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5.	Encik Zainuddin Othman	*SAINS*
6.	Encik Siddiq Harris Chiew	*SAINS*

MESSENGER

1.	Encik Mohamed Nazeerudin bin Gulam Mohamed	*Kementerian Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak*

2.	Encik Andy anak John	*Kementerian Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak*
3.	Encik Lawrence Encharang	*Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak*
4.	Encik Helmy bin Abdul Rahman	*Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak*
5.	Encik Shah Riwandy Sia bin Ridzuan	*Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak*
6.	Encik Erdy Nurwiranata bin Eden	*Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak*
7.	Encik Altken Cedric anak Lawrence	*Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak*
8.	Encik Mohamad Zahari bin Hamden	*Pejabat Agama Islam Bahagian Kuching*
9.	Encik Addison anak Fredrick	*Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Sarawak*
10.	Encik Fadillah bin Lokman	*Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Bahagian Kuching*

SEKRETARIAT PERSIDANGAN DEWAN UNDANGAN NEGERI SARAWAK

1. Tuan Haji Abang Zaabar bin Abang Ballia
2. Encik Nurkhairudin bin Osen
3. Puan Noria binti Suut
4. Puan Nur Azira binti Abdul Kadir
5. Puan Aisha Parveen binti Badron
6. Puan Genang anak Timbung
7. Puan Siti Norhiza binti Mohammad Yusri
8. Puan Hanisah Abdullah
9. Puan Hasfarini binti Hassim
10. Puan Nurhaffizah Abdullah
11. Puan Natasha Nadia binti Mohd. Saidi
12. Puan Angela Lisa anak Mathew Linol
13. Encik Felix Aaron anak Michael
14. Puan Calista Abbie anak Sapa@Patrick Sapa
15. Puan Sharina binti Sopian
16. Puan Patricia anak Peter
17. Encik Awang Mohammad Asyrul Jaya bin Awang Putra
18. Sarjan Terence anak Jayan
19. Puan Norziana binti Haji Ahmad
20. Puan Nur Eliana Abdullah
21. Puan Nazmah binti Darham
22. Puan Tracy Lyana anak Bana
23. Encik Muhammad Elliyas bin Matali
24. Encik Mohd Zulkhairy bin Mohammad Hejemi
25. Puan Dayang Nazira binti Abang Martaza
26. Puan Jasmine Sinja anak Robinson
27. Puan Dayang Noorazilla binti Jasni
28. Puan Parcelia Renyelia anak Pamg
29. Puan Nur Zafirah binti Affendy Michael
30. Puan Deidre anak Wilson
31. Puan Siti Nur Marsitah binti Abdullah
32. Puan Nur Amira Lystiani binti Poniman
33. Encik Razali bin Awi
34. Puan Nora binti Atem
35. Encik Zahari bin Bolhi
36. Encik Lukas Jammany anak Kated
37. Encik Ruzaimy bin Muhammad
38. Encik Hazrin Syah bin Hamzah
39. Encik Salman bin Jaya
40. Encik Alwie bin Haji Ali
41. Encik Romzi bin Bujang
42. Encik Musa bin Julai
43. Puan Suraya binti Hamden
44. Puan Noraisah binti Ahmad

45. Puan Siti Zalilah binti Samsawi
46. Encik Iz Mohd. Haiqal Hakeem bin Mahamud
47. Puan Artirah binti Amran

PELAJAR PRAKTIKAL

1. Encik Charles Spencer anak Tonny
2. Encik Gabriel Louis anak Ragai
3. Puan Katelina Usun Kawas
4. Puan Afeefasara Nadya binti Aman

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada jam 9:12 pagi)

[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

DOA

Tuan Speaker: Member for Senadin. The mic is on. Hang on.

Menteri Pengangkutan Sarawak; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.75 Senadin (YB Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin): *...(Inaudible)...* Tuan Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 23 (2)(p), to seek your permission to raise a matter of privilege concerning the offensive and insulting words directed at me during yesterday's proceedings. The Honourable Member for Pending called me a *'political coward'*, and she also use *'coward'* also, another word *'coward'* and refused my request to withdraw those words.

