangunan Usahawan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah: And in term of capacity, it is not able to accommodate bigger function. Presently, it can only accommodate 800 and the Right Honourable Premier during the *Ramah Tamah Hari Raya* the other day has agreed for that facility to be improved, whether a new one to be built up or an extension one but we have yet to have a meeting on this. There are few opinions on it. I was even looking for having a mini convention centre like the one that we have in Serian, to be placed down there, whereby events, a lot of events can be moved to Samarahan or to upgrade the present one and have a few more extension to the size to make it to be able to accommodate maybe right up to 1,500 capacities. We will have a few options on this, and we will discuss with JKR, we will discuss with your good self, as well as the Right Honourable Premier, which is the option which would most suitable for that area. Insya-Allah...*(Interruption)*...

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you Yang Berhormat.

Menteri Belia, Sukan, dan Pembangunan Usahawan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah: Okay, *terima kasih*. Tuan Speaker, my ministry oversees 87 sports facilities across Sarawak, with 25 new projects currently being developed under initiatives like *Projek Rakyat* and the Development Agency Projects and Programmes (DAPP). These facilities are planned for upgrading and modernisation to meet national and international standards, fulfil requirements for hosting international tournaments, enhance competitiveness and increase their appeal to today's youth.

Geran Sokongan MYSED

To boost the impact of its programmes, my ministry continues to provide strategic grants to empower youth and sports practitioners in Sarawak. These grants aim to spark creativity, innovation and generate social and economic value. Since January, over 23 applications have been approved, totalling RM582,000.00. Notably, 17% of funded initiatives reached over 50,000 people, showcasing the dedication of youth associations in delivering impactful, community-focused programmes. My ministry thanks all participating associations for their commitment and urges more groups to take advantage of these opportunities. Through capacity building, sports development and

entrepreneurial support, these efforts help unlock grassroots potential and drive lasting progress for Sarawak's youth and communities.

*Issues Raised by Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat and
Matters Related to Ministry of Youth, Sports and Entrepreneur Development Sarawak*

I would like to express my appreciation to the Honourable Members from Jepak, from Repok, Meradong, Lingga, Daro, Balingian, Bukit Assek, Tellian, Katibas, Tupong, Batu Kitang, Tamin, Krian, Kabong, Serembu and Pelagus for their issues, proposals and suggestions concerning youth, sports and young entrepreneur programmes and sports facilities across Sarawak. To answer Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Lingga, my ministry will always give priority to those facilities to meet with international standard and will look into the issue of running track at Kompleks Sukan Bahagian Sri Aman. To answer the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Serembu, my ministry through Sarawak Sport Corporation will look into the development of young golfers as raised up by Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Serembu. My ministry remains committed to designing and implementing a wide range of programmes and activities focused on youth development, sports and entrepreneurship. These efforts aim to nurture healthy, creative and skilled young individuals, as well as to produce high-performance athletes for the state.

In conclusion, saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Tuan Speaker, kepada Timbalan Speaker dan semua anggota Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak atas kecemerlangan serta komitmen tinggi dalam menjayakan persidangan kita pada kali ini. Tidak juga lupa kepada Yang Berhormat Setiausaha Kerajaan Sarawak, Yang Berbahagia Setiausaha Persekutuan Sarawak, serta seluruh barisan Perkhidmatan Awam sama ada dari Sarawak ataupun dari Persekutuan Malaysia.

Terima kasih khusus kepada Timbalan-timbalan Menteri dan semua kakitangan kementerian saya yang telah berusaha gigih menyediakan input, maklumat dan sokongan penuh. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan "Selamat Hari Gawai, *Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai, Lantang Senang Nguan Menua*" serta selamat menyambut Hari Raya Aidiladha kepada seluruh rakyat Sarawak.

Dengan ini, saya menutup Ucapan Penggulungan bagi Kementerian Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan Sarawak dengan dua rangkap pantun:

*Nasi himpit kuah kacang,
Ada ketupat ada rendang;
Soalan ADUN siap dibincang,
Tamat sudah kita bersidang.*

*Selamat Hari Gawai Salam Aidiladha,
Gong dipalu mercun berdentum;
Usai madah usai bicara,
Penggulungan tamat tugasnya belum.*

Dengan itu, saya dengan segala hormatnya menyokong Usul Penghargaan atas Ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak pada persidangan kita pada kali ini. Wabillahi Taufiq Wal Hidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Sekian, terima kasih.

Timbalan Speaker: Waalaikumussalam, terima kasih Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, Menteri Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan atas ucapan penggulungan beliau tadi. Our next Menteri, YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom, Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah, are you ready to speak now or do you prefer to have a break first and then we will resume after the break for your winding up speech, Sir.

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): Tuan Speaker, if I may

continue but I think it is a bit beyond our lunch time. Mine is about an hour, slightly more than an hour, so if I can but then since everyone is around, might as well just finish it. Can I?

Timbalan Speaker: You want to start now?

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): Yes, sure.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay please.

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, Salam sejahtera, Salam Sarawakku Sayang, Sarawak Maju Makmur. Sebelum itu Tuan Speaker, saya ingin juga mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengalu-alukan kedatangan, kehadiran para penyokong dari Segaban dan Supik di Ulu Sebauh yang ada bersama kita, yang diketuai oleh cikgu bersara, Cikgu Sidan, thank you very much for your kind attendant. Dan sebelum itu Tuan Speaker, let me share with *dua rangkap* pantun;

*Kementerian M-FICORD nama diberi,
DOA DBS DID jabatan berprestasi;
Food security adalah misi,
Food safety menjadi aspirasi.*

*SLDB SALCRA SARIB pemaju komoditi,
SMDB PPNS agensi berintegriti;
Penjana pendapatan agrokomoditi,
Mencapai wawasan PCDS 2030.*

PREAMBLE

Tuan Speaker, let me begin by joining all my cabinet colleagues and the other Honourable Members in congratulating and thanking Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak for his gracious opening address during the First Meeting of the Fourth Session of the Nineteenth State Legislative Assembly on the 19th May 2025. I have been informed that Tuan Yang Terutama will be performing the Hajj pilgrimage. I pray that His Excellency has a spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage and a safe, blessed journey.

I would also like to congratulate the right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari in Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier of Sarawak on his appointment as Yang di-Pertua Malaysian Islamic Welfare Organisation (PERKIM) on Saturday, 10th May 2025.

I am confident that with his extensive experience and knowledge in administration as well as his strong leadership qualities, YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari will lead PERKIM towards a greater achievement.

I also extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Honourable Dato Haji Ibrahim bin Haji Baki, Member of the State Legislative Assembly for Satok, on his appointment as the Deputy Minister of Utilities overseeing Sarawak Energy Berhad and PETROS.

Tuan Speaker, it is with great sadness I express my deepest condolences to the family of the late Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the former Prime Minister of Malaysia, who passed away on the 14th of April 2025. The late Tun Abdullah's significant contributions to the nation, particularly in laying the groundwork for institutional integrity, will always be remembered. His leadership style, characterized by humility, integrity and moderation, has had a lasting impact on Malaysia's political landscape. And I also offer my deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Datuk

Amar Dominic Andrew Dago anak Randan, the former member of this Dewan Undangan Negeri for Ulu Sadong...*(Interruption)*...

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Tuan Speaker, thank you. I stand up Standing Order 10, can we call for quorum, please. I don't think we have enough numbers in this House. Ya tak ada korum, so it's look so bad lah, make sure...*(Interruption)*...

Timbalan Speaker: Have you counted them?

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Can you have the number counted in this House?

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): I'm asking the Speaker.

Timbalan Speaker: Can we count, Secretary please. Secretary and Assistant Secretary on the left and on the right please. I just wonder since we don't have any ruling to make or issues like that, normally Yang Berhormat bagi Pending and Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan would graciously permit the proceeding of the Dewan with substantial number, though less of a quorum. But somehow today, you are making it a point. We have the quorum now. As verified by the Secretary, we have the quorum. Can we proceed the Minister, please.

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): Thank you very much Tuan Speaker, thank you very much for making it possible. May I repeat, I also offer my deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Datuk Amar Dominic Andrew Dago anak Randan, the former member of this Dewan Undangan Negeri of Ulu Sadong who passed away on 15th May 2025. His contributions will be remembered by the people of Sarawak.

Let me touch on the Performance of Agriculture Sector.

PERFORMANCE OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR

Tuan Speaker, the agriculture sector plays a vital role in strengthening Sarawak's economy. With an average Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of RM14.7 billion achieved from 2020 to 2023, it ranks as the fourth largest contributor to Sarawak's economy. To make a significant contribution to Sarawak's economic growth, my ministry is dedicated to transforming agriculture into a dynamic and sustainable industry. This transformation will be guided by data driven strategies, innovation, technological progress, capacity building as well as infrastructural and regulatory support. The sector will be further strengthened through the development of a comprehensive supply chain to ensure food security and safety, promote prosperity for the agriculture community, and position Sarawak as a major food exporter by year 2030.

ADDRESSING RICE SELF-SUFFICIENCY LEVEL (SSL)

Paddy and rice industry. Tuan Speaker, rice is more than just a staple food for our people, it is a symbol of our heritage, our resilience, and our future. For the people of Sarawak, ensuring an adequate supply of rice is not only vital for daily sustenance but also crucial for socio-economic stability. With the population projected to reach approximately 3.2 million by year 2030, Sarawak will require to produce around 440,000 metric tonnes of paddy equivalent to 260,000 metric tonnes of rice to meet our domestic demand. In the year 2023, Sarawak's rice self-sufficiency level (SSL) was at 32%, producing about 71,000 metric tonnes of rice. However, in 2024, estimated rice production dropped to 51,000 metric tonnes, decrease to 21% of SSL. This shortfall forced Sarawak to import around 192,000 metric tonnes of rice, valued at RM511.0 million.

STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Under the visionary leadership of Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, Sarawak aims to become one of the major paddy producers in Malaysia by 2030. The bold vision not only to cater for Sarawak needs but also for the export market. Towards realising this vision, my ministry is committed to boost rice production through three key strategies which are:

- (a) Expansion of paddy cultivation areas;
- (b) Improving productivity; and
- (c) Collaboration with the private sector.

EXPANSION OF PADDY CULTIVATION AREAS

On expansion of paddy cultivation areas, Tuan Speaker, my ministry, together with relevant agencies, is actively identifying suitable State land to be developed specifically for paddy cultivation. As of May 2025, a total of 11,700 hectares had been identified for paddy cultivation. Large Scale Development of State Land. As of now, or up to date, eight project areas under State Land have been approved for paddy development by the Sarawak Paddy and Rice Taskforce, covering a total area of 2,000 hectares in Kuching, Serian, Sri Aman, Kapit, and Limbang divisions. Currently, DID Sarawak is preparing documents to conduct a Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) survey to obtain topographic data. The survey is expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of this year. Moving forward, my ministry will continue to identify additional suitable State Land, with the goal of expanding dedicated paddy cultivation areas to at least 3,300 hectares by the end of this year.

Large-Scale Development on NCR Land for Paddy

My ministry is also actively exploring the development of infrastructure on Native Customary Rights (NCR) land to support the expansion of paddy cultivation area. For the past six months, we have identified 28 potential NCR land sites across Sarawak, covering a total area of 9,700 hectares. Developing NCR land requires careful negotiation and strong community involvement. These engagements are crucial to ensure that development moves forward with full consent and collaboration of landowners. To date, we have successfully conducted 24 dialogues and outreach sessions involving approximately 1,200 participants across Sarawak.

Enhancing Small-scale Paddy Cultivation

Besides intensifying expansion through large-scale paddy cultivation, my ministry also actively enhances small-scale paddy cultivation, especially within DID's existing paddy schemes. According to recent agricultural statistics, the number of registered paddy farmers has dropped significantly from approximately 72,800 in 2022 to 48,000 in 2024. In response to this trend, I strongly urge farmers in Sarawak to actively participate in paddy cultivation. I also call upon the younger generation of Sarawak to embrace modern and efficient farming methods for paddy production. To support and empower small scale paddy farmers, my ministry will continue to introduce high-yielding varieties, promoting the adoption of modern farming technique, helping farmers to implement best practices in agriculture, including the use of new technologies and sustainable farming methods. By growing our own rice, we will fulfil our own consumption needs. This self-reliance is crucial in safeguarding our family food security and helping to ensure that our future generations have sufficient, fresh, and quality rice to eat.

IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY

Tuan Speaker, For the development of the paddy industry in Sarawak, my ministry will continue to intensify efforts to improve paddy productivity through the following initiatives:

No. 1. Yes, please...

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Tuan Speaker, thank you and thank you Honourable Minister. I am deeply concerned about the huge drop in the paddy farmers in the State. May we know, what is the reason behind the drop in these paddy farmers and what are the measures effect that the government has taken and whether they are effective or not. Thank you.

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): Thank you Member for Padungan. Yes, indeed. We are equally as concerned as you, but the main reason is because right now people more focused on commodities, is about the dollar and cent. So, people think that we have the money we can buy rice but because of the food security we must do a two approach. One, we must have our own food security in terms of planting paddy and rice supply for our own goods. That's the reason as I have put that earlier when I talk about here, we have to plant paddies on their own so that you have guarantee your food security. I'm not saying that we cannot go all the way from commodities, mainly are more involving especially on oil palm. So, that's the reason the trend is going down. So now my Ministry want to see make sure that it's balanced. So therefore, the reason why I am putting up this one is because I want to share with Dewan that we are not only looking at the dollar and cent, but we are looking for food security and food safety. Thank you.

Modernization of the improving productivity for the development of paddy industry in Sarawak, my Ministry will continue to intensify efforts to improve paddy productivity through the following initiatives:

Modernization and Commercialization of Paddy Cultivation

Modernising and commercialising paddy cultivation in Sarawak is being spearheaded by the Sarawak Government with strong commitment and investment. This initiative involves both upgrading the existing Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) schemes and developing new paddy cultivation areas equipped with complete irrigation infrastructure. Complete here means from primary, secondary to tertiary. In order to make sure that it is sustainable for the future cultivation. Such improvements are critical for efficient water management, smooth farming operations, and the achievement of higher productivity. These efforts will also accelerate the modernization and commercialization of the sector through mechanization and automation.

Empowering Pertubuhan Peladang through Mechanization Services

To promote the adoption of farm mechanization and automation, my ministry is committed to provide farm machinery through *Pertubuhan Peladang*, which has been entrusted to deliver mechanization services to both commercial and smallholder paddy farmers. This approach will facilitate wider access to technology among the paddy farmers, strengthen local capacity, foster community ownership, and ensure that the benefits of modernization are shared across all farming communities.

High Yielding and Quality Paddy Seeds

Tuan Speaker, one of the key steps towards improving productivity and enhancing rice yield is ensuring a consistent supply of quality seeds that are well adapted to Sarawak's unique environment. As part of this initiative, the Department of Agriculture Sarawak is facilitated and coordinating the development of the 140 hectares Stumbin Paddy Seed Farm in the Sri Aman Division. This farm will produce certified paddy seeds locally, which will reduce our reliance on external seed sources and guarantee seed purity. While waiting for the Stumbin Paddy Seed farm to be in production, Sarawak will continue to source certified paddy seed from Peninsular Malaysia and overseas with stringent enforcement on biosecurity rules and regulations.

Preserve and Conserve Traditional Rice Varieties

In addition to promoting high-yielding varieties, my ministry remains committed to conserving the rich biodiversity of Sarawak, particularly its traditional rice varieties. These heritage varieties are an important part of our agricultural heritage and hold significant value in terms of genetic diversity. As such, efforts are ongoing to conserve their germplasm to ensure they are protected and can be sustainably used for future generations. Sarawak's premium traditional rice varieties are not only culturally significant but are also recognized for their health benefits and excellent eating quality. With the right infrastructure and the adoption of good agricultural practices, these varieties have the potential to yield up to 3.5 metric tonnes of paddy per hectare. Moreover, due to their unique characteristics and growing market demand, traditional rice varieties can command premium prices, offering higher income potential for our local farmers.

Alignment with Global Best Practices

In addressing the level of sufficiency, it is not just about supporting economic growth; it is about ensuring long-term, sustainable food security for our people. We need to enhance our research and development efforts to produce high-yielding rice varieties that are suited to Sarawak's unique environment. To achieve this, my ministry is actively seeking the best sustainable farming practices from advanced agriculture countries especially in paddy industry and adapting them to fit our local context. We are learning their modern farming techniques, efficient water management, good agronomic practices, and environmentally friendly methods. During my recent overseas visits, I observed that farmers alternate paddy cultivation with other valuable cash crops, which allows them to diversify their income. In order to increased productivity, they only focus one planting season per year to maximize the year. Most importantly, this practice protects their soil from overuse and degradation, preserving its fertility for sustainable paddy cultivation.

Collaboration with Private Sector

Which is very crucial for us go into high production state in Malaysia of paddy. My ministry will continue to promote and facilitate the participation of private sectors in paddy cultivation. In order for Sarawak to achieve the target to become net rice exporter in the near future, to date, 12 private companies have registered their interest in commercial paddy cultivation. All new paddy cultivation projects on State Land in Sarawak shall use the Design-Build-Operate-Transfer (DBOT) model. This is part of our plan to modernize and commercialize paddy farming by involving both the public and private sectors. The DBOT model incorporates the design and construction of necessary infrastructure, the use of modern technology and machinery for farming, and then eventually transfer of management to local stakeholders for long-term sustainability. Currently, the State Financial Secretary (SFS) is preparing standardized DBOT guidelines and standard operating procedures (SOP) to ensure a clear framework for these projects. Meanwhile, large-scale paddy cultivation on NCR land will be implemented through private sector participation, either via leasing or joint venture models. However, this requires engagement and consent from the landowners.

Achieving self-sufficiency is a shared commitment that demands active involvement, collaboration, and continuous support from the relevant government agencies, stakeholders, and most importantly the people of Sarawak. Through unity, collective effort and with God's willing, we can successfully achieve our goals in paddy development industry for economic resilience and of course, food security.

*Sayur segar dari ladang,
Dijual bersih di pasar tani;
Amalan myGAP kita pegang,
Makanan berkualiti sudah pasti.*

AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVES

Industrializing Agro-food Subsector

Tuan Speaker, my ministry has undertaken various initiatives to industrialize our agro food subsector into a modern competitive integrated and sustainable food system. Among the key initiative implemented include:

(1) Agroparks

I wish to provide an update to this august House on the progress of Agropark developments in Sarawak. As of May 2025, the infrastructure and agricultural components of the Sg. Baji Agropark has been completed. The Land Custody and Development Authority (LCDA) has appointed the anchor company on the 14th May 2025.

