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[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

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PEMASYHURAN DARIPADA TUAN SPEAKER

Tuan Speaker: Bismillahirrahmannirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Selamat pagi dan Salam sejahtera. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I wish to make the following announcements.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(2)(b), the Standing Orders and Selection Committee have nominated the Chairman and Members of the following several committees:

1. Public Accounts Committee under Standing Order 70:

- (a) Yang Berhormat Dato Ir. Lo Khere Chiang;
- (b) Yang Berhormat Encik Mohd Chee bin Kadir;
- (c) Yang Berhormat Encik See Chee How;
- (d) Yang Berhormat Encik Wilson Nyabong anak Ijang;
- (e) Yang Berhormat Encik Miro anak Simuh;
- (f) Yang Berhormat Encik Rolland Duat anak Jubin;
- (g) and the Chairman of this Committee is Yang Berhormat Tuan Haji Razaili bin Haji Gapor.

2. House Committee under Standing Order 71:

- (a) Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah;
- (b) Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom;
- (c) Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin;
- (d) Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Haji Julaihi bin Haji Narawi;
- (e) Yang Berhormat Datuk Francis Harden anak Hollis;
- (f) Yang Berhormat Dato Henry Harry anak Jinep;
- (g) And I, being the Speaker, shall be the Chairman of the House Committee.

3. Public Petition Committee under Standing Order 72:

- (a) Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn;
- (b) Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr Jerip anak Susil;
- (c) Yang Berhormat Datuk Liwan Lagang;
- (d) Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr Penguang Manggil;
- (e) Yang Berhormat Datuk Sebastian Ting Chiew Yew;
- (f) Yang Berhormat Datuk Ir. Aidel bin Lariwoo;
- (g) And I, being the Speaker, shall be the Chairman of the Public Petition Committee.

4. Committee of Privileges under Standing Order 73:

- (a) Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas;
- (b) Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah bin Ali Hasan;
- (c) Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian;
- (d) Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah;
- (e) Yang Berhormat Datuk Hajah Sharifah Hasidah binti Sayeed Aman Ghazali;
- (f) Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr Malcom Mussen anak Lamoh;
- (g) Yang Berhormat Dato Haji Idris bin Buang;
- (h) And I, being the Speaker, shall be the Chairman of the Committee of Privileges.

Pursuant to Standing Order 71, I, being the Chairman of the House Committee in exercise of the power under Standing Orders appoint the following members as Members of the Dewan Undangan Negeri Event Committee:

- (a) Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh;
- (b) Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Junaidi;
- (c) Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Ismail;
- (d) Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr Haji Annuar bin Rapa'ee;
- (e) Yang Berhormat Datuk Snowdan Lawan;
- (f) Yang Berhormat Datuk Abdullah bin Haji Saidol;
- (g) Yang Berhormat Datuk Michael Tiang Ming Tee;
- (h) Yang Berhormat Datuk Ding Kuong Hiing;
- (i) Yang Berhormat Ir. Christopher Gira anak Sambang @ Gira anak Sambang;
- (j) Yang Berhormat Encik Abdul Yakub bin Haji Arbi;
- (k) Yang Berhormat Encik Safiee bin Haji Ahmad;
- (l) Yang Berhormat Datuk Hamzah bin Haji Brahim;
- (m) Yang Berhormat Puan Dayang Noorazah bte Awang Sohor;
- (n) Yang Berhormat Encik Friday anak Belik;
- (o) Yang Berhormat Encik Johnny Pang Leong Ming;
- (p) And the Chairman of this Committee is the Yang Berhormat Datuk Hajah Rosey binti Haji Yunus.

The Committee shall assist the House Committee in the planning, organizing, managing, and monitoring any events or matters relating to and incidental to the comfort and convenience of the services, amenities, and facilities to the Members of the Dewan.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I have granted leave of absence under Standing Order 81 to Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Tiong King Sing, Honourable Member for N.52 Dudong for today's sitting. Yang Berhormat Encik Royston bin Valentine, Honourable Member for N.57 Tellian for today and tomorrow's sitting.

PERTANYAAN-PERTANYAAN BAGI JAWAPAN-JAWAPAN LISAN

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Fazzrudin bin Haji Abdul Rahman, Tupong.

YB Encik Fazzrudin bin Haji Abdul Rahman: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Soalan saya no. 67.

Langkah-langkah atau Undang-undang bagi Lori-lori Besar Membawa Tanah

(67) YB Encik Fazzrudin bin Haji Abdul Rahman bertanya kepada Menteri Pengangkutan Sarawak: Apakah langkah-langkah atau undang-undang yang sedia ada yang dapat digunakan untuk memastikan lori-lori besar membawa tanah tidak melalui jalan-jalan yang menggugat keselamatan dan menyebabkan kerosakan kawasan-kawasan yang dilalui lori-lori tersebut?

Timbalan Menteri Pengangkutan (Penerbangan dan Jalan Raya) (YB Datuk Dr Jerip anak Susil): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tupong. Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tupong, Kementerian Pengangkutan Sarawak bekerjasama rapat dengan Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) Sarawak dan Lembaga Pelesenan Kenderaan Perdagangan (LPKP) Sarawak bagi memastikan Undang-undang Jalan Raya dipatuhi oleh semua pengguna jalan raya termasuk syarikat terlibat dan pemandu lori-lori besar yang membawa muatan berat seperti tanah.

Seksyen 63(1) Penimbangan Kenderaan; Akta Pengangkutan Jalan 1987 (Akta 333), menyatakan adalah menjadi satu kesalahan apabila kenderaan yang ditimbang melebihi muatan yang dibenarkan dan apabila disabitkan, boleh didenda tidak kurang dari RM2,000 dan tidak lebih daripada RM10,000, atau dipenjarakan selama tempoh tidak melebihi satu tahun, atau kedua-duanya.

Bagi kesalahan membawa muatan bahaya pula, saman berjumlah RM300 akan dikeluarkan dan boleh ditambah dengan kesalahan-kesalahan teknikal yang lain seperti kesalahan melanggar syarat-syarat permit LPKP Sarawak. Bagi kesalahan yang berulang pula, ia akan dibawa ke LPKP Sarawak untuk tindakan selanjutnya daripada pihak LPKP sama ada melalui amaran atau penggantungan lesen.

YB Encik Fazzrudin bin Haji Abdul Rahman: *(Soalan Tambahan)* Saya ada dua soalan tambahan. Tuan Speaker, memandangkan ini merupakan satu isu yang begitu serius sekali, iaitu kesejahteraan pengguna jalan dan terutama sekali keselamatan pengguna jalan. Jadi:

- (a) Apakah langkah-langkah yang telah diambil untuk mengawal pergerakan lori-lori besar ini agar tidak menyebabkan kerosakan dan menggugat keselamatan jalan raya? Kita tidak mahu apabila ada insiden yang serius sudah berlaku barulah kita mengambil langkah-langkahnya.
- (b) Apakah saluran yang boleh digunakan oleh orang awam untuk membuat aduan? Dan saya mengambil kesempatan untuk merayu agensi kerajaan untuk mengambil tindakan yang tegas kepada pesalah-pesalah ini.

Terima kasih.

Timbalan Menteri Pengangkutan (Penerbangan dan Jalan Raya) (YB Datuk Dr. Jerip anak Susil): Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tupong dan terima kasih, Tuan Speaker untuk kedua-dua soalan. Untuk no. 1, Kementerian Pengangkutan Sarawak sering mengadakan perbincangan dan sesi libat urus bersama Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) Sarawak dan Lembaga Pelesenan Kenderaan Perdagangan (LPKP) dalam membincang isu-isu berkaitan pemantauan pergerakan lori-lori besar yang boleh menyebabkan kerosakan dan menggugat keselamatan jalan raya. LPKP Sarawak menyenaraikan beberapa syarat yang perlu dipatuhi untuk memohon permit kenderaan perdagangan seperti kenderaan perdagangan wajib pada setiap masa, membawa muatan mengikut spesifikasi, laluan dan berat dalam muatan dalam permit yang telah diluluskan oleh LPKP. Lori-lori besar yang melalui jalan persekutuan di Sarawak juga perlu mematuhi perintah sekatan berat yang telah ditetapkan oleh Jabatan Kerja Raya Malaysia.

Untuk jawapan yang kedua, soalan kedua, orang awam boleh membuat aduan secara terus kepada Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) melalui e-mel aduantrafik.sarawak@jpp.gov.my, iaitu *that is their e-mail* dan melalui *Whatsapp* juga *we can use your Whatsapp number* kepada Lembaga Pelesenan Kenderaan Perdagangan (LPKP) Sarawak melalui nombor, *this is the number*, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tupong, sila catat, 011-24252754, *I'll repeat for you*, 011-24252754 ataupun mereka berhubung dengan PDRM. Mereka boleh menjawab juga melalui applikasi *Volunteer Smartphone Patrol (VSP)* ada juga dan selain itu, orang awam juga boleh membuat aduan kepada JKR Sarawak. JKR Sarawak mempunyai *roadcare* melalui nombor *Whatsapp* 011-70171777 or 011-70172777. Setiap aduan perlu disertakan dengan gambar, tarikh dan masa kejadian berlaku. All these are very helpful for us because we know that a lot of incidents has happended and will get immediate response using these numbers. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Rolland Duat anak Jubin, Meluan.

YB Encik Rolland Duat anak Jubin: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Soalan saya no. 68.

Jalan Entabai/ Rantau Limau Ulu Kanowit Phase 2

(68) YB Encik Rolland Duat anak Jubin bertanya kepada Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan Sarawak: Bilakah Jalan Entabai/ Rantau Limau Ulu Kanowit *Phase 2* dapat dilaksanakan?

Timbalan Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan (Pembangunan Infrastruktur) (YB Datuk Ir. Aidel bin Lariwoo): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Meluan, Projek Jalan Entabai/ Rantau Limau Ulu Kanowit Fasa 2 telah diluluskan oleh Kementerian Kemajuan Desa dan Wilayah (KKDW) dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 *Rolling Plan 4* (2024) tahun ini 2024 dengan nilai kos sebanyak RM70 juta.

Status terkini projek ini adalah dalam peringkat perancangan, iaitu menentukan skop kerja yang akan dilaksanakan. Dan seterusnya, projek ini memerlukan Makmal Kajian Nilai, iaitu *value assessment* yang dijangka dibuat pada suku ke-3 tahun ini. Dan seterusnya, Makmal Kajian Kejuruteraan, iaitu *value engineering* akan dibuat setelah reka bentuk siap. Dan seterusnya, projek ini akan dijangka ditender pada suku ke-3 tahun 2025 setelah reka bentuk dimuktamadkan.

YB Encik Rolland Duat anak Jubin: (Soalan Tambahan) Terima kasih, Timbalan Menteri atas jawapan yang diberi. Saya ada dua soalan tambahan:

- (a) Apakah skop kerja bagi projek ini? dan
- (b) Soalan yang kedua, berapakah penempatan yang terlibat dalam projek ini dan berapakah jangka masa tempoh pembinaan projek ini?

Terima kasih.

Timbalan Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan (Pembangunan Infrastruktur) (YB Datuk Ir. Aidel bin Lariwoo): Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Meluan atas dua soalan tambahan. Untuk soalan yang pertama:

- (a) Skop kerja bagi projek ini adalah untuk menaik taraf jalan tanah berbatu yang sedia ada sepanjang 9.5 km ke jalan berturap selebar 6 meter dengan piawaian *JKR R1 Modified*; dan untuk soalan yang kedua
- (b) Jumlah penempatan yang terlibat dalam jajaran baru jalan ini, iaitu sebanyak tujuh buah rumah panjang yang melibatkan 2,500 orang penduduk, bermula dari jenis pertama, iaitu di Rumah Ugay, Rumah Kennedy, Rumah Imbran, Rumah Gani, Rumah Enteli, Rumah Batik dan Rumah Buju. Jangkaan tempoh pembinaan projek adalah sepanjang 24 bulan.

Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Ir. Christopher Gira, Tamin.

YB Ir. Christopher Gira @ Gira anak Sambang: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. My question is no. 69.

Biomass Plant as a Source of Clean Energy

(69) YB Ir. Christopher Gira @ Gira anak Sambang to ask the Minister for International Trade, Industry, and Investment: Whether there are any interests from abroad to set up biomass plant as another source of clean energy?

Timbalan Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa, Industri dan Pelaburan (YB Datuk Dr Malcom Mussen anak Lamoh): Thank you, Tuan Speaker. For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tamin, biomass is one of the promoted industries that can be developed for green energy. Sarawak is well positioned with huge potential to develop the biomass industries with our feedstock from our planted forest, agriculture, and municipal wastes.

Currently, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) and the private sector have initiated biomass projects in Sarawak to produce wood pellets by utilising the raw material from our planted forests. These wood pellets are exported to Japan, South Korea, and Europe. *Ceteris paribus* STIDC will continue to carry out research on our biodegradable materials of feedstock such as bamboo, sago trunk, oil palm trunk, Napier grass, and algae. While planting fast growing trees like Paulownia and bamboo can greatly remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere up to five times more efficient than equivalent standard of other trees, the biomass industry can significantly reduce its' carbon footprint if combine with the CCUS technologies in the long-term.

As such, Sarawak has attracted the interests among the industrial players in the biomass industry from countries such as Singapore, China, and Japan. These potential investors have proposed to develop biomass plants from waste to energy through conversion of our agricultural wastes, forestry residues, and municipal wastes as feedstock for the industry.

YB Ir. Christopher Gira @ Gira anak Sambang: (*Supplementary Question*) Thank you, Deputy Minister for answering my question. I have two supplementary questions, Tuan Speaker:

- (a) What efforts have been taken by the Sarawak Government to promote biomass industry in Sarawak? and
- (b) What are the incentives offer to attract investment in biomass?

Thank you.

Timbalan Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa, Industri dan Pelaburan (YB Datuk Dr Malcom Mussen anak Lamoh): Thank you, Tuan Speaker. For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tamin, the Sarawak Government had conducted a benchmarking visit to Drax Power Station in North Yorkshire, UK in April of this year to gain insights into the biomass industry production technologies and infrastructure.

The Sarawak Government is also exploring the technical feasibility and commercial viability to develop power generation engine biomass sourced locally converting existing co-bioplant with biomass and utilising our abundant organic resources as pit stop either for gas equation or paralysis to produce hydrogen or another product such bio-oil which can be used as biofuel. Apart from that a vast control chemical reaction at an elevated temperature should be above 600 degrees centigrade can convert this carbonaceous compound. Carbonaceous compounds mean anything with very high hydrocarbon content into fertilizer and animal feed to create circular economy for zero waste industry.

Tuan Speaker, for supplementary question no. 2, I would like to abbreviate my respond accordingly. Among the incentives offered by Federal Government through MIDA are pioneer status or income tax allowance to promote biomass industry for the utilisation of biomass to produce value-added products, waste recycling activities and green technology project. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik See Chee How, Batu Lintang.

YB Encik See Chee How: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. Tuan Speaker, first of all let me put on record my humblest gratitude and appreciation to the officers in the Department of the Right Honourable Premier for answering my question no. 50 and no. 62 yesterday and Honourable Deputy Minister and Member for Demak Laut have kindly extended the answer to me eventhough they are at 50 and 62 but they were answered and extended to me. I believe quite a number of Ministers are doing the same thing for the benefit of the Members, I thank them as well. My question for this morning is no. 70.

Global Goals of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

(70) YB Encik See Chee How to ask the Minister for Public Health, Housing and Local Government: What is the support given by the Federal and State Government respectively to assist our 24 governments and councils to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets enumerated in the Global Goals of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (Kerajaan Tempatan) (YB Datuk Dr Penguang Manggil): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Lintang. For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Lintang as well as all the Honourable Members in this august House, a so-called Global Sustainable Development Goals or commonly known as SDG is a global call for action to end poverty, protect humankind for environment and climate and ensure that all human beings or humankind can enjoy peace and prosperity based on the 2030 agenda for sustainable development adopted by all Member States of the United Nations including Malaysia in a conference held in New York in 2015.

SDGs are a global commitment towards a more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive development, with 17 SDGs and 169 targets to improve our planet earth and the quality of human life worldwide by 2030 with a central transformative promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals of Leave No One Behind or in short “*LNOB*”. Our ministry and the 25 local authorities under our charge have embarked on localizing the SDGs in their respective areas of jurisdiction to achieve a sustainable economic, social, and environmental well-being of the *rakyat*.

Towards this end, the Sarawak GPS Government has approved RM1.4 million to our ministry to realise these 169 SDGs targets and our Ministry is currently engaging with URBANICE Malaysia which is the centre of excellence for sustainable cities and community well-being set up as a company limited by guarantee CLBG under the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Malaysia with the aimed to achieve sustainable urban development to localisation of Sustainable Development Goals in the development of rivers and cities and climate responsive urban development for the preparation and production of Sustainable Development Goals Cities Sarawak Maps for the 25 local authorities by localising the SDG approaches for the respective local authority. The SDGs Cities Roadmaps aim to provide an understanding of local progress, including initiatives and policy responses that the local authorities have implemented, and issues and challenges related to achieving the SDGs at the local level. The SDGs Cities Roadmaps are expected to be completed by first quarter of 2025.

Tuan Speaker, I am very happy to inform this august House that the Dalat and Mukah District Council have been selected as one of the 14 local authorities nationwide for the preparation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Roadmap and Voluntary Local Review (VLR) for 2024 and 2025, with an approved allocation of RM230,000 by URBANICE Malaysia as recommended by the Member of Parliament for P.213 Mukah who is also the Deputy Minister for Economy Malaysia Yang Berhormat Dato Hajjah Hanifah Hajar Taib.

On behalf of our ministry and the Government of Sarawak, we wish to express our profound gratitude to the Yang Berhormat Ahli Parlimen P.213 Mukah for her assistance in getting the funding for the Dalat Mukah District Council to prepare and produce the SDGs Roadmaps and the VLR for 2024 and 2025.

YB Encik See Chee How: (*Supplementary Question*) Thank you, Tuan Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Deputy Minister.

- (a) How many roadmaps are prepared under the initiative of the Sarawak Government? and
- (b) Among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which SDGs are relevant for the ministry and local authorities?

Thank you.

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (Kerajaan Tempatan) (YB Datuk Dr Penguang Manggil): Terima kasih sekali lagi, Tuan Speaker dan Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Lintang.

Tuan Speaker, in order to enable the local authorities in Sarawak to effectively implement the localized SDGs, three cities' roadmaps will be prepared. Namely the:

- (a) Sarawak SDG City Council Roadmap;
- (b) Sarawak SDG Municipal Council Roadmap; and
- (c) Sarawak SDG District Council Roadmap.

These roadmaps will include such components as;

- (a) Policy Alignment and SDG City Mapping;
- (b) City profiling;
- (c) Data collection and baseline study;
- (d) 17 SDG Performance Assessment. Particularly with regards to Department Alignment, Gap analysis and progress of SDG;
- (e) Stakeholder Engagement for Initial Roadmap Development; and
- (f) Initial Strategy and Action Plan Report Development.

With regards to question no. 2, for the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Lintang, our Ministry views that all the 17 SDGs have profound impact on our lives and environment. Under the preview of our Ministry, we are driving the implementation of SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities in making cities and urban settlement inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable through service delivery by the 25 local authorities. This is in line with the ministry's vision of sustainable living environment for all. Our ministry also plans and implements policies towards safe and portable housing for all in line with PCDS 2030 and SDGs.

Our ministry also contributes toward us achieving SDG 3 on Good Health and Well Being, SDG 4 on Quality Education, SDG 6 on Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG 13 on Climate Exchange and SDG 16 on Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions by aligning the goal in the provision of public health, library services, sewage, and solid waste management services.

The SDGs are not standalone endeavour. They require a collaborative effort and active participation by the government, private enterprises, civil society as well as individuals. SDG 17 Partnership for Goals is equally important as it drives the success of the other 16 goals.

Tuan Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to also highlight the incentive given by the various institutions both by the government as well as to the private sectors. Now, as we all know that SDG is very closely related to ESG and any financial institution before they ditch out the loan to any companies, they will examine whether they are ESG compliance or not and this is very important because they want the companies to implement green projects and environment friendly to the societies and the people at large. Thank you very much.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Dr Simon Sinang @ Sinang anak Bada, Tebedu.

(71) YB Dr Simon Sinang @ Sinang anak Bada bertanya kepada Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak: Apakah rancangan SARIB (Sarawak Rubber Industry Board) untuk membantu penanam getah di DUN N.21 Tebedu?

Timbalan Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah (Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah) (YB Datuk Maclaine Ben @ Martin Ben): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker dan Selamat pagi kepada semua. Terima kasih, Yang Berhormat bagi Tebedu. Sebelum saya

menjawab soalan Yang Berhormat bagi Tebedu, saya ingin mengucapkan selamat hari jadi kepada beliau pada pagi ini. Happy birthday, his 18th birthday.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tebedu, Sarawak Rubber Industry Board (SARIB) telah beroperasi selama enam bulan mulai 26 Oktober 2023. Setakat ini SARIB telah melaksanakan beberapa program pengembangan bersama Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak, Pertubuhan Peladang Kawasan, koperasi dan entiti perniagaan berasaskan masyarakat setempat. Bagi Kawasan DUN Tebedu, SARIB bercadang untuk mengadakan Sesi Libat Urus bersama-sama 572 orang pekebun getah yang meliputi kawasan seluas 1,079.10 hektar. Antara inisiatif yang akan dilaksanakan ialah:

- (a) Pendaftaran pekebun kecil getah dengan SARIB dan Permit Autoriti Transaksi – Getah (PAT-G);
- (b) Bekerjasama dengan pemborong getah;
- (c) Kolaborasi dengan institusi kewangan untuk membuka akaun pekebun; dan
- (d) Pelan peningkatan pengeluaran hasil getah.

Terima kasih.

YB Dr Simon Sinang @ Sinang anak Bada: *(Soalan Tambahan)* Terima kasih, Yang Berhormat Timbalan Menteri. Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker.

- (a) Apakah manfaat pendaftaran Permit Autoriti Transaksi – Getah (PAT-G) kepada pekebun kecil? dan
- (b) Apakah kriteria pendaftaran PAT-G?

Terima kasih.

Timbalan Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi & Pembangunan Wilayah (Komoditi & Pembangunan Wilayah) (YB Datuk Maclaine Ben @ Martin Ben): Terima kasih sekali lagi Tuan Speaker dan terima kasih kepada Yang Berhormat bagi Tebedu atas dua soalan tambahan. Bagi soalan pertama, untuk makluman Yang Berhormat bagi Tebedu, pekebun getah yang telah membuat pendaftaran PAT-G ataupun Permit Autoriti Transaksi - Getah adalah layak untuk mendapat bantuan daripada kerajaan seperti Insentif Penorehan Getah (IPG), bantuan musim tengkujuh dan lain-lain lagi. Bagi urusan jual beli getah dengan pemborong yang sah pula, pekebun adalah diwajibkan mempunyai Permit Autoriti Transaksi – Getah (PAT-G).

Untuk soalan kedua, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tebedu juga, antara kriteria-kriteria pendaftaran PAT-G adalah seperti berikut:

- (a) Pekebun mestilah warganegara Malaysia yang berumur 18 tahun ke atas;
- (b) Memiliki atau mengurus kebun getah dengan keluasan keseluruhan tidak melebihi 40 hektar; dan
- (c) Maklumat profil kebun getah yang telah matang.

Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Puan Dayang Noorazah bte Awang Sohor, Lingga.

YB Puan Dayang Noorazah bte Awang Sohor: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Soalan saya no. 72.

Kes Kewarganegaraan di Sarawak

(72) YB Puan Dayang Noorazah bte Awang Sohor bertanya kepada Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti Sarawak: Berapakah jumlah kes kewarganegaraan di Sarawak yang melibatkan usia di bawah 21 tahun yang telah diselesaikan dan apakah langkah yang telah diambil bagi menangani kes yang masih tergantung?

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti Sarawak (YB Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah): Tuan Speaker, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Lingga bertanya tentang jumlah kes kewarganegaraan di Sarawak yang melibatkan usia bawah 21 tahun, berapa yang telah selesai dan apakah langkah yang telah diambil bagi menangani kes yang masih tertantung.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Lingga, Jabatan Pendaftaran Negara, Negeri Sarawak merekodkan sebanyak 1,403 permohonan kewarganegaraan di bawah Perkara 15A, Perlembagaan Persekutuan yang melibatkan kanak-kanak dan individu berusia 21 tahun ke bawah. Dalam tempoh tahun 2018 hingga 2023. Daripada jumlah tersebut, sebanyak 657 (46.8%) permohonan telah mendapat keputusan. Keputusan sama ada lulus atau gagal. Manakala 746 (53.2%) permohonan masih diproses. Bagi tahun ini pula, dari Januari hingga Mac, sebanyak 50 permohonan telah diterima dan daripada jumlah tersebut, sebanyak 3 (6%) permohonan sudah mendapat Keputusan manakala 47 (94%) permohonan masih diproses.

Bagi kes-kes yang masih tertantung ia akan dibawa ke Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Khas Kewarganegaraan di bawah Perkara 15A, Perlembagaan Persekutuan yang akan datang.

YB Puan Dayang Noorazah bte Awang Sohor: (*Soalan Tambahan*) Terima kasih kepada Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Menteri atas jawapan yang diberikan. Tuan Speaker, saya mempunyai dua soalan tambahan, iaitu:

- (a) Apakah faktor-faktor yang boleh menyebabkan taraf penduduk kanak-kanak itu bukan warganegara dan belum ditentukan? dan
- (b) Apakah syarat-syarat permohonan kewarganegaraan di bawah Perkara 15A, Perlembagaan Persekutuan?

Terima kasih.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti Sarawak (YB Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker dan Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Lingga. Seperti yang Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Lingga maklum, bukan kesemua individu yang dilahirkan di dalam negara memperoleh kewarganegaraan melalui kuat kuasa undang-undang atau secara automatik. Ada individu, status kewarganegaraan adalah bukan warganegara ataupun status belum ditentukan dan faktor penyebab keadaan ini berlaku ialah:

- (a) Perkahwinan ibu bapa tidak teratur. Kelahiran berlaku sebelum pendaftaran perkahwinan ibu bapa mengikut perundangan negara;
- (b) Ibu pemohon sendiri tiada taraf kewarganegaraan ataupun status belum ditentukan;
- (c) Melibatkan bayi yang dibuang ataupun *abandoned babies*, bermakna sewaktu dijumpai, tidak diketahui siapa ibu bapa bayi tersebut dan tidak diketahui status kewarganegaraan terutama sekali ibu kepada bayi yang telah dibuang itu; dan
- (d) Pengangkatan anak yang tidak teratur.

Bagi menjawab soalan tambahan kedua, syarat permohonan kewarganegaraan dibawah Perkara 15A Perlembagaan Persekutuan.

- (a) Pemohon dan orang yang didaftarkan hendaklah hadir ke kaunter Bahagian Kewarganegaraan, ibu pejabat JPN di Putrajaya atau ibu pejabat JPN atau JPN di peringkat cawangan. So, JPN peringkat negeri boleh, JPN peringkat cawangan pun boleh;

- (b) Orang yang didaftarkan hendaklah berumur kurang daripada 21 tahun pada tarikh permohonan dikemukakan. Barulah permohonan boleh dimohon di bawah Perkara 15A Perlembagaan Persekutuan;
- (c) Perlu nyatakan sebab, ini perkara yang sangat penting juga, perlu dinyatakan sebab memohon warganegara dalam keadaan khas dalam borang tersebut, iaitu di Ruangan F dan Para A dalam borang permohonan atau sertakan lampiran berasingan jika ruangan itu tidak mencukupi, sejarahnya panjang misalnya, maka bolehlah dibuat lampiran;
- (d) Mengisi Borang B dengan lengkap dan sertakan salinan dokumen yang perlu dibawa bersama. Sekiranya dokumen tidak lengkap, ia boleh menyebabkan permohonan itu gagal dan sangat penting kita tekankan, apabila permohonan dikemukakan dokumen yang membuktikan keberadaan anak itu ataupun individu yang hendak memohon kewarganegaraan itu mesti disertakan sama ada dari segi sijil lahirnya, yang kedua, dari kad kliniknya, nombor tiga, Tuan Speaker, nombor tiga, rekod persekolahannya. Jadi dokumen-dokumen ini penting untuk menunjukkan keberadaan bayi ataupun individu yang memohon kewarganegaraan.
- (e) Permohonan hendaklah dikemukakan oleh siapa? Oleh ibu/ bapa, ibu/ bapa angkat atau penjaga yang mempunyai talian persaudaraan.

Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii, Repok.

YB Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Soalan saya no. 73

Pembinaan Politeknik atau Institusi Pendidikan TVET di DUN Repok

(73) YB Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii bertanya kepada Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat: Adakah kerajaan bercadang untuk membina politeknik atau institusi pendidikan TVET di tanah kerajaan (*Lot 365, Block 59, Sarikei Land District*) yang telah lama dikenal pasti di Sg. Merudu Sarikei untuk menghasilkan tenaga kerja yang kompeten di kawasan Zon Tengah Sarawak?

Timbalan Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat (Pembangunan Bakat) (YB Datuk Francis Harden anak Hollis): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi N.45 Repok, sehingga kini, tiada permohonan pertapakan diterima untuk tujuan membina politeknik atau institusi pendidikan TVET yang melibatkan lot tersebut, iaitu tanah kerajaan *Lot 365 atau 365, Block 59, Sarikei Land District* atau di kawasan lain di Bahagian Sarikei.

Berdasarkan maklum balas yang diterima daripada Jabatan Tanah dan Survei, *Lot 365, Block 59, Sarikei Land District* telah diberi milik kepada Pesuruhjaya Tanah Persekutuan (PTP) pada 25 Ogos 1989 untuk tujuan pendidikan bagi Sekolah Menengah Vokasional Sarikei.

YB Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii: (*Soalan Tambahan*) Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Terima kasih, Yang Berhormat Timbalan Menteri atas jawapan. Saya ada dua soalan tambahan.

- (a) Oleh sebab tiada perancangan oleh Kerajaan Persekutuan untuk membina institusi pengajian seperti mana yang telah dimaksudkan, apakah perancangan Kerajaan Negeri? dan
- (b) Apakah status *enrolment* dan kapasiti kolej vokasional di kawasan yang berdekatan?

Timbalan Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat (Pembangunan Bakat) (YB Datuk Francis Harden anak Hollis): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Untuk menjawab soalan tambahan no. 1, saya menggalakkan Yang Berhormat untuk mengangkat perkara ini kepada

kementerian-kementerian yang berkaitan pada peringkat persekutuan untuk membangunkan institusi-institusi TVET yang sesuai. Jadi, berdasarkan maklum balas yang diterima daripada Jabatan Tanah dan Survei, Lot 365, Block 59, Sarikei Land District telah diberi milik, seperti apa yang diberitahu tadi, kepada Pesuruhjaya Tanah Persekutuan (PTP) pada 25 Ogos 1989 untuk tujuan pendidikan bagi Sekolah Menengah Vokasional Sarikei. Walau bagaimanapun, tiada pelan bangunan dikemukakan setakat ini. Dalam perkara ini, kami menyeru Yang Berhormat untuk mengangkat perkara ini kepada Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia khususnya Bahagian Pembangunan Latihan Vokasional (BPLV).