The words were repeated several times and are recorded in the unedited Hansard laid on the table today, specifically at pages 61 to 63. Standing Order 32 (4), provides, *"it shall be out of order to use offensive and insulting language about Members of the Dewan".* I respectfully submit that the words used against me constitute a personal insult and contravene this provision. Vigorous debate and scrutiny must be conducted with due regards for the Standing Orders and the dignity of this August House. I, therefore, respectfully seek your ruling that those words are unparliamentary and that they be expunged from the Hansard. I seek your ruling, Tuan Speaker.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I rule that the words used were unparliamentary, insulting and humiliating. It is recorded. I ask the Member for Pending to withdraw, she refuses, and she repeated the word. So, I rule it is unparliamentary and to be expunged from the Hansard.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: *…(Inaudible)…*

Tuan Speaker: No, I heard about. I heard it, I witnessed it. No, no.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: *…(Inaudible)…*

Tuan Speaker: Sergeant, *datang*. Send her out. Keluar. Biadab! You are insulting and rude.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: *…(Inaudible)…*

Tuan Speaker: No manners. *Keluarkan. Ambik. Keluar, keluar, keluarkan.*

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: *…(Inaudible)…*

Tuan Speaker: *Embak keluar*, *keluarkan.*

SAMBUNGAN PERBAHASAN ATAS BACAAN KALI YANG KEDUA RANG UNDANG-UNDANG PERBEKALAN (2027), 2026 DAN USUL UNTUK MERUJUK RESOLUSI ANGGARAN PERBELANJAAN PEMBANGUNAN BAGI TAHUN 2027

Tuan Speaker: I now call upon Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Pesembahan Sarawak; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Bismillahirrahmanirrahim, Assalamualaikum W.B.T., salam sejahtera, salam Sarawak Maju Makmur, *salam Segulai Sejalai*. Alhamdulillah, syukur kepada Allah S.W.T., dengan

limpah kurnia-Nya saya diberi peluang untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan bagi Kementerian Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan Sarawak pada pagi ini.

Tuan Speaker, sebelum saya menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan bagi pihak kementerian, izinkan saya untuk memulakan dengan dua rangkap pantun:

Mekar Rafflesia di Gunung Gading,
Megah tersergam indah saujana,
Ekopelancongan tiada tanding,
Khazanah alam dijaga sempurna.
... (Applause)...

Nebah taboh di rumah panjai,
Pua kumbu lempai di tisi,
Rindu ati pengabang datai,
Ngelawa Sarawak seruran rami.
... (Applause)...

Tuan Speaker, terlebih dahulu saya ingin merakamkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah dan juga penghargaan kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier di atas pembentangan Belanjawan Sarawak 2027 yang bertemakan, *"Together Building Prosperity and Securing Our Futures*". Belanjawan yang berpaksikan rakyat dan juga fokus, dengan fokus yang jelas kepada aspek pembangunan ekonomi dan infrastruktur, ini sudah semestinya akan menjadi asas kepada pembangunan Sarawak yang lebih maju dan makmur.

Saya juga mengucapkan jutaan terima kasih kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier di atas kelulusan belanjawan kepada kementerian saya berjumlah RM103.7 juta untuk pembangunan dan RM186 juta bagi pengoperasian dan geran untuk memacu pembangunan industri pelancongan, warisan dan kreatif pada tahun hadapan. Melalui belanjawan ini, Kementerian saya akan terus melaksanakan pelbagai projek, program dan juga inisiatif untuk memangkin industri pelancongan dan terus menyumbang kepada pembangunan sosioekonomi Sarawak.

GLOBAL TOURISM OUTLOOK

Tuan Speaker, I would like to begin my speech by highlighting the global tourism outlook as international trends directly shape the trajectory of our tourism industry. According to the United Nation Tourism, the year 2027 has been designated as the International Year of Sustainable and Resilient Tourism. The United Nation Tourism is actively turning climate commitments into mandatory standards, protecting biodiversity and ensuring that local economies directly benefit from the global travel.

Concurrently, the Pacific Asia Travel Association or in short, PATA, forecasts that international visitor arrivals to the Asia-Pacific region alone will experience robust volume, projected to reach 758.8 million visitors in 2027 and 789.2 million visitors by 2028 respectively. The expansion will coexist with structural pressures, requiring destinations to build buffer systems against macroeconomic volatility as well as over-tourism. Moving beyond post-pandemic recovery, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations or ASEAN, is transforming into a unified, digital-first and high-value travel ecosystem from 2027 onwards, prioritising infrastructure resilience, seamless cross-border travel and local economic empowerment.