Regarding the Lubok Tamang Agropark, the master plan has received approval from the State Planning Authority (SPA) and LCDA has appointed the anchor company on the 20th March this year. The infrastructure and agricultural development are set to commence in the fourth quarter of this year.

As for the Bebuling Agropark, three anchor companies have been selected as operators. Meanwhile, the Parit Bugis Agropark is in the process of appointing a consultant to conduct feasibility studies, following the siting approval in the end of last year.

With regard to the Asajaya Agropark, the siting application was approved on the 19th February this year and LCDA is currently preparing the master plan. Feasibility studies for the remaining Agropark projects will commence once their respective siting applications have been approved.

(2) Precision Farming

Digital technology plays a crucial role in a modern cropping system by enhancing productivity, improving product quality, increasing economic returns and minimising environmental impact. Through the integration appropriation agriculture tools such as IoT senses, AI driven analytic and automated machinery, farmers can monitor crops health in real time optimize resource used and make data driven decisions. This approach not only boost yield but also reduce input cost and waste contributing to a more sustainable and economically viable agriculture sector.

The development of Metropolitan Food Cluster (MFC) represents a significant strategic partnership with a local company. Leveraging position farming technologies from the Netherland, this collaboration aims to modernize our agriculture practices, enhance food security and position our food system as a competitive force in a global market. This MFC is centred around the principal of circular economy aiming to enhance agriculture production by minimizing waste and fostering a sustainable agricultures eco-system.

The ground-breaking ceremony for the MFC was held in December last year officiated by the Right Honourable Premier and the key component MFC under Phase 1 will include rain shelter structures, food and beverage processing centre, consolidation centre and experience centre. Meanwhile, Phase 2 will focus on development of livestock feedlots and napier grass cultivation.

In addition, my ministry is developing two precision farming parks. The Kabuloh Precision Farming Park will be developed in two phases. Phase 1 activities, including the site clearing, earthworks, rain shelter construction and temporary drainage and currently underway and are projected to be completed by the end of this year. Phase 2 will involve the construction of administration building, Collection, Processing and Packaging Centre (CPPC), stores and other structures are currently in the tendering stage.

Meanwhile, the Precision Farming Park in Sungai Sebieu, covering approximately 13 hectares, has been awarded through successful through open tender, process and scheduled to commence work in June this year. The major scope of work includes land clearing, infrastructure development, building construction and IoT specialist installations.

(3) Sarawak Agrotechnology Park (SARTECH)

I would now like to update this august House on the development of Sarawak Agrotechnology Park (SARTECH) in Tarat, Serian and Semenggok, Kuching. The land clearing works for the production plots at both SARTECH Tarat and SARTECH Semenggok have been ongoing since April this year. The land clearing in Tarat is expected to be completed by the end of July 2025, while works at Semenggok site are expected to be completed by the end of September this year.

At SARTECH Tarat, five units of rain shelters have been installed and the IoT system for precision farming is scheduled for installation in the third quarter of this year. The PPNS (*Pertubuhan Peladang Negeri Sarawak*) joint venture company have started the planting of high value vegetable farming such as shallots and onions in January 2025. The project is expected to produce 60 metric tonnes of shallots, spring onions, Japanese cucumber and capsicum by the end of 2025.

Promoted Food Crops

Tuan Speaker, in our efforts to meet the demand of the food industry and enhance the income of the agro economy, my ministry will continue to focus on crops with high commercial value, strong market demand, and export potential.

Pineapple

Number one, pineapple. In 2025, the government, through the Malaysian Pineapple Industry Board (MPIB), has allocated a budget of RM23.0 million aimed at strengthening and enhancing the pineapple industry in Sarawak. This strategic allocation will be utilised to boost various aspect of the industry, including infrastructure development, farm expansion, capacity building, and technological adoption among pineapple growers and agropreneurs.

MPIB has implemented several strategic initiatives to improve pineapple production to achieve the target of 20,000 hectares area by 2030 with active participation by private sector. Key initiatives to enhance and improve productivity include the introduction of high-value premium varieties, financial assistance and support, capacity building and technical assistance, land use and integration, downstream activities and value addition, smart farming and digitalization.

I would like to inform this august House about the performance of Sarawak Gold (SG1). In the first quarter of 2025, a total of 144 hectares of SG1 variety have been planted mainly in Kuching 66 hectares and in Miri 60 hectares, and Samarahan 9 hectares, and Mukah, Betong, Serian (9 hectares). The SG1 pineapple variety continues to receive recognition nationwide. Plans are underway to export 1 million planting suckers to Peninsular Malaysia in 2025, starting this May. This significant milestone will expand the presence of SG1 as a premium pineapple variety throughout the country and solidify Sarawak's position as a key player in pineapple industry.

Currently, 88 registered participants have actively supplying planting materials to MPIB, with accumulated quantity of 6.77 million suckers valued at RM4.58 million. Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture continues to support pineapple farmers through in-kind assistance, including planting material and agricultural inputs.

Coconut

My ministry continues to support our smallholders through the Coconut Development Scheme by providing planting materials and farm input to sustain and enhance the growth of the industry as

well as for inclusivity. In the year 2025, a total of RM2.9 million had been allocated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS) for the new development of 160.5 hectares of coconut and will benefit 160 participant while 65 hectares of existing coconut planted areas will be rehabilitated which will benefit 65 participant.

The Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (FAMA) also plays an important role in the development of the coconut industry in Sarawak, especially in expanding the coconut market. The main initiative implemented by FAMA is to export old coconut from Sarawak to Peninsular Malaysia. In March 2025, FAMA Sarawak exported 8,000 old coconut or 10 metric tonnes. As a result of this shipment, FAMA Sarawak received positive feedback on the quality and size of the coconut meeting Peninsular Malaysia's market demand.

Banana

The 3rd one is banana. Banana cultivation is a key focus area for my Ministry, given its rapid growth, high demand, and income potential for rural communities. In the year 2024, Sarawak had a total of 2,681 hectares of banana with a total production of 21,949 metric tonnes. To boost banana production, my ministry in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Integrity Agricultural Development Area (IADA) will continue to assist farmers with planting materials, inputs, training, and technical support with a total fund allocation of RM1.4 million. This support will facilitate the development of 125 hectares for banana cultivation, benefiting 81 farmers. The market demand for Kapok and Nipah bananas in the local market remain strong, *buat kerepek bah ini*. FAMA consistently support farmers, FAMA (F.A.M.A) consistently support farmers by procuring directly from them and plan to explore bananas from Sarawak, if there is a sufficient supply. FAMA obtain it banana supply through participants registered under the Contract Farming Programme. From the year 2009 to 2024, a total of 356 banana growers with a total area of 467.2 hectare have been registered.

Durian

On durian, the Department of Agriculture Sarawak has consistently provided support to durian farmers in Sarawak through various forms of assistance such as supplying planting material and agricultural input. In 2025, a total of RM280,500 was allocated to the Durian New Planting Scheme to aid 51, to assist 51 farmers in establishing 50 hectares of new durian farm. Another RM475,000 has been set aside to help 100 farmers in their second and third year of cultivation, covering a total area of 100 hectares.

FAMA Sarawak recognises the importance of developing the durian industry, particularly local durian in Sarawak. To this end, FAMA, F.A.M.A. has established a durian processing centre at Samarahan Division and is currently working toward obtaining a Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) certification. This centre can process 2,000 kilograms of durian daily.

Current Status, Challenges and Way Forward for Promoted Crops

Tuan Speakers, although my ministry aims to achieve a targeted planted area of 20,000 hectares for pineapple, coconut, banana and durian respectively by the year 2030 the following challenges remain significant:

- (a) High cost of agriculture inputs;
- (b) Limited financial resources and credit access;
- (c) Inadequate quality planting material;
- (d) Lack of infrastructure;
- (e) Limited Market access and incomplete Supply Chain;
- (f) Low adoption of Modern Technology;
- (g) Land used competition; and finally
- (h) Fragmented land ownership.

To overcome these challenges, my ministry has introduced several keys strategies and initiatives such as;

- (a) Expand food production area;
- (b) Provide financial assistance;
- (c) Identify research and development;
- (d) Promote public private community partnerships and collaboration;
- (e) Promote adoption of modern farming technology;
- (f) Provide provision for farm and better infrastructure development;
- (g) And finally, to develop complete supply chain and market access.

In addition, my ministry will also explore any collaboration opportunities with international institutions and industry players to strengthen and enhance Sarawak food production system such as country like Brazil, China, Taiwan, Indonesia and Thailand. These are more advanced agriculture producer agricultural countries in the world.

Dabai Belt

Next will be on *Dabai*. If you can recall last sitting, I mentioned *Dabai* belt. In 2024, my ministry, through the Department of Agriculture conducted an aerial mapping of *Dabai* trees in and around area of Kanowit and Song District, covering area about 3,000 hectares. These away identified 10,090 standing trees providing essential data for future planning and targeted expansion under *Dabai* Belt Initiative. For a start, an amount of RM1.32 million has been allocated benefiting 220 farmers around that area. Moving forward, my ministry will focus on establishing new *Dabai* farms, rehabilitating existing trees, developing value-added product, and enhancing marketing efficiency.

Coffee

Next one will be on coffee. Coffee is primarily a smallholder crop, with over 80% of the world's supply produced by small-scale farmers. In Sarawak, Liberica coffee, known for its climate resilience, offers strong potential, especially in rural upland areas well-suited to its cultivation. My ministry through Department of Agriculture and FAMA will continue to assist coffee growers by providing coffee processing machines such as coffee bean peeling and sorting machines. This assistance aims to increase processing efficiency and to provide ready market.

Timbalan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Menteri, maybe it's quite alright for us to adjourn until 3.00 p.m. for a lunch break. So, you...

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): Okay... I am on page 28 out of 81... that's reasonable...

Timbalan Speaker: So you....23...23 of 65.

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): Yes...in my....

Timbalan Speaker: So, your next point will be on livestock subtract sector for this afternoon.

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): okay...yes...

Timbalan Speaker: Shall we have a break?

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): I am obliged.

Timbalan Speaker: Until 3.00 p.m., Ahli Yang Berhormat...

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): I must apologise for getting you to this stage of hunger. Thank you very much. I will continue.

Timbalan Speaker: Since you have mentioned all these fruits and so on, the stomach has ball up! Okay... Thank you.

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): These also my fault. We shall continue 2.30pm?

Timbalan Speaker: Resume at 3.00 p.m. Thank you Yang Berhormat. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat will resume at 3.00 p.m.

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): Sorry...sorry... The subject matter is all about food...

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 1.22 petang)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 3.04 petang)

[Timbalan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Timbalan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, kita teruskan dengan ucapan penggulungan Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah, Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom. Sambungan ucapan penggulungan beliau. Silakan.

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N. 69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Now, I have to talk about food and fruit at the right time. Tadi semua lapar, now dah kenyang.

Livestock

Now, let me proceed with the livestock subsector.

Ruminant

Tuan Speaker, the current self-sufficiency level (SSL) for beef is 16.1%, an increase of 1%; with a cattle and buffalo population of 24,500 heads compared to 23,000 heads in 2024. For mutton, the SSL has now improved to 14.9% compared to 12.9% recorded in 2024. Both SSLs are on track toward achieving the target of 25% by the year 2030. To achieve this, my ministry has implemented several projects and programmes as follows:

Production of Local Breeder Stocks

I would like to update on the progress of local animal breeding programme. The Karabungan Livestock Station has successfully increased the Bali Cattle from 200 heads in 2022 to 333 heads as of April 2025. In addition, the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) Sarawak has trained 125 farmers in 2024. At Maragang Livestock Station, a private company is collaborating with DVS Sarawak for production of buffalo breeder stocks as well as buffalo mozzarella cheese, which is expected to commence before year end. As for the Temudok Livestock Station, it has 182 heads of dairy goats and 583 heads of sheep as at end of 2024.

Tuan Speaker, in addition to the established Breeding and Fattening Centre at Mayang, Serian, SALCRA is presently constructing two additional centres in Stenggang, Bau, and Rimbas in Betong, with a combined capacity of 500 heads. Both centres are schedule to complete by the second quarter of 2026. These centres are integral to SALCRA's cattle-oil palm integration initiative and will offer the essential infrastructure and technical assistance to enhance breeding performance, particularly in calving rates. SALCRA is currently evaluating of placing it under a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) structure if it proves to be economically viable.

Cattle-Oil Palm Integration

Since 2021, 6,000 heads of cattle were distributed to 10 oil palm plantation companies and agencies as well as 30 smallholders. Other Ruminant Development Programmes has been embarked on since 2021, 98 farmers have benefitted from the Small Ruminant Development Programme, where 30 farmers have received 1,450 heads of sheep and goat and another 68 farmers received 654 heads of buffaloes. In addition, RM25.4 million has been put aside under *Program Pengukuhan Keterjaminan Makanan Tahun 2025, Mengoptimumkan Penggunaan Tanah Terbiar Dengan Kerjasama Kerajaan Negeri di bawah* Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan (KPKM) for the acquisition of breeder stock such as cattle, buffaloes, goat and sheep.

Downstream Processing for Beef Products

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) had successfully embarked on downstream activities of beef products in July of last year where 15,470 cans of corned beef, 68,850 beef patties, and 196 packs of minced beef were produced during that year. For 2025 the production is expected to increase to 30,000 cans of corned beef, 100,000 beef patties, and 1,000 packs of minced beef.

These products are now marketed by 90 local supermarkets in Kuching, Miri and Bintulu division. Moving forward, SEDC will expand its market to neighbouring regions starting with the Philippines and Indonesia in the first quarter of 2026 and research & development to produce Sara-Bif Serunding, Corned Lamb, Lamb Patties and Meatball, targeting first quarter of 2026 for local market entry. In addition, SEDC will develop and expand the Karabungan Cattle Farm in Miri Division to be the model for the modern livestock hub in Sarawak.

Non-Ruminant – Swine Industry

Tuan Speaker, live pig remains as one of the main contributing as Sarawak Food Export. In 2024, about 120,000 live pigs were exported to Singapore and generated RM197.6 million in revenue. The establishment of two new model pig farms located in Ensengei Serian and Selangau, Sibu will combine production capacity of 250,000 pigs annually. Sarawak first to become the major exporter for live pigs and pig's product in the region. In addition, the Department of Veterinary Services is in the midst of discussion to expand the export of pig carcasses to Peninsular Malaysia and Indonesia.

Poultry Industry – Promoting Ayam Saga

Ayam Saga is a MARDI's research product of improved *ayam kampung* breed, which can reach market weight within three months. DVS Sarawak is collaborating with MARDI to establish a "Parent Stock" farm for Ayam Saga in Sarawak at Kg. Telaga Air, Kuching since 2023. From January to April 2025, the farm has produced 16,000 day-old-chicks. In view of the potential of this newly developed *ayam kampung* breed, I encouraged the small holder farmers to integrate it into their existing farming activities to increase their household income.

Animal Feed Initiative – Oil Palm-Based Animal Feed

Tuan Speaker, my ministry through the Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority (SALCRA) is actively pursuing the development of an oil palm-based animal feed production initiative that is to reduce reliance on imported feed materials. Initiated under the directive of the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, this effort aligns with the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Framework.

A major component of this initiative is the Kernel Crushing Plant (KCP) in Lubok Antu with production capacity of 13,500 metric tonnes of palm kernel cake (PKC) and 12,000 metric tonnes of Crude Palm Kernel Oil (CPKO) annually. The PKC serves as a key ingredient in oil palm-based feed formulations for ruminants, swine, and other livestock. The plant, which was recently officiated by the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak, is now in operation.

SALCRA will also establish a Smart Insect Farm at Bau Palm Oil Mill to produce Black Soldier Fly meal by using palm oil mill waste. The construction of this farm is expected to commence in June 2025.

In addition, infrastructure works for the development of the Napier grass farm at Roban, Saratok is planned to start in the fourth quarter of this year. SALCRA will also work in synergy with local farmers under a contract farming model to cultivate Napier grass to meet the projected feed requirement.

These feed materials mentioned above will support the operation of the planned Oil Palm-Based Animal Feed Mill, designed with an annual production capacity of 100,000 metric tonnes annually.

This project offers a valuable chance to further the circular economy agenda through the transformation of palm oil mill waste into a profitable resource. Utilizing cutting-edge technologies to utilize the mill's by-products will enhance the resilience and sustainability of the palm oil industry, while also bolstering the growth of the livestock sector. This endeavour will not only contribute to food security but also improve the economic prosperity of local communities by promoting the conversion to renewable energy, thus aligning with Sarawak's green economy objectives.

i-CATS Agrotech Hub Animal Feed Initiatives by Borneo Institute of Sustainable Food and Agroindustry (BISFA)

Tuan Speaker, a total of 18 acres of land in Tambirat, Asajaya is developed by i-CATS University College as an agrotech hub to facilitate research and development of animal feed production, livestock breeding, and agro-based product development. Presently, 130 farmers have expressed their commitment to be the participants of the project, involving 360 hectares for cultivation of Neo-generation Napier grass.

A self-sustainable community project known as Kaba Silage Centre is now being carried out at Kampung Kaba, Saratok and this Proof-of-Concept of technology transfer project aims to encourage community to produce feed from local raw materials.

FISHERIES

Marine Fisheries

Tuan Speaker, in 2024, there were 5,159 licensed fishing vessels in Sarawak, supported by more than 10,700 fishermen. Sarawak's marine capture fisheries produced about 96,000 metric tonnes valued at RM588.7 million for the year 2024. This is an increase compared to 94,000 metric tonnes recorded in 2023 valued at RM565.1 million.

In overcoming the various challenges faced by the fisheries sector, the following strategies have been identified to boost the industry:

- (a) Combating Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing by increasing surveillance, enforcement, and greater collaboration with national and international bodies to deter foreign encroachment;
- (b) Recognizing the potential of its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and encouraging development of deep-sea fishing including issuance of licenses and supporting infrastructure to facilitate offshore fishing activities; and
- (c) Providing upper and downstream training on handling, processing, maintaining fish quality and reducing waste.

Aquaculture

Tuan Speaker, my ministry through the Department of Agriculture Sarawak is also looking into the development of aquaculture and inland fisheries in Sarawak. Under the 12th MP, the freshwater aquaculture production in Sarawak showed an increasing trend. In the year 2024, the production was more than 10,000 metric tonnes compared to 8,000 metric tonnes in the previous year, in 2023. The brackish water aquaculture production also increased to 14,000 metric tonnes in 2024 from the 11,000 metric tonnes recorded in 2023. To support this industry, both Federal and Sarawak Governments undertake and finance the following programmes:

- (a) Aquaculture Industrial Zone (AIZ) in Batang Ai Hydropower Dam in Sri Aman, Sundar Awat-Awat in Limbang and Rambungan in Kuching;
- (b) *Sistem Penyampaian dan Khidmat Sokongan (SPeKS) Akuakultur*;
- (c) *Program Pembangunan Integrasi Akuakultur (PPIA)*;
- (d) *Program Kebun Komuniti Madani*; and
- (e) *Program Pembangunan Projek Perikanan Darat*.