Jadi, untuk menjawab soalan tambahan yang kedua, Kolej Vokasional Sibu adalah institusi yang berdekatan dengan Sarikei. *Enrolment* pelajar di Kolej Vokasional Sibu adalah seramai 542 orang dan masih boleh menampung sehingga 600 orang pelajar. Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Adam Yii Siew Sang, Pujut.

YB Encik Adam Yii Siew Sang: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. My question is no. 74.

Tuan Speaker: Question 74.

Piasau Old Bridge

(74) YB Encik Adam Yii Siew Sang to ask the Minister for Tourism, Creative Industry & Performing Arts: Piasau Old Bridge holds significant historical value for Miri and has been recognized as a heritage site. Does the Ministry plan to refurbish and develop the bridge into a prominent historical landmark to unlock its potential as a major tourist attraction in Miri?

Timbalan Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan (Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan) (YB Datuk Snowdan Lawan): Good morning. Thank you, Tuan Speaker and Honourable Member for Pujut. For the information of the Honourable Member for Pujut, the Notice of Preservation was issued by the Sarawak Museum Department on 1st December 2015 under the Sarawak Cultural Heritage Ordinance, 1993. The department will conduct in-depth studies to assess the suitability of the bridge to be gazetted as a historical monument under the Sarawak Heritage Ordinance, 2019 in order to develop an official plan to refurbish and develop the bridge. This includes engagement with the local communities, relevant agencies, and NGOs to obtain historical data. Thank you.

YB Encik Adam Yii Siew Sang: (*Supplementary Question*) Thank you, Tuan Speaker. Thank you to the Honourable Deputy Minister. I have two supplementary questions.

- (a) Is the owner or the lawful occupier allowed to execute any restoration works after the notice of preservation has been issued? and
- (b) What are the gazetted buildings, monuments, or sites in Miri?

Thank you.

Timbalan Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan (Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan) (YB Datuk Snowdan Lawan): Thank you, Honourable Member for Pujut. For the information of the Honourable Member for Pujut, the owner or the lawful occupier is allowed to execute restoration work as follows:

- (a) Under Section 34(2) Sarawak Heritage Ordinance 2019, the owner or lawful occupier may apply a permit to carry out prohibited act from the Sarawak Museum Department to execute the restoration works in accordance with the Section 36;
- (b) There are four buildings, two monuments and one site have been gazetted in Miri and they are as follows:

- (i) Fort Hose Marudi category is under building and was gazetted on 10th February 1971 under the Antiquities Ordinance, 1954;
- (ii) Gua Niah Miri under category of site gazetted on 23rd May 1972 under the Antiquities Ordinance, 1954;
- (iii) Miri Oil Well site no. 1 Canada Hill category monument gazetted date was on 10th July 1984 under the Antiquities Ordinance, 1954;
- (iv) Bangunan Pejabat Residen is under the category of building and was gazetted on 30th September 2019 Sarawak Cultural Heritage Ordinance, 1993;
- (v) Fort Lio Mato Baram is category of building gazetted date, 21st March 2022 under the Sarawak Heritage Ordinance, 2019;
- (vi) Fort Long Akah Baram category building gazetted date, 21st March 2022 under Sarawak Heritage Ordinance, 2019; and the last one;
- (vii) Air raid shelter Canada Hill under category monument gazetted date was 21st March 2022 under the Sarawak Heritage Ordinance, 2019.

Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Dennis Ngau, Telang Usan.

YB Encik Dennis Ngau: Thank you and very good morning, Tuan Speaker. My question is no.75. Thank you.

Borneo representation in Parliament Malaysia

(75) YB Encik Dennis Ngau to ask the Premier of Sarawak: I understand that a position paper on the proposal to increase Borneo representation in Parliament was sent to the Federal Government last Year (2023). What is the status of Sarawak's proposal to increase Borneo representation in Parliament Malaysia?

Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier (Undang-undang, MA63 dan Hubungan Negeri-Persekutuan) (YB Datuk Hajah Sharifah Hasidah binti Sayeed Aman Ghazali): Terima kasih Tuan Speaker. For the information of the Honourable Member for Telang Usan, the Sarawak Government has proposed to the Federal Government on the additional seats for Sabah and Sarawak representation in the House of Representative of up to 35%.

Chapter 1, Paragraph 3 of the Inter-Governmental Committee Report (IGC), clearly states that the intention of the committee was to work out future constitutional arrangements including safeguards for the special interests of Sabah and Sarawak which covers such matters such as religious freedom, education, representation in the Parliament, the position of the indigenous races, control of immigrations, citizenship, and the Constitution and many more other matters.

A proposal paper for the increased number of seats of Sarawak representatives in Parliament has been presented to the then Jawatankuasa Rakan Sekutu (JKRS) on 23rd August 2022 chaired by the then Minister for Law. Following the change of the Federal Government, the Sarawak Government continues to pursue the matter under the new established Majlis Tindakan Pelaksanaan Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MTP MA63) chaired by the Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister.

Tuan Speaker, the first meeting of MTP MA63 was held on 20th January 2023, and it was decided that this matter be further deliberated in the working committee led by the Legal Affairs Division of the Prime Minister's Department.

For the information of Yang Berhormat bagi Telang Usan also, the Working Committee formed for this purpose had met twice, and I actually attended both meetings where our position paper was again presented and deliberated. The outcome of the meeting will be presented again at the upcoming Technical Committee Meeting which will be chaired by the Yang Amat Berhormat Deputy Prime Minister. It is, for the information of the august House, the Sarawak Government highest hope

that this demand can be fulfilled to ensure a balanced representation in the Parliament in line with the spirit and original purpose of Malaysia's formation in 1963. Thank you.

YB Encik Dennis Ngau: Thank you, Timbalan Menteri. Thank you, Tuan Speaker. If Timbalan Menteri could probably share if there is any specific target date i.e. before the upcoming PRU *kah* ataupun after PRU *kah*, this will be materialised? Thank you.

Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier (Undang-undang, MA63 dan Hubungan Negeri-Persekutuan) (YB Datuk Hajah Sharifah Hasidah binti Sayeed Aman Ghazali): Thank you, Yang Berhormat bagi Telang Usan, I cannot say when we can achieve this but as I have always mentioned, we will always continue to pursue this, we will continue to fight for our rights as I always mentioned as long as there are the stars and the moon, we will continue, Tuan Speaker. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Johnny Pang Leong Ming, Tanjung Batu.

YB Encik Johnny Pang Leong Ming: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. My question is no. 76, thank you.

Upgrade the Residential Drainage System in Bintulu

(76) YB Encik Johnny Pang Leong Ming to ask the Minister for Public Health, Housing and Local Government. Are there any plans to upgrade the residential drainage system in Bintulu Town area to handle the increased rainfall that the current drains cannot contain, especially in light of concerns about potential flash flooding in the upcoming monsoon season?

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (Kerajaan Tempatan) (YB Datuk Dr Penguang Manggil): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjung Batu. Tuan Speaker and Honourable Members of this august House, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjung Batu has registered a very valid concern about the potential occurrences of flash flooding in a number of residential areas in Bintulu Town during the upcoming monsoon season.

But I have my doubts whether the monsoon seasons will come or not, come November, December because of climate change. As I have elaborated during the last DUN Sitting in this august House, flash flood occurs after high intensity of rainfall in a short duration which severely overload the drainage system compounded by the saltation of our drains and water waste as well as the inability of our existing green area or open space to absorb the excessive surface runoff due to the rapid urbanization and unpredictable weather conditions caused by climate change. The latter is indeed more damaging and this can be seen from what had happened recently in the Middle East, in Dubai in particular, Brazil, Kenya and elsewhere, where flooding of such magnitude is unimaginable, and which has halted public transportation and killed many lives the world over.

With regards to the issues raised by the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjung Batu, as a short-term mitigating measure, the relevant local authority that is Bintulu Development Authority (BDA) as well as the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) and Public Works Department (JKR) will continue to carry out regular maintenance of inlet sumps, clearing of scupper drains at the roadside and main drains, as well as periodic cleaning or desilting of affected rivers or water waste.

For long-term measures, there is a need to upgrade the major drainage outlets in order to meet the required flood mitigation standards and future development needs in tandem with the ever-increasing public expectations. In this regard, I am pleased to inform that the Sarawak Government has adopted the implementation of the Sarawak Urban Stormwater Management (SUSToM) Guidelines, which is deemed to be a very promising solution for flash flood mitigations in this region, whether focus is to change the rapid disposal of surface water runoff to a more sustainable and environmental friendly approach of "*controlled-at-source*" by constructing adequate retention ponds, green areas as well as subsurface storage mechanism.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Batu, the current drainage improvement works at Bintulu town are implemented by the Department of Irrigation and Drainage Sarawak (DID) and Bintulu Development Authority (BDA). For DID, an allocation of RM64.82 million has been approved by the Sarawak Government to implement 13 projects to mitigate the impact of flash flood in Bintulu. Of these 13 projects, 10 projects have been completed while the remaining three are under implementation namely:

- (a) *Rancangan Tebatan Banjir di Sungai Sepegang;*
- (b) *Rancangan Tebatan Banjir di Kampung Asyakirin; and*
- (c) *Projek Tebatan Banjir di Taman Good Park, Jalan Tanjung Batu.*

To complement these projects, a sum of RM3.018 million has been approved from 2021 to 2023 and a sum of RM1.9 million in 2024 to upgrade and maintain the drainage systems in Bintulu town and residential areas. BDA also planned to upgrade the existing drainage system in RPR Sebiew, Taman Suarah and Taman Austral Height in 2025. Terima kasih.

YB Encik Johnny Pang Leong Ming: (*Supplementary Question*) Thank you, Tuan Speaker and thank you, Deputy Minister. I have two supplementary questions.

- (a) Where are the ten projects that have been completed? and
- (b) What are the projects completed with RM3.018 million and planned under RM1.9 million?

Thank you.

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (Kerajaan Tempatan) (YB Datuk Dr Penguang Manggil): Terima kasih Tuan Speaker, terima kasih Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Batu. For the ten projects that have been completed during this plan, namely:

- (a) Clearing upstream of Sungai Sebiew;
- (b) Drainage improvement works at Grandmet;
- (c) Soil investigation work for Sungai Sebiew;
- (d) Improvement work to Sungai Sebab at Kampung Kemunting;
- (e) Two units of standby, genset and monitoring system at RTB Bintulu;
- (f) Construction of detention pond at Universiti Putra Malaysia;
- (g) Improvement works at Sungai Plan (Kidurong Avenue) Bintulu;
- (h) Clearing and desilting of Sungai Sepegang Bintulu;
- (i) Clearing and desilting of Sungai Sebatang Bintulu and construction of RC drain at Grandmet Industry.

For the second question, for the RM3.018 million, the projects that have been implemented are:

- (a) Drainage improvement works at Jalan Keranji;
- (b) Kampung Assyakirin;
- (c) RPR Sungai Sebiew;
- (d) Kidurong Avenue;
- (e) Drainage outlets improvement works at Kampung Assyakirin Phase 3;
- (f) Jalan Tun Ahmad Zaidi;
- (g) Drainage system at Nyabau Height.

The drainage upgrading works under RM1.9 million will involve:

- (a) Taman Clean;
- (b) Ing Ling Residence;
- (c) *Rancangan Perumahan* Sebiew; and
- (d) Road Level improvement within this area.

Thank you very much.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Awla bin Dris, Simunjan.

YB Encik Awla bin Dris: Terima kasih Tuan Speaker. Tujuh di kali satu tujuh, satu di kali tujuh pun tujuh. Tujuh campur kosong pun tujuh. Soalan saya no. 77.

Tindakan Menangani Blackout di Kawasan Simunjan

(77) YB Encik Awla bin Dris bertanya kepada Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi: Apakah penyebab utama sering berlakunya “blackout” di kawasan Simunjan dan apakah tindakan yang telah diambil untuk menangani isu tersebut?

Timbalan Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi (Utiliti) (YB Datuk Dr Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Junaidi): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Terima kasih kepada Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Simunjan. Cantik pantunnya tadi.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Deputy Minister, do not be disoriented by the brilliance of the *pantun*. (*Laughter*).

Timbalan Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi (Utiliti) (YB Datuk Dr Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Junaidi): Thank you. Terima kasih kepada Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Simunjan yang bertanya mengenai penyebab utama sering berlakunya “blackout” di kawasan Simunjan serta apakah tindakan yang telah diambil oleh pihak kerajaan untuk menangani isu tersebut.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Simunjan, punca utama gangguan bekalan elektrik di kawasan Simunjan adalah disebabkan oleh talian pengagihan elektrik yang panjang yang terdedah kepada unsur-unsur luar seperti keadaan cuaca buruk, sambaran kilat, haiwan ataupun sentuhan pokok yang berada berdekatan dengan talian tersebut. Bagi menangani masalah ini, sumber bekalan elektrik ke Simunjan telah dialihkan daripada pencawang Kota Samarahan ke pencawang Asajaya yang sekali gus telah memendekkan jarak talian tersebut dari 50 km kepada 42 km. Selain itu, kementerian kami, Kementerian Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi telah mengemukakan cadangan untuk mendapatkan peruntukan bagi projek yang menggunakan talian pengagihan voltan sederhana ataupun Medium Voltage Covered Conductor (MVCC) dari Asajaya ke Simunjan sepanjang 45 km. Projek ini akan memberi penyelesaian jangka masa panjang untuk mengatasi masalah gangguan bekalan elektrik ataupun “blackout” yang sering berlaku di kawasan Simunjan. Terima kasih.

YB Encik Awla bin Dris: (*Soalan Tambahan*) Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker dan terima kasih kepada Timbalan Menteri. Saya ada dua soalan tambahan.

- (a) Apakah punca lain yang boleh menyebabkan gangguan bekalan elektrik selain talian pengagihan yang panjang-panjang? dan
- (b) Sekiranya berlaku gangguan bekalan elektrik, apakah yang perlu dilakukan oleh pengguna untuk melaporkan gangguan tersebut kerana setiap kali api padam, YB lah yang disalahkan.

Terima kasih.

Timbalan Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi (Utiliti) (YB Datuk Dr Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Junaidi): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Terima kasih kepada rakan guaman di Simunjan.

Untuk menjawab soalan yang pertama, antara punca lain yang menyebabkan gangguan bekalan elektrik adalah peningkatan bebanan melebihi kapasiti alat ubah ataupun transformer serta kerosakan peranti bekalan dan yang paling serius akhir-akhir ini ialah kejadian vandalisme ataupun kecurian kepada peralatan-peralatan yang telah disediakan oleh pihak kerajaan. Jadi, kita ingin

mengambil perhatian kepada semua agar kita dapat memastikan bahawa kejadian vandalisme ini dapat kita tangani dengan secepat mungkin dan pihak Kementerian Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi akan mengambil tindakan yang serius seperti mengadakan jerayawara pada masa akan datang untuk kita sama-sama mengatasi masalah vandalisme kepada peralatan ini.

Jawapan bagi soalan yang kedua, soalan tambahan yang kedua, sekiranya berlaku gangguan elektrik para pengguna boleh menghubungi *Customer Care Center* di talian 1300- 88-3111 ataupun melalui eAplikasi *SEB Cares* yang beroperasi selama 24 jam. Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, question time is up.

**USUL PENGHARGAAN KEPADA
MANTAN TUAN YANG TERUTAMA YANG DI-PERTUA NEGERI SARAWAK**

NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 23(1)(a)

Premier Sarawak; Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru; Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar; Menteri Tenaga dan Kelestarian Alam Sekitar; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong (YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg): Tuan Speaker, I hereby submit my Notice of Motion pursuant to Standing Order 23(1)(a) to move the following motion.

MOTION OF THANKS

WHEREAS this august House acknowledges with sadness the passing on 21st February 2024 of late Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud who had served as an Honourable and distinguished Member of this House, fourth Chief Minister of Sarawak from 1981 to 2014, and the Seventh Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Sarawak and also as Member of Parliament and Minister in the Government of Malaysia.

AND WHEAREAS this august House hereby expresses and records its profound gratitude and deepest appreciation for the long, invaluable and distinguished service the late Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud harmony, admirably rendered to the State of Sarawak and all its peoples during the period from July 1963 to January 2024 and for the development, economic advancement, political stability, harmony and peace he has bequeathed to Sarawak and peoples of all races, religious and cultural backgrounds.

THEREFORE, IT IS HERERBY MOVED THAT THIS HOUSE TO DEBATE THE MOTION, pursuant to Standing Order 29(1) of the Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak as to when a Motion has been moved and, if necessary, seconded, the Chair will present the question to the Dewan or Committee using the same language as the Motion. Debate can occur on that question and may continue as long as any eligible member wishes to speak, according to these Standing Orders.

Tuan Speaker: Another minister to second.

Timbalan Premier, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua, Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas): Tuan Speaker, I second.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question before the Dewan is that the Motion in the name of the Right Honourable Premier and Honourable Member for Gedong be approved. Ahli Yang Berhormat, under Standing Order 31(8), I hereby limit members speeches to a maximum of 20 minutes.

Premier Sarawak; Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru; Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar; Menteri Tenaga dan Kelestarian Alam Sekitar; dan Ahli Dewan

Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong (YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg): Tuan Speaker, salam takziah kepada keluarga mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, izinkan saya untuk menyampaikan Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Almarhum Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, yang telah kembali ke rahmatullah pada 21 Februari 2024 bersamaan 10 Syaaban 1445 Hijrah.

Pertamanya, saya mewakili Kerajaan Sarawak ingin menyampaikan salam takziah kepada semua ahli keluarga Almarhum, semoga rohnya dicucuri rahmat oleh Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala dan ditempatkan dalam kalangan orang-orang yang beriman dan beramal soleh. Pemergian Almarhum merupakan satu kehilangan besar bagi Sarawak. Segala jasa, perjuangan dan pengorbanan Almarhum akan tetap dikenang oleh setiap pemimpin dan rakyat dalam memacu kemajuan Sarawak ke tahap yang lebih tinggi.

Biodata

Tuan Speaker, Almarhum dilahirkan pada 21 Mei 1936 di Miri. Almarhum memulakan persekolahannya di Sekolah Rendah St. Joseph, Miri sebelum meneruskan pendidikan di Sekolah Menengah St. Joseph, Kuching.

Setelah mendapat keputusan cemerlang dalam peperiksaan Senior Cambridge pada tahun 1958, Almarhum melanjutkan pelajaran dalam bidang Undang-undang di Universiti Adelaide, Australia, di bawah tajaan Shell. Seterusnya pada tahun 1960, Almarhum dianugerahkan Ijazah Undang-undang. Setelah tamat pengajian, Almarhum kembali ke Sarawak dan menyertai *Crown Council* pada tahun 1962 sebagai Pendakwa Raya. Almarhum kemudiannya, menjadi ahli Majlis Kerajaan Negeri pertama pada 22 Julai 1963, iaitu setelah Sarawak mencapai kemerdekaan.

Almarhum mula bergiat aktif dalam arena politik pada usia 27 tahun setelah memenangi pilihan raya negeri di Kota Samarahan dan merupakan antara ahli politik yang termuda pada ketika itu. Sejak itu, Almarhum telah dilantik sebagai menteri menerajui beberapa kementerian di peringkat negeri dan juga persekutuan. Pada 26 Mac 1981, setelah memenangi pilihan raya kecil di Sebandi, Almarhum telah dilantik sebagai Ketua Menteri Sarawak yang keempat.

Falsafah Politik Pembangunan

Tuan Speaker, Almarhum merupakan seorang pemimpin yang berpandangan jauh. Melalui falsafah politik pembangunan yang ditekankan oleh Almarhum, keharmonian dan perpaduan kaum merupakan tunjang kepada pembangunan Sarawak. Tanpa keharmonian dan perpaduan kaum matlamat pembangunan tidak akan dicapai.

Perpaduan

Tuan Speaker, Almarhum sentiasa menggalakkan kerjasama yang erat antara pelbagai kaum di Sarawak dengan memperkenalkan konsep "*Confluence of Rivers*", iaitu kesepaduan dalam kepelbagaian identiti ke arah membentuk perpaduan rakyat Sarawak. Demi mengukuhkan keharmonian dan kedaulatan, Almarhum sentiasa memastikan hak-hak Sarawak terpelihara bagi melindungi kepentingan ekonomi, politik dan sosial rakyat Sarawak. Oleh itu, sama-samalah kita meneruskan usaha Almarhum untuk menjaga kedaulatan, perpaduan dan keharmonian yang telah dipupuk selama ini.

Pembangunan Luar Bandar dan Perladangan

Tuan Speaker, Almarhum amat menitikberatkan pembangunan sosioekonomi rakyat Sarawak dengan merapatkan jurang pembangunan antara bandar dan luar bandar. Ini bagi memastikan masyarakat luar bandar tidak ketinggalan dalam arus pembangunan.

Oleh itu, Almarhum telah merangka pelbagai rancangan pembangunan tanah seperti membangunkan tanah NCR bagi tujuan komersial. Selain itu, pembukaan ladang berskala besar turut diperkenalkan di kawasan luar bandar bagi melonjakkan lagi pendapatan penduduk. Almarhum menubuhkan pelbagai agensi pembangunan bagi melaksanakan inisiatif ini agar ia dapat meningkatkan taraf sosioekonomi dan memberi manfaat sepenuhnya kepada masyarakat luar bandar.

Pembangunan Perindustrian

Tuan Speaker, dengan adanya keharmonian dan kestabilan politik, ini membolehkan pentadbiran Almarhum memberi tumpuan untuk menarik pelaburan asing bagi mewujudkan peluang pekerjaan kepada penduduk dan seterusnya menjana ekonomi Sarawak.

Pada tahun 1987, Almarhum telah menubuhkan kementerian baru, iaitu Kementerian Pembangunan Perindustrian Sarawak bagi menggalakkan pembangunan sektor perindustrian. Saya telah diberi kepercayaan oleh Almarhum untuk menerajui kementerian baru tersebut pada ketika itu.

Antara projek yang menjadi *game changer* kepada pembangunan perindustrian ketika itu, adalah pembinaan Zon Perindustrian Bebas Samajaya yang mengkhusus kepada industri elektrik dan elektronik.

Bagi merancakkan lagi ekonomi Sarawak seiring dengan keperluan global, Almarhum telah membangunkan Koridor Tenaga Diperbaharui Sarawak (SCORE) yang mempromosikan pembangunan tenaga boleh diperbaharui. Kini, Sarawak merupakan salah satu pengeluar tenaga hidro terbesar di rantau ini dengan adanya empangan hidroelektrik Batang Ai, Bakun dan Murum.

SCORE telah berjaya menarik pelaburan bernilai tinggi sekali gus mewujudkan industri hiliran serta membuka lebih banyak peluang pekerjaan. Ini sekali gus telah merancakkan lagi pembangunan sosioekonomi di wilayah tengah Sarawak.

Pembangunan Modal Insan

Tuan Speaker, bagi menyokong rancangan pembangunan yang direncanakan, Almarhum telah mengambil langkah memperkasakan modal insan melalui pendidikan. Almarhum percaya akan kepentingan ilmu pengetahuan dan pendidikan untuk menjadikan Sarawak lebih berdaya saing dan bersedia menyahut cabaran pasaran kerja yang sentiasa berubah.

Almarhum berazam agar rakyat Sarawak berpeluang memperoleh pendidikan tinggi. Ini kerana Almarhum percaya bahawa potensi yang dimiliki Sarawak bukan hanya pada sumber alamnya tetapi juga pada rakyatnya. Aspirasi ini telah dimanifestasikan melalui penubuhan Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) pada tahun 1992, Universiti Curtin Malaysia di Miri pada tahun 1999 dan Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus pada tahun 2000.

Bagi memastikan anak Sarawak tidak tercicir dalam arus pendidikan, Almarhum turut menyediakan pelbagai bantuan pendidikan yang membuka peluang kepada mereka untuk melanjutkan pendidikan ke peringkat yang lebih tinggi. Peluang ini akan menyediakan anak Sarawak bukan sahaja sebagai pekerja tetapi juga pemimpin dan inovator.

Pembangunan Infrastruktur

Tuan Speaker, dengan saiz yang luas, mobiliti dan perhubungan merupakan satu cabaran besar di Sarawak. Pelbagai inisiatif telah dilaksanakan bagi menghubungkan kawasan bandar dengan luar bandar seperti pembinaan jalan raya utama, jalan pesisir pantai dan jalan luar bandar.

Dari segi pembinaan jalan raya yang menghubungkan bandar dengan luar bandar, Almarhum tidak sekadar membina infrastruktur, tetapi juga jambatan yang menghubungkan komuniti dan merapatkan jurang pembangunan. Jalan yang dibina bukan sekadar laluan tetapi nadi yang mencetus dan memangkin pembangunan sosioekonomi rakyat di seluruh pelosok Sarawak. Ianya juga memacu pertumbuhan dan memberi nafas baru kepada kawasan yang terpinggir.

Di bawah kepimpinan Almarhum, bandar-bandar baharu seperti Miri dan Sibu telah berkembang menjadi pusat ekonomi sementara Kuching memperoleh wajah baru sebagai bandar yang moden dan dinamik.

Penubuhan Agensi-agensi Pelaksana

Tuan Speaker, bagi melaksanakan perancangan pembangunan dengan lebih bersasar, Almarhum telah mewujudkan agensi baharu seperti Lembaga Pembangunan dan Lindungan Tanah (PELITA), Lembaga Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar Sarawak (NREB), Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC), Lembaga Sungai-sungai Sarawak (SRB) dan Lembaga Pembangunan Koridor Wilayah (RECODA).

Jentera Pentadbiran

Tuan Speaker, bagi memastikan pentadbiran dan perancangan pembangunan dilaksanakan dengan lebih lancar, Almarhum telah menubuhkan beberapa bahagian baharu yang mempunyai jentera pentadbiran tersendiri bagi memastikan setiap bahagian berkembang bersama tanpa ada yang tertinggal.

Almarhum menyedari bahawa pembangunan yang seimbang tidak dapat dicapai tanpa pemahaman mendalam tentang keperluan khusus setiap bahagian. Oleh itu, peranan dalam pentadbiran peringkat negeri, bahagian dan daerah turut diperkasakan sebagai ejen pembangunan bahagian bagi mencapai agenda tersebut.

Kesemua ini bukan sahaja membuka jalan kepada peningkatan dalam pelaksanaan projek tetapi juga dalam pembinaan hubungan yang lebih erat antara kerajaan dengan rakyatnya.

Penutup

Apabila saya berhadapan dengan tanggungjawab sebagai Ketua Menteri selepas pemergian Allahyarham Pehin Sri Tan Sri Datuk Patinggi Dr Haji Adenan bin Haji Satem, Almarhum telah berdiri sebagai penasihat yang berpengetahuan, mentor yang bijaksana, dan yang paling utama, sahabat yang setia. Sebagai seorang pemimpin, kata-kata tidak mampu mengungkapkan betapa bersyukur saya atas sokongan dan nasihat yang diberikan Almarhum.

Akhir kata, segala sumbangan Almarhum akan sentiasa dikenang dan menjadi sejarah terulung kita semua rakyat Sarawak. Marilah kita sama-sama mendoakan semoga roh Almarhum dicucuri rahmat dan ditempatkan bersama-sama orang yang beriman. Terima kasih. (*Applause*)

Timbalan Premier Sarawak; Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; dan Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas): Tuan Speaker, we come together in the solemn remembrance of *Almarhum* Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud. I extend our deepest condolences to the bereaved family *Almarhum*. *Almarhum*, a monumental figure not just in the annals of Sarawak's history, but in the hearts of those he served. Born into modest beginnings, *Almarhum* rose through the ranks with a vision for progress and a heart of determination, embodying the spirit of Sarawak through his long and storied career.

Almarhum's legacy is not merely one of political prowess but of boundless devotion to public service. Since the dawn of Sarawak's independence on 22nd July 1963, *Almarhum* selflessly dedicated himself to the betterment of our people, leaving an indelible mark on our collective history.

Under his stewardship as Chief Minister for over three decades, Sarawak flourished into an industrialised powerhouse, uplifting the lives of countless individuals and communities, particularly those in rural areas. Through his tireless efforts, our poverty rate plummeted, and the doors to healthcare and education swung open wider than ever before.

Yet, beyond his towering achievements, *Almarhum* will still be remembered most fondly for the kindness that emanated from his every action. His humility, compassion, and unwavering commitment to unity transcended political divides, fostering a strong sense of harmony, and understanding among the people of Sarawak.

Almarhum's legacy will endure as a beacon of hope and inspiration for generations to come, a testament to the transformative power of selfless leadership and firm dedication to common ground.

In light of *Almarhum's* immeasurable contributions, I wholeheartedly second the Motion of Appreciation to *Almarhum* Tun Pehin Sri. Thank you.

PERBAHASAN USUL PENGHARGAAN KEPADA MANTAN TUAN YANG TERUTAMA YANG DI-PERTUA NEGERI SARAWAK

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question before the Dewan is that the Motion in the name of the Right Honourable Premier and the Honourable Member for N.26 Gedong be approved.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, under the Standing Order 31(8), I limit the speeches to a maximum of 20 minutes. Any of the Honourable Members who wishes to speak? The Honourable Member for Kota Sentosa.

YB Encik Yap Yau Sin: Tuan Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to speak on the Motion of gratitude and deepest appreciation to the late Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Tuan Speaker, the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud had laid a strong foundation for the present GPS Government to move Sarawak towards a brighter future and has contributed tremendously towards the development and progress of Sarawak. In an extraordinary span of 51 years of government service, both at the federal and later as the Chief Minister of Sarawak from 1981 to 2014, the late Tun Abdul Taib had turned Sarawak into one of the most politically stable and economically viable region in Malaysia.

As Chief Minister, the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud was able to implement projects that brought maximum development to Sarawak, through his "*Politics of Development*" which also formed the basis of COME – Change, Opportunity, Mobility and Equality, for all Sarawakians. His holistic approach in balancing the whole spectrum of socioeconomic development involved the whole strata of society.

Among the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib's countless achievements are the setting up of the Bintulu Development Authority (BDA), in order to harness Sarawak's rich oil and gas resources, the setting up of new Administrative Divisions of Samarahan, Mukah and Betong, the setting up of various universities such as University Technology Sarawak, Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus, Curtin University and he was also instrumental in the setting up of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), which was Sarawak's first public university.

There are numerous other training institutes and colleges which the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib helped to set up, to train Sarawakians in various fields, which went a long way in uplifting the living standards of the people.

The late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib also established many industrial parks such as the Samajaya Industrial Park, Demak Jaya Industrial Park, Samalaju Industrial Park, and Tanjung Manis Industrial Park, which created job opportunities and employments over the years for Sarawakians.

Under the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib, the Regional Corridor Development Authority (RECODA) was established to harness Sarawak's huge hydro-electric power (HEP) potential through RECODA. The Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE) was also established to implement hydro-electric power projects throughout Sarawak. Hydro-electric power dams such as Batang Ai, Bakun and Murum were built. Currently, Baleh hydro-electric power dam is under construction and is expected to be completed by 2027.

Tuan Speaker, we must never forget the immense and vast contributions to the development and progress of Sarawak under the exemplary leadership of the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, the 7th Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Sarawak, which laid the strong foundation to enable Sarawak to achieve a developed status by 2030 under Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030). Sarawak has lost an illustrious son but his legacy lives on.