MALAYSIA TOURISM PERSPECTIVE

At the national level, Malaysia recorded a strong tourism performance in 2026, welcoming 28.76 million international visitor arrivals from January till August of this year, representing an increase of 1.8% as compared to the same period in 2025. Beyond 2026, the direction for Visit

Malaysia 2026-2027 and subsequent tourism development strategies is expected to focus on sustainability, digital transformation, high-value tourism and market diversification. Emphasis is being placed on ecotourism, community-based tourism, heritage tourism, luxury travel, wellness tourism and business events.

SARAWAK TOURISM PERFORMANCE

My ministry remains dedicated to elevating Sarawak's profile as a premier global destination, with a special emphasis on eco-tourism, sports tourism, health tourism, cruise tourism, business events and our own unique mix of arts, culture and heritage.

Sarawak Visitor Arrivals and Tourism Receipts

Over the last five years, Sarawak's tourism sector has successfully maneuvered the challenges brought by the Covid-19 pandemic which led to low visitor arrivals of just 0.23 million visitors in 2021 as compared to 4.66 million in 2019. Sarawak staged a remarkable recovery with visitor arrivals surging to 4.83 million in 2024 and 4.97 million in 2025. For this year from January until September, Sarawak tourism sector continues to grow, recording 3.52 million visitors, that is from January until September. ASEAN region remained our major market with Brunei and Indonesia constituting 46.5% of the visitors, while Singapore, Philippines and Thailand also contributing significantly to our visitor arrivals.

The tourism sector continues to contribute significantly to Sarawak's economy. In 2025, Sarawak generated approximately RM12.67 billion in tourism receipts, growing 1.75% from the previous year that is in 2024. So, approximately if it is RM12.67 billion in tourism receipts for the whole year, averaging about RM1.0 billion per month. From January to September this year, Sarawak generated a remarkable RM9.0 billion in tourism receipts, an average of more than RM1.0 billion per month.

SARAWAK TOURISM DEVELOPMENT DIRECTION

Tuan Speaker, my ministry is dedicated to advancing Sarawak's tourism industry by leveraging our unique strengths and remain highly responsive to market demands and as well as global sensitivities.

Mitigating the Impacts of Climate Change

Tourism sector is vulnerable to climate change, facing severe threats from rising sea levels, extreme weather events and accelerating biodiversity loss. Embracing a resilient approach is vital, not only to protect our fragile ecosystems but also to safeguard the long-term survival of the entire industry. As Sarawak navigates climate change, we must ensure our destinations, particularly our nature-based, rural and coastal areas are fully prepared. Building readiness is essential to minimize disruptions for our visitors, tourism operators as well as local communities.

Digitalisation of Tourism Sector

Integration of digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence (AI) is fundamentally transforming the global tourism sector, turning traditional travel into a seamless, data-driven, and highly personalised experience. Concurrently, big data analytics empowers destination managers to shift away from retrospective guesswork, allowing them to predict market changes dynamically and mitigate overtourism at fragile environmental sites before overcrowding occurs.

Greater Private Sector Participation

The future of Sarawak's tourism industry relies on a strong public private partnership. Private investment plays a vital role in elevating the quality of our tourism offerings. It acts as an enabler for developing world class accommodation, establishing diverse and innovative attractions, and expanding specialized niche market to meet evolving global demands. The opening of Voco Kuching by IHG Hotels and Resorts and there is a latest one, The Everly Lhesson Hotel Kuching which was last month if I'm not mistaken, recently, reflects the commitment of private sector in enhancing hospitality services in Sarawak.

Eco-Tourism and Community Based Tourism

Eco-tourism is Sarawak's main strength, especially its pristine nature including rainforests, our rivers as well as our lake. It is our strategic direction to focus on Community-Based Ecotourism or in short CBET by empowering local communities and ensuring they benefit directly from the tourism activities in their surroundings. In line with this direction, my ministry is expanding local communities' participation in entrepreneurship platform and regional marketing events. We are also providing training and capacity building, especially to homestay operators, covering hospitality and service quality, craft workshops, communication skills, lifesaving skills, digital marketing and product marketing.