In line with the PCDS 2030, my ministry plans to develop two more new AIZ which is Bakun HEP and Murum Hydrodam in Kapit under the 13th Malaysia Plan.

Empurau and Tapah Belt Initiative

The rain shelter structure for the Tapah Belt Initiative in Kemena Tapah Research and Development Centre at Sungai Sebiaw, Bintulu has been completed. Currently, the centre is developing catfish fry as live feed to the domesticated Kemena tapah in the hatchery. Another rain shelter structure for the Kapit Indigenous Fish Hatchery Centre is expected to complete by end of the year. Currently, the Department of Agriculture is collecting wild *empurau* broodstock in Baleh and Katibas River for domestication at this centre.

Amendment of State Fisheries Ordinance and Establishment of Department of Fisheries Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, my ministry, through the Department of Agriculture Sarawak, is now engaging with the relevant departments and agencies as well as industry players in drafting amendments to the Fisheries Ordinance. The proposed amendments would adopt Good Regulatory Practice (GRP) initiative. While proposal on setting up a Department of Fisheries Sarawak is still in progress which will focus on fishing and aquaculture development to ensure it's conducted in proper and sustainable manner.

COMMODITY

Tuan Speaker, the commodity subsector has been the backbone of Sarawak's agriculture sector and remain as key contributor to Sarawak's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and export earnings.

Palm Oil Industry

As of first quarter of 2025, Sarawak produced 4.85 million tonnes of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB), which is an increase of 8.6% compared to the 4.47 million tonnes recorded in the same period last year. Subsequently, the Crude Palm Oil (CPO) production also increased 3.7% to 0.91 million tonnes.

However, the production of Crude Palm Kernel Oil (CPKO) has recorded a decrease of 7.8% from 86,530 metric tonnes to 79,762 metric tonnes, compared to the same period last year. Sarawak's average yield of fresh fruit bunches in the first quarter of 2025 increased to 3.32 metric tonnes per hectare compared to the 3.08 metric tonnes recorded in 2024.

Meanwhile, the Oil Extraction Rate (OER) from January to March 2025 recorded a declining trend, achieving 18.9% which is lower compared to 19.7% during the same period in 2024. Similarly, the OER for CPKO declined from 45.8% to 44.5% during the same period. The decline was primarily due to the adverse impact of heavy rain, flooding, and ongoing replanting programme.

Rubber Industry

Tuan Speaker, in 2024, Sarawak's local rubber production reached 16,000 metric tonnes, marking a 60% increase from the 10,000 metric tonnes produced in 2023. However, this output represents just 24% of the total potential yield from about 67,000 hectares of planted matured rubber that mainly operated by smallholders. At present, only 894 out of 25,000 registered tappers or 3.5% are actively involved in rubber tapping.

Moving forward, SARIB aims to increase local rubber production to 20,000 metric tonnes by this year, and a goal expected to generate RM60 million in income for local communities. As of the first quarter of 2025, the traded volume of locally produced rubber has reached 1,600 metric tonnes, valued at RM4.8 million, compared to 1,500 metric tonnes valued at RM4.5 million during the same period in 2024.

To reach this goal, SARIB has implemented several key strategies that will directly increase rubber productivity and benefit the smallholders. These strategies include:

(a) SARIB-Private-Smallholders Rubber Farms Consolidation.

Sarawak Rubber Industry Board (SARIB) has initiated a public-private partnership to rehabilitate abandoned smallholder rubber farms to meet the growing global demand for rubber and utilize untapped rubber areas in Sarawak. The pilot project has commenced at the Gunung Sadok Ulu Awik Rubber Agropolitan Project, covering 323 hectares.

(b) Digitalization of Rubber Industry

SARIB is moving towards digitalizing rubber transactions by adopting RRIMNiagaTM system. This system will allow SARIB to collect accurate rubber trading data and assisting in disbursement of incentives to the farmers through PAT-G and *Insentif Produktiviti* Getah (IPG) integration.

(c) Extension and Technology Transfer Program

Since the establishment of SARIB, numerous engagements with private sectors and farmers have been conducted. The involvement of private companies in consolidating smallholders rubber farms will serve as demonstration plots for smallholders to learn about new technologies and improved rubber management systems. SARIB will continue to conduct training and technology transfer programs, specifically targeting the productive age group. It is hoped that, through the adoption of modern technologies and increased rubber yields, youth participation in the rubber industry will continue to grow.

Sago and Nipah Industry

Tuan Speaker, I would like to update this august House on the latest development and future direction of the sago and *nipah* industries.

Sarawak remains a key sago-producing region in Malaysia and globally. Currently, we have 28,121 hectares of sago areas throughout Sarawak. This is however, a decline of 7.5% from 30,393 hectares in 2023. Nonetheless, our export performance remains strong. In 2024, the export volume of sago starch increased by 10% to 38,500 metric tonnes compared to 35,000 metric tonnes in 2023. Although export value dropped slightly by 4.02% to RM107.5 million due to global price changes, the higher volume reflects continued strong demand in international markets.

As for *nipah*, we have identified more than 110,000 hectares of wild growing *nipah* palms along Sarawak's riverbanks. These offer great potential not for production of *gula apong* and *nipah* vinegar, but also for bioethanol and blue carbon projects. Moving forward, a structured and strategic interventions need to be carried out to address production challenges such as a low productivity, aging smallholders, poor infrastructure, limited value chains, lack of gazetted areas, and restricted access to markets and technology.

Currently, Sago Nipah Development Board (SNDB) is implementing four (4) physical development projects under the Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA), which focus on infrastructure and facility upgrades to support long-term industry growth.

In addition, a statewide registration and verification exercise for sago and *nipah* smallholders is also being carried out in order to gather accurate data for effective planning and development of the industry.

SNDB is collaborating with SALCRA and CRAUN Research to map cultivation areas utilizing AI technology in identifying actual sago and *nipah* zones to facilitate future land gazettement and targeted development. SNDB will also continue to strengthen collaboration with research bodies, academic institutions, and the private sector to drive innovation, technology transfer, product commercialization, and value-added industry growth.

For the information of this august House, sago has been recognized by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations as one of the staple foods that will enhance food security. Thus, my ministry through SNDB remains committed to unlocking the full potential of sago and *nipah* industry.

Pepper Industry

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak is globally recognized for its high-quality black and white pepper, known for its unique aroma, strong pungency, and purity, supported by over a century of cultivation tradition. Its international standing is strengthened by Geographical Indication (GI) status since 2003 and quality assurance through the implementation of statutory grading scheme and comprehensive laboratory analysis.

As of 2024, Sarawak remains the dominant force in Malaysia's pepper industry, contributing over 98% of the country's total production. The cultivated area approximately 8,300 hectares, reflecting a 1.2% increase (100 hectares) as compared to 8,200 hectares in 2023. Similarly, the number of pepper farmers rose by 0.8%, from 39,000 in 2023 to 39,300 in 2024.

In 2024, Malaysia exported 5,753 metric tonnes of pepper comprising of 4,517 metric tonnes black pepper, 1,223 metric tonnes white pepper and 13 metric tonnes green pepper, a slight decrease of 72 tonnes from 2023, but export earnings rose by 25% to RM186.7 million from RM149.9 million in 2023. Malaysian pepper remains competitive globally, with high demand for pepper of premium quality such as Quality Export Pepper (QEP) and Creamy White Pepper (CWP) in key markets such as Japan, China, and South Korea. Nationally, pepper industry contributed RM2.27 billion in 2024 compared to RM2.23 billion in 2023, equivalent to 0.1% to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). As you can see the ones produced in Sarawak is about 98% but our revenue from pepper is still yet to be commensurate with how much we have produced, pepper bean.

In 2024, the Malaysian Pepper Board (MPB) received an allocation of RM22.9 million to implement 12 development projects. For 2025, another RM21.4 million has been allocated to carry out 15 value chain-wide programmes aimed at improving cultivation, R&D, SME development, and global competitiveness.

Cocoa Industry

Tuan Speaker, in 2024, cocoa cultivation area has increased to 1,544 hectares as compared to 1,464 hectares in 2023. The number of cocoa smallholders in Sarawak also increased to 1,532 from 1,452. The Sarawak's total cocoa production also increased by 30.7% to 49 metric tonnes recording a revenue of RM1.55 million.

To boost local cocoa production and ensure a sustainable supply of high-quality beans, Nestlé Malaysia has introduced the KitKat Dark Borneo, made exclusively with cocoa beans from Sabah and Sarawak, sourced through the Nestlé Borneo Cocoa Initiative (NBCI) in partnership with the Malaysian Cocoa Board.

The Malaysian Cocoa Board (MCB) is now having the Malaysian International Cocoa Fair (MICF) 2025 in Sabah from 24th to 27th May 2025 to showcase the latest innovations, technologies, and services in the cocoa sector. I would like to express my appreciation to MCB for sponsoring 15 active cocoa farmers from Sarawak to participate in this convention.

Research and Development

Tuan Speaker, Agricultural Research and Development (R&D), stands as a fundamental component in strengthening resilience and sustainability in food security. Therefore, my ministry has identified and implemented holistic strategies to address the current and emerging challenges of agriculture in Sarawak.

Among the on-going research projects include:

- (a) Assessment of selected traditional paddy varieties in Sarawak in term of yield performance, eating quality and nutritional content. Apart from Adan or Bario, Biris and Bajong, there are other potential varieties yet to be fully researched on. This work will be further intensified with the expected RM10 million funding from the Federal Government under the 13th Malaysian Plan;
- (b) Detection and identification of Paddy Bacterial Panicle Blight disease caused by the *Burkholderia glumae*, with *Burkholderia gladioli*, I hope I pronounced it right, also causing milder infections. First identified in Sarawak in 2020, this disease poses a significant threat to rice production throughout Sarawak. A molecular diagnostics method was successfully

developed to confirm the presence of the pathogen in paddy samples. Since May 2024, 3,663 paddy samples were analysed whereby 97% of modern varieties and 70% of traditional varieties were infected;

- (c) Detection and identification of Fall Armyworm (FAW), an invasive pest that has significantly affected corn cultivation in Sarawak since 2022. You can see the picture *lah*. The presence of the R-strain in neighbouring countries has raised concerns about its potential introduction into Sarawak. A molecular diagnostics method was successfully developed to confirm the FAW strain in Sarawak. So far, 70 samples have been screened and preliminary data show that only the C-strain is currently present in Sarawak;
- (d) Development of agro-based value-added products to diversify usage of fresh and perishable agriculture produce for wider marketability. Some of the latest products include gummies from *Timun Dayak*, *Terung Asam Sarawak*, Crystal Longan, guava and pineapple, you can do the sampling at my office on the 5th floor, *Ensabi Popia*, *Liberica Cascara Tea* and *Serunding Rebung*. All these are new products that we are going to market;
- (e) Development of alternative fertilisers to reduce crop production cost by incorporating composts made of agro-wastes and chemical fertilisers, which is in line with the circular economy agenda. This year, RM650,000 was secured from the Federal Government for the project;
- (f) Adaptation of '*Green and Safer*' analytical methods such as Near Infrared Reflectance Spectroscopy to predict soil chemical and physical properties, and pesticide residues in various matrices, which has received an ISO accreditation;
- (g) Adaptation of an advanced instrumentation enabling the identification of unknown or emerging pesticide compounds, metabolites and degradation products in agriculture produce.
- (h) Adaptation of technologies such as precision and smart farming coupled with Internet of Things (IoT) to enhance productivity, efficiency and yield focusing on high-value crops. Between May 2024 and May 2025, about 25 knowledge-sharing sessions on the technology were conducted involving at least 855 participants.

My ministry will also continue to pursue and collaborate with key stakeholders to ensure R&D activities are aligned to the current industry practices in resolving to the agricultural challenges. Among our recent notable collaborative initiatives are:

- (a) A Public-Private-Community Partnership project on coffee in Kuching and Serian Divisions involving six (6) villages and a private company. At least five (5) trainings were conducted on various aspects of coffee production, involving at least 700 participants;
- (b) Precision Farming Solution Pilot Project with Sarawak Information Systems Sdn. Bhd (SAINS) on integration of smart agriculture technologies, optimizing resource use and improving crop yields through data-driven farming techniques;
- (c) Gunung Lesong-Ulu Sebuyau (GLUS) Stingless Bee Farming Initiative – A joint effort with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and 10 participants to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihoods through beekeeping practices;
- (d) Participatory-Action-Research projects on strawberry, cherry tomatoes and asparagus with selected farmers in Bario Highland, on mempalam with a community in Bekenu, Miri, and on durian kuning with a community in Limbang; and
- (e) A Proof-of-Concept on planting of Terung Asam Sarawak using a fertigation technology with a private company in Sematan, Lundu.

Capacity Building and Entrepreneur Development – On Training

Tuan Speaker, in 2024 a total sum of RM250,000 has been allocated for Human Capital Development purposes and has exposed 287 Agrofood Entrepreneurs across Sarawak with current knowledge and technical skills. And for 2025, 17 short courses will be expected to involve 300 agrofood entrepreneurs. Throughout the 12th Malaysia Plan, the human capital development courses have benefitted 1,842 micro-entrepreneurs. In 2025, the division aims to conduct 60 courses with an allocation of RM682,000 from the Federal Government.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Sistem Penyampaian dan Khidmat Sokongan (SPeKS) Akuakultur

Sistem Penyampaian dan Khidmat Sokongan (SPeKS) Akuakultur is another aquaculture development program under DOA (Department of Agriculture) and fully funded by the Federal Government with the objective to increase the productivity and skills of aquaculture entrepreneurs. In 2024, 12 participants from Limbang have received SPeKS financial assistance amounting to RM36,000. Currently, another 23 participants in Sri Aman have received similar assistance amounting to RM112,700.

Program Pembangunan Integrasi Akuakultur – Sistem Sangkar Bersepadu (PPIA)

The activities of cage aquaculture in Batang Ai HEP AIZ have been categorized into clusters based on their location. This year, the Sungai Piat and Teluk Kaong Nikal clusters have been approved with RM895,460 under the *Program Pembangunan Integrasi Akuakultur – Sistem Sangkar Bersepadu* (PPIA) to improve their productions.

Sarawak Agro Fund (SAF)

Implemented by Sarawak Land Development Board, Sarawak Agro Fund (SAF) is a state-initiated financing facility established to support the growth and modernization of the agriculture sector in Sarawak. It provides funding to eligible agro-based enterprises and farmers to enhance productivity, innovation, and food security in line with the state's development agenda. Up to March 2025, SAF has extended financial assistance—comprising both grants (RM15.72 million) and term loans (RM98.26 million). A total of 46 application for grants and 44 for loans has been approved. The recipients of this funding represent a diverse range of agriculture related activities, including ruminant farming, animal feed production, rice milling, aquaculture, food crop cultivation, as well as food processing and marketing initiatives.

Through the Sarawak Agro Fund (SAF), several agro-based companies and farmers have achieved significant business growth. A poultry integrator in Kuching successfully increased its slaughtering house capacity from 2,000 to 4,000 birds per hour. A *gula apong* processing entrepreneur in Kuching expanded operations by transitioning from manual to semi-automated production. This expansion increased annual output from 800MT in 2019 to 1,000MT in 2022. The company has also penetrated international markets such as UAE, Singapore, Korea, and Japan. A chili farm in Tanjung Manis more than doubled its sales volume from 6,500 kilogram in 2022 to 14,600 kilogram in 2023 after upgrading its facilities.

In Serian, a poultry farm expanded from one house of 11,000 birds per cycle to two houses producing 33,000 birds per cycle. This tripled its output and enhanced supply capabilities and improved household income.

MARKETING AND PROMOTION

Tuan Speaker, to accelerate the development of marketing activities under the Area Farmers' Organisations (AFOs), which we are familiar with PPK, my ministry through the Department of Agriculture Sarawak has allocated a total of RM3 million under the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP).

The AFOs have participated in various marketing programmes, including *Konvensyen Usahawan Tani* (KUT); FHA Food & Beverages Singapore Expo; Benchmarking Visit to the Saudi Food Show in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Sarawak Agrofest and Malaysia Agriculture, *Hortikultur dan Agro-Tourism Show Malaysia* (MAHA), to which they were given opportunity to showcase their products.

The marketing and promotion programmes have shown some encouraging results where sales revenue have reached a total of approximately RM400,000. The 28 AFOs have also actively involved in marketing of farmers' products through the 20 *Peladang* e-Shop and *Kedai Input Ladang* in various locations in order to serve the agro-community. As of now, the *Peladang* e-Shop has generated revenue of RM700,000 whereas *Kedai Input Ladang* generated about RM2.2 million.

To further enhance marketing activities, the Sarawak State Farmers' Organisations (SFO) has established and launched the *Peladang* e-Shop platform that link consumers with all the 28 AFOs. My ministry through the Department of Agriculture Sarawak has been actively involving in the development of agrofood entrepreneurs in Sarawak. In 2024, a total of RM1 million has been allocated for the implementation of the Agrofood Entrepreneurs Development Programme. And, a total of 83 marketing and promotion programs have benefited 49 participants and generated sales of RM1.2 million.

In first quarter of 2025, four entrepreneurs have joined local and international promotional activities, namely *Program Jualan Rahmah Madani RTM, Kuching*, *Program SIUK BRUNEI RAYA EXPO, in Brunei Darussalam*. Recently, the Department of Agriculture Sarawak has organized a Showcase *Usahawan Tani* (ShoUT) on 23rd to 25th May 2025, involving 17 entrepreneurs from across Sarawak. The event has successfully attracted more than 10,000 visitors and generated a total sale of RM32,000.

Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (FAMA)

Tuan Speaker, FAMA has significantly supported agricultural marketing in Sarawak. The Medan Niaga Satok, built in 2010, offered 1,005 lots and benefitted 867 agriculture traders at its permanent block, Pasar Minggu, Pasar Borong, and Benteng Satok. Since its operation in 2013 until April 2025, it has generated accumulative sales of RM634.96 million. For Pasar Tani and Pasar Tani Kekal, it is participated by 13 active traders. These markets provide a platform for farmers and agropreneurs to sell their products directly to consumers. From 2013 to April 2025, 434 agropreneurs have traded in these markets, recording a total sale of RM133.9 million.

BIOSECURITY

Tuan Speaker, with the emergence of new pests and diseases in recent years, biosecurity plays a vital role in safeguarding our resources. Allow me to highlight some of the key biosecurity threats, as well as the steps taken to address them.