Lastly, I beg to support the Motion. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Satok.

YB Dato Ibrahim bin Baki: Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Salam sejahtera dan Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur.

Introduction

Thank you, Tuan Speaker, for allowing me to participate in the Motion of Appreciation to the late Tuan Yang Terutama.

I wish to record my appreciation to *Allahyarham* Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud who served as the seventh Sarawak Governor for the past ten years. He had dedicated 63 years of his life to public service. *Allahyarham* Tun Pehin Sri was a doyen of Sarawak politics having helmed the pinnacle position of Chief Minister for a record 33 years.

Overseeing Sarawak's Modernisation

Tuan Speaker, no doubt *Allahyarham* Tun Pehin Sri has left an indelible mark on the history of Sarawak and the nation, being the first Sarawak Cabinet in 1963.

When he assumed the post of Chief Minister in 1981, I am sure most who are old enough to remember the situation then where Sarawak was a backwater. Tun Pehin Sri laid the building blocks to modern Sarawak, and he was the architect of our development.

The rapid progress that we enjoy now would not be possible without the leadership as well as the vision of our former Chief Minister and Governor.

True enough, the Politics of Development which was introduced by him allowed Sarawak to thrive. Politics to him meant delivering on a single purpose; that is to see his homeland prosper and the people having access to the most basic of necessities.

In terms of economy, Tun Pehin Sri oversaw a period of rapid industrialisation with the creation of the Ministry of Industry. Our Premier, the Member for Gedong was the first Minister for Industry and the implementer whereby several industrial areas were established. Among them Samajaya, Samalaju, Demak Laut, Demak Jaya, and Tanjung Manis. This allowed Sarawak to leverage on being export-driven economy where it makes up a large portion of Sarawak's GDP and the revenues obtained through this contributed immensely to our coffers.

Energy Legacy

Sarawak's early adoption of its renewable energy policy was down to the farsightedness of Tun Pehin Sri who initiated the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE), which was launched 16 years ago in 2008. This provided the backbone to Sarawak's future economic and development plans where its components would later be a part of the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030). Through SCORE, the central region of Sarawak saw an upturn in fortunes with the investment and implementation of high-impact projects as well as job opportunities to locals.

The spin-off also included the setting up of three agencies under RECODA – the Upper Rajang Development Agency (URDA), Highland Development Agency (HDA) and the Northern Region Development Agency (NRDA). These agencies have proven to be successful and the bottom-up development model whereby planning involved feedback from local communities has been effective. This was to the extent that several other development agencies were set up for the areas of Samarahan, Greater Kuching, Sri Aman, Betong, Rajang Delta and in RASCOM Area.

The renewable energy initiative was his legacy, now continued and enhanced by the Right Honourable Premier who pioneered Sarawak's green economy with emphasis on hydrogen, solar, cascading dams, biomass using compressed, wood amongst others.

Religious Contributions

Tuan Speaker, Tun Pehin Sri as an *Anak Sarawak*, grew up in a community made up of people from different colour and creed. This shaped his moderate views on religion, championing tolerance, mutual respect among the people in Sarawak whereby unity is the fabric of the society. It was on this very principle that Tun Pehin Sri, so much was offered to lead Pertubuhan Kebajikan Islam Malaysia (PERKIM) as the President, taking over from Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, our first Prime Minister.

Tun Pehin Sri also helmed the Regional Islamic Da'wah Council of Southeast Asia and the Pacific (RISEAP), an international non-profit body to unite voluntary Muslim organisations and coordinate *dakwah* activities. His contributions and influence towards the development of Islamic religion saw him being appointed as a life member of the Muslim World League, being the only Malaysian to do so.

In the Sarawak context, Tun Pehin Sri displayed inclusiveness in his policies ensuring the needs of the non-Muslim communities are met, stressing the value of fairness for all through his collaborations with other religious bodies for the betterment of all Sarawakians.

Protecting Sarawak's Stability

It is, Tuan Speaker, no exaggeration to describe, to describe Tun Pehin Sri as a master political tactician. Being a PBB Youth branch leader in 1985, since then I have the privilege to witness Tun Pehin Sri's political progress. He was a party loyalist who stands firm to protect PBB which he helped formed. He would never waver even an inch and stands firm to protect PBB. Dia akan berkorban apa saja untuk PBB! His biggest test was the Ming Court Crisis of 1987 where a group of dissenters and betrayers within PBB and the coalition wanted to topple him.

He stuck to his gun. Together with other loyalists in party amongst others, our Premier, Member for Gedong, our late Chief Minister, *Allahyarham* Pehin Sri Adenan Satem, our Deputy Premiers, Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Saban and Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Sari, Tan Sri Alfred Jabu, Tan Sri Leonard Linggi Jugah and other great leaders of PBB and the coalition, defended and protected PBB, the coalition and the government. The betrayers were crushed in the 1987 State Election and from then on, he managed to maintain Sarawak's political stability throughout his tenure as Chief Minister.

Tun Pehin Sri is a true blue Sarawakian at heart. It is no exaggeration to describe him as I had said a Master Political tactician. Together with our PBB seniors, they propagated that Sarawak should be led, administered, and managed only by Sarawakians. With that, Tun Pehin Sri successfully navigated and convinced the Barisan Nasional components from West Malaysia then, to not set up branches in Sarawak as certain sections of UMNO wished to set foot in Sarawak. UMNO's entry to Sarawak had it materialised would have change our political landscape today.

Today, Sarawak is in the good hands of GPS. The *rakyat* gave a clear signal with the huge mandate in 2021 Sarawak State Election. The *rakyat* wanted Sarawak to be administered and managed by *Anak Sarawak* without any interference from political parties outside of Sarawak.

GPS, a Sarawak First Government now commands a supermajority in this august House, operating in a more pragmatic political climate compared to the rest of the nation. We now enjoy political stability, excellent economic progress. Sarawakians are living in harmony irrespective of race, religion, and other cultures. And we are able to focus on development initiatives and policy making. Thanks to Tun Pehin Sri.

Conclusion

Tun Pehin Sri Taib left a lasting legacy being the Father of Modern Sarawak overseeing Sarawak's transformation. Throughout his tenure, he was a bulwark of religious freedom and racial diversity. His contributions to Sarawak are immense and his policies, initiatives and vision have touched the hearts of many and has made a difference for us all. For that, myself, fellow Sarawakians are forever in his debt. We have not only lost a statesman but also a father figure. His wisdom was an inspiration for all of us.

His passing is a great loss to Sarawak and the nation. Semoga Allah SWT mengampuni segala dosa Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Taib Mahmud, menerima segala amalan beliau dan mengangkat darjatanya di sisi Allah SWT. Semoga pemergian beliau memberi kerehatan sebenar dari urusan dunia dan semoga roh Tun Pehin Sri ditempatkan di kalangan para solihin. My heartfelt condolences to the family of *Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri*.

*Burung kedidi hinggap di dahan,
Singgah sebentar di pohon sena,
Doa dan terima kasih tanda ingatan,
Jasa Allahyarham Tun abadi selamanya.*

Thank you, Tuan Speaker, I beg to support the Motion.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Batu Kawah.

Timbalan Premier Sarawak; dan Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (YB Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian): Thank you very much, Tuan Speake, for allowing me to speak regarding the Motion of Appreciation for our late Governor of Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Taib.

Sarawak lost a great Anak Sarawak with the passing of Tun Pehin Sri Taib on the 21st of February 2024. Tun was my late father; Tan Sri Datuk Amar Sim Kheng Hong's political partner, Chief of his Cabinet, a family friend, and our Sarawak Heart Foundation Chairman.

33 years of Tun's Chief Ministership resulted in not just a political stability, apart from 1987 Ming's Court, the beginning of based strong trusted, political partnership with my late father and SUPP, but social and religious harmony in Sarawak. Apart from politics of development of Sarawak, Tun's legacy in Sarawak based on political parties governing in Sarawak rather than letting UMNO and MCA coming to Sarawak.

Tun was the main initiator responsible for the relocation of cardiac services from Sarawak General Hospital to Samarahan as well as operation under Ministry of Health Malaysia rather than under UNIMAS in 2001.

After the late Datuk Amar Laila passed away in 2009, Tun took over the chairmanship of Sarawak Heart Foundation and had always focused on how to help the cardiac services in Sarawak Heart Centre and the cardiac patients. I learnt a lot from Tun's strategy planning during the board meetings over the years.

After Tun became the Governor of Sarawak, he used to share with me his visions of Sarawak and various advice. One in particular which I remember until today, "*never listen to what a person says. Study his or her characters*". He used to tell me "*Many people come to me saying bad things about you*". I told them, "*I know Dr. Sim since small*". "*Do you know him as long as me?*". This is based on his advice on studying the person's character. I would like to thank Tun for all his contributions to Sarawak.

With that, I would like to support the Motion of our YAB Premier regarding the appreciation of our late TYT. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Any other member who wishes to speak? Honourable Member for Padungan.

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. First of all, my condolences to the family of the late Tun Pehin Sri.

Tuan Speaker, it is not my character. It is not of me to speak ill of the dead. Tun Pehin Sri, the late Tun Pehin Sri may have contributed to the development of the state. But, at the same time, there was a cloud of suspicion over his administration when he was the Chief Minister. As such, I will not participate in this debate safe to state my grounds, my stands and that of my colleague, Yang Berhormat bagi Pending's stand on this Motion which we will not support this Motion. Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Engkilili.

YB Encik Johnichal Rayong anak Ngipa: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, kerana memberikan ruang kepada saya untuk berbahas menyokong Usul Penghargaan kepada Almarhum mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, juga bekas Ketua Menteri, bekas Ahli Parlimen dan bekas Menteri Kabinet yang telah meninggalkan kita pada 21 Februari 2024.

Sumbangan Almarhum Tun Pehin Sri dalam konteks politik pembangunan, infrastruktur, pendidikan dan juga bertanggungjawab terhadap pembangunan Sarawak amatlah kita kenang. Semangat Almarhum Tun Pehin Sri tidak terhingga khasnya semasa tempoh 33 tahun sebagai Ketua Menteri kita dan juga 10 tahun sebagai TYT Negeri Sarawak. Kepimpinan beliau telah berjaya mengubah status Sarawak daripada bawah sebuah negara yang miskin dan sekarang selepas itu meningkatkan ekonomi taraf hidup rakyat khasnya di luar bandar.

Sejak beliau menjadi Ketua Menteri, saya masih sekolah. Saya minat beliau kerana politik beliau adalah politik pembangunan. Membawa pembangunan kepada rakyat Sarawak khasnya di luar bandar. Beliau tidak mengira bangsa, agama dan sebagainya. Apabila saya menang pilihan raya pada tahun 2006, saya masih ingat beliau panggil saya, "*YB, saya lamak mau jumpa kamu, saya pilih kamu saja*". Masa itu, Ngemah memohon sebagai BN masa itu. "*Saya pilih kamu saja*", dia buka baju saya. Saya sampai sekarang kenang jasa beliau. Terima kasih.

Sarawak maju sekarang adalah hasil daripada *contributions* beliau secara langsung dan tidak langsung yang sekarang ini telah diteruskan oleh YAB Premier kita yang kita sokong. Oleh yang demikian, usul yang dibawa oleh YAB Premier ini amatlah tepat. Sekian dan syabas YAB Premier. Dengan ini, saya menyokong penuh usul ini. Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Any other Members who wishes to speak? Honourable Member for Batu Danau.

YB Dato Paulus Palu Gumbang: Thank you, Tuan Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to participate to debate and support of the Motion of gratitude and deepest appreciation for the long invaluable and distinguished service rendered by the late Tun Pehin Sri who had passed on 21st February 2024. On behalf of the people of N.80 Batu Danau, I wish to convey our condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family of the late Tun Pehin Sri. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

The late Tun Pehin Sri had served as the 4th Chief Minister of Sarawak for more than three decades and from the known of the Father of Modern Sarawak and have no doubt left indelible marks on the state's development and history. As we all know, he later served as our 7th Head of State. His leadership had turned Sarawak from a humble backwater region in 1960s into a vibrant progressive state and led the foundation to certain extent to what Sarawak is today.

During his tenure in the field of education, he has spearheaded the establishment of several educational institutions. Among others, the Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Kolej Laila Taib and University of Technology Sarawak in Sibul, Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus in Kuching, and Curtin University Malaysia in Miri. The setting up of these institutions has no doubt created better opportunities for our youths to pursue higher education.

The late Tun was also responsible for the establishment of the Bintulu Development Authority which was aimed at harnessing the abandoned oil and gas resources. He was also responsible for the creation of new administrative centers such as Mukah, Betong, Samarahan as well as elevation of Kuching and Miri to city status.

The late Tun was also the driving force behind the setting up of the development of industrial parks and made encouraging foreign investment which included Samajaya Industrial Park, Demak Jaya Industrial Park, Samalaju Industrial Park, Tanjung Manis Industrial Park. These industrial parks have no doubt created a lot of job opportunities for our local population, including youths from our rural areas.

The late Tun was also responsible for the creation of statutory bodies to further expedite the phase of the development in the state. They included, among others, LCDA, SFC, SACOFA Sdn. Bhd., Sarawak Land Development Authority (SALCRA).

In short, his legacy stands as a testament to the life dedicated to the betterment of the people of Sarawak. There is no doubt that Sarawak has lost an illustrious son, and he will be forever remembered by the people of Sarawak. With that short remark, I humbly support the Motion. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Tasik Biru.

Timbalan Menteri Pengangkutan (Sungai dan Laut) (YB Dato Henry Harry anak Jinep): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, kerana memberikan ruang kepada saya untuk membahaskan *the Motion* by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak. I wish to express our heartfelt condolences and also deepest sympathy to the family of late Tun Pehin Sri and may his soul rest in peace.

The late Tun Pehin Sri had served as the Chief Minister for the past 33 years and during his tenure, we observed that he had been very fair to all races. Contohnya, dalam Dewan yang mulia ini, kita boleh lihat semua sub-etnik diwakili dalam Dewan ini. Inilah satunya contoh yang kita lihat betapa pentingnya beliau kepada keharmonian rakyat Sarawak. Kalau dalam Kaum Bidayuh, kita boleh lihat Wakil Rakyat dari Serian, dari Mambong, dari Padawan, dari Bau dan di Bau pun ada yang dari Singai dan Selako. Begitu juga dengan sub-etnik seperti Orang Ulu dan juga lain-lain sub-etnik seperti Melayu, ada yang dari Kadayuan, ada juga yang dari Jawa, ada yang juga dari Bugis, jadi semuanya tidak dilupakan.

Orang Ulu pula ada yang dari Belaga seperti kawan saya, ada juga dari Murum, ada juga dari Lun Bawang dan sebagainya. Ini mencerminkan pemimpin yang mementingkan keharmonian supaya setiap sub-etnik diwakili di Dewan yang mulia ini. Satu contoh yang saya mahu ketengahkan, *the late Tun Pehin Sri is also very close to my late father, very considered as a family friend to the Jinep's family*. Dan apabila saya dicadangkan untuk menjadi calon pada tahun 2016, saya perlu meminta izin daripada beliau *dolok* sama ada beliau merestui saya untuk bertanding bagi pihak Barisan Nasional pada ketika itu.

Dan saya masih ingat lagi, tentulah sebagai pemimpin, sebagai manusia, kita ada kelemahan, ada cacat celanya, jadi saya nampak ucapan Wakil Rakyat dari Padungan tidak sedap didengar, tidak ada manusia yang *perfect* dan saya amat sedih dengan kenyataan beliau itu. Saya dengan ini menyokong penuh *Motion* yang dibawa oleh YAB Premier Sarawak. Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Bawang Assan.

YB Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh: Thank you, Tuan Speaker for giving me the opportunity to say few words to support the Motion moved by our Right Honourable Premier showing appreciation for the late Tun Taib. I must say the Tun Taib has left an indelible mark on the state's history and development. He was our colleague for about 30 years. Probably I was one of those who know him better than many of us here. Just to summarise, perhaps, we have no time to say too much about what our Tun Taib, the late Tun Taib had done for Sarawak.

In brief, Tun Taib forged Sarawak united and harmonies society where people could live happily together irrespective of race, culture, and religion. He often emphasised that while pursuing material progress for Sarawak, we should not lose sight of the need to forge unity and harmony for our people in Sarawak. He also very often reminded us that we must think carefully and intelligently about our future, about the common destiny we share together; I remember he reminded us many times. Tun Taib, the Late Tun Taib also prepare the ground for industrial development, to prepare the ground paving, the way for Sarawak to embark on industrial development particularly he set up SCORE (*Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy*) preparing the stage for the economic transformation and development for Sarawak. He prepared the ground so that Sarawak could launch itself into another stage of economic development, namely industrial development.

Tun Taib, the Late Tun Taib, also cares very much about the development of human resources. He set up training institutes, colleges and universities as has been mentioned by other Honourable Members in this House, he set up all these educational institutions for manpower requirements. Notably which I know very closely which are very dear to my heart, College Laila Taib, University of Technology Sarawak, Swinburne University and Curtin University, all of which are state funded to generate manpower particularly for the skilled manpower to meet the industrial needs. I remember, I set up this United College Sarawak in Sibu, which was, it was later on changed to College Laila Taib. I remember deeply, I had a private lunch with the late Tun Taib after Datuk Amar Laila Taib just passed away, I think two weeks after that. I had a private lunch with Tun Taib, Tun, the late Tun Taib was in tears saying that he could had done more for his wife Datuk Amar Laila Taib, he says that there should be the time for Datuk Amar Laila Taib to enjoy her life but fate was not there, she died rather prematurely and he says he would like to do something as a remembrance of Datuk Amar, the Late Datuk Amar Laila Taib, on that spur moment I said I would like to proposed to name United College Sarawak after Laila Taib, he agreed and that was how United College Sarawak was named after Laila Taib as a legacy for Laila Taib.

I also remember Tun Taib often went for rural biased development throughout my years as Minister for Finance he always reminded me that we should allocate a rural biased development, something like 60% to 70% of the total budget for rural development for infrastructure development particularly for the rural areas. We know Sarawak has a large piece of land mass; it is so huge it is so difficult to plan for infrastructure development, but he would like us to do as much as possible starting with the coastal road of course.

I also remember the late Tun Taib as a man who is very prudent in his financial management for Sarawak as we know so much so that when he left or when he stepped down as the Chief Minister of Sarawak in 2014, he left behind a formidable sum in our state reserve. The passing of Tun Taib, I think will mark the conclusion of a memorable era, but the memories remain. As far as I'm concerned, we can find no better words to express our gratitude and to say thank you Tun Taib for having devoted the whole of his life to the people of Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, I think in this world no one is perfect, no one can do all the right things all the time, and sometimes we can do also wrong things. As the saying goes, to err is human, making some mistakes here and there is probably something very usual to a human being. Tun Taib during his long reign may have done something wrong, something which may not be acceptable to some, particularly to the Honourable Member for Padungan and Honourable Member for Pending but as our eastern culture has taught us, particularly the Chinese culture, we should respect all those, the elderly person particularly, who has passed away, who have left behind some contributions. In politics, don't take it too personal and I know that Honourable Member for Padungan, he did not see some of the good points what the late Tun Taib have done for Sarawak and have done for the people of Sarawak. He probably only sees, as far as he is concerned, the wrong things that Tun Taib has done.

I remember during some of the session in this august House, I could remember which year some years ago some of the remark made by Honourable Member for Padungan were very hurting to Tun Taib and Tun Taib of course as a human being reacted quite emotionally and I remember he stood up and say, "*Soon Koh, you take over*". And he wanted me to explain to the Honourable Member for Padungan what was behind the whole story, and he walked out of this chamber. These are part of the political games, yes, I agree but setting politic aside as a decent human being we should respect, we should show respect for an important person like the Chief Minister of Sarawak for the past 33 years and also, the Governor of Sarawak. I couldn't imagine how a person could disagree with the Motion moved by our Right Honourable Premier in appreciation of the contributions by the late Tun Taib.

In our eastern culture, particularly in Chinese culture, you cannot, if you don't like the person keep quiet, keep it to yourself and it is rather unbecoming of him to openly express this House that he will not support this Motion. As I said, no one is perfect, sometimes to err is human, but we must remember the good things that were done by a leader, the contribution made by the leader. I must say, in fact at the beginning I said Tun Taib had left indelible contributions in the history of Sarawak. I hope the Honourable Member for Padungan would try to do some soul searching as to what sort of or as whether or not his behaviour particularly in public is acceptable to any decent human being, particularly bearing in mind that our culture, our eastern culture particularly the Chinese culture.

As I have said, we ought to pay high respect for a leader who has spent almost all his life, I remember since 1963 until he died recently. It was all for Sarawak for the people of Sarawak and for the people of Malaysia irrespective as I say something that he might have done which may not be acceptable to some of us. Thank you, Tuan Speaker. I'm a bit emotional but I say what I need to say. Sekian, terima kasih. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, we shall have a break. Dewan resumes at 11.55 a.m.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 11.34 pagi)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 12.07 tengah hari)

[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Dalat.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti (YB Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah): Dalat or Tarat?

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Dalat.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti (YB Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah): From Tarat also... *(Inaudible)*...

Tuan Speaker: Not Tarat, Dalat.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti (YB Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. I was shocked by the words and actions of the Honourable Member for Padungan. In these circumstances, I think what he had said was uncalled for. It is totally contradictory to our Asian Values. Disrespectful to those who have passed on. It was better for him to keep quiet rather than say something that can hurt the feelings of the surviving members of the late Tun Pehin Sri. Kalau tak suka pun, dalam situasi ini, baik diam saja ya.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to express and record my gratitude and appreciation and long invaluable and distinguished service of the late Tun Pehin Sri Hj. Abdul Taib Mahmud as a Member of this august House, as a Member of Parliament, as a Minister in the Government of Malaysia, Chief Minister of Sarawak from 1981-2014, and as Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak. The late Tun Pehin Sri has always emphasised on inclusivity in terms of race, religion, social, and economic background. Has always emphasized on reduced inequalities, rural and urban, as well as in all walks of life. He has emphasised on gender equality, importance of quality in education, early childhood education, peace, justice, and strong institution like family institution as well as cultural institution. Now we know these principles that he has held on dearly to as the SDG, SDG Goals. And these are the underlying principles that the late Pehin Sri used when he chose a candidate, for either the State Legislative Assembly or as the Member of Parliament.

The late Tun Pehin Sri was responsible, Tuan Speaker, for bringing me into politics. I remember his criteria for the choice of candidate for Dalat in 2001, after at that time Datuk Affendi Nawawi was the Assemblyman for N.54 Dalat did not want to continue on for health reason. The criteria that the late Tun Pehin Sri stated at that time was for a Dalat Assemblyman. He wanted:

- (a) a woman candidate and also,
- (b) he wanted, one who has been brought up in a rural area understanding the situation in the rural areas;
- (c) he wanted a candidate to have an educational background;
- (d) a criterion that he said was the age of the candidate must be between 30 to 40 and if it is a woman, with the children grown up.

That shows that he understands very well the hectic life of being a politician and he doesn't want the children of that particular politician to be affected by the hectic life.

Tuan Speaker, so the women of Sarawak will always be grateful for his political will in increasing the number of Sarawak women representative be it in the Dewan Undangan Negeri or as the Member of Parliament and *Alhamdulillah* this is continued by his successors.

Tun Pehin Sri, harimau mati meninggalkan belang, manusia mati meninggalkan nama. Nama Tun Pehin Sri akan kekal dalam sanubari dan kekal dalam lipatan sejarah Sarawak Bumi Kenyalang yang kita cinta ini.

*Pisang emas dibawa belayar,
Masak sebiji di atas peti,
Hutang emas dapat dibayar,
Hutang budi dibawa mati.*

Dan doa daripada saya adalah moga Allah SWT mengampunkan segala dosa Allahyarham dan semoga rohnya ditempatkan dalam kalangan orang-orang yang beriman dan beramal soleh. With that I support the Motion moved by the Honourable Premier of Sarawak. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Balai Ringin.

Timbalan Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan (Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan) (YB Datuk Snowdan Lawan): Thank you very much Tuan Speaker for allowing me to debate on this Motion initiated by our YAB Premier of Sarawak; Minister for Finance and New Economy; and Minister for Natural Resources and Urban Development.

It is only right and timely that this august House expresses profoundly our sincere sadness on the passing of our great state leader and statesman, the late Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri, Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, who had uplifted and propelled our state development as we witness today during his service way back from July 1963 until January 2024.

This is a remarkable and distinguished leadership shown by our very own "*Son of the Soil*" contributing in every way possible and tirelessly all for the good of our State, its people, and generations to come.

On behalf of myself, my family members and the *rakyat* of the Balai Ringin constituency, I wish to put on record here our sincere sadness to the family of the Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri, Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud. May God cover them with the canopy of shade and peace. I convey once again our condolences to the family of the late Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri.

Tuan Speaker, I had the benefit of witnessing how Sarawak as a state had grown from an agricultural state into a thriving and bigger economy with manufacturing and many infrastructures development throughout the state.

The late Tun Pehin Sri was very concerned with the living standard of the people in the state. With his vast experience both in the state and also in the federal level, he brought physical, economic, social, and religious development to uplift the standard of living of the people in this beloved State of Sarawak.

My political upbringing had been very much influenced by our late Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri. I remember vividly on one occasion; he gave me fruitful advice about my political journey. He murmured to me at one corner and told me, "*In politics you must know when to accelerate and when to put in a brake and move with the flow*" he said. "*It just like when you are driving a car, if the speed says that you are supposed to drive on 100 kmph, you can drive at 100 kmph or you can drive on 120 kmph, a little bit faster or a little bit slower, maybe 90 kmph or 80 kmph. But don't drive too fast. If you drive at 180 kmph or even 200 kmph, you will get into a very bad accident, a bad car crash. And if you drive at 50 kmph, then you will be left behind politics*".

Other things such as the physical development of the state, our education agenda and all other areas are for the people to witness. His politics of development has had a tremendous impact on the life of our people. What we enjoy now are the products of his vision and mission. The healthy financial position of the State Treasury with more than RM30 billion reserve now are the results of the cumulative reserve which was initiated by the late Tun Pehin Sri.

On the political front, Sarawak was fortunate because the late Tun Pehin Sri had built a formidable wall by not allowing entry by UMNO into our state. His legacy will be our memoirs. We will cherish it forever.

With that Tuan Speaker, I want to support this Motion of Appreciation of the late Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri, Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, for his immense contributions to the state. Thank you very much.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Balingian.

YB Encik Abdul Yakub bin Haji Arbi: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh dan Salam sejahtera, Salam Sarawakku Sayang.

Tuan Speaker, terima kasih kerana memberi peluang untuk saya turut serta dalam perbahasan Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Terlebih dahulu, saya bagi pihak rakyat kawasan DUN Balingian ingin mengucapkan takziah kepada:

- (a) Keluarga Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, mantan Ketua Menteri Sarawak, dan mantan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri bagi Balingian yang telah kembali ke rahmatullah pada 21 Februari 2024; dan
- (b) Begitu juga keluarga Allahyarham Yang Berbahagia Datuk Abdul Ajis bin Abdul Majeed, juga mantan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri bagi Balingian, yang telah meninggal dunia pada 27 April 2024.

Didoakan semoga roh kedua-dua mantan Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud dan Yang Berbahagia Datuk Abdul Ajis bin Majeed ditempatkan bersama-sama orang-orang yang beriman.

Kita tidak pertikaikan bahawa pembangunan bagi DUN Balingian ialah hasil daripada Allahyarham mantan-mantan pemimpin ini. Sumbangan mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, merupakan pemimpin dan figura penting yang membawa perubahan besar kepada Sarawak secara amnya, dan Dewan Undangan Negeri Balingian, secara khususnya

Terletaknya DUN Balingian ketika itu adalah menjadi pusat pentadbiran bagi Bahagian Mukah ini termasuklah pejabat RECODA. Bahagian Mukah yang telah diisytiharkan sebagai bahagian ke-10 pada 1 Mac 2002 oleh Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, semasa beliau menjadi Ketua Menteri Sarawak. Dan pengiktirafan Mukah sebagai sebuah bahagian telah membuka lembaran baharu dalam jentera pentadbiran negeri Sarawak apabila merangkumi seluruh kawasan persisiran pantai di bahagian tengah Sarawak.

Antara petikan beliau ketika itu ialah, "*Apabila Mukah diisytiharkan sebagai bahagian baharu maka boleh dikatakan bahawa sebuah bahagian itu adalah sebuah wilayah yang cukup kecil bagi membolehkan pentadbiran dijalankan dengan cekap dan cukup besar untuk mencantumkan sebagai satu unit ekonomi yang boleh bergerak dengan sendirinya di peringkat akar umbi*".

Penjanaan pendapatan Sarawak dengan pelaburan syarikat asing membuka industri seperti *press metal* mewujudkan MPG, *Sarawak Coal* dan seterusnya banyak membuka peluang pekerjaan kepada rakyat di Mukah khususnya. Mewujudkan *connectivity* di kawasan pesisir pantai, menghubungkan Balingian dan Kuala Tatau, menghubungkan Balingian ke Sibu dan Mukah, membina Jambatan Kuning Mukah, dan ini termasuklah pembinaan Lapangan Terbang Mukah yang baharu bagi menggantikan STOLport Mukah untuk memberi keselesaan dan menepati kehendak rakyat Mukah yang menggunakan perkhidmatan udara luar bandar yang menjadi nadi kepada pergerakan penumpang dan barangan di Bahagian Mukah.

Allahyarham telah memudahkan penubuhan pelbagai institusi dan kolej tempatan dengan pelbagai bidang kursus dan kemahiran. Ini termasuklah yang akan siap dilaksanakan, iaitu Kolej Laila Taib yang akan menawarkan kursus Maritim, selain daripada pembukaan Sekolah Agama (MIS), MRSM Mukah, Politeknik Mukah, Kampus UITM Cawangan Mukah.

Sewajarnya, kita kenali Allahyarham sebagai Bapa Pemodenan Sarawak, meninggalkan pencapaian yang tidak dilupakan oleh sejarah dan pembangunan Sarawak. Allahyarham telah mengubah status ekonomi dan taraf hidup rakyat Sarawak sehingga Sarawak mempunyai dana rizab RM31 bilion semasa kepimpinan Allahyarham, seterusnya mengukuhkan kemakmuran ekonomi dan peruntukan untuk pembangunan Sarawak. Jangan kita nafikan sumbangan besar yang telah dilaksanakan oleh Allahyarham Tun. Malah, Dewan tempat kita bersidang ini ialah cetusan idea pembangunan Allahyarham Tun. Wahai pembangkang, sedarlah, jangan gunakan slogan kamu "*lawan tetap lawan*", sehinggakan orang yang tiada pun menjadi modal politik kalian. Yang pasti, jasa Allahyarham pasti akan dikenang oleh rakyat Sarawak. Saya dengan ini menyokong penuh Usul Penghargaan kepada mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak. Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Semop.

Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier (Hal Ehwal Korporat dan Unit Komunikasi Awam Sarawak) (YB Datuk Abdullah bin Haji Saidol): Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Tuan Speaker, terima kasih di atas kesempatan yang sangat berharga ini untuk terlibat dalam perdebatan menyokong Usul Penghargaan kepada mantan Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak adalah Ketua Setiausaha Politik yang pertama dilantik oleh Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib, dan saya merasa bangga berkhidmat menjadi Ketua Setiausaha Politik beliau, allahyarham, sebelum beliau bersara.