Sarawak-Malaysia My Second Home (SMM2H) Programme

My ministry remains committed to strengthening the implementation of the Sarawak-Malaysia My Second Home (SMM2H) Programme as part of our strategy to enhance visitors' arrival as well as generate greater economic value. This programme enables us to position Sarawak as a preferred destination for long-term residency, offering not only unique tourism experiences but also a high quality of life, cultural diversity and a welcoming environment. From January to September of 2026, the programme recorded 287 approved applications involving 490 participants from 31 countries.

Actually, I chaired this meeting every month, the SMM2H meeting, just to see and evaluate the participant that wanted to come over to Sarawak or to get that permit in Sarawak. China remained the top contributor, accounting for 118 approved applications or 41.1% of the total approvals. This was followed by the United States of America 28, from Taiwan 19, from the United Kingdom 18 applicants, from Australia 13 applicants, from Canada 13 applicants, from Singapore 12 applicants, from Japan 12 applicants, from Hong Kong nine applicants and from South Korea seven applicants among others.

Subsequently, the approved applicants as at September this year resulted in RM143.5 million in fixed deposit and RM1.49 million in processing fees. The processing fees will go to the state offer. These collections are significantly higher than the fixed deposit and processing fees collected in 2025 which amounted to RM146.9 million and RM1.04 million respectively.

My ministry continues to intensify our international promotional effort, including participation in the Seoul Travel International Fair and the World Tourism Industry Conference in South Korea from the 4th till the 6th of June 2026. Well in conjunction with this event, The Honourable Datuk Sebastian Ting Chiew Yew, Deputy Minister for Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts was awarded the STIF Eminent Tourism Pioneers Awards for his outstanding contribution in global tourism development and promotion *… (Applause)…*

Creative Industry

I would like to thank Yang Amat Berhormat Premier on the establishment of Creative Economy Council to power the Sarawak's creative ecosystem. My ministry in collaboration with industry players continues to develop the creative industry and creative content, covering music, dance,

theatres, visual arts, digital arts, animation and gastronomy. Among the initiatives includes organising of Sarawak International Band, Orchestra and Choir Festival (SIBOCFest) 2026, from 2nd to the 5th of September 2026, which brought together 274 participants across schools, universities, community groups, and delegates from Japan, from Singapore, as well as from China.

Recently, in collaboration with DayakDaily that was just last week, last Sunday I think, in collaboration with DayakDaily and Pertubuhan Wartawan Bebas Kuching or PEWARTA, my ministry has organised writing competition on Sarawak Folklore and published Sarawak Folklore Book that reflects the richness of Sarawak cultural heritage and the importance of keeping it alive in a more creative way.

As part of the initiatives to strengthen Sarawak's creative industry visibility at the international and national levels, my ministry supported the Swinburne University participation in Ars Electronica in Austria, one of the world's leading festivals for art, technology and digital creativity, in September this year. Historically, in Southeast Asia, only Singapore has ever been selected to participate in this event, and now Sarawak is the second. Another notable event is the *Legenda Puteri Santubong* - A Theatrical-Dance Production to be held at the Istana Budaya, Kuala Lumpur from the 18th until the 20th of December this year.

Culture and Heritage

Sarawak's strength lies in its cultural diversity across 34 different ethnic groups. My ministry is taking the initiative to safeguard our cultural authenticity and catalyse heritage-driven economic development by protecting intellectual properties of our product. To date, there are 32 Sarawak's products registered under the Geographical Indications or GI. Currently, my ministry is facilitating the process to register *Kuas Iban Balau Simanggang, Buri Kapit and Gagung Iban Sarawak*. Through collaboration with government agencies, cultural associations, researchers and local communities, we aim to ensure that Sarawak's cultural heritage continues to be documented, appreciated, protected and transmitted to future generations.

My ministry also continues to develop heritage trails such as Miri Heritage Trail and Betong Heritage Trail, in our effort to document and promote local heritage while creating opportunities for heritage tourism. The local communities are actively involved in identifying and interpreting their heritage through oral history documentation. Sarawak's growing international profile in heritage conservation is further reflected in its hosting of the ICOMOS 22nd General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in Kuching from the 22nd to the 23rd of October this year.

Actually, they are still here. I just officiated it, yesterday afternoon at BCCK, and they are bringing 1,800 heritage experts from 110 countries. And from the feedback that I got yesterday, they are so happy to be in this thing. Many of them were here for the first time including the Chairman of ICOMOS. She is from Lisbon, Portugal. Never been to this part of the world. She has never been to Kuala Lumpur even, and her first visit to this, to Malaysia is coming to Kuching. I am very happy to hear that, and they are all planning to have, bringing in their family for their own private holidays actually.