Plant Biosecurity

Red Palm Weevil

Red Palm Weevil (RPW) is a pest that targets coconut trees and has caused widespread damage nationwide. However, through the biosecurity measures taken by the Department of Agriculture Sarawak, including control on imports, inspections, and monitoring at entry points, we

have managed to keep the RPW at bay, thus protecting our coconut and oil palm industries, as well as preventing the spread of *Cadang-cadang* Viroid Disease (CCVD), which is another threat to palms. On another note, sago worms' industry use of RPW larvae as it could unknowingly contribute to the RPW spread. So, be careful *lah*.

(a) Fall Armyworm (FAW)

All this is very what not a good friend to us, Farm Armyworm. Another noteworthy threat that we should address is the Fall Armyworm (FAW), a fast-spreading pest known to affect maize as well as rice crops, and in some cases, the young shoots of oil palm. The FAW has been detected throughout Sarawak.

(b) Bacterial Panicle Blight (BPB)

In addition, we should also be vigilant of the Bacterial Panicle Blight (BPB), which could potentially affect rice yields, particularly during the flowering and grain-filling stages. To reduce its impact, the Department of Agriculture Sarawak carries out the Verification of Compliance (VOC) process on imported rice seeds, whereby to date, the three (3) instances of hybrid rice seeds importations have undergone VOC inspections. Just for the information of all the Members.

(c) Foot and Mouth Disease

We are grateful that Sarawak is still Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) free. Leveraging on this status, Sarawak continues to enjoy several economic advantages which include greater market access for our livestock and livestock products. In addition, Sarawak will also have a bigger potential to develop breeder stock for export through biotechnology such as embryo transfer and sexed semen for genetic improvement.

(d) Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD)

The Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak has reported cases of a new disease in the state. The Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) is a highly infectious viral disease affecting cattle and buffalo, characterized by skin nodules and other symptoms. Control measures taken include treatment to infected animals, vaccinations, movement control and surveillance in susceptible animal population near to Indonesian border.

Establishing the Sarawak Quarantine and Inspection Services (SQS)

The potential for the pests and diseases to spread further remains a concern, and thus we have to remain vigilant of any biosecurity risk that could pose a threat to Sarawak. In view of that, my Ministry is in the process of establishing the Sarawak Quarantine and Inspection Services (SQS) similar to what they have *MAQIS* in Semenanjung Malaysia, which would strengthen our biosecurity aspects and enable better management and control of movement of goods and people across our borders.

Sarawak is committed to staying ahead of pest threats. With our combined efforts and the upcoming establishment of SQS, we will continue to safeguard our agricultural industries and natural resources for the future. Hence, to manage disease incursion and to maintain disease free status, it requires enormous efforts, community cooperation and of course the supply of manpower.

Updates on Rabies

As of 30th April 2025, 260,000 animals have been vaccinated with Anti-Rabies Vaccine. Despite of 362 animal bites cases reported in average weekly, no human rabies casualty reported. We cannot achieve this effort without the strong commitment from the State Disaster Management

Committee, Immune Belt Enforcement Team (IBET), Local Authorities, Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sarawak (JKNS), DVS and of course Royal Malaysian Police.

COLLABORATION AND JOINT-VENTURE INITIATIVES BY SALCRA

Tuan Speaker, to enhance operational efficiency, promote sustainability and reduce wastage, SALCRA has initiated a strategic collaboration with a private technology provider using a Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) model at Bau Palm Oil Mill Sdn. Bhd. as I have mentioned earlier.

This collaboration includes the establishment of a Solid Removal and Oil Recovery System (SRORS) to tackle oil loss in the mill's effluent. This system was successfully launched and commenced operations at SALCRA's Bau Palm Oil Mill in February this year.

The introduction of this system not only maximizes oil recovery from fresh fruit bunches (FFB) but also aligns with the circular economy agenda advocated by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier by transforming waste into wealth, promoting sustainable practices, and enhancing the palm oil mill's performance. Therefore, I would to encourage the remaining 80 oil palm mill in Sarawak to subscribe this agenda for creating a sustainable and resilient oil palm industry. My ministry will collaborate with State Attorney General chamber and other stakeholders in finding the most effective ways to regulate and promote this practice.

NCR LAND DEVELOPMENT

Tuan Speaker, under the NCR Land Development project through Joint Venture Model, a total of approximately 91,612 hectares of land have been developed under 46 projects with a total of 17,885 registered project participants. As of 30th April 2025, about RM626 million have been disbursed into the project participants in the form of Upfront Payments, Annual Incentives and also Dividends.

SALCRA remains as an important agency in the development of native customary land through the commercial cultivation of oil palm. As of 31st March 2025, SALCRA has successfully developed a total of 54,595 hectares, with oil palm plantations spread across 20 estates involving 21,000 registered participants from 460 villages and longhouses.

In 2025, SALCRA has secured a Federal loan of RM20 million to support the replanting of oil palm in Saratok, Sri Aman, Serian and Bau-Lundu regions, where existing plantations have reached the end of their 25-year productive cycle. This replanting effort is essential to ensure sustained productivity and income of the participating landowners in the long run as well as providing raw materials for viable palm oil milling.

In line with the Social Inclusivity pillar of PCDS 2030, SALCRA is extending its land development initiatives to new areas within the Sarikei and Sibu divisions. The proposed expansion will cover approximately around 6,400 hectares and will be carried out in phases, with an estimated total project cost of RM150 million. This expansion is anticipated to benefit 1,600 new participants.

In the year 2025, a federal loan allocation of RM10 million has been approved for SALCRA to continue the new oil palm planting project that commenced in Ulu Sungai Wak, Sarikei, encompassing around 1,500 hectares.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Irrigation and Drainage Sarawak (DID) has been allocated with a total of RM1.6 billion under various development agencies, such as the Greater Kuching Coordinated Development Agency (GKCDA), Integrated Regional Samarahan Development Agency (IRSDA), Sri Aman Development Agency (SADA), Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA) and Rajang Delta Development Agency (RADDA) for the implementation of 563 roads, rivers and agriculture

drainage and infrastructures related projects throughout Sarawak. As per May 2025, 382 projects have been completed, and the balance of the projects are still in various pre implementation stages.

Meanwhile, the three approved drainage and irrigation infrastructure for Parit Bugis and Sg. Ilas/ Sebera Scheme at Sarikei Division and Upper Saribas Block B Scheme at Betong Division costing RM165 million is now under preliminary design stage.

Under the *Projek Rakyat* program, a total of RM183.7 million has been allocated to the DID Sarawak to implement 15 drainage and irrigation infrastructure projects. As of May 2025, eight projects have been completed, and another two projects are under construction stage. While tender for another five projects is expected to be called by second and third quarter of this year.

Addressing Rural Poverty and Bridging Rural-Urban Income Gap

My ministry and Ministry of Rural and Regional Development (KKDW) Malaysia is actively working together to reduce the rural income gap. Various programs have been implemented to reduce rural-urban income gap. Among the programs coordination are as follows:

- (a) *Program Perumahan Rakyat Sejahtera* (PPRS);
- (b) *Projek Bersepadu Pembangunan Ekonomi Kampung* (PROSPEK); and
- (c) *Projek Pemajuan Kawasan* (PPK).

As of April 2025, allocation totalling of RM17.6 million was approved for the construction of 485 housing units for PPRS throughout Sarawak. Meanwhile, RM18 million has been approved for PROSPEK. One is in Sebuyau and the other one is in Betong, which is currently under various stages of implementation. Both of these initiatives reflect a shared commitment of the Federal and Sarawak Government to reduce income disparities and fostering growth in rural Sarawak.

RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME

Program Jalan Luar Bandar (JALB) dan Jambatan Luar Bandar (JMLB)

Under 12th Malaysia Plan, KKDW has approved RM1.86 billion to DID Sarawak to implement 28 projects under *Program Jalan Luar Bandar* (JALB) dan *Jambatan Luar Bandar* (JMLB). Currently, out of these 28 projects, three projects had been completed, and 25 projects are still in various stage of implementation.

Coastal Erosion and Riverbank Erosion Programme

Under the 12th Malaysia Plan, both the State and Federal Governments have allocated substantial funding to address coastal and riverbank erosion in Sarawak. The two state-funded coastal protection projects in Paloh Lama and Belawai, totalling RM168.2 million, are progressing, with proposed Paloh Lama Project already tendered recently and the Belawai Project is in the design stage. Under the Federal Government funding, four coastal road erosion projects at Kampung Kuala Hilir Oya, Mukah, Kampung Batu Satu, Miri Division, Kampung Semarang, Betong Division and Kampung Muara Tebas, Kuching Division worth RM76.05 million are at various stages of implementation. Besides that, RM316.3 million allocation under the *Projek Tebatan Banjir Berkeutamaan Tinggi* targeting 17 vulnerable areas in Sarawak. Additionally, five river mouth dredging projects valued at RM39.96 million are underway to improve flood management and navigation at Sungai Sematan, Sungai Buntal, Sungai Limbang, Sungai Bako, and Sungai Sebuyau.

Under the 12th Malaysia Plan, the state has allocated RM4 million for river clearing and rehabilitation works, RM950,000 earmarked for 2025. Another scheme value of RM559.2 million has been approved for five (5) riverbank protection projects and feasibility study. The five (5) riverbank protection projects include the Heritage Waterfront Extension Kuching, Sg. Seblak Diversion Channel, Oya Waterfront, Sungai Penakub and Sungai Tellian and Sri Aman Waterfront Extension

and the study is at Batang Saribas, Spaoh Division. The Federal Government also has committed RM51 million for river clearing and river rehabilitation projects under the 12th Malaysia Plan and RM124.1 million under Rolling Plan 5 of 12th Malaysia Plan for two (2) major riverbank protection projects currently in the design phase at Kampung Hulu and Hilir, Serian Division and Long Ilang in Miri Division.

Farm Road

This is the best subject, farm road. Tuan Speaker, my ministry views farm roads development as one of the key enablers in transforming the agriculture sector in Sarawak. A proper farm road will facilitate logistics and mechanisation for effective and efficient production system. In 2025, a total of RM49.93 million was allocated to the Department of Agriculture to implement more than 120 farm road projects across Sarawak. This initiative is expected to cover about 100 kilometres of farm roads and related infrastructure.

In addition, the Department of Irrigation and Drainage Sarawak (DID) has received an allocation of RM46 million under the MARRIS program to implement 206 farm road maintenance projects throughout the state. Currently, five (5) projects have been completed, 97 projects are under construction and the remaining 104 projects are at the planning stage.

DID Sarawak have also received an allocation of RM5.02 million from Ministry of Plantation and Commodities (MPIC) Malaysia to implement 11 projects under the *Program Jalan Ladang Pekebun Kecil* (JLPK) and presently, all 11 projects are under planning stage and to be tendered by third quarter of this year.

In addition, SALCRA also plays a crucial role in supporting the government's initiatives to enhance rural basic infrastructure. This support is made possible through funding from both the Federal and Sarawak Governments.

For the year 2025, SALCRA has been granted RM8.1 million to execute 15 rural road projects spanning across the Kuching, Serian, Sri Aman and Betong divisions. This allocation encompasses seven (7) projects under the *Jalan Perhubungan Desa* programme totalling RM3.2 million, one (1) project under the *Program Khas Bumiputera* amounting to RM1 million, and seven (7) projects funded by MARRIS totalling RM3.9 million. All these projects are currently underway and are projected to reach completion by December 2025. The implementation of these road projects will benefit over 19 villages, significantly enhancing accessibility for landowners to involved and the neighbouring communities.

I also received more than 400 requests for farm roads from farmers, agencies as well as from Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat with an estimated cost around RM180.4 million. Considering these numerous requests, I urge the government to fully support and seriously consider it as one of the top priorities

Responses to the Issues raised by the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat

Tuan Speaker, I would like to respond to the various issues, requests, views, comments, and suggestions made by the Honourable Members in this august House on the subject relating to my ministry and before that, I would like to express my appreciation to all the Honourable Members for your concern, advice, recommendations, and various applications that you have put forward. The Honourable Members who have actively participated in the debate are also being recorded by my ministry.

Paddy and Rice Industry

For the information of the Honourable Member for Daro, the Daro Paddy Scheme area has been identified as NCR land. For this land category, model of implementation will be through Joint Venture or Leasing Model.

Agriculture Infrastructure

For the information of the Honourable Member for Daro, the Proposed Development Drainage Infrastructure at Sungai Ilas/ Sebenau will be fitted with drainage infrastructure covering an estimated area of 350 hectares with a project cost of RM30 million and is currently at preliminary design stage. The siting application will be submitted in third quarter of this year and the tender is expected to be called early next year.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Lingga, Federal Government had approved a project at Sg. Daun, Mulon and Pedada Scheme with a project ceiling of RM2.1 million to improve the existing drainage infrastructures. The project which is implemented by DID Sarawak started in September 2024 and is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2026.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Beting Maro, currently, DID Sarawak is implementing a controlled drainage scheme for paddy cultivation in Kampung Batang Maro, Muton Undai and Stirah with a total allocation of RM18 million approved under the Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA). These controlled drainage schemes are currently under the design stage. For the Muton scheme, it is targeted to be tendered by end of this year while for Kampung Batang Maro and Stirah schemes are expected to be tendered by second quarter of 2026.

Agriculture Station

For the information of the Honourable Member for Baleh, my ministry through the DOA Sarawak will apply for the installation of solar electricity utilities and office furniture under JKR Sarawak for 13th MP. For the information of the Honourable Member for Murum, the Agricultural Stations in Tegulang, and Metalun are currently in the process of preparing site relocation documents following the site visit conducted recently with the Land and Survey Department and Jabatan Kerja Raya Sarawak. As for Agriculture Station in Tubau, it is currently at the final design stage and is expected to be tendered at the third quarter of this year.

Riverbank and Coastal Erosion Protection

For the information of the Honourable Member for Tellian, for *Projek Pemuliharaan Tebingan Batang Mukah antara Sg. Penakub & Sg. Tellian*, the project has been approved with project cost of RM40 million during 12th Malaysia Plan Mid-Term Review. To date, the detailed design for the project has been completed.

For the *Projek Pengawalan Hakisan Pantai Petanak, Daerah Mukah*, the project has been approved with the project cost of RM20 million under RADDA. Currently, it is in the process of appointing consultant to carry out detailed design for the project.

As for the riverbank erosion and siltation problem at Kampung Tellian Ulu to Kampung Tellian Laut, Nanga Sikat and Muara Batang Mukah respectively, DID Sarawak will investigate and study on the proposal.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Lingga, DID Sarawak acknowledges the current condition of the riverbank stretching from Kampung Agropolitan Seduku to Lingga Town. The Department concurs with the proposal to develop an alternative route as a more viable solution, in lieu of constructing a new riverbank protection structure along approximately 2 kilometers, which is estimated to incur a cost of RM200 million.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Lingga, the Federal Government has approved “*Projek Mengatasi Banjir Pantai di Pantai Maludam*” with an estimated project cost of RM17.3 million. This project will protect Pantai Tanjung Riong Maludam from coastal flooding and erosion including the main road and is now under the procurement stage.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Kabong, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security had approved RM300,000 to repair the eroded bund at Lubok Grami Sessang, Kabong and targeted to commence in June 2025.

Farm Road

For the information of the Honourable Member for Meluan, my ministry through the DOA Sarawak has received the farm road application for Rumah Jana Batu Matop and we will inspect the site for verification and process accordingly before approval, subject to the availability of fund.

Skrang Scheme

For the information of the Honourable Member for Engkilili, my ministry through the Sarawak Land Development Board (SLDB) will engage in a dialogue session with the residents of the Skrang Scheme. We will carry out a comprehensive review of records pertaining to land titles and loans to ensure that any proposed resolution put forward is fair, transparent and inclusive.

Land Ownership for Oil Palm Smallholders

For the information of the Honourable Member for Telang Usan, my ministry will collaborate with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Urban Development (MUDeNR) to find best solution on land ownership for oil palm smallholders.

Agriculture Development Proposal

For the information of the Honourable Member for Balingian, Kalaka, Bukit Semuja, Meluan, Krian, Engkilili, Serembu, Kabong, Tamin and Beting Maro, my ministry duly noted and appreciate on all requests, comments and recommendations related to various agriculture assistance, farm road and development in your constituencies.

Conclusion

Tuan Speaker, in conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude and thanks to Tuan Speaker and Deputy Speaker for your wisdom and firmness in ensuring that the proceedings were conducted with proper decorum and dignity in this august House. My appreciation and thanks also go to the State Secretary, State Attorney General, State Financial Secretary, Federal Secretary, Head of Departments, officers from the various State and Federal Ministries and Agencies for their dedication and hard work in providing input and support for the smooth proceedings of this august House.

My special thanks to the media for their coverage of the proceedings. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all Sarawakian *Selamat Hari Gawai Gayu Guru, Gera! Nyamai, Lantang Senang, Nguan Menoa* and to all my Muslim friends, *Selamat Hari Raya Haji* and before I take my seat, I will have one *rangkap pantun sahaja*, I'm trying to learn pantun

*Pan Borneo jalai cukup manah,
Mai kereta anang kelalu laju;
Maya begawai begulai manah-manah,
Pengidup likun Sarawak maju.*

With that Tuan Speaker, I wish to say my appreciation and gratitude and support the Motion of Appreciation of the Tuan Yang Terutama in his opening address in this august House. Thank you very much.

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you very much, Yang Berhormat Menteri, Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom, Menteri Industri Makanan Komuniti dan Pembangunan Wilayah di atas ucapan penggulungan tadi. Seterusnya, saya dengan hormatnya menjemput Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah, Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan. Silakan, Yang Berhormat Dato Sri.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.56 Dalat (YB Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Salam Sejahtera, Salam Sarawakku, Sayang Salam Segulai Sejalai.

PENDAHULUAN

Tuan Speaker, saya dengan penuh hormat dan takzim merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar atas titah ucapan pembukaan yang penuh wibawa, menyentuh pelbagai aspek utama pembangunan negeri, serta mencerminkan kepimpinan berpengalaman yang sentiasa berpandangan jauh dan berjiwa rakyat.

Kementerian kami menyambut baik penekanan Tuan Yang Terutama terhadap kesejahteraan rakyat dan akan terus menggembleng tenaga bersama agensi-agensi berkaitan untuk melaksanakan agenda pembangunan kesejahteraan yang lebih holistik antaranya merangkumi bantuan kebajikan, perumahan, kesihatan, keselamatan sosial dan pemerikasaan ekonomi golongan rentan seperti ibu tunggal, warga emas dan Orang Kurang Upaya (OKU).