Pada tahun 2011, termasuk saya, seramai sepuluh calon baharu daripada parti PBB dipilih untuk menjadi calon baharu. Kebijaksanaan Allahyarham yang berjiwa besar berjaya memastikan rumah parti kami berdiri teguh, bersatu, dan setia. Tiada yang sibuk berebut kerusi, membuka pakatan sana sini, seperti yang berlaku di seberang.

Di bawah langit Bumi Kenyalang, pemimpin kita membina rumah dan pagar untuk kita, Anak Sarawak. Membina bumbung, menjadi payung melindungi kita daripada panas. Membina dinding melindungi kita daripada tempas hujan kerisauan, dibina di atas tapak yang sangat kukuh, dibina dengan tiang seri perpaduan dan persefahaman. Dipaku dengan toleransi dan keakraban yang mesra. Rumah kita ini dibina di atas tapak yang kukuh untuk melindungi generasi seterusnya. Rumah kita ini juga dari semasa ke semasa diubah suai oleh pemimpin-pemimpin penyambung bagi meneruskan perjuangan membina kesejahteraan penghuni-penghuni rumah ini, iaitu kita semua Anak Sarawak.

Dedikasi, pengorbanan dan jasa Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, jangan kata kita tidak merasa. Sedikit sebanyak saya yakin budi Allahyarham Tun terpalit sedikit dalam kehidupan kita. Jangan kata apa yang kita rasa, ketenangan yang kita kecapai sekarang ini bukan hasil daripada pemimpin-pemimpin yang terdahulu dan pemimpin yang sekarang.

*Kalau menyalin dengan sempurna,
Suratnya bersih halamannya terang,
Kalau memimpin dengan bijaksana,
Rakyatnya kasih Tuhan pun sayang.*

*Orang berbudi, kita berbahasa,
Orang memberi, kita merasa.*

Saya percaya semua bangsa, budaya, dan agama tentu ada amalan, adab sopan atau *manners and politeness*. Merujuk kepada kenyataan Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan, yang tidak menyokong usul ini adalah gambaran nyata adab budaya, personaliti sebuah parti yang berfalsafah sempit, kasar, hipokrit dan biadap.

Tuan Speaker, budaya politik jijik dan hodoh sebegini tiada tempat di Bumi Kenyalang. Saya yakin ramai anak Bumi Kenyalang yang lembut budi bahasanya akan terguris dengan sikap orang yang tidak pandai mengenang budi. Kita bangsa Sarawak tanpa mengira agama dan kaum sentiasa menyantuni mereka yang telah pergi dengan iringan doa yang baik-baik.

Tuan Speaker, mewakili masyarakat N.42 Semop saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih dan penghargaan kami yang tidak terhingga diatas jasa dan sumbangan Allahyarham untuk kami di DUN N.42 Semop. Semoga roh Allahyarham sentiasa dirahmati dengan kasih sayang dan perlindungan, dengan perlindungan Allah Subahhanahuwatawalla. Akhir kata,

*Cindai bercorak penuh pelita,
Pakaian anak panglima garang,
Emas dan perak pengaruh dunia,
Budi yang baik dijunjung orang.*

Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Muara Tuang.

YB Dato Haji Idris bin Haji Bujang: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. If there is any rule that I may breached under the Standing Order to speak or not to speak, I breached it just for this particular moment in support of this Motion which I cannot help but speak up.

Tuan Speaker, the late *Almarhum* Tun Taib was only 27 when he was made a Minister of the Sarawak Government then which is a record for any particular Sarawakian or Malaysian. He was a smart Colombo Plan Scholar, and erudite lawyer. So, it speaks for itself, even the British at the time saw someone who is a beacon for the people of Sarawak actually at the time. As Chief Minister for 33 years just left us a huge legacy of development. Much to chagrin of the Opposition he has left for every soul in Sarawak, for every Sarawakian at least some benefit for themselves and for the future of their children. I have a very personal experience for being his lawyer and election agent for nine times. Four times in, as an election agent for his MP-ship, five time as an ADUN.

And of course I don't, I was not so cordial as being a peer or something like that to Tun, I was a bit aloof but close enough to know him. As a matter of respect, I want to stay that way because I look at him as a huge leader that has a lot to do to help us. Well, words he said to me along the way, he said he would not be in politics if not for the development of the people of Sarawak. That's why come the words, the words "*Politics of Development*", which he leaves and died, to execute. It was his dream to see all and sundry in Sarawak to be better people in term of life and their well-being, as an example of his love for Sarawak, a manifestation of his sincere feeling for the people Sarawak. We have this building, look at it, you can see religious and racial harmony that he wants to depict for us, almost everything here, details how much he loves us to be in harmony, to be, you know close happy in brotherhood and sisterhood as Sarawakians.

I also remember his word of advice in politics. I am sure you all have his advice too from your experience. He said, you want it, do your best, help the needy, be truthful, be fair to everyone, respect even you enemy, I repeat, respect even your enemy. I mean, or he meant a political enemy. But do not expect to please everyone. Well just to name a few of what he did. Look at the waterfront in Kuching, which is the bastion of the Opposition, how the waterfront has flourished' from years back.

Look at the urban cities and all the areas surrounding that, the development there is immeasurable, immeasurable. Look at the rural areas all this nook and corner of Sarawak. You could see the touch of his love the highways, the towns, the malls, and everything villages and longhouses. Yet paved the way for our leaders after him. Tok Nan, the late Tok Nan included and now our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier to do even more for us. As someone who had known him for that long too, I mean as far as I was a Chief Political Secretary for six years way back, observed that years did not spare a moment without seeing something beneficial for the people of Sarawak. From Muara Tuang I remember he was the MP for Kota Samarahan which included Muara Tuang, and he was the ADUN for Asajaya for quite sometime. He used to say I want to see one graduate per household. I can, yes, I can realise that. That is why he made Kota Samarahan the "*Kota Ilmu*".

One graduate per household was within the reach of our people then. With his inspiration and support and guidance we have UNIMAS and many IPTS, we have University of MARA at Muara Tuang, Samarahan. This shows how much he had done for us. Well, he also said truth and stay when you are facing hardship, calamity, and misfortune. So I would like to say also this to remind myself the word from Al-Quran, "*Azubillah Minashaitan Nirajeem Kullu Nafsin Dzaiqotul Maut*", which means every human being shall face that. We all will, I shall face that.

What do we want to leave behind. At least the grateful ones will say, thank you to you too, the grateful ones with the slightest sense of gratitude will not be silent but also said thank you that is what we should do as Sarawakian, as every Sarawakian who had benefited from his love for Sarawak, through his Politics of Development. With that, Sir, I wholeheartedly support this Motion by the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier. We must give credits to what is due and to what he has given, the best for us, when the late Tun Taib has done that, with that I support, thank you very much. May his soul rest in peace, may Allah give him the *syurga tanpa hisab, Aamiinn Yarabal A'laminn*.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Daro.

YB Encik Safiee bin Haji Ahmad: Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahitaala Wabarakatuh. Salam sejahtera dan Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur. Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, kerana telah memberi peluang kepada saya untuk terlibat sama dalam membahar Usul Penghargaan ke atas Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, mantan Tuan Yang Terutama yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak dan juga mantan Yang Amat Berhormat Ketua Menteri Sarawak yang telah dibentangkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak, merangkap ADUN bagi Gedong.

Tuan Speaker, di kesempatan ini saya mewakili rakyat di kawasan N.43 Daro ingin merakamkan ucapan takziah kepada keluarga Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud yang telah meninggalkan kita buat selama-lamanya pada 21 Februari 2024 yang lalu. Meskipun Allahyarham tidak lagi bersama kita namun segala sumbangan dan jasa bakti beliau semasa hayat, khususnya dalam membangunkan Sarawak yang kita cintai ini akan kekal abadi buat selama-lamanya.

Sesungguhnya, sepanjang tempoh Allahyarham sebagai Ketua Menteri selama 33 tahun tidak dapat dinafikan begitu banyak pembangunan dalam pelbagai aspek, mahupun pendidikan, ekonomi dan juga infrastruktur dan lain-lain yang telah Allahyarham sumbangkan dan wariskan kepada kita yang ada pada hari ini melalui falsafah politik pembangunan yang telah beliau laksanakan.

Meskipun saya tidak berkesempatan menjadi Wakil Rakyat semasa Allahyarham sebagai Ketua Menteri, tetapi sebagai bekas penjawat awam yang telah berkhidmat selama 23 tahun, dan saya juga bertuah kerana berkesempatan dua kali berkhidmat di Jabatan Ketua Menteri dan ini telah memberi peluang kepada saya untuk mengenali beliau dengan lebih dekat dengan menghadiri beberapa acara juga majlis rasmi bersama dengan Allahyarham.

Tuan Speaker, satu peristiwa yang saya merasa begitu dekat di hati saya dan saya rasa mungkin sebagai satu yang tidak akan saya lupa buat selama-lamanya, iaitu pada tahun 2021, di

mana pada ketika itu, alhamdulillah kita di Daro telahpun mempunyai sebuah masjid daerah yang baharu yang telah Allahyarham berikan nama sebagai Masjid Al-Muhsiniin Daerah Daro.

Dan pada ketika itu saya telah dimaklumkan oleh YAB Premier bahawa TYT Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri telah menyatakan hasratnya untuk hadir merasmikan Masjid berkenaan. Untuk menunaikan hasrat Allahyarham Tun, saya bersama-sama rombongan mengadakan kunjungan hormat kepada beliau untuk menjemput beliau secara rasmi bagi menyempurnakan majlis berkenaan. Dan ketika itu saya telah mendapat dimaklumkan oleh pihak Istana untuk datang lebih awal walaupun temujanji peringkat awalnya pada pukul 11.00 pagi.

Dan selepas itulah saya mempunyai masa yang keemasan bersama-sama Allahyarham Tun dan beliau telah banyak bercerita berkongsi pengalaman bagaimana pembangunan yang berlaku di daerah Daro khususnya atau dulu dikenali sebagai daerah Matu, Daro. Dan perjuangan beliau ketika mula menjadi Ketua Menteri serta kesukaran untuk membawa pembangunan ke kawasan ini. Alhamdulillah segala perkongsian itu saya lihat sebagai satu pengalaman yang cukup bermakna kepada saya selaku pewaris yang membawa pembangunan bagi kawasan ini.

Ketika itu juga, saya berterima kasih kepada YAB Premier, salah satu pengisian ketika perasmian Masjid Abu Bakar As-Siddiq telah diadakan satu slot untuk memberi penjelasan, penerangan kepada Allahyarham Tun tentang pembangunan yang berlaku di kawasan berkenaan. Ketika saya bersama-sama Allahyarham Tun dalam kereta mengiringi beliau daripada helikopter sehinggalah menghantarnya balik. Beliau telah menzahirkan merasa bangga melihat apa yang telah berlaku di kawasan berkenaan.

Ketika taklimat telah disampaikan oleh YAB Premier pada ketika itu tentang pembangunan infrastruktur termasuklah pembangunan beberapa buah jambatan di kawasan berkenaan, beliau sempat menyelitkan tentang pentingnya pendidikan. Yang saya ingat lagi YAB Premier sendiri telah merujuk kepada saya mengatakan bahawa sebuah sekolah juga dibina di kawasan DUN Daro iaitu di SK Kampung Penasu. Apa yang boleh saya kongsi di sini ialah bahawa pada saat-saat akhir hayat Allahyarham nampaknya dari segi keprihatinannya khusus dalam bidang pendidikan memang tetap kekal abadi dalam sanubarinya. Dan memastikan bahawa negeri kita ini, boleh dikatakan pembangunannya juga memberi penekanan pada aspek pendidikan sepertimana yang telah disuarakan oleh rakan-rakan Ahli Yang Berhormat yang lain.

Tuan Speaker, berhubung pendirian yang telah dinyatakan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan, saya berpandangan tidak wajar sama sekali. Kita sebagai manusia memang tidak dapat menghalang orang bercakap tentang sama ada mereka suka ataupun tidak suka kepada kita. Tetapi apa yang saya lihat ialah penghakiman telah dilaksanakan berdasarkan persepsi, tidak sewajarnya digunakan untuk kita menafikan sumbangan yang telah disumbangkan oleh seorang insan yang begitu besar jasanya kepada kita. Apa yang ingin saya ingatkan di sini adalah janganlah jadi sebagai mata lalat, cuma melihat mencari keburukan dan kejahatan sahaja. Jadilah seperti mata lebah, lihatlah jua kebaikan dan juga perkara-perkara yang baik yang juga telah dilaksanakan.

Tuan Speaker, secara kesimpulannya boleh saya simpulkan apa yang boleh kita kenangkan kepada Allahyarham dalam pantun berkenaan,

*Pulau Pandan jauh ke tengah,
Gunung Daik bercabang tiga,
Hancur badan dikandung tanah,
Budi yang baik Pehin Sri Tun kekal dikenang juga.*

Semoga Allah mencururkan rahmat ke atas rohnyanya dan menempatkan Allahyarham bersama-sama orang-orang yang beriman. Aamiinn Ya Rabbal A'lamiinn.

Tuan Speaker, dengan ini saya mohon menyokong. Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Tarat.

Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat (YB Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn): Thank you, Tuan Speaker. I wish to record our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to the family of the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud for his passing. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Tuan Speaker, I concur with the words of the Right Honourable YAB Premier and Honourable Member for Gedong and the other Honourable Member of this august House. I do not think I need to repeat except the expression made by the Honourable Member for Padungan.

The late Tun Pehin Sri has always been passionate with the Bidayuh community and many a times we see him going around in Serian area especially and not forgetting of course, in Bau as mentioned by the Honourable Member for Tasik Biru just now. And also, we can see photos and pictures of him during the early years of his political life. His advice was and is invaluable and has moulded the strong unity of the Bidayuh community and we are very grateful for that. On behalf of the community, or the Bidayuh community I wish to express our gratitude to his great contributions in every sector of the development for Sarawak and with those words Tuan Speaker, I humbly support the motion tabled by the Right Honourable Premier and Honourable Member for Gedong. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Belaga.

Timbalan Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi (Telekomunikasi) (YB Datuk Liwan Lagang): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker kerana memberi peluang kepada saya untuk turut mengambil bahagian bagi Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, *the late* Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib.

Bagi pihak warga orang Ulu dan warga Belaga khususnya, saya ingin menyampaikan ucapan takziah kepada keluarga *the late* Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib, seorang insan yang telah membawa pembangunan dan perubahan yang tiada tolok bandingnya kepada negeri Sarawak. Sumbangan *the late* Tun Pehin Sri bukan sahaja dari segi pembangunan ekonomi dan fizikal dalam pelbagai aspek namun telah mengasaskan pembangunan perpaduan bagi rakyat Sarawak yang terdiri daripada pelbagai etnik, kepercayaan, keturunan dan budaya.

Hasil pembinaan asas perpaduan inilah yang kita rakyat Sarawak nikmati pada hari ini, yang meletakkan Sarawak sebagai wilayah contoh dalam memelopori perpaduan ataupun *unity* sebagai asas teladan kesopanan kehidupan kita.

Pelbagai pembangunan dan sumbangan beliau telah dihuraikan oleh rakan-rakan ahli Dewan yang telah berucap tadi. Tiada kata yang sesuai mahupun ungkapan yang tepat bagi menzahirkan rasa penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada *the late* Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib atas sumbangan beliau menerajui kepimpinan Sarawak selama hampir keseluruhan hidupnya.

Amat tidak tepat dan amat mengecewakan ungkapan yang digunakan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan, amat sempit dan tidak sopan sekali untuk seorang insan yang telah mengabdikan hampir keseluruhan hidupnya membangunkan Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, dengan ucapan ringkas ini saya mohon menyokong Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak. Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Kemena.

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): Tuan Speaker, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. First and foremost, I want to thank Yang Amat Berhormat Premier and also give my gratitude for being not

only kind enough, very timely to move the Motion on the condolences and also the appreciation of service rendered by the great man himself, the legend of Sarawak in north Malaysia, the late Tun Pehin Sri.

I concur with the rest of the members of this Dewan, their appreciation, and also just personal experiences with the late Tun. Actually, Tuan Speaker, I was not only shocked, but I was stunned by the remarks given by the Yang Berhormat for Padungan at this time or moment of appreciation for the man who has served Sarawak in Malaysia for the rest of his entire life until he passed on.

I think it is only appropriate for us to say words of appreciation to the late Tun. I concur with affordable experiences by the Right Honourable Premier and the rest of the Members of this Dewan. I just want to share a personal moment I had with Tun. In the year 2003, I was a young *Wakil Rakyat*, after the election 2001 and we had ours, after the party election. I was called and invited by him, I felt humbled and honoured to be invited by him to his residence in Singapore, Balmoral Street, *Tingkat 20*.

At that time, I was very young, so I got to call Datuk Patinggi Jabu why I was called by a man that we look so high up on and Datuk Patinggi give me a bit of hint and I was in Kuala Lumpur that time, I did not bring my passport. Supposed to be meeting him the following day. I had to get someone to fly to KL to bring passport for me to buy, purchase a ticket to Singapore and upon arrival in Singapore, the drive took me to his place and there he was waiting for me, having some drinks and that evening we had dinner. The first time I had a good menu, prepared and cooked by the late Datuk Amar Laila and the three of us had dinner. After the dinner by around 9.00 o'clock he asked me, sort of interrogating me, asking so many questions to this young Iban in PBB. So, among the pertinent questions that he asked me that are you prepared to work as a team and are you prepared to agree, to disagree? Even before he almost finished, I said, yes Sir, dare not to said anything else other than that.

And then he asked me, are you prepared for undivided loyalty to the party? Not just to serve on a personal basis. I said "Yes" Sir. Then, he had told me about every met party top leadership, what is their aspiration and so on.

One thing I learned from Tun Pehin is that, if *Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu* they have two wings, one *bumiputera*, one *pesaka*, he said we must never allow these two come into a conflict within our leadership. Let *pesaka* handle *pesaka*, *bumiputera* handle *bumiputera* but we work as a team that is the thing that we should be looking at for the direction of our party. With that he said, Parti PBB we move on solid, that is proven until today. And I can rest assured that loyalty to the party is number one in the heart of, not only me but all of us in PBB. That's why GPS remain strong because PBB has the same doctrine that is required for us to be strong in terms of politic stability for Sarawak.

And there is lot of envy from others and so on, we can of course persevere and move on stead fastness and so on. But one thing that Tun Pehin Sri other than all the long list of service that is rendered all of us respective *lah*, constituency is on. Some of the young brothers we have, sisters *biak-biak*, still young really not having opportunity to work under him. But he is the man of very decisive and very firm, and some may not be happy to others because of that firmness that he has in his leadership. And for those who really understand, the direction of his leadership will really fully respect him. I recall another, another moment that we had, because he smell something within *Barisan Nasional Sarawak*, he smell something, so he called us, we were flown to Australia, the *bumiputera* brothers in Melbourne, we in Adelaide, and he tried to see giving us opportunities to give us views and opinion, what Sarawak will be if we allow all this so-called unpleasant opinion, disagreement, conflict to carry on? From then, that particular moment he was telling us to read books on power. Little that we knew, then Bakun comes in, the rest of power and so on. In fact, he has all the vision already, the way forward for Sarawak. How can we not be appreciating this sort of leader? He can just live well and did not bother, we will be still maybe having this Dewan Undangan Negeri under the tree. But here we are and people also looking at us so differently now.

Thirdly, before I take my sit. You can see the leaders that came today, in the person the late Tok Nan, now our Right Honourable Premier, these are the result of the grooming done by the late Tun and then we learned to agree to disagree, that's why we remain strong and remain solid. And this is what I want to share with our younger brothers here, please not all the time we agree, not all the time you like what the others say about you and otherwise. But you must learn to agree to disagree because Sarawak has a very long journey ahead of us. We must and almost there you can smell success already because we must thank Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, that we smell success and a lot of people outside there, they are envious of our success. Please be mindful, take care of Sarawak, Sarawak First. Thank you very much Tuan Speaker. That's a short share, sharing that I have. I give full support of this Motion moved by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier. More than 100% support. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Kakus.

Menteri di Jabatan Premier (YB Dato Sri John Sikie anak Tayai): Okay. Thank you, Tuan Speaker, for allowing me to participate in the Motion of the late Tun Taib. Terlebih dahulu, saya dari DUN N.60 Kakus ingin mengucapkan takziah kepada keluarga Allahyarham Tun.

Tuan Speaker, I came to this Dewan as a Member of the Opposition in 1991, there were only seven of us, and PBDS at that time. We had no choice if you wanted to develop our rural Sarawak and our community the Dayak to help our people but to be with the Government of the day. We applied to join *Barisan Nasional*, without any condition at that time. With late Tun understanding and his kindness, we were accepted into *Barisan Nasional* in May 1993. Although without condition, late Tan Sri James Masing was appointed the Assistant Minister for Tourism. But unfortunately, PBDS didn't last long, it was dissolved in 2003. After that we formed PRS led by late Tan Sri James Jemut Masing, we would be BN now, we work with BN, and now we work with GPS. Now, the reason I tell this story is because without the late Tun kindness and understanding, I'm sure we are not in the government until today. So, we know that Tun is the man whose kind enough to bring in the opposition or any opposition to come to join the big boat so that we can work together especially for the development of Sarawak. Now, with dissent note, Tuan Speaker, I support the Motion *Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Negeri Sarawak*. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Jemoreng.

Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier (Integriti dan Ombudsman) (YB Dato' Murshid Diraja Dr Juanda bin Jaya): Tuan Speaker, terima kasih atas peluang yang diberikan kepada saya untuk menyertai Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak. Saya bangun bagi menyokong Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak Almarhum Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud yang telah dicadangkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak ADUN bagi N.26 Gedong.

Ringkas sahaja untuk menyebut siapa itu Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud. Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud ialah Bapa Sarawak. Sarawak adalah Taib dan Taib adalah Sarawak. Mungkin ungkapan ini agak melampau dan ekstrem tetapi kita semua tahu bahawa terlalu banyak perkara boleh disebut tentang jasa dan sumbangan Tun Abdul Taib Mahmud kepada Malaysia dan Sarawak, tidak terhingga banyaknya. Tidak ada gunanya dan tidak berbaloi pun untuk kita mengampu orang yang telah kembali ke rahmatullah tetapi realitinya sebagai manusia kita pasti mengakui jasa orang yang telah berjasa kepada kita baik secara langsung atau tidak langsung. Saya percaya ramai ahli-ahli yang lain dalam Dewan yang mulia ini lebih layak menyebut tentang jasa dan sumbangan Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud berbanding diri saya. Saya percaya majoriti Ahli Dewan dan yang berada di dalam Dewan ini lebih tahu dan lebih kenal beliau berbanding diri saya. Ramai yang telah melalui saat suka dan duka bersama-sama beliau yang mana itulah semua guru kehidupan dan adab resam perjalanan kehidupan dunia.

Tuan Speaker, memadai saya sebut angka puluhan bilion ringgit Malaysia telah ditinggalkan oleh Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud sebagai simpanan Sarawak pada hari beliau meninggalkan

jawatan sebagai Ketua Menteri Sarawak. Setelah 33 tahun memimpin Sarawak, aset dan simpanan Sarawak bertambah puluhan kali ganda berbanding pada hari beliau bermula sebagai Ketua Menteri Sarawak. Setelah 10 tahun menjadi Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak pada era pemerintahan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Sarawak terus maju, makmur dan simpanan Sarawak terus bertambah sehingga menjadi yang paling tinggi dalam negara Malaysia. Ya, inilah kebanggaan kita sebagai anak Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud selama 60 tahun lebih telah mewarnai politik Malaysia dan Sarawak. Beliau telah membawa kemajuan kepada Sarawak yang tidak pernah disaksikan oleh Sarawak sejak wilayah bernama Sarawak ini wujud. Kerana itu, tak patutlah ada ahli dalam Dewan ini menolak usul ini. Ini Usul Penghargaan, takkan tak ada langsung satu kebaikan Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud di mata beliau tetapi begitulah manusia. Gajah kebaikan depan mata tak nampak nyamuk jauh di lautan dia suka teropong. Ini perangai yang tak patut bagi ahli Dewan yang dipanggil *Your Honourable* sebenarnya ini ialah perangai *Your Horrible*. Anak Sarawak patut penuh adab sopan yang tak ada adab tak layak jadi anak Sarawak, Tuan Speaker. Adab manusia, orang yang meninggal dunia akan dikenang jasa dan kebaikannya, perkara yang lain adalah urusan beliau dengan Tuhannya. Itulah adab manusia sejati.

Tuan Speaker, saya suka sentuh soal pembangunan insan yang ditinggalkan oleh Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud. Berbagai-bagai institusi pendidikan telah diwujudkan oleh beliau sehingga melahirkan ramai anak Sarawak yang berpelajaran termasuk diri saya. Ini telah disebut oleh ramai ahli sebentar tadi. Saya ada dua pengalaman peribadi bersama-sama beliau yang telah merubah diri saya, sebagai bukti betapa Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud sayangkan anak-anak Sarawak.

Yang pertama adalah apabila saya dipaksa oleh beliau untuk menjadi Mufti Negeri Perlis. Beliau bersetuju kepada titah permintaan Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku Raja Perlis yang mahu melantik saya sebagai Mufti Perlis. Beliau bersetuju tanpa bertanyakan saya sendiri. Kata beliau, "*Ini kebanggaan saya, awak mesti terima*". "*Kau kelak ustaz, mun kerja sinun, jaga nama bait aku*".

Tuan Speaker, saya jadi komoditi eksport ke Malaya akhirnya tetapi setiap kali saya balik Hari Raya, beliau akan bertanya "*Kau bila lagi mauk balit kerja di Sarawak*"? *Confuse* kita dengan olahan orang tua kita ini.

Tuan Speaker, yang kedua adalah apabila saya dipaksa sekali lagi menjadi wakil rakyat oleh beliau dan oleh Almarhum Pehin Sri Adenan Satem. Saya menolak kerana politik bukan ilmu yang saya miliki tetapi beliau berkeras memaksa sambil berkata "*Mun kau sik mauk jadi YB, kau berdosa*", *parai* saya, Tuan Speaker. Beliau amat tahu kelemahan saya iaitu sentuhan emosi agama. Maka kita terpaksa akur. Beliau kata lagi "*Ikut ajak bah, apa kata orang tua, ikut ajak apa diatur orang tua*". Sebagai anak Sarawak, kita akur tetapi apa yang jelas Tuan Speaker ialah kasih sayang Tun Pehin Sri Taib kepada anak Sarawak seperti saya walaupun ada juga perkara yang beliau lakukan saya tak setuju yang saya sendiri sebut kepada beliau secara bersemuka dan secara peribadi tetapi apa pun yang berlaku beliau telah membuktikan beliau amat menyayangi anak-anak Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud ialah anak Sarawak yang sejati. Beliau ialah pengasas Malaysia pada usia 27 tahun, 60 tahun kemudian beliau berkhidmat untuk Sarawak dan Malaysia tanpa henti. Beliau mempertahankan Sarawak dan Malaysia. Beliau pernah memberitahu saya kita akan *forever* Malaysia. Kata beliau lagi, "*Aku sik mauk makei pasport lain selain daripada pasport Malaysia*", dan terbukti hingga akhir hayatnya beliau mengotakan kata-katanya dan mempertahankan Sarawak dan Malaysia. Marilah kita semua berdoa semoga Allah SWT mengurniakan keampunan dan kerahmatan buat hambanya yang bernama, Abdul Taib Mahmud, yang banyak berjasa kepada Sarawak dan Malaysia. Ya Allah, ampunilah kekurangan dan kelemahan beliau. Ya Allah, kurniakan beliau syurga yang paling tinggi bersama para Anbiya, Nur Salim, Syuhada dan Solihin, Amin, Amin, Ya Rabbal Alamin.

Tuan Speaker, saya menyokong usul ini.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat. We have a lunch break. Sitting resumes at 2.30 p.m.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 1.18 petang)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 2.39 petang)

[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Tuan Speaker: May I call upon the Honourable Member for Senadin.

Menteri Pengangkutan (YB Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin): Thank you, Tuan Speaker. I rise to support the Motion which has just been tabled in this august House this morning by the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier who is also the Member for Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong.

It is only proper and fitting that we in this august House acknowledge with sadness the passing on 21st February 2024 of the late Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud who had rendered his public service as an honourable and distinguished Member of this august House and as the 4th Chief minister from 1981 to 2014. He also served as the 7th Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak and as a Member of Parliament and Minister in the Federal Government.

I wish to convey my deepest condolences to the family of the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud and may his soul rest in peace. The late Tun Pehin Sri has rendered long, invaluable, and distinguish service to Sarawak and its people from July 1st, 1963, to January 2024, in terms of social economic development, racial unity, religious harmony, political stability, peace, and tranquillity which we are all fully aware of.

He was a visionary leader. Through his philosophy on the politics of development, he had given strong emphasis to focus on the development of Sarawak. He focused on the development of hydropower and laid a strong foundation for Sarawak today moving towards green energy economy. He had also led a good foundation for the Sarawak's education, especially education opportunities for Sarawak's students when he established Curtin University, Swinburne University, Kolej Laila Taib and University of Technology Sarawak. He was also instrumental in the setting up of UNIMAS. There are so many examples of his contributions that he had made to Sarawak. I will not go into details as many examples have been elaborated by the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, my cabinet colleagues and Honourable Members of the GPS in this august House.

I wish here to specially mention my personal experience working under him as his Political Secretary and also in the cabinet. I personally known him for over thirty years. Here I would like to especially pay tribute to his contributions towards the development of Miri from a town to become a city on 20th May 2005. He told me that Miri was his birthplace and where he had his early education at St. Joseph School and his father also was working for Shell and therefore, he was very supportive of Miri vision to become a city and he wanted to make sure that it became a reality. He personally asked me to work hard, and he said "*as a young man you must work hard for your own birthplace also*" since I was also born in Miri, and he also told me to work very closely with Datuk Patinggi Dr George Chan to realise his plan to develop Miri to become a city. He said that for Miri to become a city, one of the important criteria is that it must have a University and when we told him that Curtin University was willing to set up a campus in Miri, he was happy and personally went to Perth to meet the management of the university and with his strong support, Curtin was successfully set up in Miri.

In terms of religious harmony, the late Tun Taib had always advocated religious harmony and mutual respect. I could still record that he supported the first Christmas Parade in Miri organised jointly by the Association of Churches and the Miri City Council. Since then, the Christmas Parade had been held annually in Miri.

I would like here to touch on the mannerism and the words uttered by the Honourable Member for Padungan which were uncalled for. It is not our Sarawak culture to show disrespect or utter words or in manners in a way that may hurt the feelings of the living family members. In this august House, each time a member or passes member passed away, the Speaker of this august House will ask, all the Honourable Members of this august House to observe a minute of silence as a mark of respect and remembrance, what more to say of a distinguished leader who had rendered such long year of service to Sarawak. There is a saying that says, "*to err is human and to forgive is divine*". We are all human. We are not perfect. We have our strengths and weaknesses. And I would like just to put a *pantun* here, on this matter.