Old Kuching Smart Heritage (OKSHE)

The Old Kuching Smart Heritage (OKSHE) is an initiative by the Sarawak Government to preserve, to revitalize, and digitalize the historical and cultural heritage or cultural assets of Old Kuching. The initiative aims to ensure the heritage assets are identified comprehensively and developed into tourism products and services.

My ministry continues to revive the OKSHE Programme covering the *Kampung* Heritage, Historical Business Heritage, Riverfront Heritage and Historical Monuments Heritage. The sites and

monuments with heritage value will be preserved and integrated with necessary infrastructures and facilities.

STRENGTHENING SARAWAK'S TOURISM INDUSTRY

Tuan Speaker, acknowledging the challenges faced by the tourism industry and the need to accelerate its growth, my ministry is strengthening our efforts to drive the industry forward through several initiatives.

Major Tourism Infrastructure Projects

Sarawak continues to strengthen and celebrate its unique identity through bold initiatives that preserve our rich art, our culture and heritage while creating new experiences for visitors. Currently, several landmark projects are being developed to further strengthen Sarawak's tourism industry. Among others, the Redevelopment of the MBKS Swimming Pool into a Water Fun Park and Centre of UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. The centre will serve as a premier hub for culinary innovation and the preservation of Sarawak's rich food heritage.

Secondly, our signature project, that is the Old DUN Building Complex into a state-of-the-art modern Performing Arts Centre is progressing on track, scheduled for completion in the second quarter of next year that is 2027. Once completed, the Centre will become a premier venue for showcasing Sarawak's vibrant performing arts, while the Lapau Building, the place where Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat *angkat sumpah dahulu* when they were vising the Old DUN Building will be transformed into a fine dining restaurant and the fountain area will be revitalised to become attractive public space.

Several other projects are in the early stage of implementation including the Sarawak Craft Centre, the Sarawak Arts Gallery, Transformation of the Miri Petroleum Museum, among others as well as the conservation and upgrading of heritage assets including Fort Lily in Betong, Fort Brooke in Julau, Fort Emma in Kanowit and Fort Hose in Marudi.

Tourism, Arts and Heritage Grants

My ministry plays a key role to facilitate and accelerate the growth of tourism industry in Sarawak. For this purpose, my ministry has been allocated three support grants, namely:

(a) Geran Sokongan Acara dan Pesta;
(b) Dana Mudahcara Warisan dan Kesenian Sarawak; and
(c) Geran Sokongan Kajian dan Penyelidikan Pelancongan, Warisan dan Kesenian Sarawak.

Well overall, during the first 10 months of this year, my Ministry had already approved 346 events amounting to RM46.43 million, with more events under consideration before the end of the year. Well, we about 365 days in a year. Until now, the number of events which we have already approved, and reach has already been implemented amounting to 346 events, which makes almost one event a day. That's why you see every weekend, all over Sarawak, there are so many events coming up.

The one that is ongoing now, tomorrow, this Friday will be officiating the Regatta, the International Dragon Boat, the Craft Sales, the *Festival Gendang*, the Sarawak Regatta next week, the *Jom Heboh* in Miri and Samarahan, all over Sarawak we have been so many events, practically all these events the grant come from the Ministry, and that's where for the first 10 months as I mentioned just now, we have already approved and released out 346 events. In comparison, for last year, for the whole of last year, we approved 355 events altogether. So, we have coming up to that

by the end of the year, the last event would be the Countdown 2027, it should hit about 355 or even more for this year.

Specifically, through the *Geran Sokongan Acara dan Pesta*, my ministry has approved RM42.1 million to support 256 events and festivals, this is another grant and RM4.33 million under the *Dana Mudahcara Warisan dan Kesenian Sarawak* to support 90 heritage and creative industry programmes.

To further strengthen the development of tourism, arts, culture, and heritage, my ministry has approved RM3.2 million since 2022 to undertake research, this grant is mainly for research, using the *Geran Sokongan Kajian dan Penyelidikan Pelancongan, Warisan dan Kesenian* Sarawak. Quite a bit chunk of this fund for research are disbursed out to the various universities in Sarawak.