Tuan Speaker, izinkan saya menyertai Dewan yang mulia ini dalam merakamkan ucapan takziah kepada keluarga Almarhum Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, mantan Perdana Menteri Malaysia yang kelima, atas pemergian beliau pada 14 April 2025. Almarhum Tun akan terus dikenang sebagai pemimpin yang bersifat sederhana, berakhlak tinggi dan amat menitikberatkan pembangunan insan. Pentadbiran beliau telah memberi penekanan kepada pendekatan Islam Hadhari, prinsip tadbir urus baik dan keseimbangan antara kemajuan ekonomi dan nilai kemanusiaan. Sesungguhnya, pemergian Almarhum Tun merupakan kehilangan besar buat negara dan seluruh rakyat Malaysia.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, on his esteemed appointment as the Chairman of the Malaysian Islamic Welfare Organisation (PERKIM).

This appointment which places him in a role previously held by esteemed national leaders like the late Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj and Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, is not only a true testament to his exemplary leadership, unwavering commitment to social harmony, and tireless efforts in promoting unity, compassion, and inclusive development for all Malaysians, but also a moment of great pride for Sarawak. It marks national recognition of the Premier's far-reaching vision and steadfast dedication to the wellbeing of all communities. Once again, congratulations on this significant appointment.

KEMENTERIAN PEMBANGUNAN WANITA, KANAK-KANAK DAN KESEJAHTERAAN KOMUNITI – PENCAPAIAN BIDANG KEBERHASILAN UTAMA KEMENTERIAN

Tuan Speaker, seterusnya, saya akan melaporkan pencapaian kementerian dalam tiga (3) bidang keberhasilan utama iaitu:

- (a) *Pemeriksaan Kanak-Kanak (Empowering Children);*
- (b) *Pemeriksaan Wanita dan Keluarga (Empowering Women and Family); dan*
- (c) *Pemeriksaan Komuniti Melalui Sistem Sokongan Sosial yang Inklusif (Empowering Community Through Inclusive Social Support System).*

Pemeriksaan Kanak-Kanak (Empowering Children)

Equitable access to quality early childhood care and education is essential to ensure every child has a strong start in life and the opportunity to reach their full potential. Allow me to report several initiatives in this area.

- (a) *Introducing Coding at an Early Age, Building Digital Foundations for the Future*

Recognising the importance of preparing our children for a technology-driven future, through SeDidik, we have introduced the KIDS: Bits and Bytes Digital Literacy Program. This initiative, launched in partnership with the Dariu Foundation, the Rolf Schnyder Foundation, Swinburne University Sarawak, and our ministry, marks a significant milestone in early childhood digital education.

Since its pilot in 2023 at six SeDidik centres, the programme has expanded to 64 centres across Sarawak. To date, 117 teachers have been trained and 1,435 preschoolers including children with special needs have benefited from the age-appropriate training in coding, digital literacy, and internet safety. With the donation of 427 tablets, the programme is now fully embedded in the SeDidik preschool curriculum, making Sarawak the first state in Malaysia to implement such a programme at scale. This investment in quality and equity ensures our children are not left behind in the digital age.

- (b) *Young Writers Programs*

As part of our mission to deliver quality early childhood education, we have introduced the Young Writers programme, a value-added initiative. This is a collaborative initiative between SeDidik, the Sarawak State Library, and the National Library Board of Singapore, designed to cultivate early literacy and creativity in young learners. Through this programme, children are guided to write and illustrate simple storybooks – an engaging process that nurtures their imagination while laying a strong foundation in language and storytelling skills.

In addition to promoting literacy, the programme enhances fine motor and cognitive development. Writing and drawing activities help strengthen hand-eye coordination, sharpen focus, and encourage higher-order thinking. It also fosters expressive communication, empowering children to convey their thoughts, feelings, and experiences through both words and visuals. To date, 707 storybooks, including creative pop-up books, have been produced by the children – each one a testament to their originality, effort, and growing confidence as young authors.

- (c) *Early Screening and Intervention for Children with Special Needs*

In the spirit of inclusive education, we continue to prioritise early screening and intervention for children with developmental delays. As of 30th April 2025, 1,245 children under the age of six have been registered as persons with disabilities in Sarawak, with 77% diagnosed with learning disabilities. However, we are fully aware that many children remain undiagnosed, and that early intervention remains constrained by a shortage of specialists.

To address this, the OSEIC Transition Pilot Programme was launched in collaboration with TOY8 and the Sarawak Association of Kindergarten Operators (AKO), supported by the Government

of Japan and the Nippon Foundation. The programme facilitates children's transition from early intervention to inclusive preschool settings, with structured support, including screening, teacher training, observation, and continuous monitoring. It is currently being piloted in three (3) Association of Kindergarten Operators (AKO) preschools, with three (3) children undergoing transition. Weekly consultations with National Early Childhood Intervention Council (NECIC) specialists ensure progress is closely monitored.

In addition, 31 OSEIC teachers have been trained and certified to use TOY8's digital developmental screening tool. 70 children on the waiting list have already been screened, with a target of 200 screenings by the end of May.

To expand capacity at the grassroots level, we have also implemented a Training of Trainers (ToT) model in SeDidik. Six teachers have been certified as master trainers, and 30 teachers across six zones have since been trained and certified to conduct screenings. As of 30th April 2025, 300 SeDidik children have been screened and are being identified for intervention.

In response to the Honourable Member for N.28 Lingga, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your concern and your request to establish the One Stop Early Intervention Centre (OSEIC) Sarawak in each division, especially in Sri Aman. I am pleased to inform this august House that OSEIC Sarawak Sri Aman is in our planning for the 13th Malaysia Plan (RMK-13). We look forward to the approval of this project under RMK-13, in line with our shared commitment to improve early intervention services.

*Langkah bermula dari asuhan,
Nilai dibentuk jiwa teratur;
Didikan awal membina insan,
Pemacu Sarawak maju dan makmur.*

*Pemeriksaan Wanita dan Keluarga
(Empowering Women and Family)*

Tuan Speaker, speaking at the ASEAN Women Economic Summit 2025, Malaysia's Minister for Investment, Trade and Industry, Datuk Seri Utama Tengku Zafrul Aziz, remarked, "*Women's empowerment is the key to sustainable and resilient economies*". Kementerian melalui Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak (JWKS) terus komited dalam memperkukuh peranan wanita dan institusi keluarga sebagai teras kepada masyarakat Sarawak yang inklusif dan berdaya tahan menjelang 2030.

Pada tahun ini sehingga 30 April 2025, pelbagai inisiatif telah dilaksanakan antaranya *Women Skills Training*, Program Sokongan Sosial dan Advokasi, Program Keusahawanan Wanita dan pemberian Geran Pemerikasaan kepada Pertubuhan Bukan Kerajaan (NGO).

Women Skills Training (WST)

Bagi tahun 2025, pelaksanaan inisiatif pemerikasaan wanita melalui latihan kemahiran vokasional seperti Kursus Jahitan, Kulinari, Kecantikan serta Spa dan Urut telah dirancang untuk dilaksanakan secara bersemuka dan dalam talian. Secara keseluruhan, program ini merangkumi sebanyak 224 kursus iaitu 158 Kursus Jahitan, 22 Kursus Kulinari, 22 Kursus Kecantikan serta 22 Kursus Spa dan Urut.

Pada tahun ini setakat bulan April, sebanyak 81 kursus yang dilaksanakan telah memberi manfaat kepada 2,050 peserta. Daripada jumlah tersebut, seramai 1,518 peserta iaitu bersamaan dengan 74% telah memulakan perniagaan dan menjana pendapatan sendiri, manakala 532 peserta iaitu bersamaan dengan 26% telah menambah baik kemahiran sedia ada hasil daripada latihan yang diterima.

Program Sokongan Sosial dan Advokasi

Dalam usaha berterusan untuk melahirkan masyarakat yang berpengetahuan dan peka mengenai hak, perundangan serta keselamatan wanita dan institusi keluarga, kursus advokasi kekal menjadi satu daripada agenda Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak (JWKS). Setakat April 2025, tiga kursus advokasi iaitu Kursus Anti *Scam Literacy* (ASL), *Pocket Talk* dan ceramah berkenaan Keganasan Rumah Tangga telah berjaya dilaksanakan bersama rakan strategik. Dan ketiga-tiga kursus ini telah memberi manfaat kepada 590 peserta.

Program Keusahawanan JWKS

Seterusnya, program keusahawanan, Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak (JWKS). Kementerian kami melalui Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak (JWKS), melaksanakan program pemerkasaan ekonomi wanita Sarawak yang menyasarkan golongan ketua isi rumah wanita dan ibu tunggal dalam kumpulan B40.

Inisiatif ini merangkumi dua jenis bantuan keusahawanan iaitu Bantuan Ketua Isi Rumah Wanita Sarawak (KIRWaS) yang diberikan dalam bentuk tunai dan Geran Modal Pemerkasaan Wanita Sarawak yang disalurkan dalam bentuk peralatan perniagaan.

Sejak tahun 2022 sehingga 2024, seramai 1,814 usahawan wanita menerima manfaat daripada Bantuan KIRWaS iaitu Bantuan Ketua Isi Rumah Wanita Sarawak. Dan daripada jumlah tersebut, seramai 1,311 usahawan berhasil menjana pendapatan bulanan. Sehingga kini, pendapatan tertinggi ialah RM3,950.

Di samping itu, seramai 877 (69%) usahawan daripada 1,274 penerima Geran Modal Pemerkasaan Wanita Sarawak berjaya merekodkan peningkatan pendapatan dalam tempoh setahun selepas menerima bantuan.

Bagi memperluas capaian maklumat serta meningkatkan kefahaman berkaitan proses permohonan kedua-dua bantuan tersebut, program Jelajah Pemerkasaan Wanita Sarawak telah dilaksanakan secara interaktif dan bersifat *hands-on*.

Pada tahun ini, 12 siri Jelajah Pemerkasaan Wanita Sarawak akan dilaksanakan. Setakat April, sebanyak empat siri jelajah telah berjaya diadakan di Meradong, Daro, Subis dan Gedong dengan penyertaan seramai 648 peserta.

Geran Pemerkasaan NGO

Seterusnya, Geran Pemerkasaan NGO. Pada tahun 2025, sejumlah RM200,000 telah diluluskan untuk Geran Pemerkasaan NGO bagi mengupayakan NGO yang memerlukan sumber kewangan untuk melaksanakan aktiviti yang selari dengan visi dan misi Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak (JWKS). Sebanyak RM24,533 telah disalurkan kepada lapan NGO setakat April 2025.

Tuan Speaker, bagi memperkukuh penglibatan NGO sebagai rakan strategik, sebanyak tiga sesi libat urus yang melibatkan seramai 282 peserta telah diadakan di Sri Aman, Kapit dan Lawas. Sesi libat urus ini bertujuan menjelaskan objektif dan tatacara permohonan geran.

*Songket indah tenunan budaya,
Warisan luhur penuh bermakna;
Wanita perkasa penggerak bangsa,
Tunjang keluarga, nadi negara.*

**PEMERKASAAN KOMUNITI MELALUI SISTEM SOKONGAN SOSIAL YANG INKLUSIF
(EMPOWERING COMMUNITY THROUGH INCLUSIVE SOCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEM)**

Tuan Speaker, Pemerkasaan Komuniti Melalui Sistem Sokongan Sosial Yang Inklusif (*Empowering Community Through Inclusive Social Support System*).

(a) Bantuan Kebajikan Untuk Golongan Rentan

Kerajaan melalui Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak komited dalam memperkukuh jaringan keselamatan sosial dengan menyalurkan bantuan bulanan kepada golongan sasaran seperti warga emas, Orang Kurang Upaya (OKU), kanak-kanak dan golongan fakir miskin bagi memastikan kebajikan mereka terpelihara.

(b) Bantuan Kewangan Bulanan Kebajikan

Pelbagai skim bantuan yang diberikan secara bulanan merupakan satu usaha kerajaan Sarawak dan Persekutuan dalam memastikan kebajikan golongan sasaran yang memerlukan sentiasa terbela. Pada tahun ini, Kerajaan Negeri dan Persekutuan telah meluluskan peruntukan berjumlah RM230 juta. Setakat bulan April, sebanyak RM98,816,400 telah disalurkan kepada 55,184 penerima.

(c) Bantuan Kesihatan Bersasar

Bagi tahun 2025 Kerajaan Sarawak telah memperuntukkan sejumlah RM6.8 juta bagi Bantuan Kesihatan Bersasar meliputi Bantuan Pesakit Buah Pinggang, Bantuan Perubatan dan Bantuan Alat Tiruan ataupun Sokongan. Setakat bulan Mei 2025, sejumlah RM5.8 juta telah dibelanjakan dan memberi manfaat kepada 308 penerima.

(d) Kesejahteraan Warga Emas

Tuan Speaker, Kesejahteraan Warga Emas, sebagai persediaan menghadapi peralihan Sarawak kepada status negeri menua "*an ageing state*" menjelang tahun 2028 seperti unjuran Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM), Kerajaan Sarawak terus memperkukuh usaha ke arah kesejahteraan dan kebajikan warga emas di Sarawak.

Antara inisiatif yang dilaksanakan adalah:

(a) Pusat Aktiviti Warga Emas atau (PAWE).

Kerajaan Sarawak melalui Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak, telah menyalurkan Geran Negeri Pertubuhan Sukarela Kebajikan (PSK) kepada Pusat Aktiviti Warga Emas (PAWE) bagi membiayai pelaksanaan pelbagai program dan aktiviti sosial, pendidikan, agama dan sokongan psikososial agar warga emas kekal aktif, sihat dan berdikari. Pada tahun 2024, sebanyak 10 buah PAWE telah menerima geran berjumlah RM100,215. Manakala, sehingga Mei 2025, sejumlah RM95,986.00 telah disalurkan kepada sembilan (9) buah PAWE.

(b) Kenyalang Gold Card (KGC)

Setakat April 2025, seramai 324,682 warga emas telah berdaftar sebagai pemegang KGC dan menerima pelbagai faedah dan keistimewaan melalui pemberian diskaun, rebat serta akses kepada perkhidmatan yang ditawarkan oleh 1,075 syarikat perniagaan dan penyedia perkhidmatan yang berdaftar sebagai rakan strategik KGC.

(c) Senior Citizen Health Benefit (SCHB)

Bagi tahun 2025, Kerajaan Sarawak telah meluluskan peruntukan sejumlah RM50 juta bagi inisiatif ini. Sehingga 30 April 2025, seramai 176,890 warga emas telah berdaftar dalam sistem SCHB, dan sebanyak 279 hospital atau klinik swasta telah berdaftar sebagai panel. Daripada jumlah warga emas yang berdaftar, seramai 57,252 (32%) telah menggunakan kemudahan tersebut yang melibatkan perbelanjaan sebanyak RM8.29 juta.

(d) Sarawak International Conference on Ageing (SICA) 2025

Bersempena dengan Sambutan Hari Warga Emas pada bulan Oktober, kementerian kami, dengan kerjasama Sarawak Gerontology and Geriatrics Society (SGGS), buat julung kalinya akan menganjurkan *Sarawak International Conference on Ageing* ataupun (SICA) 2025 pada 28 hingga 29 Oktober 2025, dengan tema "*Ageing with Dignity: Policies for Rights, Inclusion and Social Protection*". Penganjuran SICA 2025 merupakan sebuah platform strategik Kerajaan Sarawak bagi mendapatkan input untuk membangun dan memperkukuh dasar, pelan tindakan, perkhidmatan, serta intervensi sosial yang bersifat holistik, inklusif dan bersepadu demi memenuhi keperluan dan menjamin kesejahteraan warga emas secara mampan.

Tuan Speaker, Kementerian komited dalam meneruskan kolaborasi dan kerjasama dengan rakan-rakan strategik melalui urus tadbir Majlis Pembangunan Sosial Sarawak dalam menangani isu-isu sosial utama di Sarawak.

SOKONGAN SOSIAL DAN RUJUKAN INTERVENSI

(a) Isu Kewarganegaraan

Dokumen Sementara untuk Individu Tanpa Kewarganegaraan di Sarawak atau singkatannya (DSITKS). Bagi tempoh 1 Januari 2024 hingga 19 Mei 2025, kementerian telah menerima sebanyak 95 permohonan Dokumen Sementara Individu Tanpa Kewarganegaraan di Sarawak atau DSITKS dan daripada jumlah tersebut sebanyak 35 permohonan telah diluluskan, manakala baki selebihnya telah ditolak kerana tidak memenuhi syarat permohonan, antaranya tiada sijil lahir, bukan sijil lahir yang didaftarkan di Sarawak, tiada permohonan kewarganegaraan di bawah Perkara 15A Perlembagaan Persekutuan dan pemohon berumur lebih daripada 21 tahun.

(b) Kemasukan Indikator "K" bagi Kes Anomali

Dalam ucapan penggulungan di sesi persidangan Dewan yang lalu, saya telah memaklumkan bahawa Kerajaan Sarawak pada 26 September 2024 telah meluluskan kemasukan *indicator* "K" ke dalam kad pengenalan kanak-kanak yang diberikan kewarganegaraan di bawah Perkara 15A Perlembagaan Persekutuan yang diangkat oleh pasangan/ ibu bapa warganegara pemastautin Sarawak yang memiliki indikator "K" sebagai satu dasar tambahan untuk diterima pakai oleh Jabatan Pendaftaran Negara (JPN) Negeri Sarawak.

Setakat 30 April 2025, JPN Negeri Sarawak telah menerima dan meluluskan sebanyak 42 permohonan kemasukan indikator "K" ke dalam kad pengenalan bagi kanak-kanak yang terlibat.

(c) Isu Penyalahgunaan Dadah dan Substans

Seperti yang dilaporkan dalam ucapan penggulungan persidangan Dewan yang lepas, Kementerian komited membanteras isu penyalahgunaan dadah dan substans secara holistik

dan bersepadu melalui tadbir urus *One Stop Committee* (OSC) bagi Menangani Isu Dadah dan Substans (MIDS).

Antara pencapaian utama *One Stop Committee* (OSC) bagi Menangani Isu Dadah dan Substans (MIDS) adalah:

- (a) Berjaya menyekat penawaran serta permintaan terhadap dadah menerusi penangkapan seramai 4,707 pengedar dengan nilai rampasan dadah bernilai RM280 juta oleh Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) dan Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia;
- (b) Peningkatan kepada 69% (6,268 daripada 9,052) individu yang dikesan menyalahgunakan dadah tampil mendapatkan rawatan dan pemulihan pada tahun 2024 dari 63% (5,596 daripada 8,840) pada tahun 2023. *So, there is an increase* kepada 69% of those who comes forward untuk mendapat rawatan dan pemulihan;
- (c) Peningkatan sebanyak 12% bilangan individu terjebak penyalahgunaan dadah yang tampil secara sukarela (*voluntary basis*) untuk mendapatkan rawatan dan pemulihan iaitu 1,841 individu pada tahun 2024 berbanding seramai 1,641 individu pada tahun 2023;
- (d) Pengurangan peratusan murid positif ujian urin kepada 0.92% (35 daripada 3,770 murid) pada tahun 2024, berbanding 1.89% (48 daripada 2,536 murid) pada tahun 2023, serta berjaya merekodkan sifar murid positif untuk ujian urin kali kedua pada tahun 2023 dan 2024.