*Kalau menebang si pohon jati;
Papan di Padungan dibelah-belah;
Kalau hidup tidak berbudi;
Umpama pokok tidak berbuah.*

Tuan Speaker, before I conclude I have two other pantuns.

*Dewa sakti melayang ke daik,
Hendak cari Dewa Garupa,
Kalau ada budi yang baik,
Sampai ke mati orang tak lupa,*

*Taman Runggu tembok kelapa,
Terbit bunga pucuk melati,
Budi Tun Taib kita tak lupa,
Sudah terpaku di dalam hati*

Tuan Speaker, in conclusion I would like once again to accord, my full support to the Motion tabled by the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Katibas.

YB Encik Lidam anak Assan: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, kerana memberi saya peluang, saya bersama-sama rakyat di Katibas untuk membahaskan Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Taib Mahmud. Terima kasih saya ucapkan kepada Yang Amat Berhormat kerana berjaya mengangkat Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Taib Mahmud. Saya mewakili rakyat DUN Katibas ingin menyampaikan ucapan takziah kepada keluarga Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Taib Mahmud yang meninggalkan kita. Tidak dapat dinafikan sumbangan Allahyarham Tun Pehin Seri Taib Mahmud kepada Sarawak dan rakyatnya dan juga kepada rakyat di Katibas. Beliau berjaya memelihara Sarawak termasuk tanah dan langit, sungai dan laut. Allahyarham juga berjaya memelihara kekayaan Sarawak, di atas tanah Sarawak mahupun di bawah tanah Sarawak termasuk tumbuh-tumbuhan. Lihatlah keadaan Sarawak pada hari ini, dimana rakyatnya termasuk kita di Dewan ini yang mengecapi apa yang telah dilakukan oleh pejuang-pejuang seperti Tun Pehin Sri Taib.

Today, we gather in this august House not only to mourn the loss of a great leader but also to celebrate the profound impact he had on our lives and our society. It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to the late Tun Pehin Sri Taib, a visionary, a mentor, and a guiding light for our Sarawakian and of course Katibas community.

Tuan Speaker, *I never had any direct encounter with the Tun Pehin Sri* tapi saya sebagai rakyat Sarawak, saya juga mengecapi bersama rakyat yang lain apa yang telah dilakukan oleh pemimpin-pemimpin terdahulu termasuk the late Tun Pehin Sri Taib. The late Tun Pehin Sri Taib was not just a leader; he is a beacon of hope, a source of inspiration, and a driving force for a positive change for Sarawak. His dedication, passion, unwavering commitment to serve Sarawak had left an incredible mark on everyone of us including you and me.

Tuan Speaker, as we reflect on Tun Pehin Sri Taib's legacy, many Members have described in many ways experiences. Let us remember his tireless efforts to uplift and empower Orang Sarawak. Whether it was through his bold initiatives, compassionate leadership, or infectious optimism, he touched the lives of countless individuals and transformed our Sarawak community for what it is today.

The late Tun Pehin Sri Taib was more than just a figurehead; he was a friend, a confidant, and a mentor to many as we have heard the sharing by our Members of this august House. Tun Pehin Sri Taib believed as I see it from a far distance when he was serving Sarawak, I was a little boy sitting far at the corner, Tun Pehin Sri Taib believed in power of unity, empathy, collaboration, and his legacy will continue to inspire the generation to comes.

While we mourn the loss of Tun Pehin, let us also celebrate the extraordinary life he lived and the profound impact he had on all of us. Let us honour his memory by carrying forward his vision, his value, and his spirit of service. Let us honour his memory by continuing the struggle for a better tomorrow, just as Tun Pehin Sri Taib did every day of his remarkable life.

Thank you, Tun Pehin Sri Taib. Your tireless dedication, your unwavering leadership, and your profound impact on our lives. You may be gone, but your legacy will live on in our hearts forever. With that Katibas support the Motion.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Sebuyau.

Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi (YB Dato Sri Haji Julaihi bin Haji Narawi): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, kerana memberi peluang kepada saya untuk turut sama mengambil bahagian dalam perbahasan Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri, Tun Pehin Sri Taib Mahmud, bekas Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Sarawak seperti yang dibentangkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak merangkap Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong.

Tuan Speaker, saya merasakan bahawa Usul ini amat bertepatan sekali memandangkan jasa Tun Pehin Sri Taib Mahmud begitu besar sekali kerana bukan sahaja Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Taib pernah menjadi Tuan Yang Terutama Negeri Sarawak tetapi juga pernah menjadi Ketua Menteri Sarawak, pernah menjadi Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri Kawasan Sebandi, Asajaya, Balingian dan juga pernah menjadi Ahli Parlimen, memegang jawatan sebagai Menteri di kerajaan pusat. Oleh itulah, maka saya merasakan bahawa Usul yang dikemukakan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak merangkap Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong adalah bertepatan sekali lebih-lebih lagi dalam usaha kita sama-sama menghargai jasa seorang hamba Allah, anak Sarawak yang begitu besar sekali yang telah sama-sama kita saksikan selama ini.

Tuan Speaker, saya berpeluang berkhidmat di bawah kepimpinan Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud apabila dipilih untuk bertanding di kawasan baharu Sebuyau di suatu ketika dahulu. Kawasan baharu di kawasan luar bandar, kawasan pesisir yang begitu mencabar sekali dan sejak itulah saya seperti juga anak-anak Sarawak yang lain, dapat sama-sama menyaksikan, dapat sama-sama melihat bagaimana Sarawak berubah, berubah dan terus berubah sehingga dapat kita sama-sama merasa nikmat daripada perubahan, dan dapat sama-sama kita saksikan pada hari ini. Saya percaya bahawa perubahan ini bukan hanya dapat dirasai, dinikmati oleh mereka yang menyokong kepimpinan yang diberi oleh Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud tapi saya percaya juga ia telah dapat sama-sama dirasai, dinikmati oleh mereka yang tidak bersetuju, malah kalau lebih tepat lagi kita katakan dirasai, dinikmati juga oleh mereka yang menjadi ahli pembangkang di Sarawak sejak dari dulu hingga ke hari ini.

Maka, saya ingin juga mengambil peluang ini untuk mengucapkan, bagi diri saya dan warga Sebuyau takziah kepada keluarga Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud dan kita amat merasakan kehilangan pemergian Tun kerana beliau merupakan anak Sarawak yang banyak sekali jasanya. Kita semua memang menghargai dan merasakan kehilangan seorang anak Sarawak yang

berjiwa besar menyumbangkan jasa baktinya yang begitu besar terhadap Sarawak dan warga Sarawak.

Cuma saya amat terkejut apabila Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan yang mengatakan pendirian tidak bersetuju dengan Usul ini. To me, I think this is a horrible stand. Pendirian yang saya anggap *horrible*. Tadi rakan saya katakan *horrible* juga. Memang saya dari awal lagi, saya berpendapat bahawa ini adalah pendirian yang tidak sepatutnya disuarakan oleh seorang Ahli Yang Berhormat. Dalam bahasa Inggerisnya, kita mengatakan *the Honourable Member of this august House*. So, it is an uncalled remark, a horrible remark from the Honourable Member for Padungan. Saya berharap ia tidak melambangkan ataupun persoalan saya, apakah ianya melambangkan pendirian parti DAP? Saya tidak tahu. Cuma Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan sendiri yang dapat menjawabnya. Jadi, saya merasakan bahawa ianya amat bertentangan sekali dengan budaya orang timur, a *very un-Sarawakian remark*. Dan, tidak sepatutnya dinyatakan oleh kita yang tinggal di kawasan timur.

It is not consistent with the value of eastern people like us. Oleh itu, maka saya mengibaratkan apa yang dinyatakan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan banyak mengguris perasaan kita yang berada di Dewan yang mulia ini dan saya percaya ramai lagi yang rasa terguris, maka apa yang dinyatakan, pendirian yang dinyatakan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan diibaratkan pepatah, "*kerana pulut, santan binasa, kerana mulut, badan binasa*". Mungkin itulah pepatah yang sesuai kalau saya nak ibaratkan apa yang dinyatakan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan.

Dengan itu Tuan Speaker, saya juga menyokong Usul Penghargaan yang telah dikemukakan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak merangkap Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong. Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Bukit Goram.

Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier (Undang-undang dan Adat Bumiputera) (YB Datuk Jefferson Jamit anak Unyat): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker kerana memberi peluang kepada saya untuk turut bersama-sama membahas Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan, *the late* Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

First of all, I would like to express my heartfelt condolence to the family of the late Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

I hereby rise to participate and support the Motion by the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak, also the Member of Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong.

As a Chief Minister of Sarawak, the late Tun Pehin Taib demonstrated his true leadership qualities as a leader of the multi-ethnic people of Sarawak. He united the people and created political stability in Sarawak under his development-oriented political policies and played a crucial role in implementing policies to ensure Sarawak future sustainable growth with modern economy.

The late Tun Pehin Sri Taib leadership has succeeded in changing economic status of living of the people in Sarawak and Sarawak is now a progressive province with economy based on high-tech industries and equipped with various modern infrastructures. His significant contributions to the development of the state were indeed undeniable. His countless notable achievements included the establishment of the Bintulu Development Authority (BDA) in order to harness rich oil and gas resources in the state; the setting up of new administrative Divisions such as Mukah, Betong and Samarahan; the elevation of Kuching and Miri as cities; the setting up of the Laila Taib College in Sibui; and the founding of various universities such as University Technology Sarawak (UTS) in Sibui, Swinburne University campus, UNIMAS in Kuching and Curtin University campus in Miri.

Tuan Speaker, for the benefit of the people in Kapit Division, he had planned also the Bakun Dam, Murum Dam and Baleh Hydroelectric Dam project. This project not only generates natural

resources and power, but it comes with basic infrastructure such as roads and provides job opportunities among the locals. I want to share, myself, I had been served also as one of his Political Secretary of the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Taib Mahmud and witnessed his true and excellent leadership.

So, before I end, Tuan Speaker, I would also like to concur with my previous colleagues, the GPS, that the comments by the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan which is very unbecoming. As an Honourable Member who behaves so horribly and then I think that is not the, *bukan budaya kita Sarawak*, a very uncultured character. Saya menghormati adat, kita ada adat. So the saying goes, as the saying goes, *biar mati*, of course we do not want our people to *mati*, the children, *tapi tidak boleh mati adat*. So, this is the thing that we Sarawakians have to treasure.

So, with that, Tuan Speaker, I support the Motion tabled by the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Bekenu.

Timbalan Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti (Pembangunan Wanita dan Kanak-Kanak) (YB Datuk Hajah Rosey binti Haji Yunus): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker kerana memberi saya peluang untuk bercakap pada tengah hari ini. Terima kasih juga saya ucapkan kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier kerana telah mengusulkan satu usul yang sangat bermakna juga, iaitu Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak yang sangat bertepatan.

Saya rasa terpanggil untuk turut serta dalam perbahasan menyokong Usul Ucapan Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud. His passing is indeed a great loss to Sarawak. Takziah kepada keluarga besar Allahyarham. Banyak jasa yang telah Allahyarham curahkan pada Sarawak seperti yang telah disebutkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier tadi dan juga rakan-rakan dalam Dewan ini *of which I do not need to repeat*.

Miri, Bekenu, Kuala Sibuti, Kampung Nyalau have been quite close to his heart because of his few friends there whom he always asked about *bila berkesempatan berjumpa Allahyarham*. Ini kerana mungkin memori Allahyarham *from his early childhood years at St. Joseph Miri and his earlier political career*.

Tuan Speaker, *on a personal note*, saya bagi pihak rakyat kawasan saya, Dewan Undangan Negeri N.71 Bekenu serta seluruh masyarakat Kedayan Sarawak merakamkan ucapan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan, *of course*, terima kasih sangat kepada Allahyarham mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, yang pada ketika itu Ketua Menteri Sarawak, yang mengamalkan prinsip *inclusivity* dalam masyarakat pelbagai etnik ini termasuk dalam bidang politik kerana memberi peluang kepada saya untuk memulakan karier sebagai ahli politik, wanita Kedayan pertama dalam Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak, juga wanita Kedayan pertama menjadi menteri muda pada ketika itu. Saya juga diberi peluang menjadi Pengerusi, Lembaga Pelabuhan Miri tahun 2008 hingga tahun 2011, juga pada ketika itu, wanita pertama *as the Chairman of the Port*. Jasa Allahyarham tetap dikenang. Semoga roh Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Taib dicucuri rahmat dan juga ditempatkan bersama-sama orang yang beriman.

Tuan Speaker, dengan ini, saya menyokong Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak yang telah dibentangkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak yang juga Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong. Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Batu Kitang.

YB Dato Ir. Lo Khare Chiang: Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

I rise to participate in this morning's Motion tabled by the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak, Honourable Member for N.26 Gedong in honour and respect of the late Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Taib.

The year was 2010. It was before the birth of N.13 Batu Kitang. I remember there were many interested parties lobbying for the post of the Chairman of the Majlis Perbandaran Padawan. The late Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Taib was then the Chief Minister of Sarawak. Tun made the decision to appoint me as the Chairman of MPP. I won't be here today serving our *rakyat* if not for Tun's decision leading to my humble beginnings' way back in 2010.

The most notable event that I can vividly associate the late Tun Taib is the way he strategically steered UMNO clear from entering Sarawak and paving the way for leaders after him to protect the very sanctity of this Dewan.

I remember those arguments against the late Tun Taib when he first mooted the idea of the seven dams in Sarawak. However, he pushed ahead with Bakun amidst negative criticisms and remarks from the community. Today, Sarawak is realising the benefits of his endeavour.

Tuan Speaker, the Chinese have a saying, "*Qian ren zhongsu hou ren liang.*" Meaning, "*Those before us planted trees so that those after them are well shaded*". The late Tun Taib was not only a lawyer but a great town planner too. Those huge roundabouts we see all over Sarawak was his planning as well. I was a little boy then and I remember criticisms and jokes from many about our huge roundabouts and sheer waste of space. Today, with all the traffic jams and the need to widen our roads and the need of space to construct flyovers and underpasses, we begin to appreciate the privilege of space that we have because of these roundabouts.

Tuan Speaker, I wish to record my humble and heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the family of the late Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud. I humbly support the motion moved by YAB Premier Sarawak to honour the late Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud. Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Kuala Rajang.

Timbalan Menteri Perancangan Bandar, Pentadbiran Tanah dan Alam Sekitar (YB Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh): Bismillahirrahmannirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Tuan Speaker: Walaikumsalam.

Timbalan Menteri Perancangan Bandar, Pentadbiran Tanah dan Alam Sekitar (YB Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker kerana memberi saya peluang untuk bangun mengambil bahagian dalam perbahasan Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, yang telah dibentangkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, ADUN bagi Gedong.

Bagi pihak warga N.41 Kuala Rajang, saya merakamkan takziah kepada keluarga Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud. Semoga roh Allahyarham Pehin Sri ditempatkan bersama-sama golongan Anbiya' dan orang yang beriman.

For a man who has dedicated more than six decades of his life to serve the people of Sarawak and Malaysia and the impact he has on the people of Sarawak and Malaysia in various capacity. There are no words that can do justice to describe what the late Tun Pehin Sri's contributions and his impact on the life of us all today and beyond.

Saya setuju dengan apa yang telah diluahkan oleh semua Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat mengenai jasa sumbangan Allahyarham mantan Tuan Yang Terutama *except the stand taken by the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan which is unbecoming for a person of his status.* And for a man to deny

those contributions, is a person who are not only blind in the eyes but more to in his heart. Dalam Bahasa Melayu buta hati.

Blinded by hatred, silence might be a better option. Ini tidak melambangkan budaya bukan sahaja orang Asia atau orang Timur, tetapi sebagai seorang manusia yang bertamadun. Saya mengenali Allahyarham Tun Pehin Sri secara dekat semenjak bertugas sebagai penjawat awam tahun 1981.

On the personal level, I want to share two amongst others my direct interaction with Tun Pehin Sri when I was in the service. I started the service in 1979, and when he came back in 1981 as the Chief Minister, the then GM of STIDC, Dato Abdillah Abdul Rahim had asked me to prepare a proposal for development of Tanjung Manis. The first stage of that submission was already being approved by the Board of STIDC who was chaired by the late Datuk Noor Tahir, was then the Minister for Forestry.

It doesn't take much effort to convince Tun Pehin Sri for the proposal to be accepted and because of Ming Court in 1987, the proposal was a bit delayed but however, when he took over the Chairmanship of STIDC and to become a Minister for Forestry at Ministry of Resource Planning in 1987, then development of Tanjung Manis was started in 1990. But with the conditions that before that in 1984, we were required to appoint the consultant to take a Master Plan Study of timber industry development for the Rajang River Basin. So, the rest is history.

The second incident was in February 2011. I was appointed as a GM of STIDC in 2001, which is 20 years after he became the Chief Minister. Before that in 2002 he told me on so many occasions, "*Len, don't go into politics*". In 2005, also he said, "*Len, don't go into politics*". In 2006 he said that as well. But 2001 in February, after we signed of what we call it, Standard Operating Procedure between STIDC, the Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), Director of Forestry Department in which I was the GM of STIDC, CEO of SFC and Director of Forest as well as Deputy Permanent Secretary Ministry of Resource Planning at the time. So, after we signed the SOP of the four agencies which was witnessed by the Deputy Premier, Datuk Amar Awang Tengah in Samalajau National Park on Wednesday. In the evening of Thursday just before Mahgrib azan. He called me to a corner in his house and he said, "*Len, you can resign now*". That is how I go into politic. So, the rest is history.

Jadi Tuan Speaker, dengan kata yang demikian sekali lagi saya mengucapkan terima kasih bagi pihak warga Kuala Rajang dan terima kasih kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier kerana telah membentangkan Usul ini pada Dewan ini dan terima kasih kepada semua yang memberi sokongan pada Usul ini. Sekian, dengan kata yang demikian saya menyokong sepenuhnya Usul yang telah dibentangkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier. Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Bukit Begunan.

YB Datuk Mong anak Dagang: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. Before proceeding I wish to thank the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier for tabling the Motion in respect of the late Tun Pehin Sri in acknowledging his contributions to the State of Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to join the rest of the Honourable Member of this august House and on behalf of my constituency of Bukit Begunan to convey my heartfelt sympathy and deepest condolence to the family of the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Tuan Speaker, I concur and agree with the rest of the Honourable Members of this august House with the exception of Member from Padungan that the late Pehin Sri is indeed the architect of modern Sarawak. For example, did we ever imagine that roads would be built or constructed or reach all the coastal areas and most of interior part of Sarawak.

Now, that is only road. What about the other development that we see, and we experienced that had been said by the other Honourable Member of this august House. Things like education,

training centre, oil and gas and our division, the Sarawak Division was increased or had been increased from five to eleven divisions. These are all his vision to enable the administration under him at that particular time to speed up the development of the State of Sarawak and in particular so that people in rural areas who are hardcore, or poor would be able to enjoy the fruit of development and that is where you will say his motto is, "*Development of the Whole State of Sarawak*".

Tuan Speaker, to me the late Tun Pehin Sri is an excellent Administrator and Planner. He is a person who is firm in his decision and will stick to his decision once he made it. He is also a person who is a good listener, and which is an ingredient of an excellent leader. It is because of this characteristic that he is able to stay in power for over 30 years and I have to acknowledge that I manage to serve under Tun Pehin Sri for the past 18 years. To Tun Pehin Sri I would say his politician who doesn't take politics too personal and the case in point which can give an example is the Ming Court Affair in 1987. That is a very good example.

So, despite the political pressure, political challenges, he doesn't take things too personal. He still accepts the political party in the Ming Court, where at that time, *Kumpulan Maju* in one of the political parties is PBDS into the fall of Barisan Nasional at that particular time and even if I was not mistaken in May 1993, as rightly pointed out by Yang Berhormat for Kakus. It was just a matter of nine years he has accepted PBDS into Barisan Nasional at that particular time. It is because he has people in heart. He wants to see everybody enjoy the fruit of the development and he doesn't want people to be left out of the mainstream of development because once people get discontented, there is a possibility that political chaos could come in and he sees all these things that political stability is an ingredient to the state's development.

Tuan Speaker, we cannot deny but to acknowledge the immense contribution the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud made to Sarawak. Be that in political, political stability, education, and so on. As I have said much earlier, the development we are enjoying now is because of the State's political stability. The foundation of which was laid down by the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Tuan Speaker, as human being, we all have to acknowledge, we all make mistakes in the course of our duty and during our own lifetime. No one is perfect. In life we cannot and should not focus on the negative deeds of a person but should also acknowledge the positive things that a person has done. We should adopt and forgive and forget attitude.

Having said that Tuan Speaker, in politics, there are people who always look at the negative aspect of a leader. I give an ideology here Tuan Speaker, you give a person a white linen and on that particular linen, there is a pin size black dot at the side of the linen. That person will only focus on the small black dot on that linen despite the fact that the whole piece of linen is clean, large part of it and that's how some people see political leader. People focus on the negative part but forget about the immense contribution that has been made by politician and these are the thing and the sad thing we got to acknowledge whatever and give credit when it is due.

So, before I conclude, I once again salute the leadership contribution made by the late Tun Pehin Sri to the people of Sarawak. Tun Taib, you may be gone but your deeds and legacy will be remembered by the people of Sarawak. With that Tuan Speaker, I support the Motion tabled by or made by Yang Amat Berhormat the Premier of Sarawak. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Repok.

YB Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Terlebih dahulu, saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih atas peluang yang diberikan oleh Tuan Speaker untuk saya membahas Usul Penghargaan kepada Mantan Tuan Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak. Saya ingin menyampaikan setinggi-tinggi penghormatan dan penghargaan kepada mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, Mantan Yang di-Pertua Sarawak ke-7, yang telah meninggal dunia pada 21 Februari 2024.

Sepanjang Almarhum memimpin negeri Sarawak, Almarhum telah memberi sumbangan yang bermakna kepada pembangunan Sarawak. Mantan Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud adalah "*Bapa Pemodenan Sarawak*", yang memperkasakan pembangunan di bandar dan luar bandar secara menyeluruh. Di bawah kepimpinannya, Sarawak telah memulakan era industrialisasi.

Almarhum Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud telah meninggalkan kita legasi yang tidak akan dilupakan berhubung warisan kemajuan, pembangunan dan perpaduan antara kaum yang menjadi inspirasi rakyat Sarawak untuk terus memajukan negeri tercinta Sarawak. Almarhum Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud akan senantiasa hidup dalam hati kita semua. Dengan itu, saya mohon menyokong usul yang dibentangkan oleh YAB Premier. Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Member for Pakan.

YB Tan Sri William Mawan anak Ikom: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. I hope I'm not the last. It's been a long, long time since I last stood up and speak. I've been around and with you, but I was just listening, but I didn't talk. Why is that Mawan hasn't talk. If I was asked why is that Mawan has not been asking over the years, not how you feel but how I feel. Anyway, I'm compelled, I feel like I am obliged to participate in this Motion tabled by our YAB Premier on this motion of sadness on the demise and also contribution made by our late Tun Pehin Sri Taib. I had the opportunity to associate myself with him personally during his administration over the years and then of course the late Tan Sri Adenan and during this present times YAB Premier *kita*.

I feel he is one that has being described as the Father of Modern Sarawak, I really agreed. I agree to that, but over the years, he has established himself as a force within society, within government, within association, within administration. Even at one time, I remembered the late Pehin Sri Adenan that when the name the Chief Minister was mentioned, he was still looking around, but he has been sworn in as the Chief Minister himself, he said, "*I was looking where is the Chief Minister?*". It's you, Sir, I said, because the influence that a name that could not immediate between us that reflection of his leadership, his vision, his force of personality and a lot of other extraordinary, special leadership inculcating within the group with regards to collective leadership, collective responsibility and the solidarity among of the Barisan Nasional Members, members of GPS, members of the political people within this Dewan or within his administration.

I may not have all the adjective, the verbs, the superlative or whatever to describe the immense personality, the immense contribution he has made but we all seem appreciative it, we know that the legacy and to appreciate that fully and even refer to him as political legend. Of course, when it comes to force of personality, I did witness the winding up done by him. In which some members of the Opposition they could be boisterous, interjected and intervein during his winding up. At first, he was a bit calm, after that his eyes turn quite large and they look, I think some members of that corner just keep quiet, I don't know why.

The late Tun Taib was very special. He can be quite fierce looking but at heart a very kind and forgiving heart. He could see us through, his vision and foresight were fantastic and one thing I could feel that he's really ahead of us during that time, as ahead so that he did very well on his planning in terms of what Sarawak should deserve and Sarawak should embark on. So, my deepest sympathy and condolence to all the family members and in that notes I support the Motion tabled by our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier. I fully support the Motion. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I shall now call upon the Right Honourable Premier, to do the winding up address.

YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Saya mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang telah berucap

yang telah juga memberikan pandangan masing-masing mengenai keutuhan pimpinan Almarhum Tun Taib.

Tuan Speaker, indeed, he is a Statesman, and he has contributed a lot to the betterment of Sarawak and its people, nobody can deny that directly or indirectly. Sarawakians have benefitted from policies implemented by the late Tun Taib. In fact, to my mind, he is an institution by itself. In the eras of Sarawak's history. Sebab itu, hari ini, kita mengucapkan takziah kepada keluarga beliau dan juga mengucapkan setinggi terima kasih dan penghargaan atas sumbangan Tun Taib kerana seluruh hidup beliau ditumpukan untuk berkhidmat kepada rakyat lebih-lebih lagi kepada negeri Sarawak.

We received what he has done dan menjadi tanggungjawab kita dalam Dewan ini sama ada pemimpin yang ada sekarang mahupun pemimpin generasi muda mengambil iktibar daripada cara Tun Taib mengemudikan Sarawak dan seterusnya Insya-Allah Sarawak menjadi tumpuan bukan sahaja di seluruh negara tetapi mungkin sebagai permata dalam menghidupkan perpaduan di kalangan masyarakat dengan kaum dan berbilang agama supaya permata itu akan terus bercahaya dan memberi satu sumbangan aspirasi dan juga inspirasi untuk kita mengukuhkan silaturahim, kalau dalam agama Islam, *habluminannas* dan menjadi tiang Tuhan yang Maha Esa sebagai pemegang amanah kita dan saya yakin Sarawak akan terus *in safe hands with leadership, with integrity and leadership that keep paramount contributions to the rakyat. With that once again, thank you very much* atas pandangan Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dan kita doakan moga-moga Allah akan memberkati usaha Allahyarham Tun Taib. Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Another Minister to second.

Timbalan Premier, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua, Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas): I second the Motion.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the Motion in the name of the Right Honourable Premier and Member for N.26 Gedong be approved. As many as are of the opinion say "Yes".

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

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

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

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I shall now call upon the Honourable Member for N.59 Tamin to move the Motion.

YB Ir. Christopher Gira @ Gira anak Sambang: Tuan Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to move the Motion of our Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar address in this august House on 6th May 2024.

Firstly, I wish to congratulate the Tuan Yang Terutama on his appointment as the 8th Governor of Sarawak on 26th January 2024. I have high hopes under his leadership as head of state that Sarawak will continue to prosper.

I also like to extend my condolence to the family of the late former Sarawak Governor Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud who passed away on 21st February 2024. During his tenure Sarawak has transformed in every sector, which we are enjoying at the moment. I believe his legacy of development will continue by our Sarawak leaders. For that, I thank the late Governor for his tremendous development contribution to Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, in addressing global issues and challenges, our Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar in his speech reminded us on compliance to the 2015 Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Environment Social and Governance (ESG) on climate change.

In this point, it is worth noting that Sarawak Government is committed in all aspects to ensure parallel to development planning where we target to reduce domestic emissions by 25% by year 2030. Hence, we had many green energy initiatives to introduce such as hydro solar, biomass, biofuel, hydrogen, and Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) along with the implementation of the Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS).

Tuan Speaker, evidence shows that a city is the greatest environmental polluter and climate change contributors from the 70% carbon dioxide emissions. This confirms the need for alternative, reliable, easily accessible and low carbon emitting energy, namely biomass. Biomass is classified as a renewable energy source by certain international bodies such as the European Union and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). This is because they can be replaced fairly, quickly without permanently depleting the earth's natural resources.

Tuan Speaker, is biomass suitable for Malaysia as a whole and Sarawak particularly? Yes, Malaysia is rich with natural resources while Sarawak has high potential of biomass due to availability of resources such as land, sufficient rainfall, and sunlight suitable to enable the ecosystem to generate fast growing trees.

According to the Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadhillah Yusof during the launching of the National Biomass Action Plan 2023-2030 (NBAP2030) in National Biomass Conference on December 7th, 2023. By using biomass pellets as a national energy source, Malaysia is expected to save up RM7 billion by 2030. He further said the NBAP 2030 is expected to increase investments in biomass industry to RM3 billion by 2030, creating over 3000 job opportunities.

This biomass sector has been outlined as the focal area of the National Biomass Action Plan to contribute to sustainable consumption and production, supporting Malaysia transition towards a low-carbon and circular economy with the creation of new jobs. The National Biomass Action Plan (NBAP) outlines Malaysia's focus on the abundant biomass resources found in plantations, forests, agriculture, livestock, and fisheries sectors. The estimated biomass potential from the sector is about 182.6 million tonne per annum, with a significant portion of 85.17% derived from the oil palm biomass industry.

On April 23rd this year, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier himself led a delegation from Sarawak to visit Drax Power Station in UK to gain insight into the operation of the biggest renewable power generation facility there. And after the visit, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier pointed that Drax facility had successfully transitioned from coal to biomass source of energy, thus serves as a model of sustainable energy practices for Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, Malaysia is among the world's largest producers of natural gas, which fuels almost half of domestic electricity consumption. With global concern on climate change and the need to reduce the use of fossil fuels such as oil and gas as the source of energy because of its negative impact towards the environment, there is a need to move towards renewable energies and more environmentally, friendly fuel, known as hydrogen. Hydrogen holds significant potential for various applications in Malaysia, including the residential sector, vehicle applications, and industrial requirements.

As Malaysia aims to transition towards sustainable and low-carbon solutions, exploring and implementing hydrogen applications in the residential, transportation, and industrial sectors can play an essential role in achieving these goals and fostering a greener and more sustainable future. Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd's analyst in a thematic report on March 18, 2024, opined that with consistent governmental investment, Sarawak is expected to be able to leverage on the potential

exponential growth cycle within the hydrogen ecosystem once the technology proves to be commercially viable in the future. The key potential exports clients namely Korea and Japan likely to pay a premium for green hydrogen to power their economics.

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak has established a foothold in the country's green economy for the production and use of hydrogen. This is due to our visionary Yang Amat Berhormat Premier who has frequently emphasized Sarawak's firm commitment in realizing its hydrogen economy initiative and highlight the significance of the project in contributing to the socioeconomic development in Sarawak.

On October 5th, 2023, again the Deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Fadhillah Yusof, who delivered the opening keynote address on behalf of the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, said, the successful implementation of the Hydrogen Economy and Technology Roadmap (HETR) will enable Malaysia to explore the global green hydrogen market which is estimated to be worth at least USD189.19 billion this is equivalent to RM824 billion by 2050.