To date, 22 research projects covering gastronomy, covering ecotourism, heritage and community-based tourism have been completed. The findings have contributed significantly to the development of Sarawak's tourism, arts, culture and heritage.

Major Events and Festivals

Major events and festivals stand as vital pillars of Sarawak's tourism development serving as dynamic avenues for economic, social and cultural enrichment within our communities through sporting spectacles, cultural exhibitions, music performances and culinary celebrations. These gatherings Tuan Speaker, draw a continuous stream of visitors from across Malaysia and beyond. By backing festivals and events, we ensure that the benefits or the spin off extend beyond visitor's arrival and tourism receipts which directly contributed to the growth of hotels, food and beverage industry, transportation as well as homestays.

Major events such as the New Year Countdown, Kuching Marathon, Rainforest World Music Festival, the International Dragon Boat Festival, the Sarawak Regatta among others, have boosted the occupancy rate of the hotels around Kuching Golden Triangle besides triggering demand for local cuisines and dining experiences, increases mobility through public and private transport services. One just needs to go to the top spot, the restaurant and you can see every night that place is really packed, almost for the whole year because of there are too many events in Kuching.

Well, recently Sarawak hosted the Malaysia's prestigious *Anugerah Industri Muzik* or AIM on the 26th of September 2026 at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK). AIM or *Anugerah Industri Muzik* is equivalent to the Hollywood Grammy Award in the United States. This year's celebration is its 25th anniversary and significantly, Sarawak was chosen as the venue for this celebration. We are very, very proud because this is the first time AIM has moved from Kuala Lumpur outside of the Klang Valley.

The event brought approximately to 800 pax to Kuching including over 400 artistes comprising performers, top 5 nominees, the presenters as well as the judges. This offers valuable opportunities for our local talents and production teams to connect with established industry professionals, exchange ideas and learn from their experience. And at the same time, AIM live broadcasting has positioned Sarawak under media hotspot and enhanced Sarawak's global visibility through 34.7 million views and interactions across all platforms.

Karnival Jom Heboh this year, we helped subsidize to *Karnival Jom Heboh* which was held in Kota Samarahan as well as in Miri. The event organised in Kota Samarahan from the 31st of July to 2nd August 2026. See the biggest crowd that has ever been seen actually in an event in Samarahan. It was estimated for the three days about 300,000 visitors come over to the venue site in Samarahan and in was also held in Miri from the 25th to the 27th of September. Now you can see from the video, that's the one in Miri, I think. Also considered to be the biggest crowd ever seen in Miri in one venue or in one event.

I was informed that for the three days, 350,000 people attended the *Jom Heboh* Program in Miri. And a lot of them come from among the locals and the surrounding, as well as our neighbours from Brunei. And when it was held in Samarahan, a lot of them also come in from Indonesia. The event created business opportunities for more than 250 SMEs in food and beverages and subsequently generated significant impacts on the local economy. A lot of those entrepreneurs that are excite have been asking the ministry, please do it again next year. Because the spin-off is very, very good to them.

Sports Tourism

Sports tourism in Sarawak is a rapidly growing sector that brilliantly leverages the region's breathtaking natural landscapes and vibrant cultural heritage to attract local and international enthusiasts. Among the major events that were held, the inaugural Borneo 100 Triathlon 2026 successfully organised on the 21st of June 2026. The event has transformed the coastal paradise of Sematan into a vibrant international sporting arena, drawing 274 elite and first-time triathletes from nine countries including from Singapore, from Germany and China.

Sarawak has four or five marathons certified by the Association of International Marathons and Distant Races or AIMS, namely Kuching Marathon, Kuching Half Marathon, the Miri Marathon, the Sarawak Energy Marathon, and if I'm not mistaken, Bintulu Marathon is also one of those marathons that get accreditation and recognition by AIMS. I think among all the states in Malaysia, Sarawak has got the most marathons.

When you host marathon events, there are easily more than 10,000 runners and they have to stay somewhere, they have to eat somewhere. Not all of them are Sarawakians. Normally at least about one third of them are from outside the venue. If the event is in Kuching, those from Miri, from Sibu, from Sri Aman and those foreigners from Indonesia, from Brunei, from Singapore will be coming up. So, the spin-off has been very, very good.