Bagi memantapkan usaha membanteras penyalahgunaan dadah dan substans secara bersepadu, kementerian telah menambah baik Pelan Tindakan Menangani Isu Dadah dan Substans di Sarawak dengan turut memberi fokus terhadap pemerkasaan komuniti kepulihan (*recovery community*) di Sarawak. Antara inisiatif yang dikenal pasti adalah:

- (a) Meningkatkan penyertaan komuniti dalam proses rawatan dan pemulihan di peringkat akar umbi melalui pemerkasaan Jawatankuasa Pemulihan Dadah Daerah;
- (b) Memperluaskan rawatan dan pemulihan terhadap komuniti terjebak dadah dan substans dengan menyediakan akses yang meluas dan berterusan; dan
- (c) Menubuhkan fasiliti sokongan sosial untuk komuniti kepulihan (*recovery community*) mendapat rujukan intervensi yang diperlukan seperti di *Community Development and Intervention Centre* (CDIC) yang bertempat dalam komuniti itu sendiri.

Sehubungan ini, saya ingin merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi N.2 Tasik Biru dan Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi N.66 Murum, di atas sumbangan peruntukan yang amat bermakna dalam menyokong penubuhan *Community Development and Intervention Centre* (CDIC) di Daerah Bau dan Sungai Asap, Belaga.

Penubuhan CDIC adalah salah satu komponen penting dalam Pelan Tindakan Bersepadu bagi Menangani Isu Dadah dan Substans di Sarawak, yang bertujuan untuk memperkukuh usaha pencegahan, rawatan dan pemulihan penyalahgunaan dadah dalam komuniti. This is what we meant by holistic strategy.

Low Income Family Empowerment (LIFE)

Kementerian turut melaksanakan inisiatif *Low Income Family Empowerment* (LIFE) yang bertujuan memberi sokongan kepada keluarga berpendapatan rendah dalam kalangan yang terjebak isu sosial. Bantuan secara *one-off* yang diberikan adalah dalam bentuk peralatan bagi menjana pendapatan. Sehingga Mei 2025, sejumlah RM863,174 telah dibelanjakan untuk pembekalan peralatan kepada 185 peserta yang terdiri daripada 100 peserta komuniti kepulihan, *those on recovery* dan 85 peserta daripada keluarga isi rumah yang miskin.

Tuan Speaker, izinkan saya berkongsi dua kisah kejayaan individu daripada komuniti rentan, *the disadvantage* yang telah mendapat manfaat melalui Program LIFE ini. Kisah pertama adalah mengenai seorang wanita yang pernah terlibat dalam penyalahgunaan dadah dan substans. Melalui sokongan yang diberikan di bawah inisiatif LIFE dan dengan kemahiran masakan yang ada pada beliau, beliau berjaya memulakan perniagaan gerai makanan yang kini mendapat sambutan yang menggalakkan daripada komuniti setempat. Hasil usahanya, perniagaan tersebut kini, beliau mampu berdikari dan memperoleh pendapatan melebihi RM2,100 sebulan. Alhamdulillah.

Kisah kedua, Tuan Speaker, adalah mengenai seorang bekas komuniti kepulihan yang mempunyai minat mendalam dalam bidang fotografi. Melalui inisiatif LIFE, beliau telah menerima bantuan peralatan fotografi. Kini, beliau berjaya mengembangkan kerjayanya sebagai jurugambar profesional sepenuh masa, dengan pendapatan bulanan melebihi RM1,800. Selain itu, melalui platform Program Randau Pembangunan Sosial (RPS), beliau pernah dijemput untuk berkongsi kisah hidup dan pengalamannya dalam proses pemulihan untuk menginspirasi komuniti kepulihan yang lain.

Tuan Speaker, kejayaan ini mencerminkan wujudnya *help-seeking behaviour* dalam kalangan komuniti kepulihan di Sarawak, iaitu kesediaan mereka untuk mendapatkan bantuan bagi memulihkan diri mereka. Perkara ini sekali gus menunjukkan bahawa sistem sokongan yang kukuh serta kolaborasi antara agensi memainkan peranan penting dalam menggalakkan akses kepada bantuan, menyokong kesinambungan kepulihan dan memulihkan kefungsi sosial golongan ini secara berkesan.

Geran Pemerkasaan Pertubuhan Bukan Kerajaan (NGO)

Salah satu inisiatif di bawah Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 (RMK-12) bagi memperkukuh sistem sokongan sosial dan meningkatkan kesejahteraan komuniti adalah pelaksanaan Geran Pemerkasaan NGO. Geran ini bertujuan membantu NGO melaksanakan pelbagai program intervensi sosial seperti program *outreach* komuniti, taklimat kesedaran isu sosial, inisiatif menyantuni kumpulan rentan, serta latihan literasi dan kemahiran yang berkaitan. Bagi tahun 2024 dan 2025, sejumlah RM1,115,920 telah diperuntukkan bagi pelaksanaan geran ini. Dan daripada jumlah tersebut, sebanyak RM665,252.80 telah disalurkan kepada 22 NGO berdaftar.

Tuan Speaker, Kementerian akan terus memperkukuh kerjasama strategik dengan pelbagai agensi kerajaan, NGO dan masyarakat dalam memperkasakan usaha untuk meningkatkan kesejahteraan komuniti secara menyeluruh dan inklusif.

BERSAMA DALAM KEPELBAGAIAN: MENYEMAI KASIH DI HARI PERAYAAN

Program Sumbangsih Tahun Baharu Cina, Hari Raya Aidilfitri, dan Hari Gawai Dayak

Sebagai tanda penghargaan kepada pengorbanan anggota keselamatan, penguatkuasa dan badan-badan beruniform yang bertugas semasa perayaan utama di Sarawak, *only in Sarawak*, program sumbangsih yang dimulakan pada tahun 1990 terus dilaksanakan. Setinggi-tinggi ucapan terima kasih atas keprihatinan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier atas pengumuman agar Program Sumbangsih ini diperluas kepada sambutan Tahun Baharu Cina dan Hari Gawai Dayak. Ini selaras dengan dasar keterangkuman yang digariskan dalam Strategi Pembangunan Pasca Covid-19 2030.

Pada 22 Mei yang lepas, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier telah menyempurnakan Majlis Simbolik Penyerahan sebanyak 11,900 pek Sumbangsih Gawai Dayak 2025 kepada 11 agensi yang terdiri daripada anggota keselamatan, penguatkuasa dan badan-badan beruniform.

Program Majlis Sejambak Kasih: Keprihatinan Sempena Musim Perayaan

Program Majlis Sejambak Kasih mencerminkan keprihatinan Kerajaan Sarawak untuk membantu penerima Bantuan Bulanan Kebajikan dalam membuat persediaan menyambut

perayaan. Sehingga Mei 2025, sebanyak RM5.14 juta telah dibelanjakan dan memberi manfaat kepada 48,354 orang penerima.

KESIAPSIAGAAN DALAM MENGHADAPI BENCANA

Dalam persediaan menghadapi Monsun Timur Laut 2025/ 2026, Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak telah mengenal pasti 661 pusat pemindahan sementara di seluruh Sarawak dan mempunyai stok bantuan mangsa bencana di Depoh Simpanan Keperluan Bencana Samarahan, sebuah Mini Depoh di Miri dan sebuah di Lawas, 16 buah stor bencana di Pejabat Kebajikan Bahagian dan Daerah, serta 31 Pangkalan Hadapan Bencana di Sarawak, *forward base*.

Bantuan Kepada Mangsa Bencana

Kementerian melalui Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak telah menyalurkan bantuan kepada mangsa bencana bagi meringankan beban yang ditanggung akibat kehilangan harta benda serta gangguan terhadap kehidupan harian mangsa. Dari Januari hingga 30 April 2025, Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak telah menyalurkan bantuan berjumlah RM21.1 juta kepada 168,574 mangsa bencana.

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan Sarawak telah meluluskan kadar baharu Bantuan Bencana untuk mangsa banjir, tanah runtuh, kebakaran dan ribut mulai tahun 2025 seperti berikut:

- (a) Bekalan makanan peringkat awal secara *one-off* pada kadar RM75.00 untuk satu pek bagi bilangan isi rumah satu hingga lima orang;
- (b) Bantuan segera secara *one-off* yang merangkumi:
 - (i) Wang saku pada kadar RM200.00 seorang;
 - (ii) Pakaian harian pada kadar RM300.00 seorang;
 - (iii) Makanan kering pada kadar RM100.00 seorang; dan
 - (iv) Kelengkapan tidur pada kadar RM200.00 seorang.
- (c) Bantuan persekolahan sekiranya ada di antara mangsa bencana itu adalah dari kalangan anak-anak yang masih bersekolah, bantuan persekolahan secara *one-off* yang merangkumi:
 - (i) Pakaian sekolah (pakaian seragam dan kasut) pada kadar RM300.00 seorang; dan
 - (ii) Peralatan sekolah (beg dan alat tulis) pada kadar RM200.00 seorang.
- (d) Bantuan peralatan dapur secara *one-off* pada kadar RM1,000.00 bagi sebuah rumah;
- (e) Bantuan perlindungan secara *one-off* untuk membeli bahan binaan kediaman seperti *spandex* kah, bahan binaan kediaman sementara atau sewaan rumah pada kadar minimum RM1,000.00 hingga maksimum RM10,000.00 bagi sebuah rumah; kemudian;
- (f) Bantuan makanan harian di Pusat Pemindahan Sementara (PPS) sama ada disediakan secara makanan bungkus atau catuan makanan untuk dimasak disediakan pada kadar RM50.00 seorang sehari; dan
- (g) Bantuan makanan kering kepada mangsa yang terputus hubungan pada kadar RM100.00 untuk satu pek seorang untuk tempoh seminggu.

PEMERKASAAN ORANG KURANG UPAYA (OKU) DALAM BIDANG SUKAN

Tuan Speaker, pelbagai inisiatif dilaksana bagi menggalakkan penyertaan aktif Orang Kurang Upaya (OKU) di dalam bidang sukan, sama ada di peringkat kebangsaan mahupun antarabangsa. Usaha ini bukan sahaja membuka peluang, *provide opportunities* malah mengangkat potensi dan *dignity* OKU di persada dunia. Antaranya ialah:

(a) Penganjuran *Special Olympic Sarawak 7th State Games*

Kementerian melalui Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak dengan kerjasama *Special Olympics Kuching Chapter* telah menganjurkan *Special Olympics Sarawak* edisi ke-7 pada 2 hingga 5 Mei 2025.

Temasya dwi-tahunan ini telah menghimpunkan seramai 461 orang terdiri daripada 358 orang atlet kecacatan intelektual (*intellectual disabilities*), lima (5) orang Ketua Delegasi dan 98 orang pegawai daripada lima (5) *chapter* iaitu Kuching, Samarahan, Sibu, Bintulu, dan Miri dengan tujuh (7) jenis sukan yang dipertandingkan iaitu Badminton, Tenpin Bowling, Bocce, Ping Pong, Bola Sepak, Olahraga dan Renang.

Seramai 56 atlet cemerlang yang telah dikenalpasti dari kejohanan ini akan mewakili Sarawak ke *Special Olympic Malaysia* Sukan Kebangsaan di Ipoh, Perak yang dijadualkan pada 27 hingga 30 Jun 2025.

(b) Penyertaan Antarabangsa

Kerajaan Sarawak telah memperuntukkan geran berjumlah RM825,100.00 bagi membiayai atlet Para Sarawak untuk menyertai kejohanan di peringkat antarabangsa. Kejohanan yang telah disertai ialah:

(i) IBF Para Bowling World Championships Hong Kong 2025, China

Pada 17 hingga 24 Januari 2025, seramai 19 atlet Para Tenpin Bowling Sarawak telah mewakili Malaysia ke kejohanan tersebut. Saudara Abang Yahya bin Abang Azhar telah menjuarai kategori Individu Lelaki dan all event TPB4 (Kecacatan Intelektual), sementara saudara Marcos Chang Hao Hong menjuarai kategori individu dan all event TPB9 (Kecacatan Fizikal), menewaskan juara bertahan dari Korea Selatan dan Australia...(*Applause*)...Secara keseluruhannya, pasukan Para Tenpin Bowling Sarawak telah membawa pulang empat pingat emas, lima perak dan satu gangsa. Ha boleh tepuk kuat sikitlah...(*Applause*)...

(ii) Penyertaan Kejohanan 6th FAZZA Para Badminton, Dubai 2025

Kontinjen Para-Malaysia membawa pulang tiga pingat emas, satu perak, dan empat gangsa di kejohanan 6th FAZZA Para Badminton International Dubai 2025 yang telah berlangsung pada 5 hingga 11 Mei 2025. Saudara Ashley Irenaeus bin Jack, ini di kawasan saya la dan saudari Nurzammiezatul Syafiqqah Mohamad Zamberi merupakan atlet para-badminton Sarawak turut bersama kontinjen Para Malaysia dalam kejohanan tersebut. Walaupun kali pertama menyertai kejohanan antarabangsa ini, Nurzammiezatul Syafiqqah dan pasangan regu telah menyumbang satu pingat gangsa dalam acara Beregu Campuran SH6. Ini untuk kategori, ini gambarnya ya...(*Applause*)...

(iii) Pengiktirafan dan Penghargaan Kepada Atlet OKU

Sempena Majlis Anugerah Sukan Negara 2024 pada 13 Mei 2025, di Grand Dorsett Hotel Subang, Selangor, saudara Bonnie Bunyau Gustin telah dinobatkan sebagai Olahragawan Paralimpik Kebangsaan...(*Applause*)...Pengiktirafan ini diberi

atas pencapaian cemerlang beliau memenangi pingat emas dalam temasya Sukan Paralimpik Tokyo 2020 dan Paris 2024 dalam acara *Powerlifting* 72 kg Lelaki.

Kejayaan ini menjadi inspirasi bagi Sarawak untuk meneruskan langkah mengemilangkan atlet para di pentas sukan antarabangsa. Tahniah dan Syabas kepada semua Atlet Para Sarawak!

PENUTUP

Akhir sekali, sebagai penutup, Tuan Speaker, as we reflect on the progress we have made and the road that lies ahead, let us remember that inclusive development is not a slogan, but a lived reality — made possible by a government that sees every citizen, at every stage of life, as a vital part of Sarawak's future.

From cradle to grave, the policies crafted and implemented under the leadership of the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier have embraced a people centred approach — uplifting the young, empowering women, protecting families, and restoring dignity to the vulnerable.

Our ministry together with steadfast cooperation of our strategic partners, remains firmly committed to this shared journey. With the government of the day, under the able, innovative, transformative and visionary leadership of Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, we will continue to sow the seeds of equity, compassion and opportunity, across every community, from the most rural to the most urban, ensuring no one is left behind and enjoy a united, harmonious, peaceful and prosperous Sarawak. (*Applause*).

*Bunga berkembang harum mewangi,
Disirami kasih, mekar berseri;
Kesejahteraan rakyat jadi misi,
Sarawak gemilang penuh integriti.*

Tuan Speaker, dengan kesempatan ini, kementerian kami juga ingin merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada semua rakan strategik yang telah bersama-sama menjayakan usaha merealisasikan aspirasi Sarawak Maju Makmur, berpandukan tema Inklusiviti: Tunjang Kesejahteraan Komuniti.

Tuan Speaker, setinggi-tinggi tahniah dan terima kasih diucapkan atas kebijaksanaan dan kecekapan Tuan Speaker mengendalikan sesi persidangan ini. Kepada semua Ahli Dewan yang mulia serta seluruh rakyat Sarawak, saya ucapkan Selamat Hari Gawai Dayak – *Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai, Lantang Senang Nguan Menoa*, dan Selamat Hari Raya Aidiladha.

With this, Tuan Speaker, I support the Motion of Appreciation of the Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak during his Opening Address in this Mesyuarat Pertama bagi Penggal Keempat Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak Ke-19. Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian, Timbalan Premier Sarawak; dan Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

Timbalan Premier Sarawak; Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.14 Batu Kawah (YB Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian): Thank you very much, Tuan Speaker for allowing me to deliver my winding up speech. First and foremost, I wish to extend my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Malaysia's Fifth Prime Minister on his passing. He was well known for the birth of economic growth corridors in Malaysia including our Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE).

I also would like to congratulate Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak for his appointment as President of Yang di-Pertua Pertubuhan Kebajikan Islam Malaysia (PERKIM), Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Muara Tuang for his reappointment as Timbalan Speaker of this august House and Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Satok for being appointed as Deputy Minister for Utilities looking after Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB) and Petroleum Sarawak Berhad (PETROS).

I also wish to record my sincere appreciation and thanks to His Excellency Governor of Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar for his address during the opening of the First Meeting of the Fourth Session 19th sitting of the Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak on the 19th of May 2025.

His Excellency Governor of Sarawak has urged the private sectors to support the government's efforts in boosting the economy and improving infrastructure. This call is timely as we are in the final stretch of our Post Covid-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030 which so far has put Sarawak on track to achieve international recognition in becoming one of the strategic investment destinations in this region due to our political stability, strong economic policies, daring venture into clean energy and green technology.

I also would like to record my sincere my appreciation to the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat who, during the course of their debates, either have commented or raised matters related to my ministry as well as agencies and departments under my purview and watching brief. I will now proceed with my winding up speech.

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MPHLG)

Tuan Speaker, the number of agencies under my ministry has grown from 29 to 31 with the operation of the Siburan District Council and the Sebuyau District Council, early this year. Other than the 27 local authorities, my ministry also oversees state departments and agencies namely the Department of Irrigation and Drainage Sarawak (DID), Sewerage Services Department Sarawak (SSD), Housing Development Corporation (HDC) and the Borneo Development Corporation (Sarawak) Sdn. Bhd. (BDC). In addition, the Sarawak State Health Department and the Fire and Rescue Department Malaysia Sarawak are also under my watching brief.

Development Projects and Programmes under Local Authorities

For the information of the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat in this august House, under the RMK-12, my ministry was allocated with a ceiling of RM470.436 million for the implementation of various projects by 25 local authorities. As of 30th April 2025, RM297.20 million (63%) of the approved allocation has been disbursed for various infrastructure projects such as roads and drainage improvements, improvement of waterfronts, upgrading of markets, provision of street lightings, traffic lights, public toilets, public libraries, landscape beautification and also rural facilities and amenities.