Tuan Speaker, to unlock the hydrogen economy, it is crucial to attract investments in the value chain including hydrogen production, distribution, and application. The Federal Government is committed to promote potential companies in these quality projects and provide comprehensive support and facilitation to investors such as SEDC Energy Sdn. Bhd, and other relevant stakeholders which undertake green hydrogen and related projects in Sarawak.

In 2020 Sarawak introduced hydrogen-powered electric vehicles (“EV”) and in July 2022, Sarawak implemented the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS project involving hydrogen fuel cell-powered Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) vehicles, which is expected to start operations as early as next year. Additionally, Sarawak has two major planned hydrogen plants in Bintulu's H2 Hub: The Hibiscus and the Hornbill. Hibiscus plant is in collaboration with Korean partners, expected to begin commercial operations by 2028. The Hornbill project is a collaborative effort with Japanese companies and expected to commercially operate by 2030. Among other plans to power ahead with its hydrogen blueprint include hydrogen powered waste collection trucks and medium-sized boats.

Professional Consultancy Practices in Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, I was given a task by the professional service consultancy in Sarawak. In The Edge news article dated 11th April 2024, it was quoted about 210,000 engineers registered with the Board of Engineers in Malaysia (BEM). Of this number, 104 consultants are registered with the Association Consulting Engineer Malaysia (ACEM) Sarawak branch.

One of the main functions of the Board of Engineers (BEM) as mandated in the Registration of Engineers Act (REA) is to register engineering consultancy firms. In Sarawak, the regulation of engineers by Board of Engineers in Malaysia (BEM) plays a crucial role in maintaining professional standards.

Here, I would like to highlight on the certain practices in consultancy particularly concerning fees and payments from the government and the government agencies; currently, there are significant challenges to the sustainability of engineering businesses in Sarawak with the following two main issues:

(a) Consultancy Fees

The State Government through the Pejabat Setiausaha Kewangan Negeri, introduced the *Manual Perolehan Perkhidmatan Perunding Kerajaan Negeri* (MPPPN) on 16th March 2021. This manual introduces Fixed Fee (ceiling fee) and Time Input (Man-month with ceiling fee) structures. It also encourages consultants participating in open tenders to quote based on time input. These approaches indirectly contravene the spirit of the Registration of Engineers Act 1967 established by Board of Engineer of Malaysia (BEM); and

(b) Payment from Government and Government Agencies

Consultants often commence work without sign Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Consultancy Services Agreements (CSA). It can take several months to years for these agreements to be finalised and signed. Consequently, consultants can only submit claims once agreements are in place. Payment from the government agencies further delayed with disbursement often taking more than six months after submission.

Representing my fellow engineering consultants, I say this is an obstacle for small companies where we have fixed monthly commitment. Furthermore, in a bigger picture, the sustainability of professional engineering consultancy in Sarawak is under threat due to non-compliance with the Board of Engineer SOF due to delay in payments from the government and the government agencies.

This also led to loss of talent, with young brilliant engineers opting to work in neighbouring countries and the feeling of undervalued compared to other professions. Other major consequences of the challenges mentioned include cash flow problems, resource depletion, reduced productivity, and diminished business sustainability. In addressing this concern, I urge the State Government to engage in meaningful dialogue and workshops with stakeholders and relevant personnel. Moving forward, we can foster a conducive environment while providing high quality of engineering works and services in Sarawak.

Bahasa Iban

Tuan Speaker, *now I want to touch up a bit regarding the Bahasa Iban*. Perkara berkenaan dengan kekurangan tenaga guru Bahasa Iban yang mengajar di sekolah rendah dan di sekolah menengah di Sarawak pernah saya bangkitkan semasa persidangan Dewan Undangan Negeri Penggal Kedua lepas. Walau bagaimanapun, saya ingin menyuarakan semula di persidangan ini memandangkan masalah ini belum diselesaikan.

Setakat ini, sebanyak 693 sekolah rendah dengan 67,308 orang murid mengambil mata pelajaran Bahasa Iban. Kuota guru opsyen Bahasa Iban yang ada adalah seramai 352 orang sedangkan kuota yang diperlukan adalah seramai 593 orang. Ini bererti masih kekurangan 241 orang guru opsyen Bahasa Iban yang diperlukan di sekolah rendah.

Bagi sekolah menengah pula, sebanyak 83 buah sekolah menengah dengan 20,070 orang murid yang mengambil mata pelajaran Bahasa Iban. Kuota guru opsyen Bahasa Iban yang ada ialah seramai 79 orang sedangkan jumlah kuota yang diperlukan adalah seramai 182 orang. Jadi, ini bererti masih ada 103 orang kuota guru opsyen Bahasa Iban yang diperlukan di sekolah menengah.

Keperluan tenaga pengajar Bahasa Iban di sekolah rendah atau sekolah menengah di Sarawak adalah amat diperlukan dan di tahap kritikal. Pihak Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia (KPM) diharap mengambil langkah-langkah menangani isu kekurangan guru Bahasa Iban dengan secepat mungkin.

Justeru, saya ingin mengemukakan semula cadangan seperti berikut:

- (a) KPM dapat menambahkan jumlah pengambilan guru pelatih Bahasa Iban di Sarawak dan diberi latihan sewajarnya di institusi-institusi pendidikan guru sedia ada sejajar dengan taraf yang sudah diiktiraf;
- (b) KPM perlu memberi keutamaan kepada guru graduan IPG dan graduan guru yang mempunyai ijazah perguruan dari institusi yang diiktiraf untuk mengisi kekosongan tersebut; dan

- (c) Pada masa yang sama, KPM juga harus menambahkan bilangan guru pelatih Bahasa Iban dalam setiap pengambilan ke Institut Pendidikan Guru (IPG) sekurang-kurangnya 100 orang pelatih setiap tahun sehingga isu kekurangan guru Bahasa Iban ini selesai.

Bahasa Iban harus diberi keutamaan oleh Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia (KPM) memandangkan bahasa itu sudah diiktiraf di peringkat tinggi dalam sukatan pelajaran di negara ini. Sekiranya masalah ini tidak ditangani, ia dibimbangi akan menjejaskan usaha untuk meningkatkan penguasaan Bahasa Iban dalam kalangan generasi muda.

Tuan Speaker, I now would like to bring up issues of development in my constituency DUN N.59.

Infrastructure

Foremost, I would like to thank the Federal Government for the approval of road projects in the Tamin constituency as mentioned by the Honourable Deputy Premier and also the Minister for Infrastructure and Port Development in this august House during last DUN Sitting November 2023. The project namely as:

- (a) *Projek Membina Jalan Nanga Baoh/ Nanga Tamin/ Stapang Bahagian Mukah/ Bahagian Sibuh* with estimated lengths of 12 kilometres;
- (b) *Projek Membina Jalan Nanga Luam/ Nanga Woh/ Ulu Mukah Bahagian Sibuh*; with estimated lengths of 14 kilometers; and
- (c) *Projek membina Jalan Ng. Pakoh to Rh. Pantan Ulu Oya Bahagian Sibuh*; with estimated lengths of 8.5 kilometers.

This is wonderful news for the local people, especially those staying within that area. With the completion of these roads in this area, they will have access to nearby towns to sell their goods and thus will not be left behind in term of economic development. Hence, I am appealing to the government to update on this project as well as hopeful for its implementation as soon as possible.

Water Supply

Tuan Speaker, now I want to touch on the Water Supply. Former Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has approved the upgrading of the Stapang Water Treatment plant and laying the pipe within those areas in 2026 at Penghulu Andrewson Ngalai long house Sekuau Selangau during PRN 11. Since then, every DUN sitting in this august House, I repeatedly raised this issue as to when the construction of this project be started or implemented. The answer given is, all the same, the project is still in the planning stage. It has already been eight years; how long will it be in the planning stage?

I am very concerned on the welfare of the people in this area as this have been denied clean water or treated water for their daily use. In this decade, everyone should have access to treated water. Therefore, I appeal to the government to pick up this issue and if necessary, to appoint competent people or officers so that we can see the progress of this project's long overdue outstanding.

The mentioned problem was also similar to the proposed upgrading of the Selangau Water Treatment Plant and the laying of pipes along the Selangau-Bintulu Road, along the Ulu Selangau Road and along Dijih Baoh road where the budget was approved and so far, still at the planning stage despite it has been approved more than two years. Once again, it is my hope for these two projects to be implemented as soon as possible.

Mid Rejang Development Agency (MIRRDA)

Tuan Speaker, I would like to record my sincere thanks to the Sarawak Government under the leadership of the YAB Premier for the approval of the Mid Rajang Development Agency (MIRRDA) in the central region which covered constituencies of Machan, Ngemah, Tamin, Kakus, which also falls under the parliaments of Kanowit and Selangau respectively. The budget as approved for this agency is for the amount of RM1.5 billion. I believe, with proper management and strategic implementation, this agency can eradicate the poverty level in the rural areas by bringing in development such as infrastructure, utilities, agriculture, tourism, land development, etc. All these sectors can attract investors to invest in this agency. This would create jobs and business opportunities especially for the local people.

Insentif Penanaman Getah

Tuan Speaker, now I touch about the *penanaman getah di Selangau*. Sarawak mempunyai kawasan tanaman getah melebihi 150,000 hektar. Namun demikian, disebabkan oleh harga getah yang rendah dan tidak ramai pemilik kebun getah mengerjakan kebun getah secara aktif. Perkara ini juga berlaku di kawasan Sekuau di kawasan DUN N.59 Tamin.

Untuk menggalakkan pekebun kecil getah menoreh, Kerajaan Persekutuan telah melaksanakan program Insentif Pengeluaran Getah (IPG) dengan menetapkan minima harga getah RM3.00/kg. Bermakna, sekiranya harga pasaran getah rendah daripada RM3.00/kg, Kerajaan Persekutuan akan membayar perbezaan harga tersebut kepada pekebun kecil untuk memastikan pekebun kecil menerima harga minima RM3.00/kg.

Dalam suasana ekonomi pada hari ini, harga getah RM3.00/kg untuk getah belum cukup menarik untuk pekebun kecil getah. Oleh demikian, saya memohon Kerajaan Sarawak mempertimbangkan untuk menambah IPG yang diberi oleh Kerajaan Persekutuan supaya harga minima getah boleh dinaikkan kepada RM4.00/kg. Ini bermaksud Kerajaan Sarawak menyediakan IPG tambahan sebanyak RM1.00/kg.

Drug and Illegal Online Activities

Tuan Speaker, saya kebelakangan ini sering menerima laporan daripada penduduk di kawasan berkenaan dengan kes kecurian, keganasan dan masalah mental di kawasan DUN Tamin, terutama di Pekan Selangau. Saya difahamkan antara punca-punca masalah tersebut adalah bermula dari pengambilan dadah dan kegiatan judi *online* terutamanya dalam kalangan belia. Masalah ini bukan saja melibatkan penduduk di kawasan pekan Selangau tetapi telah merebak kepada kawasan-kawasan rumah panjang dan kawasan ladang kelapa sawit. Oleh demikian, saya mohon kementerian yang bertanggungjawab terutamanya narkotik dan polis untuk mengambil tindakan sewajarnya supaya masalah sosial ini tidak terus merebak, terutamanya dalam kalangan belia.

Expensive Airfares During Festive Holiday

Tuan Speaker, every festive holiday particularly Gawai Kaamatan which falls on 30th May and Gawai Dayak on 1st June every year we hear complaints on airfares. The Gawai Dayak festival are significant to all Dayaks and Dayak communities especially for those working far from their hometown take the opportunity to come back home, meet their families and enjoy the celebrations together. Unfortunately for us, in every festive homecoming, we are facing airfares which are doubling up. This is like the trend which we could not afford to have.

The high cost of flight tickets is stressing our many East Malaysians residing in the Peninsular Malaysia, especially during the festive seasons. I think there are ways to address this. For example, during the Hari Raya of this year, toll free travel for private cars was approved by the cabinet as a gesture of concern and to share joy with Malaysians in the Peninsular Malaysia. And the

compensation cost being absorbed by government. Notwithstanding, I appeal to Ministry of Transport to find the solutions to this or even imposing a capping of the ticket price during festive seasons.

Conclusions

Tuan Speaker, with this, I beg to move the Motion of Appreciation to the royal address by the Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak in this august House on 6th May 2024. Thank you.

Timbalan Speaker: Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tamin. I would like to call the Honourable Member for Kota Sentosa to second the motion, please.

YB Encik Yap Yau Sin: Tuan Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to support the Motion of Appreciation to the Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak Tun Pehin Sri Haji Dr Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar on his speech in conjunction with the official opening of the First Meeting of the Third Session of the 19th Sarawak State Legislative Assembly.

Tuan Speaker, I cherished the opportunity in this august House to extend my heartiest congratulations to Tun Pehin Sri Haji Dr Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar on his appointment as the 8th Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak by the Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

Tuan Speaker, I had the opportunity and privilege to work under Tun Pehin Sri Wan Junaidi in his law firm and my very first impression was that he was a man of few words who got things done. When I served as a legal assistant and later as a partner in his firm, Tun Pehin Sri Wan Junaidi's top priority was always on the welfare of his clients when he was a lawyer, and the *rakyat* when he was serving as a Member of Parliament.

Before I was elected as a member of this august House, I used to go to Tun Pehin Sri Wan Junaidi with difficult problems when I was serving as the Sarawak United Peoples' Party Public Complaints Bureau Chief and he would willingly extend and render his assistance, expertise, and connections with the relevant authorities. That was the reason why I was able to solve so many predicaments faced by the *rakyat*.

An example was when Tun Pehin Sri Wan Junaidi assisted me with communicating with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as the Malaysian Consulate General in Pontianak in solving the plight of a Sarawakian woman who was arrested by the Indonesian authorities when she entered West Kalimantan illegally through Serikin, Bau using *jalan tikus* without a valid passport.

I was able to have her deported back to Kuching with Tun Pehin Sri Wan Junaidi's assistance. Tun Pehin Sri Wan Junaidi has always been an inspiration to me, and I believe to many of us I have learnt a lot from his ways of doing things and putting the needs and welfare of the people above his personal interests. On top of that, Sarawak's rights and interests were very important to Tun Pehin Sri Wan Junaidi, and he was instrumental in pushing through amendments to the Federal Constitution relating to Sarawak's rights when he was then Law Minister.

With his vast experience and knowledge, Tun Pehin Sri Haji Dr Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar as the 8th Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak will definitely be able to bring Sarawak to greater heights.

Tuan Speaker, the world is facing pressing environmental threats and challenges. As we have observed, 2023 was the hottest period in human history. The vast majority of extreme weather events were shown to be more likely to occur or were made more severe because of global warming. Under the Paris Agreement 2015, capping temperature rises below 1.5 degrees Celsius is vital yet challenging. Sarawak must continue to lead by example through embracing sustainable technologies

and green policies. Sarawak must forge ahead with efforts to protect and enhance its natural environment. Post pandemic, Sarawak launched the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 focusing on environmental sustainability.

Sarawak must continue to power ahead and carve out a new identity as Southeast Asia's green energy powerhouse by pivoting away from our oil and gas legacy through reducing our over-reliance on fossil fuels and promoting alternative green sustainable energy sources. Sarawak must transcend traditional energy models to embrace a future where renewable green energy is the cornerstone of economic growth and environmental sustainability. The future of Sarawak lies in green renewable energy and the Sarawak Government's objective on this must be unwavering. Business friendly policies on attracting private investments into green energy would align fully with Sarawak's goal to be a green energy provider and go further in demonstrating Sarawak's capability in pioneering innovative and sustainable energy solutions.

Tuan Speaker, despite the cold water being poured by some irresponsible Opposition politicians, Sarawak must continue in its quest to become a leader in the hydrogen energy industry in this region. Collaborations with Japanese and South Korean companies such as SK Energy, Sumitomo Corporation and Eneos highlight the Sarawak Government's role in the ongoing international push towards hydrogen as a clean, alternative fuel source. These ventures bring more than just investments, they bring knowledge and innovation, propelling Sarawak onto the global stage of renewable energy. We must continue to stay focused to realise Sarawak's vision as envisaged by our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, Honourable Member for Gedong of becoming a prominent hydrogen hub, tapping into our hydropower, and producing green hydrogen for global consumption. Ultimately, the Sarawak Government must continue with business-friendly policies for development of hydrogen as a green fuel which ensures efficient and cost-effective hydrogen production, storage and transportation, a robust hydrogen infrastructure and supply chain.

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak's green agenda also extends to its burgeoning digital economy, with plans to power technology industries and data centres using renewable energy. The Sarawak Government's initiatives align with global demand for sustainable digital infrastructure, combining digitalisation with green renewable energy which would set the stage for a brighter future for Sarawak where digital and green go hand in hand as envisaged in Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030. Sarawak can play a key role in the renewable energy industry because Sarawak can provide cost-effective electricity tariffs. The focus of the Sarawak Government should mark be on the amount or value of investment but on economic complexity, value and supply chain or downstream opportunities, job creation, and the Returns on Investments (ROI).

Tuan Speaker, as for Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) initiatives, the Sarawak Government should promote the integration of solar power with hydrogen production to supply clean energy for Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) facilities, promoting energy efficiency and investing in research and development to further enhance these technologies. These initiatives would create business and job opportunities in areas like renewable energy, energy efficiency and green infrastructure, helping to address social and economic inequalities. By supporting business in their efforts to create new low carbon technologies and processes, Sarawak can mitigate climate change impacts and build a more sustainable and equitable future for all.

Tuan Speaker, the road to a green future, however, is not without challenges. Sarawak is grappling with a need for skilled manpower and technological skills to drive its renewable energy ambitions. As such, Sarawak must continue to focus on education and skills enhancement strategies for building a future ready skilled workforce for Sarawak's renewable and green energy sector. To achieve green industrial transformation and progress, highly skilled talents are crucial. Competition for skills and talents has become fiercer and only nations with a reliable pool of highly skilled and talented human capital will cross the finish line. To ensure a sustainable flow of talent and highly skilled workers into the renewable energy sector, the Sarawak Government should continuously adapt its policies in an ever-changing environment and through continuous collaboration with industry players on upskilling needed for cleaner energy solutions.

Tuan Speaker, this brings me to sharing some of the findings of a recent World Bank Report which reveals that children in Malaysia do not learn enough in school when compared to the time spent in school when considering the facts that the public education budget in Malaysia of about 3.2% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The same World Bank Report also revealed that the percentage of students who cannot properly read at the end of Primary 5 in Malaysia is 42% and this percentage is higher than in countries with the same gross national income, which is 34%.

The World Bank Report also found that the average Malaysian child spends 12.5 years in school but learns the equivalent of only 8.9 years. By comparison, Vietnam which is poorer than Malaysia and spends less on education as a share of GDP achieves 10.7 years of learning for 12.9 years of schooling. The World Bank attributes low learning outcomes in Malaysia is due to inadequate early childhood education, inconsistent teacher readiness and commitment in primary schools, and failure to implement teacher performance management according to policy guidelines. The World Bank Report recommends improving the measurement of learning outcomes and teacher performance against global standards. Additionally, it emphasises evidence-based continuous professional development for teachers and the need for clear, actionable, and beneficial teacher policies.

Tuan Speaker, it appears that lowering standards has accelerated rapidly since the Covid pandemic. There is a legion of school leaders and teachers who are lowering standards and patting themselves on the back "*shiok sendiri*". Malaysian students are under performing compared to international averages. The World Bank Report on the state of education in Malaysia is that it is inferior and to put it simply, is clear evidence and proof that Sarawak must have its own autonomy for education to shape our own destiny.

The Sarawak Government must work hard to regain our autonomy in shaping our own education policies to cater to the needs of our progress and development. With autonomy, Sarawak can focus on how to elevate standards. If we do not revamp our education system to keep pace with technological advancement, our children will be left behind in a world that forges ahead while we are still stuck with our sub-standard education system.

With our own autonomy in education, Sarawak will be able to integrate our education and our human capital requirements. A key concern and challenge for Sarawak is to bridge the gap between what industries want and the skills our graduates possess. Achieving this would be an incentive to offer even higher wages, driving economic growth. By narrowing the skills gap, not only will the job market be more competitive, but the brain drain will also be mitigated with well-paying job prospects. At the end of the day, industries drive the economy and for them to thrive, they need the best brains and as such there must be a continuation of commitment from the Sarawak Government to nurture talent and skills and cultivate an environment that fosters innovation.

Tuan Speaker, similarly, Sarawak must continue to strive for health autonomy. The global healthcare industry is among the most dynamic and rapidly growing industries in the world's economy. Spurred by demographic shifts such as extended longevity and a rise in lifestyle diseases such hypertension and cardiovascular ailments, cancer and diabetes, healthcare costs are continuously increasing.

Sarawak's diverse population with ample supply of green renewable energy and our rich biodiversity coupled with our strategic geographical location gives us an edge as an attractive destination for healthcare technology advancements, innovation, investment, and startups. Healthcare is an increasingly important sector which will prove challenging to sustain in the world's global economic climate. Nevertheless, the healthcare sector has shown stronger resilience to economic slumps compared to other sectors.

As such, healthcare must become a part of Sarawak's long-term vision and another catalyst of growth and must receive adequate support and funding from the Sarawak Government. The Sarawak Government must focus on encouraging areas of public private collaboration and attracting

investments in key manufacturing of medicinal products through research and development in Sarawak. The Sarawak Government must take steps to incentivize private investments in pharmaceuticals and medical technology.

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Government must set goals to foster a homegrown pharmaceutical industry through collaborative partnerships of foreign and local pharmaceutical companies in medical biotechnology where local companies can gain through the passing of manufacturing expertise and operational knowledge onto local start-ups. The Sarawak Government should set up a healthcare industrial hub to serve as a niche destination to attract foreign and medical research, development, and manufacturing. The Sarawak Government must make every effort to grab the opportunities of the health industry as another engine of growth for our economy.

Tuan Speaker, home ownership and affordability continues to be a problem for many Sarawakians. The data obtained from the Bank Negara Malaysia Annual Report 2021 and from various other surveys carried out all shows that house prices in Malaysia are seriously unaffordable with the majority of Malaysians not earning enough to afford a home and house prices have outstripped income growth. It is no different for the residents living in my constituency of Kota Sentosa.

Housing is a necessity and a human right, not just an economic privilege and therefore it is a matter of public interest. I would therefore appeal to the Ministry of Housing to implement a low-cost housing scheme in my constituency of Kota Sentosa to cater to the ever-increasing needs of those without homes and currently living and working in Kota Sentosa. This proposed low-cost housing scheme can still be built on pockets of state land at the edge of my constituency of Kota Sentosa bordering the constituency of Stakan.

Tuan Speaker, my constituency of Kota Sentosa has seen a notable surge in cables, drain, and manhole covers tap. It is a known fact that second-hand, or scrap metal dealers provide a market for metal thieves to sell. As long as there are buyers of stolen scrap metals, such thefts would continue to occur. Enforcement by the police continues to be weak and the Sarawak Government should seriously consider a law that gives our local authorities the power to impose licensing restrictions and conditions as a filter mechanism and also prevent those individuals who have criminal convictions from being licensed and in turn participating in the second hand and scrap metal collecting business. Local councils should be given the power to conduct audits of second hand or scrap metal acquisitions and disposal. Currently, local councils only provide input or comments on the siting applications from public health's point of view and the licence for second hand dealers are issued by the police.

Tuan Speaker, flash flood continues to be a problem in certain areas in Kota Sentosa. In the first quarter of this year, Seventh Mile Kota Sentosa Commercial area was affected by two flash floods causing significant inconvenience, financial loss, and disruption to businesses and residents of the area. I hope that the relevant authorities responsible will focus on solving the flash flood problem. It is true that flash flooding is unpredictable due to changing weather pattern caused by global warming. I hope that the relevant authorities will conduct a proper investigation to find out where the actual problem lies. If our infrastructure is inadequate to cater the climate change, the relevant authorities should take the appropriate measures to mitigate or prevent the recurrence of flash flooding in the area. Currently, we have a situation whereby the authorities are quick to shift the blame, but I hope that the authorities concerned and the officers will *turun padang* more often and see the condition of the drains to see whether they have been cleared, to see whether there is any rubbish clogging, clocking of rubbish and all these other details affecting or aggravating the flash flood problem in my area.

Tuan Speaker, the title of office of the Chief Minister of Sarawak was changed to the Premier of Sarawak in February 2022 as part of Sarawak's efforts to reclaim its rights under the Malaysia Agreement 1963. The amendment was made so that Sarawak would not be compared to other states like Penang and Malacca which also have a Chief Minister. Along with Singapore, Federation of

Malaya and Sabah, Sarawak was one of the signatories of Malaysia Agreement 1963 during the formation of Malaysia.

As practiced in other Commonwealth regions with similar set ups with Malaysia, like Australia where the Head of the Federation is styled as Prime Minister and heads of the regions constituting the federation are styled as Premiers. Australia is a federation of six states and two self-governing territories, namely the states of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia and Northern Territory, and Australian Capital Territory.

The states of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, and Western Australia have Premiers as their Head of Government whereas Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory have Chief Ministers as their Head of Government.

The states of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, and Western Australia name their legislative body parliament and Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory named their legislative body, Legislative Assembly.

Currently, the unicameral legislature of Sarawak is known as the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly. To reflect the status of Sarawak as one of the signatories of the Malaysia Agreement 1963 and using the nomenclature used in Australia for the legislative body of the six states and two territories, I propose that the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly be renamed as the Parliament of Sarawak to correctly reflect the status of Sarawak as different from the other states in the Federation of Malaya.

Tuan Speaker, before I end my speech, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my muslim brothers and sisters a *Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Maaf Zahir dan Batin* and *Selamat Hari Gawai Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai* to all our Dayak brothers and sisters.

Lastly, I support and second the Motion of Appreciation of the opening speech of His Excellency, Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Haji Dr Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar at the First Meeting of the Third Session of the 19th State Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

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

Timbalan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the Motion in the name of the Honourable Member for Tamin be approved. Before I call upon the Members to debate on the Head of State's Address, I would like to inform that three days have been set aside for Honourable Members who are not the Members of the Cabinet, to debate from today 8th May 2024, tomorrow 9th May 2024, and Friday 10th May 2024. Under Standing Order 31(8), I hereby limit Members' speeches to a maximum of 20 minutes. Any Honourable Member wishes to speak? Ya, may I call upon the Honourable Member for Daro, please.

YB Encik Safiee bin Haji Ahmad: Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Salam sejahtera dan Salam Sarawakku Sayang. Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, kerana telah memberi peluang kepada saya untuk mengambil bahagian dalam perbahasan Usul Penghargaan Atas Ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar sempena Upacara Pembukaan Persidangan Pertama bagi Penggal Ketiga Dewan Undangan Negeri Ke-19 pada 6 Mei 2024 yang lepas. Ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak tersebut amatlah bermakna sekali sebagai panduan dan hala tuju dalam kita membawa Sarawak ini ke arah yang lebih cemerlang.

Di antara aspek yang telah diberi penekanan adalah ke atas usaha meningkatkan kemakmuran ekonomi, keterangkuman sosial, kemampunan alam sekitar, kestabilan politik, mengekalkan perpaduan dan keharmonian, meningkatkan prestasi kualiti perkhidmatan awam,

seterusnya mengekalkan hubungan akrab yang baik dengan Kerajaan Persekutuan. Semua aspek tersebut adalah perlu untuk memastikan Sarawak terus berada di landasan yang betul untuk mencapai status wilayah termaju pada tahun 2030.

Manakala perjuangan ke atas hak-hak Sarawak seperti yang termaktub dalam Perjanjian Malaysia 1963 ataupun MA63, perlulah diteruskan, agar mana-mana hak yang terhakis dikembalikan segera selaras dengan MA63, Perlembagaan Persekutuan dan Undang-undang.

Tuan Speaker, kami masyarakat di Daro ingin merakamkan rasa bangga, setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier serta barisan kabinet Sarawak yang sentiasa berusaha membawa kemajuan dan kemakmuran kepada rakyat Sarawak. Di atas kebijaksanaan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, selaku seorang pemimpin yang berpandangan jauh, telah berjaya meningkatkan ekonomi dan pendapatan Sarawak, sehingga telah diiktirafkan oleh Bank Dunia sebagai sebuah wilayah berpendapatan tinggi, seterusnya menjadikan Sarawak sebagai penyumbang ketiga terbesar kepada ekonomi Malaysia, selepas Selangor dan Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur.

Dengan melaksanakan *Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030*, ataupun lebih dikenali PCDS 2030, telah menjadi pemangkin serta hala tuju yang jelas, Kerajaan Sarawak dalam mengharungi pelbagai cabaran di peringkat global selepas dunia dilanda pandemik COVID-19 sehingga menjadikan Sarawak sebagai pemain global yang sudah dikenali di seluruh pelosok dunia.

Selain itu, keupayaan Kerajaan Sarawak melaksanakan projek berimpak tinggi dan bersifat *people centric* di bawah Projek Transformasi Luar Bandar ataupun lebih dikenali sebagai RTP dan Projek Rakyat sudah pasti akan meningkatkan taraf hidup dan menjaga kebajikan rakyat khususnya di kawasan luar bandar. Oleh itu, besarlah harapan kita semoga pelaksanaan projek-projek dan program-program pembangunan yang telah diluluskan oleh kerajaan dapat dilaksanakan dengan baik oleh agensi kerajaan selaku pelaksana sejajar dengan matlamat kerajaan untuk mencapai Sarawak Maju 2030.

Tuan Speaker, sekarang izinkan saya untuk mengemukakan dan menyentuh beberapa isu yang memerlukan perhatian Dewan yang mulia ini lebih-lebih lagi yang melibatkan kawasan saya di N.43 Daro. Yang pertamanya ialah Klinik Pergigian Daerah Daro dan Klinik Kesihatan Daro.

Tuan Speaker, antara projek berimpak tinggi yang telah sekian lama tertangguh adalah pembinaan Klinik Pergigian Daerah Daro dan Klinik Kesihatan Daro. Pembinaan Klinik Pergigian Daerah Daro telah ditamatkan kontrak kerana kegagalan kontraktor menyiapkan projek tersebut dan saya telah dimaklumkan bahawa projek ini akan diteruskan perlaksanaannya melalui kontraktor penyelamat.

Namun, apa yang saya dapati sehingga kini belum ada tanda-tanda projek ini akan diteruskan dalam masa yang terdekat sehingga sekarang ini terpaksa beroperasi menggunakan kontena. Begitu juga dengan pembinaan Klinik Kesihatan Daro yang amat-amat dinantikan oleh masyarakat Daro bagi menggantikan klinik kesihatan lama yang telah terbakar pada tahun 2015. Kerja-kerja menembok tapak bagi projek ini telah lama siap dan saya telah dimaklumkan bahawa Projek Klinik Kesihatan ini masih belum dapat diteruskan kerana memerlukan NOC tambahan kos.

Apa yang merisaukan saya, kelewatan ini bukan sahaja menjejaskan peluang rakyat menikmati kemudahan kesihatan di klinik kesihatan yang lengkap dan selesa, tetapi turut menjejaskan imej Kerajaan Sarawak. Oleh itu, saya amat menyokong dengan pendekatan yang telah YAB Premier ambil dengan menawarkan kepada Kerajaan Persekutuan, iaitu kepada YAB Perdana Menteri baru-baru ini untuk mempercepatkan pelaksanaan projek seperti kemudahan kesihatan dan pendidikan yang di bawah bidang kuasa Kerajaan Persekutuan. Kerajaan Sarawak telah pun menawarkan untuk melaksanakan menggunakan dana Sarawak sendiri terlebih dahulu kemudian Kerajaan Persekutuan akan membayar balik.