In addition, Sarawak also hosts several other marathons, which include, as I mentioned, just now Bintulu Marathon, Kuching Half Marathon Heritage and Hock Seng Lee Samarahan Marathon. There's also the Sarawak Energy*, ya*. The Bintulu Marathon, which was held on the 2nd of August 2026 has successfully attracted more than 10,000 runners including 461 international participants from 22 countries. Unfortunately, the Kuching Marathon this year it has to be postponed at the last minute, one day before the commencement because of the haze, as advised by several of those agencies that are involved, whether they are from the health department, from the police and all that. It's better to defer it and that is why it has to be deferred this year. But Insya-Allah, next year, we will come back again strongly.

The Borneo Raft Safari League has also marked an important step forward in the development of river-based sports and eco-tourism in Sarawak by bringing together five raft safari events, namely the Mulu Raft Safari, the Selangau Raft Safari, the Mukah Raft Safari, the Serian Raft Safari as well as the Padawan Raft Safari, under a very coordinated platform.

I noticed that this is one sport which has been generating quite a lot of interest. And if we, if we are able to organize it properly, it will go very, very far, because a lot of those in the cities, whether they are from Singapore, whether they are from West Malaysia, Brunei, they love it, in this kind of, this kind of eco-tourism sports.

Health Tourism

Health tourism significantly boosts local economies. A benefit heavily amplified as patients frequently travel with family members and make repeated visits for follow-up care. According to Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council, or MHTC, Sarawak experienced significant growth in 2025, last

year, attracting 104,323 healthcare travellers as compared to 76,796 healthcare travellers the year before, that is in 2024, which is a very remarkable increase of 35.8%.

As I mentioned much earlier, healthcare or medical tourism is very, very important, because those that come in, the one patient that comes in, there will be three to five others, family members tagging along, and normally they stay for quite long.

Doctors are very smart also. The day you first *masuk jumpa*, they will only check, diagnose you, take blood sample, and you will come back another week. After another week they diagnose again, two more weeks only then operation. So, the patient has got to wait. From the first day, sometimes it will have to be, *sampai tiga empat minggu*. They have to stay somewhere.

And right after operation, there is the post-surgery. Another two, three weeks, *sampai satu bulan*. So, that helps the tourism industry. And that is why in and around Kuching, you can see the growth of all these medical facilities or hospitals. Our population is considered to be quite small, less than one million in Kuching, but we have got five private hospitals, another three are still undergoing construction now. So, the focus has been on Sarawak for medical tourism.

This positive momentum continued into 2026 where Sarawak recorded 48, so far, 48,480 healthcare travellers with revenue of RM109.9 million for the first six months. These are revenue from the hospital. The amount that they spend outside, which go into the community, the industry, the hospitality industry. We are not able to calculate it this way, but then we are able to look at it from the tourism receipts. In relation to this, Sarawak hosted the Borneo Global Medical Tourism Congress and Expo on the 12th and 13th of this month.

Cruise Tourism

Sarawak continues to explore cruise tourism in our effort to diversify the tourism industry. Kuching Port, Bintulu Port, and Miri Port are considered for cruise tourism while Sarawak Economic Development Corporation or SEDC has proposed for cruise terminal in Damai Peninsula.

Recently, Kuching welcomed premium international cruise vessels, including the Villa Vie Odyssey on the 22nd of May 2026 with a capacity of 282 passengers, followed by the Noble Caledonia's Island Sky on the 10th of August 2026 carrying 118 passengers.

UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)

Since Kuching's designation as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in November 2021, my Ministry has continued to leverage this international recognition to strengthen Sarawak's gastronomy, tourism, and creative economy.

This year alone, Kuching hosted the UNESCO Creative Cities of Gastronomy Annual Cluster Meeting from the 4th to the 6th of August and the Borneo Culinary World Cup from the 5th till the 7th of August, bringing together international delegates, chefs, and culinary professionals for knowledge sharing, cultural exchange and industry collaboration.

In conjunction with PATA Travel Mart, held in Kuching from the 18th to the 20th of August 2026, 26, oh 25 Sarawak restaurants were awarded the TOP 25 Restaurants Award. In addition, Miri City has officially announced its aspiration to become a recognized UNESCO Creative City of Literature by next year, 2027.

Collaboration with the Federal Government

We acknowledge the significant contribution by the Federal Government agencies to accelerate Sarawak's tourism, creative industry and performing arts. My ministry will continue to

collaborate with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia or MOTAC, Tourism Malaysia or TM, Jabatan Kebudayaan dan Kesenian Negara (JKKN) Cawangan Sarawak, Perbadanan Kemajuan Kraftangan Malaysia dan Jabatan Warisan Negara.