All of these projects are at various stages of implementation by respective local councils. Since 2018, 236 projects have been approved under *Projek Rakyat* with a total allocation of RM849.7 million for various agencies including local authorities such as BDA and DBKU. To date, 134 projects have been completed, while the remaining 102 are at various stages of implementation. As for the Rural Transformation Projects (RTP), the Sarawak Government has approved 7,328 RTP projects from 2015 to 2025, with a total allocation of RM1.288 billion to the local authorities. To date, the local authorities have successfully completed 5,588 projects, which accounts for 76% of the total approved projects. In 2025, the local authorities have been allocated with RM107.67 million for a total of 738 projects which are in various phases of implementation.

Under the Malaysian Road Record Information System (MARRIS), my ministry received RM283.237 million fund this year for the maintenance of council roads, including road furniture, shoulders, roadside drains, and related components within the jurisdictions of local authorities. As of 30th April 2025, RM78.866 million had been disbursed to the local authorities.

For the information of the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Machan, Tebedu and Krian, the request on maintenance of the roads under MARRIS in constituencies will be carried out under this fund. For the information of the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat in this august House, to date, 16 local authorities have been allocated a total of RM1.23 billion to implement 189 projects under the various regional development agencies namely,

- (a) Regional Corridor Development Authority (RECODA) – 2 projects;
- (b) Sri Aman Development Agency (SADA) – 9 projects;
- (c) Integrated Regional Samarahan Development Agency (IRSDA) – 29 projects;
- (d) Rajang Delta Development Agency (RADDA) – 29 projects;
- (e) Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA) – 63 projects; and
- (f) Greater Kuching Coordinated Development Agency (GKCDA) – 57 projects.

My ministry also receives funds from the Federal Government in first quarter of 2025 amounting to RM42.45 million to implement various projects.

SMART Community Development and Engagement Programmes

My ministry has allocated RM2 million in our ongoing SMART Community Development Programmes, to empower them to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. To date 184 programs have been approved with the total disbursement of RM1.234 million to the local authorities. SMART programs are aligned with Sarawak's green development agenda for environmental sustainability by involving the community.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) City Roadmap

My ministry has developed Sarawak SDG City Roadmaps for 25 local authorities since 2023 to ensure that it is aligned with the SDGs by implementing localised approaches in local authority respective areas. To date, my ministry has already finalised three (3) SDG City Roadmaps, namely the Sarawak SDG City Council Roadmap, Sarawak SDG Municipal Council Roadmap and Sarawak District Council Roadmap.

This year, my ministry has initiated the Child Friendly City Initiative (CFCI) in collaboration with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) with all the seven (7) major councils. To date six (6) major Councils namely MBKS, DBKU, BDA, SMC, MPP and MPKS have established Child Councils of diverse backgrounds and communities within their jurisdiction involving 123 children aged 10 to 18, for a two-year term. MCC is expected to form its own Child Council in due course.

Enhancing Urban Councillors Outreach

I would like to once again thank all the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat in this august House for supporting the Local Authorities (Amendment) Bill, 2025 recently passed by this august House on 20th May 2025. This shall alleviate the pressure faced by the city and municipal councils as the pressure to improve system delivery is increasing due to the ongoing rural-urban migration shift and rapid development experienced in these urban areas.

Issues Raised by the Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat

Waste Management

For the information of the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka, Baleh and Tebedu, as part of Sarawak Government effort to ensure environmental sustainability, various efforts are being implemented to improve waste management in rural, hard-to access areas. Other than relying on the conventional waste collection by compactor truck, Saratok and Kapit District Councils are encouraged to adopt a multi-pronged approach focusing on community involvement, technology and local resource utilization. This includes promoting composting, establishing community-level waste

collection systems and supporting informal waste collectors through the ministry's SMART program as a short-term measure to reduce river pollution while access roads to these areas are being improved. In Serian, Tebedu sanitary landfill level 2, which spans 4.25 acres is projected to remain operational for at least another five (5) years and has submitted the proposal to upgrade the waste disposal facility under RMK-13. The Sarawak Government currently is studying on the feasibility of implementing a modern incinerator-based waste management system to provide a sustainable long-term solution.

Establishment and Elevation of Local Authorities

For the information of the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Semuja and Bukit Begunan, local authority plays a crucial role in delivering essential services that are closest to the *rakyat*. From time to time, the Sarawak Government reviews the adequacy, functionality, and jurisdictional boundaries of local authorities in the Sarawak to determine the suitability of elevating their status or establishing new local authorities. These decisions are based on criteria set by KPKT, including population size, sustained revenue generation, and other relevant development benchmarks. These criteria came into force on 16th April 2025. The Sarawak Government will study the request and the eligibility such councils to be established.

Bintawa Hawkers Stall Walkway

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pending, the three (3) walkways at Bintawa Hawker Centre are still in the final phase of upgrading and have not yet been completed. The remaining work is planned for completion within this year.

Public Safety-CCTV

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Kitang, there currently more than 1,150 functioning CCTV within the local authorities' area in Sarawak. These CCTVs are installed using the local authorities' own fund, Smart Traffic Light project and Sarawak Multimedia Authority's projects. Under the RMK-13, more will be submitted in phases based on needs and site readiness.

Bus Terminal and Multipurpose Hall at Machan

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Machan, the Proposed Kanowit Integrated Business Centre which includes the upgrading of the bus terminal under RMK-13. I also wish to inform that the *Bina Baharu Dewan Serbaguna, Pekan Kanowit* which was approved in 2023 will be implemented by Jabatan Kerja Raya Sarawak (JKR) and is still in site identification stage.

Street Lighting

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Repok and Meluan, Sarikei District Councils and Maradong and Julau District Councils will propose the installation of streetlights under RMK-13.

Multistorey Carpark in Julau

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Meluan, Maradong and Julau District Council has presented the proposed Julau Multistorey Carpark cum Roof Top Food Court, Julau project to the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) on 13th June 2024 and pending approval.

Dirty Roads Caused by Construction Vehicles

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tupong, DBKU has acted in accordance with By-law 22 (d) of the City of Kuching North (Earthworks) By-laws, 2002, by issuing a total of 15 notices to developers responsible for causing dirt and debris on public roads. In addition, DBKU imposes a

Construction Waste Deposit of RM500 and a sum equivalent to 1% of the project value as a guarantee to cover the cost of repairing any road damage caused by construction activities.

Additional Fund to the Sri Aman District Council

For the information of the Yang Berhormat bagi Lingga, my ministry acknowledges the growing need and rising public expectations for improved infrastructure and services, particularly for well-maintained roads, adequate drainage systems to mitigate flooding and sufficient street lighting to enhance safety and visibility, including in the rural areas. In 2025, the Sri Aman District Council has been allocated a total budget of RM3.7 million under its own fund for development and maintenance works. In addition, RM10.3 million has been provided under the MARRIS allocation for road maintenance, along with RM6.3 million for programmes and development projects under RMK-12. This represents an overall increase of 37% compared to the Sri Aman District Council's total expenditure in 2024.

Multipurpose Hall

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Engkilili, Lubok Antu District Council has presented the *Cadangan Bina Baru Gelanggang dan Dewan Serbaguna Engkilili* to the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) on 14th October 2024 and pending approval.

Shortage of Manpower at Kota Samarahan Municipal Council

For the information of the Yang Berhormat bagi Stakan, the Human Resource Management and Development Unit (HRDM) of the Premier's Office is currently conducting a review and evaluation of the structure and functions of all Sarawak Government agencies. Once the exercise is completed, my ministry shall resume with the restructuring including the local authorities. In the interim, the ministry has deployed technical personnel to assist MPKS in implementing and delivering its projects for the *rakyat* since 2019.

Housing

Tuan Speaker, in line with PCDS 2030's vision for inclusive and sustainable development, housing initiative aims to ensure equitable access to safe, affordable and resilient homes. It prioritizes inclusivity, community well-being, and smart growth, empowering all Sarawakians especially the vulnerable, to thrive in a dignified, connected, and prosperous living environment. Therefore, I will now deliberate on housing.

Sarawak Government Funded Project

For the information of the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat in this august House, the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) has been allocated RM54.1 million this year for the implementation of 16 physical projects comprising 1,000 affordable housing units across Sarawak. Of these, three (3) projects consisting of;

- (a) 60 affordable houses at *Rumah Mampu Milik* (RMM) Darul Hana, Kuching, and
- (b) 30 units of *Rumah SPEKTRA Permata* (RSP) each at *Skim Pembesaran Kampung* (SPK) Susur Jambu Fasa 2, Sarikei, and SPK Hilir Dalat, Mukah have been completed.

Meanwhile, the remaining of 11 projects are currently on-going and two (2) are at planning stage.

PROJEK RAKYAT

The Sarawak Government has approved eight housing related initiatives under the *Projek Rakyat* program. Of these, two projects have been completed involving upgrading of infrastructure

at SPK Tian and SPK Igan, four projects are ongoing which include the construction of 62 units of RSP at SPK Santubong, 50 RSP units at both SPK Hulu Kabong and SPK Gedong, as well as earth works for SPS Banting Fasa 4 in Lawas. The remaining two projects are currently in the planning stage.

Sarawak Rental Assistance Scheme (SRAS)

Tuan Speaker, to date, the total SRAS approval application is 5,652 involving lock amount of RM28.4 million. This shows an increase of 1,096 applications since the end of 2024.

Sarawak Government Longhouse Loan Scheme

For the information of the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, this year, *Jawatankuasa Kelulusan Permohonan Skim Pinjaman Perumahan Untuk Golongan Berpendapatan Rendah (Rumah Panjang)* has approved the implementation of 65 longhouses comprising 1,260 doors total loan value of RM57.86 million. Since 2020, the Sarawak Government has disbursed a total of RM232.05 million benefiting 343 longhouses consisting of 7,218 doors.

Housing Deposit and Repayment Assistance Scheme (HDRAS)

To date, Mutiara Mortgage & Credit Sdn. Bhd. (MUTIARA) has received 2,525 applications of which 2,234 applications have been approved amounting to RM21.29 million.

MUTIARA Home Financing Scheme

On home financing, MUTIARA has approved 2,031 applications involving financial allocation of RM184.27 million. A total of RM79.863 million has been disbursed to 1,337 house buyers at 1% for B40 and 3% for M40 per annum respectively. The MUTIARA Home Financing Scheme also offers low interest rates for eligible applicants compared to commercial banks and is subsidised by the Sarawak Government, making monthly instalments more affordable. It also provides up to 100% financing with a repayment period of up to 40 years and a second-generation financing feature that allows children to continue the repayment and retain the family home.

Private Housing Development Projects

For the information of this august House, for first quarter of 2025 my Ministry has identified 49 out of 663 projects are sick equivalent to 7.4%. Out of these, 15 are completed and/ or resolved, 20 have been revived and/ or resume construction whereas the remaining 14 (2%) are at different stages of intervention. For record, currently two (2) projects identified sick are expected to receive occupation permit. This progress is a clear indication that our commitment to protecting homebuyers' rights and to support affected buyers and ensuring that developers abide by the Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Ordinance, 2013 and Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Regulations, 2014.

Tribunal for Housing Purchaser Claims (THPC)

Between 2022 and May 2025, a total of 293 claims were filed with the Tribunal for Housing Purchaser Claims, with 269 cases settled. These cases, from areas such as Kuching, Sibul, Miri, and Bintulu, include both current and previous year's filings. A total of 89 cases are still pending hearings. Additionally, as of May 2025, 16 cases are currently under prosecution for non-compliance with Tribunal Awards, pursuant 16 to Section 53 of the Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Ordinance, 2013.

Issues Raised by the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat

Perumahan Rakyat

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Daro, my ministry will look into the suggestions made to identify the housing demand at each district in Sarawak. As for now, my ministry through HDC, has used an approach to analyse and prioritize the developments based on the applications made to HDC. As of March 2025, 18,922 applicants had registered with the HDC throughout Sarawak for affordable housing. Of these, my ministry through HDC has received 5 applications from Daro. For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Daro, as of 30th April 2025, MUTIARA has received 2,094 home financing applications. From the total number, 63 applications or 3.01% were rejected due to various reasons such as the applicant's income exceeding the income limit required, a bankrupt applicant and not a first-time home buyer.

Affordable Housing

For the information of the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Repok and Tamin, HDC identify suitable state land for affordable housing 17 development in both areas indicated that there is no suitable state land. HDC will further collaborate with Land and Survey Department to search for any available areas that have the potential to be developed. For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, HDC plans to construct 30 units of RSP under Phase 1, Stage 1 of the SPK Tellian. In addition, 150 units of RSP terrace houses are planned on HDC owned land located at Lot 980 and Lot 981, Block 76, Mukah Land District, as part of the RMK-13. At present, there are no plans to construct affordable housing under SPK Petanak Phase II in Mukah.

Low and Medium Cost Housing

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Jepak, there are 867 units of residential lots approved under *Skim Pembesaran Kampung Jelutong, Jepak* (in situ) on Lot 5420 and 5421 Block 31 Kemena Land District and Lot 1180 and 1179 and part of Lot 1178 Block 37 Kemena Land District which will be delivered by phases. In addition, under the Jepak Development Projects, BDA will develop 580 units detached houses at Lot 7490, 8984 and 9186 Block 31 Kemena Land District and at Lot 109 and 112 Block 36 Kemena Land District.

Private Developer Accountability

For the information of the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, Tanjong Batu and Stakan, Sarawak Government has taken steps to address the problematic housing projects. My ministry has formed the *Jawatankuasa Kerja Teknikal Perumahan Bermasalah* (JKTP), which comprises the local authorities, Sarawak technical agencies, legal experts and any stakeholders involved to advise on intervene, mediation and facilitate the completion of the long overdue housing project until the handing over of the house to the purchasers.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Stakan, the developers who intend to carry out the of more than eight units are required to open the Housing Development Account (HDA) to place an amount of money for deposit or to obtain a Bank Guarantee (BG) before a license and sale permit can be granted. Provided under the Ordinance, this deposit can be forfeited once the developers have failed to perform their obligated stipulated under the Ordinance.

Housing Development Plan

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Stakan, the type of affordable house which is provided for *Pribumi* Sarawak known as PUTERA housing. The government has enforced the provision of affordable house, particularly for *Pribumi* Sarawak for normal housing development based on the SPA circular.

DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE SARAWAK (DID)

Tuan Speaker, DID is the lead government agency that are responsible for policy planning, implementation of flood mitigation project and drainage works and river conservation in Sarawak. The increasing impacts due to climate change are inevitable globally. Flood remains a significant challenge in our urban and rural areas resulting from heavier rainfall, extended monsoon seasons and sea levels rising phenomenon.

Therefore, comprehensive drainage master plan integrated with future land use planning can be achieved with continuous interdisciplinary and interdepartmental collaboration. The Department is in progress of preparing Sarawak for climate change.

Urban Drainage and Flood Mitigation

Under the RMK-12, the Sarawak Government has allocated RM96.811 million to DID to implement 23 various flood mitigation and urban drainage projects. 21 projects are under various design stage and expected to be physically implemented in 2026. On the federal-funded projects, the total ceiling approved is RM191 million. The *Pembangunan Lembangan Sungai Bersepadu* (PLSB) *Sungai Sarawak* comprises Package 1 in Samarahan, Package 2 in Kuching and Package 3 in Matang.

RTB Sungai Miri, is under implementation stage which is expected to complete by the first half of 2026. The other two RTBs are still in pre-implementation stage namely RTB Kampung Beradek Semilang, Kuching and RTB Daerah Limbang di Lembangan Sungai Limbang are both in the final design stage.

The Federal Government also has approved RTB Bandaraya Kuching Fasa 2 (Package 2) for the construction of two bridges crossing Federal Administration Centre (FAC) road and Jalan Matang respectively as well as RTB Bandaraya Kuching Fasa 3 for construction of the barrage. All these are still under pre-planning stage at the federal level.

Two Flood Mitigation Masterplan Studies, *Kajian Pelan Induk Tebatan Banjir bagi Lembangan Batang Lupar* and *Lembangan Batang Saribas* have been carried out aiming towards identifying areas at risk of flood and to provide sustainable flood mitigation planning and proposals.

For continuous and sustainable water resource planning, enhancing flood preparedness and response capabilities in Sarawak, the Department is continuing to expand the hydrological network, to carry out water balance study and to establish flood forecasting and warning system.

Under the National Hydrological Network Program, the Department has established 10 new hydrological stations and upgrading 76 existing hydrological stations throughout Sarawak with a total cost of RM8.6 million. The project has been completed on 28th February 2025.

The Federal Government has also approved the installation of a flood forecasting and warning system throughout Sarawak under the *Program Ramalan Dan Amaran Banjir Negara* (PRAB). It will be developed by phases as follow, PRAB Phase 2 covering Batang Rajang and Sungai Sarawak with a cost of RM38 millions which to be called for tender in third quarter of 2025. Whilst 22 Phase 3 covering 19 river basins with a total cost of RM182 million will be ready to be called for tender by end of June 2025.

Rural Transformation Projects (RTP)

To date, RTP implemented by DID Sarawak have seen 3,377 completed out of 4,373 approved projects, with a total allocation of RM 759.67 million since 2015. The remaining 996 projects are in various stages of implementation.

Projek Rakyat

Between 2018 and 2024, the Sarawak Government approved 147 *Projek Rakyat* initiatives totalling RM1.106 billion out of these 147 projects, 103 projects, 70% have been completed, while 17 projects are still under construction. The remaining 27 projects are in the pre-contract stage.

Projects under Regional Development Authorities

Tuan Speaker, for the information of the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat in this august House, RM743.65 million for 51 flood mitigation and drainage related projects throughout Sarawak were allocated to DID by various development agencies, such as SADA, IRSDA, BDDA, RADDA to fund the projects. All the projects are still in various pre-implementation stages with 15 projects have completed.

Issues Raised by the Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat

Technical Department (DID)

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Daro, DID Sarawak is actively carrying out its restructuring exercise, with the first in 2019 and second in 2024 with emphasis on increasing number of engineers and supporting staffs to address new challenges in order to enhance DID Sarawak's overall performance and its competitive position in Sarawak Civil Service. DID Sarawak will strategically carry out placement of staff and office in Daro once we have resolved with such challenges.