Ini merupakan langkah berani dan menunjukkan keprihatinan YAB Premier untuk menaik taraf sektor kesihatan dan pendidikan di Sarawak demi kesejahteraan rakyat Sarawak. Oleh itu, saya mencadangkan agar kedua-dua projek ini dapat dilaksanakan melalui kaedah tersebut kerana dengan cara ini sahajalah dapat memastikan kedua-dua projek ini dapat disiapkan sepenuhnya dengan segera.

Isu Projek Bekalan Air

Tuan Speaker, saya mewakili rakyat Daro ingin merakamkan ucapan terima kasih atas usaha gigih Kerajaan Sarawak melalui Kementerian Utiliti Sarawak melaksanakan pelbagai projek menaik taraf bekalan air di Daerah Daro selama ini. Walau bagaimanapun, salah satu Projek Tangki Air Aras Tinggi yang berkapasiti 2 MLD masih belum dapat disiapkan sepenuhnya disebabkan kegagalan kontraktor sehingga kontrak terpaksa ditamatkan. Oleh itu, bagi memastikan projek ini dapat disiapkan demi memastikan bekalan air di Daerah Daro yang baik khususnya mempunyai tekanan air yang secukupnya bagi menyalurkan bekalan air ke kampung-kampung. Maka, saya memohon agar satu tindakan segera oleh pihak Jabatan Bekalan Air Luar Bandar ataupun JBALB agar projek ini dapat disiapkan sepenuhnya dalam masa yang terdekat.

Janganlah dibiarkan terlalu lama seperti projek yang terbengkalai kerana dikhuatiri akan mendatangkan implikasi lain seperti kerosakan dan kecurian peralatan sehingga menyebabkan kerugian dan peningkatan kos yang lebih tinggi untuk menyiapkannya nanti.

Sekolah yang diancam oleh hakisan tanah

Tuan Speaker, sekali lagi saya suarakan isu ini dalam Dewan yang mulia ini iaitu masalah hakisan tebing tanah yang melanda SK Batang Lassa, Daro yang merupakan salah sebuah sekolah rendah di kawasan saya. Bagi mengatasi masalah ini, dipersetujui semasa lawatan rasmi bersama Ketua Pengarah, Jabatan Pendidikan Malaysia pada 1 Ogos 2023 yang lepas, cadangan membina blok sekolah menggunakan konsep kabin di tapak sekolah yang baharu yang telah diluluskan oleh Kerajaan Sarawak. Saya sering ditanya oleh rakyat khususnya dalam kalangan ibu bapa pelajar di kawasan, tentang status projek ini memandangkan masalah ini semakin teruk sejak kebelakangan ini. Oleh itu, saya ingin bertanya kepada kementerian dan Jabatan Pelajaran Sarawak, bilakah projek ini akan dilaksanakan?

Memperkasakan Sektor Pertanian

Tuan Speaker, sektor pertanian merupakan satu bidang yang boleh membangunkan sosioekonomi masyarakat di luar bandar. Saya amat berharap agar Kementerian Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak dan Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak dapat memastikan golongan yang terlibat dalam sektor pertanian dapat membangunkan sektor ini secara moden dan komersial.

Daro merupakan sebuah daerah yang amat berpotensi untuk dibangunkan khususnya bagi penanaman padi dan juga hasil-hasil pertanian yang berasaskan makanan ataupun *food basket*. Salah satu kawasan yang telah dikenal pasti semenjak tahun 1975 telah dibangunkan bagi penanaman padi yang dikenali sebagai "*Daro Paddy Scheme*" di Nangar. Infrastruktur asas yang melibatkan sistem pengairan, saluran dan jalan ban telah dibina oleh Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran Sarawak ataupun DID.

Walaupun bagaimanapun, kawasan ini nampaknya telah lama terbiar disebabkan oleh kurangnya penyelenggaraan terhadap skim tersebut khususnya sistem pengairan dan saluran oleh pihak DID termasuk kurangnya minat generasi baru untuk terlibat dalam sektor ini. Selaras dengan dasar dan inisiatif YAB Premier untuk menjadikan Sarawak sebagai pengeluar beras utama di negara kita, maka saya ingin mencadangkan kepada kerajaan melalui Kementerian Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak, Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak dan DID untuk membangunkan semula kawasan ini yang keluasannya 3,256 hektar sebagai pusat pengeluaran beras di Sarawak.

Satu usaha yang lebih proaktif dan kreatif serta bersungguh-sungguh dalam melaksanakan projek pertanian sebegini hendaklah dilaksanakan agar rakyat di luar bandar dapat mengkomersialkan sektor pertanian sebagai sumber ekonomi bukan hanya sekadar cukup makan.

Tuan Speaker, selain itu, saya juga berharap agar Stesen Pertanian Nanga Singat di Sungai Lengan yang baru siap dibina dengan nilai hampir RM4.5 juta, telah beroperasi pada 1 Mac 2023 yang lepas dapat diperkasakan fungsi dan peranannya supaya ia menjadi sebuah pusat transformasi pertanian bagi kawasan luar bandar atau kawasan pesisir. Dalam hal ini, kakitangan yang mahir dengan bilangan yang secukupnya dalam bidang pertanian hendaklah ditempatkan secara kekal di stesen berkenaan dan seterusnya memanfaatkan sepenuhnya segala fasiliti yang disediakan di stesen berkenaan bagi meningkatkan ilmu pengetahuan dan kemahiran dalam kalangan para petani.

Sehubungan dengan itu, saya juga memohon kepada Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak agar Stesen Pertanian Nanga Semah yang telah lama tidak beroperasi dapat diaktifkan semula kerana stesen pertanian ini pada satu ketika dulu amat bermanfaat serta berjaya membantu membangunkan sektor pertanian di kawasan ini. Kebanyakan para petani telah menzahirkan permohonan ini kepada saya kerana semenjak stesen pertanian ini tidak beroperasi, ia amat menyukarkan para petani untuk berurusan dan mendapatkan khidmat nasihat kerana terpaksa berbelanja lebih untuk mendapatkan perkhidmatan di Pejabat Pertanian Daerah Daro kerana lokasinya agak jauh dari kampung dan rumah-rumah panjang.

Pembukaan Bank Komersial

Tuan Speaker, tidak dapat dinafikan bahawa Daro telah pun mengalami proses pembangunan yang pesat dan aktiviti ekonominya semakin hari semakin rancak. Keadaan ini menjadikan keperluan untuk memperbanyakkan perkhidmatan bank komersial amat penting kerana sekarang ini cuma terdapat sebuah bank sahaja iaitu AgroBank. Selari dengan peningkatan dan kepesatan aktiviti ekonomi di Daerah Daro ini, keperluan bagi sebuah lagi bank komersial yang berupaya menyediakan perkhidmatan kepada rakyat amatlah wajar untuk dibuka. Oleh itu, saya ingin mencadangkan agar Bank Kerjasama Rakyat Malaysia dapat membuka cawangan di Daerah Daro ataupun sekurang-kurangnya menaik taraf kemudahan ATM yang sedia ada kepada Rakyat Xcess seperti di daerah Lundu dan daerah Serian.

Jalan Dual Carriageway

Tuan Speaker, nampaknya sejak kebelakangan ini, bilangan kenderaan di Daerah Daro semakin bertambah sehingga menyebabkan kesesakan jalan raya sering berlaku terutamanya pada musim perayaan. Dahulunya, Daro tidak memerlukan lampu isyarat namun sekarang sudahpun ada lampu isyarat bagi melancarkan pergerakan lalu lintas.

Namun begitu, ianya masih belum dapat menyelesaikan masalah kesesakan jalan di pekan Daro. Keadaan ini dijangka akan bertambah teruk dengan siapnya Jambatan Muara Lassa yang telah dijadualkan pada penghujung tahun ini.

Oleh itu, kelulusan pembinaan jalan baharu *dual carriageway* daripada Jambatan Muara Lassa terus ke pekan Daro seperti mana yang telah diumumkan oleh YAB Premier semasa Majlis Perasmian Pesta Daro pada 3 September 2023 yang lalu amat menggembirakan rakyat di Daro kerana ianya sudah pasti memberi kemudahan dan keselesaan khususnya kepada masyarakat luar dari Daro untuk datang berkunjung ke Daro nanti.

Oleh itu, saya selaku wakil rakyat di kawasan ini memohon agar kelulusan pembinaan jalan raya baharu *dual carriageway* yang telah diluluskan tersebut dapat dilaksanakan dengan secepat mungkin.

Daro New Township Fasa II

Tuan Speaker, saya memohon kepada pihak LCDA supaya pembinaan rumah kedai baharu termasuk dalam “*cottage industry*” sebanyak 40 unit di Daro New Township Fasa II yang telah dilancarkan pembinaannya pada tahun 2021 yang lalu oleh YAB Premier dapat disiapkan secepat yang mungkin. Ini kerana, saya dapati permintaan ke atas rumah kedai tersebut terlampau tinggi sehingga tidak kurang daripada tiga kali ganda daripada bilangan unit rumah kedai yang akan dibina.

Di sini sudah jelas menunjukkan permintaan adalah melebihi penawaran dan sepatutnya diambil kesempatan yang sebaik-baiknya oleh pihak LCDA untuk menyiapkannya secepat mungkin dan merangka untuk menambah bilangan rumah kedai pada fasa yang seterusnya bagi menampung permintaan yang tinggi ini yang sudah pastinya menguntungkan pihak LCDA sendiri.

Keadaan ini dijangka semakin rancak dengan siapnya Jambatan Muara Lassa nanti yang berperanan sebagai “*game changer*” dan akan mengubah landskap pembangunan di Daro. Sehubungan dengan ini, saya juga memohon khususnya kepada pihak Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Sarawak agar dapat menyegerakan perancangan *masterplan* pembangunan bandar baru Daro yang lebih lengkap dan secara holistik selaras dengan saranan oleh YAB Premier pada Majlis Perasmian Pesta Daro pada 3 September 2023 yang lalu.

Kompleks Pentadbiran Daerah Daro

Tuan Speaker, setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada YAB Premier yang telah mengumumkan kelulusan untuk membina kompleks pentadbiran yang baharu di Daerah Daro semasa Majlis Perasmian Stesen Minyak Bersepadu Petros Daro pada 19 Mac 2023 yang lalu sebagai hadiah ulang tahun ke-30 pengwujudan daerah Daro. Kelulusan ini bertepatan sekali kerana Daerah Daro secara keseluruhannya amat memerlukan sebuah kompleks pentadbiran yang baharu bagi menempatkan jabatan dan agensi Kerajaan Negeri termasuk Persekutuan yang sekarang ini jelas tidak mencukupi sehingga terpaksa menyewa di rumah kedai dan ada juga yang terpaksa berkongsi menggunakan bangunan pejabat yang lama termasuk menggunakan kuarters kerajaan yang sedia ada. Keadaan ini sudah pasti bukan sahaja tidak mampu menyediakan ruang pejabat yang selesa dan kondusif bagi kakitangan awam dalam memberi perkhidmatan yang terbaik, malah sudah pasti turut menyukarkan para pelanggan ataupun rakyat yang datang untuk mendapatkan perkhidmatan.

Oleh itu, saya memohon agar pembinaan sebuah kompleks pentadbiran baharu dapat diberi keutamaan untuk dilaksanakan secepat mungkin supaya masalah ini dapat diselesaikan serta boleh dijadikan sebagai suntikan semangat dan motivasi dalam kalangan penjawat awam untuk bertugas di daerah Daro seterusnya turut meningkatkan prestasi perkhidmatan dengan lebih cemerlang.

Sistem Telekomunikasi

Tuan Speaker, kami di Daro amat merasa bangga melihat begitu banyak menara telekomunikasi yang telah siap dibina sama ada oleh Kerajaan Sarawak melalui Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA) dan Sarawak Digital Economy Corporation (SDEC) ataupun oleh Kerajaan Persekutuan melalui Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (SKMM) di bawah program JENDELA. Walau bagaimanapun, dalam kegembiraan ini, timbul juga rasa sedihnya apabila didapati banyak menara yang telah siap dibina tetapi masih belum beroperasi. Antara sebabnya adalah pembekal perkhidmatan “*telco*” yang sedia ada kurang atau tidak berminat untuk memasang pemancar di menara-menara berkenaan. Bagi mengatasi masalah ini, saya sekali lagi ingin mencadangkan kepada Kerajaan Sarawak agar dapat mempertimbangkan untuk mewujudkan syarikat “*telco*” sendiri agar perkhidmatan ini dapat ditingkatkan serta mengurangkan kebergantungan kepada syarikat *telco* yang sedia ada.

Masalah Vandalisme ke atas Kemudahan Utiliti

Tuan Speaker, sejak kebelakangan ini, kita merasa amat kecewa dimana kebanyakan berlakunya masalah yang menjejaskan perkhidmatan seperti talian telefon, bekalan air dan elektrik adalah disebabkan oleh *vandalism* dan kecurian ke atas peralatan yang ada. Apabila masalah ini berlaku, akhirnya bukan sahaja melibatkan kos kewangan serta masa untuk memperbaikinya, tetapi ia telah menjejaskan kehidupan harian rakyat yang terlibat.

Oleh itu, saya ingin mencadangkan khususnya kepada pihak-pihak penguatkuasaan agar mengambil tindakan yang tegas bagi membendung masalah ini dari terus berleluasa. Sistem penguatkuasaan dan undang-undang sedia ada perlu disemak dan dikaji semula terutamanya berkaitan dengan lesen premis jualan dan pembelian besi buruk ataupun lusuh.

Berkemungkinan masih ada kekurangan dan kelemahan sehingga menyebabkan masalah seperti ini berlaku. Satu undang-undang dan tindakan yang tegas hendaklah dilaksanakan yang melibatkan semua pihak yang terlibat bukan sahaja pelaku yang telah menceroboh dan mencuri peralatan yang ada, tetapi pihak-pihak yang berkaitan seperti pembeli hendaklah dikenakan tindakan yang keras. Selain itu, saya ingin mengesyorkan kepada pemilik perkhidmatan juga memikirkan langkah-langkah keselamatan seperti pemasangan CCTV dan lain-lain agar boleh menimbulkan rasa takut dalam kalangan pelaku yang berkenaan.

Timbalan Speaker: Sila gulung, Yang Berhormat.

YB Encik Safiee bin Haji Ahmad: Tuan Speaker, sebelum saya mengakhiri perbahasan ini, izinkan saya menyampaikan empat rangkap pantun bagi menzahirkan rasa bangga dan penghargaan kami dari DUN Daro.

*Menjamu selera di Belian Corner,
Kain basah tumpang menjemur;
Terima kasih dan tahniah YAB Premier,
Memimpin Sarawak maju dan Makmur.*

*Embun memutih di waktu pagi,
Sinar mentari memberi harapan;
Kestabilan ekonomi kemampunan strategi
Sarawak maju makmur jaminan masa depan.*

*Tahun Baharu Cina, Gawai dan Raya perayaan kita,
Aidilfitri hari mulia;
Kunjung mengunjung tradisi kita,
Masyarakat sejahtera hidup bahagia.*

*Daun selasih di tepi dulang,
Dulang berisi asam paya;
Terima kasih petugas DUN atas khidmat sungguh cemerlang,
Tahniah Tan Sri Speaker mengendali sidang dengan jaya.*

Tuan Speaker, sebelum mengakhiri ucapan saya, dengan ini saya mengambil kesempatan yang masih dalam bulan Syawal ini untuk mengucapkan Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Maaf Zahir Batin kepada seluruh umat Islam dan selamat menyambut Hari Gawai Dayak yang bakal tiba. *Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai Lantang Senang Nguan Menua*, kepada rakan-rakan dan taulan yang meraikannya. Dengan ini, Tuan Speaker, saya menyokong Usul Penghargaan Atas Ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak. Sekian, *Wabillahitaufiq Walhidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahita'ala Wabarakatuh* dan terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Terima kasih, Yang Berhormat bagi Daro. Honourable Member for Repok.

YB Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Salam sejahtera, Salam Sarawakku Sayang dan Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur.

Tuan Speaker, terlebih dahulu saya ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri kepada semua rakyat yang beragama Islam. Maaf zahir dan batin. Semoga kita semua mendapat keberkatan dalam bulan yang mulia ini.

Tuan Speaker, saya juga mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan tahniah kepada Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar sebagai Yang di-Pertua Sarawak yang baharu. Dengan penuh restu, kami merangkul kepimpinan Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar dan menantikan masa depan yang dipandu oleh visi, kebijaksanaan dan dedikasi beliau terhadap kesejahteraan Sarawak dan rakyatnya.

Tuan Speaker, Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak Tun Pehin Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar telah memberikan sumbangan signifikan beliau sewaktu berjawatan sebagai Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri.

Beliau telah berjaya mendapat sokongan Ahli Parlimen untuk meminda Perlembagaan Persekutuan dengan memasukkan MA63, Laporan Cobbold, dan Laporan Jawatankuasa Antara Kerajaan. Oleh yang demikian, autonomi Sarawak telah terjamin di bawah Perlembagaan Persekutuan.

Tuan Speaker, seterusnya, saya ingin memulakan perbahasan Usul Penghargaan Atas Ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak. Perbahasan saya pada hari yang bahagia ini akan dimulakan dengan serangkap pantun:

*Di bumi kenyalang Premier berseri,
Pemimpin bijak berjiwa rakyat;
Dengan visi jelas misi yang terang,
Kemakmuran Sarawak di hati terpatери.*

Saya turut ingin merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Premier Sarawak, Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, seorang pemimpin Bumi Kenyalang yang bijaksana dan berwawasan kerana memperjuangkan kepentingan Sarawak dengan memperkenalkan inisiatif-inisiatif demi membangunkan Sarawak dan pemimpin rakyat Sarawak ke peringkat yang lebih tinggi, maju dan makmur.

Antara inisiatif-inisiatif yang amat baik yang telah dilancarkan oleh Kerajaan Sarawak, demi *transformation* Sarawak ialah *Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS 2030)*, *Digital Economy*, *Human Capital Development and Key Innovative Initiative for Sustainable, Inclusive and Prosperous Sarawak*.

Tuan Speaker, saya yakin kerajaan Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) di bawah pimpinan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak yang berwawasan, Sarawak bakal mencapai misi sebagai wilayah yang maju dan berpendapatan tinggi di Malaysia menjelang tahun 2030, mencapai kemakmuran ekonomi (*economic prosperity*), keterangkuman sosial (*social inclusivity*) dan kelestarian alam (*environmental sustainability*)

Isu-isu di Kawasan

Tuan Speaker, izinkan saya membentangkan beberapa isu di kawasan N.45 Repok yang memerlukan perhatian segera daripada Dewan yang mulia ini.

Tindakan yang sewajarnya daripada kementerian atau agensi yang terlibat bakal menunjukkan keperihatinan kerajaan terhadap hasrat rakyat kawasan dan memberi keselesaan kepada rakyat tempatan.

*Masalah Tempat Letak Kereta di Poliklinik Sarikei dan
Kapasiti di Poliklinik Sarikei Telah Mencapai Maksimum*

Tuan Speaker, yang pertama, adalah isu kekurangan tempat letak kereta di Poliklinik Sarikei telah banyak kali dibangkitkan di dalam Dewan ini. Saya bersama-sama rakyat Sarikei menantikan berita baik supaya isu asas ini dapat dipertimbangkan segera untuk penyelesaian.

Kepentingan tempat letak kereta yang mencukupi di kawasan poliklinik ialah kemudahan asas dan amat penting untuk memudahkan kakitangan, pesakit dan orang awam semasa mengunjungi poliklinik lebih-lebih lagi ianya melibatkan keselamatan orang awam.

Tuan Speaker, yang kedua, keadaan Poliklinik Sarikei sekarang adalah sesak dan tidak *patient-friendly* kerana penggunaannya telah mencapai kapasiti maksimum dan tidak mencukupi untuk memenuhi keperluan pesakit yang semakin bertambah. Situasi ini telah menjejaskan perkhidmatan rawatan kepada rakyat dan juga menjejaskan kualiti penjagaan yang diberikan kepada pesakit.

Sehubungan dengan itu, suatu cadangan penyelesaian yang lebih mampan dan jangka panjang perlu diusahakan seperti projek pembinaan bangunan tambahan atau membina poliklinik baharu yang berskala besar untuk menangani kesesakan ini.

Lebuhraya Pan Borneo di Kawasan Sarikei

Tuan Speaker, isu seterusnya yang ingin saya sentuh ialah teks ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak tempoh hari berhubung dengan pelan pembangunan strategik yang jelas dan inklusif, ekonomi Sarawak akan terus maju dan muncul. Oleh yang demikian, kejayaan pembinaan Lebuhraya Pan Borneo amat bermakna bagi maksud itu.

Sehubungan dengan itu, sebahagian pembinaan Lebuhraya Pan Borneo di kawasan saya yang masih tidak siap perlu disegerakan. Misalnya, persimpangan di kawasan laluan masuk ke Bayong dan Kim San yang berkeadaan cerun. Tanda-tanda jalan sepanjang pembinaan adalah kurang jelas dan tidak mencukupi yang mengundang kemalangan jalan raya.

Selain itu, persimpangan masuk Jakar dari arah Kuching ke Sarikei di Lebuhraya Pan Borneo adalah kurang mesra pengguna sehingga pengguna jalan raya mengalami kesukaran ke Pekan Jakar dan menjejaskan aktiviti ekonomi setempat.

Saya meminta jasa baik pihak yang berkenaan untuk meningkatkan kecekapan dan penyelarasan kerja. *“Solve the problem for public good”*.

*Kekurangan Pencahayaan Lampu di Jalan Meruton ke Simpang Jakar,
Jalan Kwong Ming ke Minah dan Jalan Baji Sentebu*

Tuan Speaker, saya ingin turut menyentuh teks ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak berhubung dengan keyakinan beliau berkaitan dengan rancangan pembangunan di bawah *Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030* (PCDS 2030), iaitu tiada rakyat akan terpinggir dalam arus pembangunan.

Dengan itu, saya ingin menyebut berkaitan dengan tenaga hijau boleh diperbaharui yang menjadi salah satu pemboleh utama menyokong aspirasi PCDS 2030.

Saya ingin mencadangkan agar lampu jalan jenis solar digunakan sebagai medium asas dalam pencahayaan jalan raya, terutamanya pada waktu malam di kawasan keperluan tinggi seperti Jalan Meruton ke Simpang Jakar, Jalan Kwong Ming ke Minah dan Jalan Baji Sentebu. Ketiga-tiga jalan tersebut mengalami kegelapan pada waktu malam yang akan mengancam nyawa pengguna jalan raya.

Tuan Speaker, pelaburan dalam pemasangan lampu jalan solar dapat menunjukkan komitmen kerajaan terhadap Tenaga Boleh Baharu (TBB). Oleh itu, adalah penting bagi kerajaan untuk mengambil berat kepentingan memasang lampu jalan solar dengan memberikan peruntukan sewajarnya bagi menjamin keselamatan rakyat.

Oleh sebab itu, saya mewakili rakyat kawasan Repok berharap kementerian yang berkaitan mengambil tindakan pantas untuk menambahkan pencahayaan di kawasan tersebut.

Dermaga Komersial Baharu

Isu seterusnya yang saya ingin bahaskan ialah isu Dermaga Komersial Baharu telah dikenal pasti. Izinkan saya dalam perbahasan ini bertanya tentang kemajuan semasa projek ini dan saya memohon supaya projek ini dapat dilaksanakan secepat mungkin bagi kelancaran peningkatan sosioekonomi penduduk setempat.

MENARA TELEKOMUNIKASI SMART

Tuan Speaker, rakyat di Sarawak mengalu-alukan pengenalan dan pembinaan Menara Telekomunikasi Luar Bandar Lembaga Multimedia Sarawak (SMART) di seluruh Sarawak untuk merealisasikan liputan internet terutamanya di luar bandar dan kawasan pedalaman. Usaha Kerajaan Sarawak membina menara telekomunikasi SMART melalui Lembaga Multimedia Sarawak (SMA) memainkan peranan penting dalam Masyarakat moden, berfungsi sebagai tulang belakang rangkaian digital dan ketersambungan. Liputan telekomunikasi ini juga menjadi tulang belakang menjayakan "*Digital Economy*" melalui "*Sarawak Digital Economy Blueprint 2030*" yang lancarkan oleh YAB Premier Sarawak pada 4 Oktober 2023.

Kawasan Repok juga mempunyai menara telekomunikasi SMART. Walau bagaimanapun, penduduk pedalaman di kawasan Sarikei sedang menanti-nantikan menara telekomunikasi SMART yang dilengkapi dengan alat pemancar atau radio supaya mereka boleh menikmati liputan rangkaian Internet serta dapat memperkasakan komuniti setempat menerusi teknologi digital.

PENUTUP

Tuan Speaker, sebelum saya mengakhiri ucapan saya, tiga minggu lagi akan menjelang perayaan penting anak Sarawak kaum Dayak, saya ingin mengambil peluang ini mengucapkan Selamat Hari Gawai Dayak kepada Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat serta tuan-tuan dan puan-puan yang meraikan. Perayaan yang Istimewa ini turut membawa kegembiraan, kemakmuran, dan perpaduan rakyat.

Marilah kita meraikan bersama-sama kekayaan budaya, tradisi dan warisan Masyarakat Dayak dengan penuh kemesraan dan kesyukuran. Semoga Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dilimpahi rezeki dan sentiasa berada dalam keadaan sihat walafiat.

Dengan ini saya memohon menyokong Usul ini. Sekali lagi saya mengucapkan Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Maaf Zahir dan Batin. Selamat Hari Gawai Dayak, *Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai. Lantang Senang Nguan Menua*. Sekian, terima kasih.

Timbalan Speaker: Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Repok. I would like to call upon the Yang Berhormat bagi Ba'Kelalan, please.

YB Encik Baru Bian: Tuan Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to address this august House on the occasion of debating the Motion of Appreciation on the address of His Excellency the Governor of Sarawak, given on 6th May 2024. May I take this opportunity to offer my heartiest congratulations to the Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar on his appointment as the 8th Governor of Sarawak on 26th January 2024. I also wish to register my deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud the 7th Governor of Sarawak on the demise of the late Pehin Sri and may his soul rest in peace.

CROSSING THE FLOOR

Tuan Speaker, today appears to be a new chapter in my political journey, because today for the first time, I deliver my main speech from the GPS bench of this august House, on the occasion of appreciation on the Motion of Thanks on the address of His Excellency the Governor of Sarawak. At this juncture I wish to record my thanks and appreciations to the Right Honourable Premier and all the coalition partners within GPS for accepting and welcoming my colleagues and I, into the GPS fold.

Tuan Speaker, as the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:1, I quote, *“There is a time for everything, and season for every activity under the heavens”*.

Tuan Speaker, I sincerely believe that this is the time and season for us to consolidate and support the State Government of Sarawak. Our reasons and observations are as follows:

The Malaysian political scenario underwent a worrying change after the 2022 General Election with the emergence of the “green” movement with their extremist views. I believe this is not a healthy development for the nation as it threatens the multi-cultural and multi-religious setting of Malaysia. Fortunately, for the first time in Malaysia, the Prime Minister formed a Unity Government, which I supported whole-heartedly. I had made a statement at that time urging GPS to support the Unity Government especially because certain political leaders were making increasingly incendiary and divisive statements for political survival in the aftermath of the general election.

The Unity Government under the current PM is continuously facing challenges from PN and especially PAS, who for the first time in history, hold the highest number of seats in Parliament than all other parties. There are elements from these parties who are determined to destabilise the government and topple the Unity Government. Because of the increasing threat from religious and racial extremism, I believed that it was time to reassess our roles in the wider political landscape. It is important that we strengthen the Unity government in order to thwart the extremist elements, and we recognise that the support of GPS for the Unity Government is crucial.

For this reason, I believe that our talk cannot be mere rhetoric. We need to show by action our seriousness in our desire to protect and preserve the racial and religious harmony that we have held dear for so many years.

Tuan Speaker, in his address, His Excellency the Governor had emphasised the importance of political stability and support of the Federal Government for the good of Sarawak and this country. Therefore, as I have said at the outset, now is the time to strengthen Sarawak’s position within the Unity Government.

I am gratified that the Sarawak Government as of now seems to be taking major steps to improve our status within the federation in the MA63 context. We are seen to be fighting to reclaim our rights, and the appointment of a Sarawakians as the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the MA63 matters is a sign of our growing prominence within the federal scenario. This is the time when we can be together with one voice to ensure that all our rights under the MA63 are enforced and respected.

Tuan Speaker, whether I sit on the other side of this august House or on this side of this august House, I am reminded of my oath of office which I have taken three times since 2011, that is, “*to defend and protect the rights of all Malaysian and Sarawakians under the Federal Constitution and Sarawak State Constitution*”. I pray that the Lord may grant me wisdom and strength to discharge this responsibility as long as I remain in this office as a representative of the people.

FREE, PRIOR, AND INFORMED CONSENT

Tuan Speaker, I wish to commend His Excellency on his stand that the government must comply with international standards and agreements such as the Paris Agreement 2015, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) in its efforts to enhance our socioeconomic growth. His Excellency also commended the Sarawak Government on its initiatives to preserve and conserve the environment, such as gazetting Totally Protected Areas (TPAs) which include National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Nature Reserves.

There is an international standard which is close to my heart, because it has a bearing on the lives and livelihood of the native community of Sarawak. This is the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Disappointingly, the Malaysian Government has made no attempt to endorse and implement UNDRIP despite voting for the UN General Assembly’s adoption of UNDRIP in 2007. UNDRIP is a universal benchmark that outlines norms and principles to guide the government’s interactions with indigenous peoples. One key principle of the UNDRIP is “*Free Prior and Informed Consent*” or “*FPIC*” that aims to ensure the protection, well-being, and advancement of indigenous peoples all over the world.

In Sarawak, FPIC is now included in all the recognised sustainability schemes or certification as an important process and element in obtaining a stamp of approval. Yet, no proper detailed and streamlined template exists in ensuring this important process is carried out. There is therefore weak enforcement of or adherence to Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) due partly to lack of clear definitions and ambiguous processes. In effect, we are paying lip service to FPIC, and not seriously practising it. For example, can it be considered a full consultation with FPIC if only the “*Ketua Masyarakat*” is consulted? I don’t think so. A clear process, therefore, must be designed to ensure the people are all given right to be heard and consulted.

Tuan Speaker, His Excellency mentioned the government’s initiatives to preserve the environment. The indigenous people and their lands are part and parcel of the environment – the forests, mountains, hills, rivers, and streams are their homes and gardens. I recall the judgement of justice by Datuk Ian Chin in the case of *Nor ak Nyawai & Ors v Borneo Pulp Plantation S/B & Ors* (2001) where His Lordship said, “*the natives of Sarawak do not have market like Satok Sunday market because they live off the jungles*”.