Flood Mitigation

For the information of the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Semuja, Bukit Assek, Jepak, Kota Samarahan, Simunjan, Lingga and Tanjong Batu, several flood mitigation projects in your respective areas are in various stages of planning and implementation:

- (a) *Rancangan Tebatan Banjir Bandar Serian and Hospital Serian, Lembangan Batang Sadong, Sarawak* which covers Hospital Serian, Kampung Kakai, Taman Anggerik, Taman Pasir and Kampung Hulu and Hilir is in the detail design phase, expected to complete by quarter four of 2025 with physical implementation expected starting in 2026;
- (b) *Rancangan Tebatan Banjir Sibu Phase 4*. The tender will be called immediately upon approval and clearance of siting application by SPA;
- (c) *Rancangan Tebatan Banjir Bintulu Phase 2*. Detailed design completed with dredging of Sungai Sibiew is part of the scope; physical implementation schedule for implementation under the RMK-13 Rolling Plan 1 of Sarawak Government. *Projek Pemuliharaan Muara Batang Kemena, Bintulu, Sarawak* and the *Projek Pemuliharaan Muara Batang Tatau, Bintulu, Sarawak* is proposed under RMK-13 RP1 (Rollin Plan 1) and the implementation is subjected to approval by the Federal Government;
- (d) Stampin Resettlement Scheme, Kuching. Surveying works completed in April 2025, detail design is underway. Phase 1, road and drain improvements to begin by end of 2026; whilst the remaining works expected to start in 2027;
- (e) Drainage Improvement Works in Happy Valley. Tender called on 18th February 2025 and closed on 5th March 2025. Due to the lowest bid exceeding the approved RMK-12 ceiling, approval for increased funding has been requested from the SPU. Physical implementation will proceed by year end;

- (f) As for the *Pelan Induk Saliran Mesra Alam di Kawasan Stampin*, the Department has just received official approval of consultant from SFS office on 20th May 2025 and we will proceed with issuance of Letter of Acceptance to the appointed consultant soon;
- (g) *Rancangan Tebatan Banjir Simunjan, Samarahan*. Currently the construction for Phase 1 of this project is under implementation until 14th April 2027. Whilst Phase 2 is still under detailed design and schedule for implementation under RMK-13 RP2;
- (h) Flood Mitigation for Main Settlement Along Maludam-Triso Coastal Road, Pusa District, Betong Division is currently under detailed design and additional scopes which might be required should be proposed under the future phases depending on consultant recommendations.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Assek, on the *Projek Menaik Taraf Jalan dan Peparitan di kawasan Bukit Lima Nature Reserve and Kampung Usahajaya, Sentosa, Sibu*, Phase 2, DID is putting up this submission under the Sarawak Government RMK-13 Rolling Plan 1 for 2026 with the project cost of RM56.6 million. As for the *Projek Menaik Taraf Sistem Saliran dan Kerja-kerja Berkaitan di kawasan Jerwitt dan Ek Dee, Sibu* with project cost of RM41.75 million will be put up under RMK-13 Rolling Plan 2.

Public Safety-Flood

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Kitang, the nearest hydrological telemetry station is Batu Kitang Telemetry that function as water level and rainfall station only. Currently there is no siren station established within the said areas. In addition, our team continue to carry out regular monthly maintenance of the telemetry station and hydrological data can be view real-time and monitor regularly by DID website portal.

Mukah Waterfront

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, the Mukah Waterfront project is now under preliminary design stage and expected to be tendered out by second quarter of 2026.

Drainage Master Plan for Engkilili

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Engkilili, DID will bid for the funding for *Pelan Induk Saliran Mesra Alam Lingga, Engkilili, Lubok Antu and Lachau, Pantu* with the cost of RM8 million under the Federal RMK-13 RP 2. The study is to identify the long-term solutions to the flooding problem at Skrang Hilir, Kaong, Kubal, Isu Bangat, Merebong, Nanga Buno, Entalon Skrang and Batang Ai Hilir and also to form the basis to bid for the necessary fund for drainage improvement works in these areas.

SEWERAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SARAWAK (SSD)

Urban Sewerage

Tuan Speaker, I will now update this august House on various sewerage projects in Sarawak under State and Federal funds undertaken by the Department.

Centralised Sewerage Systems

Tuan Speaker, in 2022, the Federal Government has approved Miri Centralised Sewerage System Phase 2, which has an additional capacity for 50,000 population equivalents with a scheme value of RM450 million to cover the residential areas in Piasau, Pujut and Krokop. These projects are now in detailed design stage and scheduled to be tendered by the fourth quarter of 2025.

The Kuching Centralised Sewerage System Package 2, costing RM750 million, which commenced on 15th September 2017 covers Kampung Gita, part of Jalan Matang, Jalan Tun Abdul Rahman Yaakub and Padungan areas. Currently at 97.40% completion, it is expected to be completed by end of 2025. The remaining works are mainly the property connection works.

The Federal Government has also approved Kuching Centralised Sewerage System Package 3 with a scheme value of RM382 million. The project is now in preliminary design stage. Tender for physical works is expected to be called in the first quarter of 2026.

In 2024, the Federal Government has approved Kota Samarahan Centralised Sewerage System Phase 1 with a scheme value of RM650 million. The Federal Government loan agreement has been finalised. The project is now in the consultancy services procurement stage and the physical works tender expected to be called in 2027.

In 2025, the Federal Government has approved new sewerage project in Sarawak, for the rationalization of sewerage system in Bintulu for North-South catchment with a scheme value of RM225 million. The project is now at the Federal Government Loan Application process stage.

Septic Sludge Treatment Plants (SSTP)

Tuan Speaker, the four SSTP projects in Betong, Sarikei, Kapit and Limbang with a total cost of RM60 million that were put on hold by the Federal Government in 2018 have now been reactivated. However, it will be implemented with a reduced scope without jeopardising the core function due to the rising cost of materials over the years. Tenders for Sarikei and Betong projects are scheduled to be called in June 2025 while tenders for Kapit and Limbang projects are targeted to be called in the third quarter of 2025.

Issues Raised by the Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat

Centralised Wastewater Management System Project

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tüpong, the Department is monitoring the progress of complaints with regards to Package 2 project closely. As of 30th April 2025, the total number of property damages reported allegedly due to this project is 323 cases. Out of these, 287 cases have been resolved, three cases are under repair, 29 cases are pending repair or under negotiation with the affected owners and four cases are under assessment. Most of the damages are to be extended areas, kitchen, car porch and ground floor slab.

The contractor has just recently completed the tunnelling, and the manhole construction works along Jalan Semarak. The contractor has moved in to carry out permanent repair to one of the affected properties nearby and will increase their repair teams and progressively move in to repair the rest.

The Department has engaged with some of the affected residents together with the contractor and the consultant to firm up the corrective actions to be taken to their affected properties. The Department shall closely monitor the works and to ensure that the works are done accordingly.

Septic Tank Overflow

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Batu, the sewage overflow in Bintulu was found to be caused by either aging infrastructure, damage to the pump system due to vandalism. As a short-term solution to the aging infrastructure, the Department is actively repairing damaged or failed sewer pipes. Accordingly, efforts are underway to flush and clear blockages caused by system misuse such as hardened oil, grease, or other unsuitable materials being discarded into the sewer.

As a long-term planning, the Department has applied to Federal Government estimated at RM600 million to rationalize the existing centralized sewerage system, upgrade the dilapidated infrastructure and to eliminate the need for lifting and pump stations. Under the Federal RMK-12 RP 5, the Federal Government has approved RM225 million for the upgrading and rationalizing the sewerage system within the north-south sewerage catchment. The project is now in the loan agreement finalisation stage.

These short-term and long-term measures, combined a public co-operation in maintaining of the system, aim to safeguard public health and environmental safety.

SARAWAK STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Services and Dilapidated Health facilities

Tuan Speaker, for 2025, as of 30th April 2025, Sarawak State Health Department has received RM2.81 billion operating funds and RM500.59 million development funds from the Federal Ministry of Health. These funds are allocated for operational expenses, human capital development, minor upgrading as well as repair on health facilities as well as for the hospital and clinic support services including procurement of medical equipment.

Currently, Sarawak has a total of 26,978 Government healthcare personnel, including 1,907 serving on contract basis, out of the 30,410 approved positions. This reflects our ongoing commitment to strengthening the healthcare system to better serve the *rakyat*.

Healthcare Development Projects

As of 25th April 2025, overall physical progress of Petra Jaya Hospital is 87.97% and for the new Lawas Hospital is 91.12%. I am pleased to update this august House that Klinik Kesihatan Serian, KK Type 3 has successfully commenced operation on 7th April 2025 and KK Siburan Type 3 on 21st April 2025.

A total of RM17.26 billion is required to improve the health facilities throughout Sarawak. An estimated RM9.25 billion and RM8.01 billion are required for upgrading and redevelopment works of hospital facilities and health clinics respectively.

To date, 76% or 206 out of 271 health clinics throughout Sarawak are in poor physical conditions. An estimation of RM3.1 billion was projected by the Department in 2023 to redevelop these dilapidated health clinics.

The Federal Government has allocated an additional of RM50 million for six dilapidated health facility projects. Currently, all these projects are in pre-implementation stage and tender for four out of the six facilities will be called soon after the design is completed by JKR Sarawak.

Under the *Rintis* project initiative, two new clinics are approved with a total estimation cost of RM12.8 million. KK Nanga Atoi is currently under construction and is expected to complete by year end whereas KK Nanga Ngungun is currently under tender evaluation process.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Deputy Premier, under Standing Order 9(1), I determine that the sitting goes beyond 6.30 p.m.

Timbalan Premier Sarawak; Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.14 Batu Kawah (YB Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian): Thank you, Tuan Speaker, as always, I am the last one.

For this year 2025, the Federal Ministry of Health has allocated RM48.8 million for upgrading, renovation and repair work of health clinic in Sarawak. Of these, RM40 million is under the Bitara

MADANI initiative budget and RM7.5 million under the BP201 budget is for rural clinic services. A total of RM1.3 million under BP09 is allocated for upgrading and repair works for quarters.

For the expansion of cardiology services throughout Sarawak, via RMK RP5, Rolling Plan No. 5 the Federal Ministry of Health has approved RM14.5 million each to set up Invasive Cardiac Laboratory at Miri and Sibu Hospital. Apart from that, RM12.5 million was approved to replace the existing Invasive Cardiac Laboratory at Sarawak Heart Centre.

Sarawak Cancer Centre

The Sarawak Cancer Centre project is currently under pre-implementation stage. JKR Malaysia is appointed as the implementing agency. At this moment, JKR Malaysia is in the midst of preparing the cost estimation for the project according to the 310 beds. I would like to take this opportunity to thank PM Anwar to insist that this project to go to carry on despite that the RM1 million is not enough.

Health Autonomy under Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63)

Tuan Speaker, February 2025 marked the beginning of the interim period of the delegation of power to Sarawak for processing new clinic registration applications under the Private Healthcare Facility and Services Act 1998 (Act 586). Following this delegation, Cawangan Kawalan Amalan Perubatan Swasta (CKAPS) under the Department has started to receive and process applications for medical and dental clinic registration in Sarawak.

The final stage of approval is currently still under the purview of CKAPS in Federal Ministry of Health. Officer from CKAPS Sarawak will table the new clinic applications to the approval committee in Federal Ministry of Health during this monthly meeting.

Sarawak Medical Committee (SMC)

The Terms of Reference for the Sarawak Medical Committee is currently being discussed, and it will be finalised after the Medical (Amendment) Act 2024 is gazetted.

Human Rabies

Tuan Speaker, I would also like to provide an update on the situation of rabies in Sarawak. As of 24th May 2025, there have been 7,447 animal bites report in Sarawak, averaging 355 cases per week, slightly lower than the 18,564 cases for whole of year 2024 averaging 357 cases per week. There is one (1) human rabies case reported this year. A total of 84 human rabies cases have been reported since the outbreak. To combat this, the Department has established 255 post-bite clinics with anti-rabies vaccines and there are 38 private facilities offering the vaccines.

Issues Raised by the Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat

Lundu Hospital

For the information of the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Opar and Tanjong Datu, the Department is in the midst of preparing for the proposal of a new Lundu Hospital located at Lot 1972, Block 9, Gading Lundu Land District with an area of 42.8 acres. This project of proposed under RMK-13.

Klinik Kesihatan Nanga Pelagus and Klinik Kesihatan Nanga Mujong

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pelagus, the Sarawak State Health Department has identified a suitable site for Klinik Kesihatan Nanga Pelagus and is currently in the process of submitting the siting application. Additionally, the Department will conduct an assessment

of the current condition of Klinik Kesihatan Nanga Mjong and plans to submit a budget request for repair work in the coming years.

Klinik Kesihatan Saratok

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka, the Department plans to build KK Saratok Type 3 which will be proposed under RMK-13 RP 3.

Klinik Kesihatan Tebedu

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tebedu, KK Tebedu Type 5 has been approved under the *Projek Sempadan Jabatan Perdana Menteri*, with the funding from the Majlis Keselamatan Negara.

Klinik Kesihatan Mukah

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Telian, the Department has proposed to build a new KK Mukah under RMK13 RP1 which is pending approval. Besides that, the Department also has a long-term master plan proposal to build a new Mukah Hospital (replacement) under RMK-13 RP Rolling Plan 3.

Saratok Hospital

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Krian, the Department has a long-term masterplan for Saratok Hospital under RMK-14 RP1. In addition, the project for *Kerja-Kerja Penggantian Bumbung Hospital Saratok* was completed in 2024 with a cost of RM 500,000. As for *Klinik Ibu dan Anak*, the Federal Ministry of Health has plan to relocate that clinic together with Outpatient Clinic from the current location to the new health clinic which will be proposed under RMK-13 RP3.

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT MALAYSIA SARAWAK

Fire Safety Awareness Programme

Tuan Speaker, the Fire Safety Awareness Programme. The Fire and Rescue Department Malaysia Sarawak has been committed in implementing Public Education and Awareness program in fire safety for the community in Sarawak. Up to 30th April 2025, the Department has carried out 441 Public Awareness Program involving 70,211 participants as compared to 618 involving 76,096 participants for the same period on 30th April 2024.

Statistic of Emergency Calls

Between 1st January and 30th April 2025, the Department responded to a total of 2,905 emergency calls, comprising 512 fire-related incidents, 2,376 rescue operations, and 17 special service cases. The swift and strategic actions undertaken by operational teams during this period successfully preserved assets valued at RM516 million. In comparison, during the same period in 2024, the Department responded to 9,297 emergency calls, which included 2,179 fire-related incidents, 7,066 rescue operations and 49 special service cases. Asset preservation for that period was estimated at RM751 million.

The significant decrease in total emergency calls and asset losses in 2025 reflects improved public awareness, stronger preventive measures and enhanced disaster preparedness. This achievement underscores the Department's continued commitment to safeguarding lives and property through excellence in emergency response and service delivery.

Fire Stations in Sarawak

The Kota Sentosa Fire Station was fully completed in December 2024. It became fully operational on 2nd May 2025, with a total strength of 28 personnel, comprising 13 Permanent Fire Officers and 15 Auxiliary Firefighters. The additional of the Kota Sentosa Fire and Rescue Station increases the total number of such facilities in Sarawak to 39. This is further supported by 59 volunteer fire stations, playing a vital role in strengthening grassroot-level of emergency preparedness.

In addition, the specialised auxiliary units include 19 officers in the Search and Water Rescue Team (SWART) and 18 in the Mountain and Cave Search and Rescue (MOCSAR) unit. For the purposes of upgrading the fire safety infrastructure in this state, three projects are currently in the pipelines. Sungai Asap Fire Station is expected to complete in year 2026, with approved funding of RM8.2 million under the RMK-12 RP4. Simultaneously, the Engkilili and Dalat Fire Station are also expected to be completed by the year 2027, with the approved funding of RM15.5 million and RM9.8 million respectively under RMK-12 RP5. This addition will provide Sarawak with a total of 42 Fire Stations by the end of 2027.

At present, these projects are in the design planning stage and the proposed designs have been submitted to the Jabatan Kerja Raya Malaysia (JKR) for finalization. The tender advertisement is expected to be published in July 2025.

Issues Raised by the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat

Voluntary BOMBA Team

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka, there are three active PBS in the Kalaka state constituency, namely the Kabong District PBS with 26 members, the Sungai Ruan, Roban PBS with 52 members and the Sungai Beladin, PBS with 21 members which play a vital role in supporting fire suppression efforts and enhancing community-level emergency preparedness.

To strengthen community-based fire response capabilities, the Department has identified Kupang, Kaba and Perpat as priority areas for the establishment of new PBS units. The estimated cost of establishing each PBS unit is RM60,000.

Sungai Asap Fire Station

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Murum, the construction of Sungai Asap Fire Station will be carried out by JKR and currently in the tender process. This project is expected to commence in June 2025 and expected to be completed in 2026.

Kabong Fire Station

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong, the Department submitted a proposal on 7th March 2024 to establish a Fire and Rescue Station in Kabong (Lot 1019, Block 14, Kelaka) to the Headquarters for endorsement and approval. As of now, the proposal is still under consideration.

Sarawak's Nation Building

Tuan Speaker, in 2025, unfortunately and very sad, not only in West Malaysia but the rest of the world is facing increasing uncertainty, division, polarisation, politicking resulting in chaos, hardship and suffering. Sarawak is blessed with:

- (a) the strong unity of anak-anak Sarawak, (many Sarawakian felt proud to be a Sarawakian despite our IC is number 13, the last in Malaysia but we have a “K” – stand for king in which people respect us as Sarawakians);
- (b) Sarawak is blessed because where political stability under the visionary and forward looking Premier Abang Jo’s leadership. Political stability is because we do not have DAP in Sarawak Government. They are always divisive, polarising and politicking in disguise as championing for the rakyat. We have witness in this august House their behaviours in every session indeed one’s character cannot change. Just cannot change, double face, triple face.

As Sarawak undergoes exponential progress towards 2030, Sarawakians need to remain united and stand together in solidarity in these few critical years till 2030. We must be on high alert for *anai-anai* from both within and outside Sarawak including *anai-anai* inside GPS.

Conclusion

Before I conclude, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Tuan Speaker for your wisdom in ensuring that the proceedings in this august House were conducted with dignity and proper decorum. Tuan Speaker, you memang tahan ini oh.

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

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Dayak community *selamat menyambut Hari Gawai Dayak 2025*, *Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai* and the Muslim community *Selamat Hari Raya Aidiladha*, to everyone in this august House the best of health so that we can continue to contribute to Sarawak nation building because if you don’t in the best of health, if you are in the hospital, you only *tengook* saja. With that, I move to support the Motion of Appreciation on His Excellency Governance’s opening address. Sekian, terima kasih dan Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur. Ooooha!

Tuan Speaker: That was the last speech of the day. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, sitting is now adjourned and the Dewan shall resume its sitting at 9.00 a.m. tomorrow.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 6.15 petang)