In another case of *Agi ak Bungkong & Ors v Ladang Sawit Bintulu S/B & Ors [2010]*, Justice David Wong said, “*the natives are part of the land as are the trees, mountains, hills, animals, fishes and rivers.*” As such, Tuan Speaker, managing and protecting the environment is second nature to them if they are allowed the freedom to do so without encroachment and at times violation by outsiders. They have the right to be consulted and involved in any decisions we make that will affect their environment.

Therefore, I urge the government to not wait for the Federal Government to endorse and adopt UNDRIP, but to use our own initiative to do so. Sarawak is the region with the highest percentage of indigenous people, around 70% of our people being natives. In the Peninsular Malaysia, the figure is less than 10%, and that is perhaps the reason the Federal Government has not placed any priority on them. Sarawak has started to chart our own path in the recent years, with many instances of success. Endorsing and adopting UNDRIP and observing the 18 principles therein will put Sarawak on the global stage as mature players who are sincere and serious about sustainability and conservation.

Tuan Speaker, following this, I propose that the government adopt FPIC as a mandatory policy in Sarawak in line with international standards and requirements, with strict processes to be followed. As a start, the government can set up a task force consisting of multilateral stakeholders from the government, private sectors, civil societies, and relevant sectors to:

- (a) Design capacity-building material and sessions to inform respective sectors on the basics of FPIC; and
- (b) Design a template/ module of FPIC that will be used as guidelines across all sectors.

On another matter related to native rights, I would like to know how much land has been surveyed under Section 6A of our Land Code so far. I understand that the indigenous communities that are forest dependent are cautious of this process because of the cap of 500 hectares under this section.

RIVERS

Tuan Speaker, I wish to put in a request that whilst we are focussing on our forests and trees in our conservation efforts, we must also put in more effort to take care of our rivers. The jungles are the supermarket for the natives, but the rivers are their lifeline, as they are a source of food, water for daily use, and a mode of transportation. Our rivers have been subject to much abuse and mistreatment, from activities such as illegal dumping of industrial waste and run-off, daily disposal of rubbish, erosion, and siltation from deforestation, poisoning from plantation pesticide run-offs, and overgrown marine weeds from plantation fertiliser run-offs, not to mention the log jams that prevent boats from safely navigating the rivers.

Tuan Speaker, for instance, the Miri River is said to be the most polluted and dirtiest river in Sarawak, and our iconic Sarawak River which we can view from this equally iconic Dewan has been the receptacle for the grey and black wastewater from dwellings and businesses by the streams that flow into it.

Tuan Speaker, river pollution affects the oceans. I read that Malaysia ranks No. 3 in the world for plastic waste pollution, with over 73,000 metric tonnes of plastic waste being dumped annually into the oceans. As part of Malaysia, we must take more measures to stop this irresponsible activity. If we want to be seen as being serious about SDGs and ESG in the global scene, we need to clean up and rehabilitate our polluted rivers and waterways and reduce ocean pollution.

I wish to ask the Natural Resources and Environment Board and the Sarawak Rivers Board how many rivers are being monitored currently, and what is the water quality of each river? Are there any rivers that are classified as “*dead*” or “*sick*”? What plans are there to clean up the rivers? Are there any plans to enhance awareness programmes conducted to educate the public?

Some ideas for action would be to carry out school visits teach the importance of keeping our rivers clean, providing proper rubbish disposal systems for riverine villages and dwellers, and encouraging clean ups by organising competitions for the cleanest villages and rivers.

CARBON CREDITS

Tuan Speaker, His Excellency recalled in his address that Sarawak had enacted legislation related to carbon trading, after the State Assembly passed the Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Bill, 2023, opening doors to green energy fuel utilisation and reducing carbon emissions.

Recognising our forests as high value carbon sinks, Sarawak has ventured into carbon trading activities, granting trading licences to two companies for carbon storage and trading. I wish to point to a disturbing report just released a few days ago by the International Union of Forest Research

Organizations (IUFRO) which is a group of 15,000 scientists in 120 countries and according to news reports, some of the IUFRO's findings are as follows:

- (a) Market-based approaches to forest conservation like carbon offsets and deforestation-free certification schemes have largely failed to protect trees or alleviate poverty;
- (b) Trade and finance-driven initiatives had made "*limited*" progress halting deforestation and in some cases worsened economic inequality;
- (c) The evidence does not support the claim of win-wins or triple wins for environment, economy and people often made for market mechanisms as a policy response to environmental problems;
- (d) Noted a rise in complex and overlapping market-based schemes "*with financial actors and shareholders more often interested in short-term profits than long-term just and sustainable forest governance*"; and
- (e) There are growing concerns about how much of the generated revenue poor communities might expect to see, with unscrupulous actors accused of exploitation.

Tuan Speaker, the report cited Malaysia as an example, stating, "*In Malaysia, indigenous groups promised better livelihoods from a foreign-backed plantation venture on their customary land received no benefit*".

I urge the government to study the report urgently, and to ensure that processes are in place to guarantee that the native community whose lands (or who have claims to such lands) are being included as carbon sinks and traded for carbon credits, are paid what should rightly go to them, instead of to the companies who engage in the trading activities.

It should be noted that the authors of the report which is being presented at a high-level UN forum this week advocate a radical rethink of market-based approaches to forest conservation such as carbon trading schemes.

RECOGNITION AND PRESERVATION OF NATIVE LANGUAGES

Tuan Speaker, I have spoken on several occasions of the need to preserve and teach our native languages to our younger generations. We learn our culture and tradition through language and to preserve our culture, we must preserve and teach our native languages.

Globally there is increased awareness of the need to preserve native languages. Interestingly, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the period between 2022 and 2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL 2022-2032), to draw global attention on the critical situation of many indigenous languages and to mobilise stakeholders and resources for their preservation, revitalisation, and promotion.

The Sarawak Government portal states that there are 27 distinct indigenous ethnic groups that speak at least 45 different languages and dialects in Sarawak. However, from a research perspective, the best reference (that is used by all linguists) would be Ethnologue, which is set up by the Summer Institute of Linguistics. Their data from 2019 and 2024 show different statistics. In 2019, they listed 134 languages in Malaysia with 95 threatened, 15 dying, and two extinct. In 2024, they listed only 111 living languages in Malaysia, 93 threatened languages and three extinct.

Tuan Speaker, in 2023, Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka listed four of our native languages as extinct. They are Seru, Pegu, Bliun, and Lelak. Several others have few speakers left, such as the Lahanan language (350 speakers in 1981), Berawan (3,600 speakers in 2010), and Tring (550 speakers in 2000).

Tuan Speaker, some scholars have concluded that most of the native languages that have survived thus far, have done so because of the intervention of Christian missionaries, who, in their efforts to spread the Gospel, also learned the local languages, and translated the Bible, Hymns and prayers into indigenous languages, an example, being my native language, Lun Bawang. One such missionary couple was Pendita Meripa and his wife Ganit who translated the Old and New Testament and many hymns into the Lun Bawang language.

Tuan Speaker, in order to make a concerted effort to preserve our native languages, I would request that the government establish a dedicated task force for language and cultural maintenance and preservation. The task force will be entrusted to create an official inventory of ethnicities, including all sub-ethnic groups, the languages spoken within the State of Sarawak. It will also develop and propose a Sarawak Language Policy that will promote linguistic diversity and multilingualism as integral components of Sarawak's cultural heritage, and establish guidelines for the preservation, revitalisation, and promotion of indigenous languages, dialects, and cultures. Most importantly, it will advocate for the integration of indigenous languages and cultural content into formal education curricular at all levels, ensuring the transmission of cultural knowledge and tradition to future generations.

Tuan Speaker, as we are now proclaiming our status as an autonomous region within Malaysia, this is an opportune time for us to have a Sarawak Language Ordinance to provide for the integration of indigenous languages and cultural content into formal education curricular at all levels, ensuring the transmission of cultural knowledge and tradition to future generations. Sarawak has her own and separate identity as a land with many native communities coexisting in harmony, and we should do everything possible to ensure that none of our communities and their languages are forgotten, to one day becoming extinct.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you Tuan Speaker for your indulgence, and I wish all Muslims *Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Maaf Zahir dan Batin*. As Gawai celebration are around the corner, I also would like to wish all Dayak friends in and outside this august House, *Selamat Hari Gawai Dayak, Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai*.

May God bless Sarawak and may justice roll on like a river and righteousness like a never-failing stream flow from this august House to all the nook and corners of this beloved State of Sarawak. Thank you so much for the indulgence, Tuan Speaker.

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ba' Kelalan. With respect, I call upon the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pending, please.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

Tuan Speaker, it is disheartening to note that the problem of stateless children has not ended even after they were granted citizenship because they were denied "K" indicator in their MyKad thereby depriving them of a Sarawakian status. This is a long outstanding issue which the State Government have yet to solve it. Till today, the State Government has not come out with a clear SOP and policy regarding the "K" indicator in the MyKad for the stateless children who were granted citizenship.

When these children are denied with having a "K" indicator in their MyKad, they are not recognised as Sarawakians. They have to apply for permits if they were to live in Sarawak. Either they apply for long term visa or work permit or fly out every three months to get a chop on their passports. What is more frustrating is these children are not entitled for any state welfare aid, schemes, or Yayasan Sarawak Scholarship.

The Sarawak Government is well aware of this issue and these children are left in a limbo the second time in their lives after they were granted citizenship but not having a "K" indicator in their MyKad. I was made to understand the JPN, Jabatan Pendaftaran Negara Sarawak is still waiting for

a clear policy guideline to address the issue from the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier's Office. Whether a MyKad is entitled to a "K" indicator or in a "K" status is purely within the Sarawak Government's power.

In June last year, the Honourable Member for Dalat, who is also the Minister of Women, Early Childhood and Community Well-being Development, told the press that there was a discussion held between her Ministry, Premier Office, State Attorney General, Immigration and Jabatan Pendaftaran Negara. Again, she stated recently that there is a need for further discussion to come out to a solution. May we know how long is the State Government going to further discuss on this? All the data, the information regarding the individual who had been granted citizenship had already been vetted through by the relevant authority, so why take decades for the State Government to come up with a proper SOP?

All this while, the Honourable Member for Dalat has been championing the citizenship issue. She is at it with a passion. May we know what is the outcome after the *bengkel* or workshop held in September last year by her Ministry?

From these children MyKad, there is already a number 13, 13 in their IC, there indicating that this person is from Sarawak. So, why it is so difficult to help them? Hence, I call on the Sarawak Government to treat them fairly by coming up with a clear policy immediately.

In 2021, the former Honourable Member for Bukit Assek had written to the State Secretary to enquiry about the "K" indicator issue, but till now, she has yet to receive any reply. Such is the attitude of the State GPS Government.

PALLIATIVE CARE

Tuan Speaker, when a patient ended up in the Palliative Care Unit, that is the last leg of their life journey. Thus, we should give compassion and love to all of them, and no one should be discriminated against in whatever way. They should be able to enjoy whatever life has to offer them including enjoying a warm meal heated up from the microwave. Therefore, we should let them consume whatever they crave as and when they are still able. We all acknowledge that we Sarawakians respect each other mutually regardless of race and religion. We have to accept the fact that the population of Dayaks constitute the majority in Sarawak.

It is very sad to know that such insensitive practice has penetrated into our midst on the first floor of the Palliative Ward in RTU building, Sarawak General Hospital. When I learned such an insensitive practice took place, my office immediately liaised with personnel from the hospital management. But they refused to entertain and insisted to continue with such practice. The person whom we spoke to claimed that that is the policy of the hospital, and nothing can be done.

That is why Tuan Speaker, I have no choice but to bring this issue to this august House and hoping that our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier could stop such insensitive practice immediately. We must not let extremism rot our state's racial and religious harmony.

When I received the feedback of a notice attached to a microwave, that is at the first floor of the Palliative Ward at RTU building, in Sarawak General Hospital, it stated, "*Halal food only. Thank you for your cooperation*", my heart dropped. I ask myself if Sarawakians can have all races to sit together in coffee shops to enjoy meals, why should the hospital management take such an extreme approach when we all know that the patients are living in their limited time? If anyone were to be in his or her shoes, I do not think we want to be mistreated in such manner.

The Sarawak GPS Government always sings praises of Sarawak being harmonious and take pride in the harmony among the races and that no other state in Malaysia practices that. Respect goes both ways and there should not be any party.... (*Interruption*)...

Timbalan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, I just want to interrupt. This is quite important; the hospital is under which government?

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: It is under Federal Government, and we have a State Minister who is watching brief over this matter as well and I have to raise it because it happened in Sarawak General Hospital and that is a very serious issue and that should not be continued. What we are asking is very simple, just put another additional microwave to serve the others. That is not too much to ask for. So, if the hospital does not have the money or grant to buy additional microwave, just let me know. Though I don't get a single cent from this GPS Government in allocation, I'm willing to help. Ya, I will go on to my next issue. Tuan Speaker.... *(Interruption)*...

Timbalan Speaker: You are addressing this to both governments.... *(Interruption)*...

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Sorry?

Timbalan Speaker: It seems you are addressing this to both governments, is that *(Interruption)*...

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Yes, from Federal as well as the Minister and the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier as well. Because I think it's not so right for the hospital to do that.

Scam

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Tuan Speaker, scam is rampant. It is ironical that the public who went to the Kuching Food Festival last year 2023 were "*scanned to be scammed*", scan, they scanned the QR Code, "*scanned to be scammed*" as it ended up that there was no lucky draw at all promised by MBKS.

Last year, before and during the Kuching Fest Festival, the Mayor of MBKS had proudly made repeatedly calls to the public not to forget to scan the QR Code displayed at the entrance of the Kuching Fest to stand a chance to win a lucky draw prize including motorcycles valued RM6,000 each, foldable bicycles, laptops, tablets, and smart watches.

However, until today, the three motorcycles are still placed at the entrance of the MBKS lobby. Despite me bringing up this issue through my social media as well as through the press asking the Mayor to explain why the prizes were not claimed yet or why was that not the prizes were still not giving out, there was a deafening silence from him. Knowing his style, if he can *hentam*, he sure *hentam* me "*kaw-kaw*" but I hear nothing from him.

So, if a public office, if a public office openly made a promise and failed to fulfill, it could be tantamount to deceit and be charged for criminal offence in court. This is akin to Criminal Breach of Trust. It is indeed very serious and shameful for a public office found to be scamming the public. There should not be any dishonest act, dishonest act from any public office. Do not forget MBKS is a government body and must be accountable and transparent in all their actions.

Given that this is a serious issue, I call on the Minister in charge of local government to give a full report in his winding up over this scam fiasco by MBKS. The public would like to know what has happened to all the data collected through the QR Code Scan. The personal information of the public is not supposed to leak to a third party or kept by a third party. So, may I ask who is keeping all these information now? Where are all the data collected through the QR Code scan? Sorry... *(Inaudible)*...

Converts

Tuan Speaker, for the next issue, from 2018 until 2014, *eh* 2024, 2018 until this year 2024 there is a difference of six years. How time flies. Many Malaysians envy Sarawak for being a much more liberal state. Sarawakians are relieved that our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier is seen as liberal as the late Adenan Satem and also a more proactive and decisive in dealing with matters that are

stagnant and considered taboo. On March 4th, 2018, “*Yang Amat Berhormat Premier requested from Sarawakians for six months to improve the weakness in our syariah laws on apostasy cases*”.

We will amend any weaknesses in our syariah laws in dealing with apostasy cases. There must be a SOP because we cannot leave people hanging. If that person wishes to leave why not let them leave? He was an instant hero after he made a pledge to amend the state conversion laws in order to provide clear guidelines for converts to obtain Letter of Release from Islam through an administrative process instead of seeking court decision.

It was right for our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier to make that pledge as religious matters falls within Sarawak’s jurisdiction and he sees the need in amending the relevant state laws where SOP is in place.

Six years have gone past and there is no sign of progress on this matter. May we know how much longer do Sarawakians need to wait? What Yang Amat Berhormat Premier has done so far in realising his promise? We really hope that our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier is genuine in his promises made seven years ago. The people urged that the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier himself will enlighten this issue during his winding up speech in this august House. Do not dampen the hopes given to these converts.

Carbon Market

Tuan Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of this august House on three issues concerning questionable activities relating to the supposedly lucrative green economy of the Carbon Market which the Sarawak Government is tapping on. First Issue, our State Forest Carbon Activity under Forest (Forest Carbon Activity) Rules, 2022 states that 5% forest ecosystem fee is imposed on annual carbon credit revenue. If the carbon activity is hailed as a new potential sector to generate income from the forest resources in Sarawak, my question is – why is this fee set as low as 5%? Does this mean that the company that carries out the carbon credit activities will benefit 95% of the derived annual revenue?

As criticised by Simon Counsell, former Director of Rainforest United Kingdom, and advisor to Survival International, I quote, “*In what looks like a blatant mechanism to maximise the profit of corporations, the government tax on carbon credit sales is set at a mere 5%, many times lower than other governments are setting in their own legislation*”.

So, if we look at Indonesia, the price for carbon credit is RP69,600 per tonne, in which the lowest tariff rate for the carbon tax is RP30 per kilogram of carbon dioxide equivalent. That means an amount RP 30,000 per tonne is being taxed-on, which is at least 43% of the revenue per tonne.

Whereas the Government of Zimbabwe imposed a 30% environmental levy on forest carbon project developers for the first decade for any carbon activities or projects in the country. And impressively the government will take 50% of all revenue from the carbon projects, with foreign investors limited to 30% and the balance 20% is committed to benefiting local communities.

Tuan Speaker, this is what we need in Sarawak as we do not see this policy in place to benefit our affected communities. It is the wish of the affected communities to see that every project implemented by the State will have a financial benefit sharing scheme with them instead of enriching a certain elite group only.

Now on the second issue, Tuan Speaker, is on the two recent exposes by the Sarawak Report and REDD Monitor on SaraCarbon’s Marudi Forest Conservation and Restoration Project (MFCRP) which takes place in the Licensed Planted Forest (LPF 0008).

Timbalan Speaker: Yang Berhormat, I take that it is not in order to rely on a social media report.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: No, I am not relying on it, but our state will need to.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay. I'll just address you on that one so that you be careful with what you say okay?

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Okay, alright, *ya, ya*, sure. So, in which takes place in a Licensed Planted Forest (LPF 0008) obtained by Samling Group in December 1998. And I quoted, "*Samling is plainly seeking to profit from a failing project through a sweetheart deal with the State Government at the expense of the public*".

This is a failed to-complete LPF project because Samling has so far planted only 9,189 hectares with Acacia out of 55,000 hectares under the LPF. As pointed out, the company is attempting to cash in on the carbon from the LPF area where they failed to plant Acacia. Samling seeks to claim carbon credits in the voluntary carbon industry by converting 39,000 hectares in this LPF. By doing this, SaraCarbon is massively inflating its carbon production baseline.

In view of this expose, what is the Sarawak Government's response to it? So far, there seems to be an eerie silence around this issue. The people have the right to know an answer from the State Government – how could the state approve Samling through SaraCarbon to carry out carbon projects on this very same failed LPF area? For this SaraCarbon project,

Timbalan Speaker: Again, again, Yang Berhormat may I guide you before you go deeper there. Are you relying on the Sarawak Report and are you assuming that they are accurate? Because, if you rely on it, there is a tendency that it could mislead everyone, and it is contentious.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Yes, Tuan Speaker. If you are patient enough with me you will know how I got all this information and I will be ending quite soon, a few more paragraphs to go and you will know how I got this information and bring it to this Dewan. I don't just pluck. I don't just... *(Interruption)*...

Timbalan Speaker: No. What I meant is, whatever, don't treat it as accurate unless you put a question...*(Interruption)*...

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Yes, I put a question, that is why I have said, I need an answer from the State Government.

Timbalan Speaker: You put a question on whether it is accurate, don't jump to conclusions or make any judgement.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Yes, yes, may we have the answer from the State Government?

Timbalan Speaker: That is what I mean.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: In respect of this expose, can, you are right. Thank you, Tuan Speaker. Okay. For this SaraCarbon project, the State Government will receive a revenue of RM230 million from the RM2 billion project, after imposing the 5% Forest Ecosystem Fee and the RM260 per hectare royalty.

And I would like the State Government to also confirm on this. This is calculated based on the RM15 per carbon credit price set in 2021. But we know that the value of these carbon credits has crashed since because of media exposes of how worthless they are in terms of helping mitigate climate change. Instead of RM15 per tonne, the current value per carbon credit would probably be around RM0.50 – RM1.00 per tonne.

Given the crash of the carbon credit value, may the State Government explain – on what basis SaraCarbon came out with this exaggerated projection value? We should not have baseless projection.

Issue number three, which is on transparency relating to the carbon study permit and license holders. I was made to aware that Shin Yang Sdn. Bhd. representing the Jalin Forest Carbon Management has recently called for a Social Impact Assessment meeting with the community members from Long Iman and Long Liwok which is Ulu Baram. Except for a Facebook post by the Sarawak Forest Department, there was no other public platform that shared this information.

As such, I call on the State Government to create a platform that will robustly inform the public who are the applicants and holders of the Carbon Study Permit or the Carbon License.

Timbalan Speaker: You may wind up. You may wind up.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Ah, ya.

Timbalan Speaker: One minute left.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: *Ah*, because you were interrupting me.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay, I think I interrupted you for about half a minute.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Okay, thank you. As such, I call on the State Government to create a platform that will robustly inform the public who are the applicants and holders of the Carbon Study Permit. The Permit License holder should include that on their website or social media platform as well.

It is crucial that this public information is made accessible and transparent to avoid mistrust and as the Zimbabwean Environmental Minister calls it – climate washing.

We should be aware, Tuan Speaker, that Malaysia is a member to the United Nations, just a week ago, Francisco Cali Tzay, who is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous People called for a moratorium on carbon markets as he cited concerns about the human rights abuses in the carbon markets.

As such, I repeat the same recommendations that I made in my last DUN Sitting on this issue, instead of focusing on carbon credit and just applauding economic benefits of the green energy and climate action, the Sarawak Government should focus on developing policies and laws that will:

- (a) Robustly strengthen the Native Customary Rights of the Indigenous People;
- (b) Streamlined the rights to “*Free, Prior and Informed Consent*” into our own local policy ; and
- (c) Prioritised access to the information that pertains to the public.

In addition, due to the concerns of abuses and exploitations in the carbon markets which have pushed people globally to call for direct climate finance accessibility for indigenous peoples and affected communities, we call on the government to tap into climate finance such as the UN Loss and Damage Fund, or international grants that support community-based and indigenous-led climate efforts plus initiatives on renewable energy.

I wish to acknowledge my thanks to the local Civil Society Organisations - *Sahabat Alam Malaysia*, SAVE Rivers and other Sarawak-based CSOs that have helped me as a lawmaker and a representative of the people in the preparation for this topic of which I had just raised.

PR Status

Lastly, only two paragraphs. Tuan Speaker, I urged YAB Premier to come up with a policy to allow West Malaysian or Sabahan husbands to continue staying in Sarawak should their Sarawakian spouses passed on, especially when there are children involved.

I brought up this issue because a West Malaysian father with a young daughter born in Sarawak pleaded for help as he was not allowed to stay on after his Sarawakian's wife passed away. The moment his wife passed away, he was immediately asked to leave Sarawak. He was even advised by the immigration officer telling him if he wants to stay in Sarawak, you get a new wife. I think that is very ridiculous.... *(Interruption)*...

Timbalan Speaker: Please conclude.

YB Puan Violet Wong Wui Wui: Okay, in my last paragraph I hope YAB Premier office and Immigration can come up with a clear policy to allow West Malaysian or Sabahan fathers whose spouses have passed on to continue staying here for the sake of their young children with K status. With that, I conclude. Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you, Ahli Yang Berhormat Pending. With respect, may I call Ahli Yang Berhormat Meradong, please.

YB Datuk Ding Kuong Hiing: Thank you, Tuan Speaker for giving me the opportunity to participate in the debate on the Motion of Appreciation on the Opening Address of his Excellency Governor of Sarawak in conjunction with the official opening of the First Meeting of the Third Session of the 19th Sarawak State Legislative Assembly. Before I continue, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Tun Pehin Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar for being appointed as the 8th Governor of Sarawak and at the same time, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the family on the passing of the late Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, 7th Governor of Sarawak recently.

Tuan Speaker, in his Excellency opening address, he touched on the issue of alarming global climate change and global community is targeting nett zero carbon emission by the year 2050. His Excellency also commended on Sarawak Government for taking initiative as the pioneer on renewable energy to reduce the carbon emission. This is clearly shown by her effort to develop wind energy, hydro energy, solar energy, biomass, biofuel, hydrogen and sustainable aviation fuel. His Excellency among other also remind us about the importance of political stability in order to enhance rapid economy growth for Sarawak.

Bekalan Elektrik Luar Bandar (BELB)

Tuan Speaker, please allow me to go into some local issues in my constituency. Tuan Speaker, first and foremost, I would like to congratulate the Ministry of Utility and Telecommunication for swift implementation of electricity supply under Sarawak Government Subsidy Scheme whereby 102 applicants already benefitted from it. An Additional Late Application Fund (ALAF) of three longhouses have already benefitted from it. However, the progress has seemed to slow down lately. There are still 64 outstanding applications on subsidy scheme and 14 longhouses in my constituency are still waiting for ALAF scheme. Most of them have been waiting for over three years and the latest indication from the Ministry concerned is *"projek yang sepatutnya bermula pada quarter 1, 2024 terpaksa ditunda dan dijangka bermula pada tahun 2025 kerana menunggu kelulusan peruntukan"*.

I would therefore, like to urge Sarawak Government to take priority in funding these schemes so that the rural people can also enjoy this basic amenity like everyone else in urban area at the earliest convenience.

Bekalan Air Luar Bandar (BALB)

Tuan Speaker, the supply of clean treated water for Meradong has always been a pressing issue over the past decades. In 2018, the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak announce the proposed Package CR1 Central Region for Sarawak Water Supply Grid Programme Stressed Area including Meradong District at the project cost of RM91 million. The project took off in March 2019. However, the project was severely delayed to Pan Borneo construction and up to now, there are still some outstanding works to be completed.

Therefore, I would like to urge the ministry concerned to ensure early completion of the said project and at the same time, speed up the completion of the Bayou Treatment Plant Extension Project because I was told that so that the people of Meradong can also enjoy uninterrupted, clean and treated water supply with a reasonable water pressure. On this note, I would like to thank the Right Honourable Premier for approving and allocation of RM1.08 billion for the gradual replacement of old and aging pipes that have caused a lot of water supply disruptions and lost of revenue through non-revenue water losses throughout Sarawak. Again, I would like to urge the relevant ministry to a thorough study of this implementation because Meradong alone, we have about 60 km of old aging pipes needed to be replaced urgently.

Chinese Hybrid Rice Cultivation

Tuan Speaker, I wish to inform this august House that local paddy farmer from Sungai Padi namely, Rahmah Sdn. Bhd., Meradong has successfully carried out a trial pilot test of Chinese Hybrid Rice Cultivation in Sungai Padi and the grain yield is most encouraging. The average grain yield per hectare was found to be 11.08 tonnes per hectare. The traditional and manual harvesting method resulted in high wastage as workers carried the harvest paddy back to the designed fletching area causing dropping of over ripen grain during the transportation. Of course, the presence of pests and diseases also contributed to the loss of grains yield. With the technology transfer of Chinese Hybrid Rice experts and the guidance of relevant agriculture agency in Sarawak, I am confident that this project will be a great success.

Therefore, I would like to urge the Ministry for Food Industry, Commodity and Regional Development Sarawak to step in to lend full support to ensure Rahmah Sdn. Bhd. could be the anchor farmer to lead the smallholders to ensure we achieve the target of being self sufficient in rice production in 2027 to 2030.

Upgrading of Kompleks Sukan, Bintangor

Tuan Speaker, during the last DUN Sitting, I was given the long-awaited good news that the project had been approved under RMK12 mid term review. However, the project ceiling is only RM2.5 million which is barely enough for the upgrading of running tracks that I have been fighting for since 2016. In order to have a complete renovation of the indoor stadium, the football field, running tracks and other facilities, a total allocation of at least RM5.0 million is required.

Ideally, the upgrading of football field has to be carried out first prior to the running tracks but we have to do it the other way around due to financial constraints plus the fact that the students of four secondary schools and 24 primary schools have been deprived of these basic amenities for too long already. I was made to understand that the allocation for 2024 is only RM100,000 but the ministry has given the green light for MDMJ, Majlis Daerah Meradong dan Julau, the implementing agency to go ahead, to get the consultant to come up with the drawings and tender documents and call for tender later this year.

I sincerely hope that the ministry concerned can continue to bid for more funding to upgrade the proposed football field, indoor stadium, toilets, drainage, fencing and beautification works as soon as possible so that we can have a beautiful sport complex in Bintangor again.

Bintangor Swimming Pool

Tuan Speaker, the first proposed site for Bintangor Swimming Pool was decided to be at MDMJ open space at Taman Bintang. It was rejected by the relevant authority in June 2020. The Ministry for Youth, Sport and Entrepreneur Development then proposed that Bintangor Swimming Pool to be next to existing Bintangor Sport Complex.

Land acquisition and soil investigation were carried out, but the siting application was turned down again in February 2023. Since then, the relevant agencies have met and deliberated on an alternative site along Pasi/ Meradong road.

Another siting application has since been made to relevant authority in February this year. It is my fervent hope that this new application can meet the requirements and be given the approval from the authority concern as soon as possible. The project has dragged on for too long and it is the hope of the people of Meradong to have it implemented as soon as possible.

Goods and Sales Tax

Tuan Speaker, lately the hawkers and small businesses were deeply troubled by the proposed implementation of e-invoices by Inland Revenue (LHDN). Not only tender procedure of e-invoicing be very tedious, the internet connectivity in Sarawak due to its vast land mass can pose a real problem to them also. It can, in my view, be avoided if the Federal Government is prepared to reinstate or re-introduce the Goods and Sales Tax (GST) since it can generate much more revenue compared to Sales and Service Tax (SST). At the same time subsidies and assistance can also be given out without assorting to filling up loads of personal details. To date, 175 countries throughout the world are using GST system and they can't be all wrong. Moreover, it is proven that GST is far more effective tax system than SST.

Tuan Speaker, before I conclude, I would like to congratulate our Tuan Speaker and Sarawak Government for upgrading our august House into *Dewan Undangan Sarawak* instead of *Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak*. However, as in the United Kingdom and Australia, we were made to understand there is Parliament of Scotland and Parliament of New South Wales. Therefore, may I suggest that we change into Parliament of Sarawak in the near future...*(Applause)*... This will further identify ourselves as equal partners when we formed Malaysia in 1963.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all my muslim friends, Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri, maaf Zahir dan Batin and to all my Dayak friends, Selamat Gawai Dayak, *Gayu Guru, Gerai Nyamai, Lantang Senang, Nguan menua*. Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you, Yang Berhormat Meradong. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, seems that YB Meradong is the last speaker today, or we have another one? Otherwise, we have to knock off at 6.30 p.m. that's by the rule. So, that's it, I think.

*Masyarakat Santubong makan kari,
Mesyuarat disambung esok hari.*

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, sitting is now adjourned and the House shall resume its sitting at 9.00 a.m. tomorrow. Insya-Allah.

[Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 6.20 petang]