MOTAC has approved the upgrading of eco-tourism infrastructure in Santubong National Park, Similajau National Park and Kubah National Park as well as Matang Wildlife Centre. These initiatives will enhance tourism facilities and accessibility and improve the overall visitor's experience.

Under the Program Pemulihan, Pemuliharaan, Ubahsuai dan Naik Taraf (PPUN), the Federal Government has allocated RM1.5 million this year for five tourism infrastructure upgrading projects in Taman Negara Maludam, Taman Awam Miri, Homestay Patrick Libau in Niah, Air Terjun Melasak in Lawas and Kampung Budaya Sarawak in Kuching.

Meanwhile, the Homestay Programme under the purview of MOTAC has generated RM7.65 million in revenue from January to August this year, a substantial 35% increase as compared to the same period in 2025. The growth was contributed by visitors 55,725 of them, which is an increase of about 42.6%.

In the craft industry, Perbadanan Kemajuan Kraftangan Malaysia Cawangan Sarawak continues to play an active role as our strategic partner. From January to September of this year, Kraftangan Malaysia Cawangan Sarawak has recorded a total sale of RM17.8 million. Hopefully by end of this month, it will go up to more than RM20 million. Because we know with the International Dragon Boat as well as the Regatta and for that one whole week there is a craft festival and normally during the craft festival, the sales of craft exceed more than RM2 million. If we got RM17.8 million until September, end of this month, definitely there will be more than RM2 million sales because last year the sales just for the that festival, craft festival was RM2.4 million.

Capitalising on Bilateral and Regional Cooperation

Sarawak continues to play important role in regional platforms. We hosted the 22nd Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area or BIMP-EAGA, Tourism Cluster Meeting on the 24th to the 26th of June this year in Kuching. In conjunction with the meeting, Sarawak also successfully organised the BIMP-EAGA Tourism Exchange or BETX, a two-days conference that brought together tourism officials, industry leaders, investors, policymakers, and other tourism stakeholders from across the BIMP-EAGA region.

The 19th East Asia Inter-Regional Tourism Federation or in short EATOF, Sarawak with Kuching is the one that represent Malaysia for all this EATOF conference. The 19th East Asia or EATOF General Assembly was held in Cebu, Philippines from the 2nd till the 4th of September this year, and has affirmed the member countries cooperation in promotion as well as cultural exchange.

HIGHLIGHTS BY AGENCIES UNDER THE MINISTRY

SARAWAK MUSEUM DEPARTMENT

Tuan Speaker, before I proceed with the highlight of Sarawak Museum Department, I wish to share in this august House that Sarawak has lost someone who played a key role in building our state museum's collection and advancing our natural sciences, Dato Sri Gathorne Gathorne-Hardy, the 5th Earl of Cranbrook, also known to many of us as Lord Medway, passed away in England on the 24th of August 2026, at the age of 93. May his soul rest in peace.

In the past five years, the Museum Department has reached a series of significant milestones in expanding Sarawak's cultural landscape and preserving its rich heritage. The key achievements is the opening of the Borneo Cultures Museum on the 9th of March 2022, followed by the inauguration of the Limbang Museum and Rumah Sri Aman in 2023.

This progress continued into 2025 with the official launch of the Santubong Archaeological Park on the 4th of October 2025 and most recently, on the 22nd of August 2026, the Department celebrated the opening of the Brooke Dockyard Industrial Heritage Museum.

Today, the Museum Department proudly manages 20 active museums including forts, galleries across Sarawak. These museums, including forts and galleries have recorded 412,114 visitors from January until September of 2026, which is an increase of 11.6% as compared to the same period of last year.

Borneo Cultures Museum continues to be the main attraction. It has somehow become a building where whoever comes to Kuching that must be, I mean foreigners whoever come to Kuching that is one of the must visit place.

BCM has also welcomed recently high-profile dignitaries including Ambassadors and China's most renowned couturier, Guo Pei also known as Queen of Couture. Meanwhile, the Brooke Dockyard Industrial Heritage Museum despite only been opened or officiated on the 21st of April 2026 has already welcomed 88,766 visitors.

Educational and Heritage Programme

From June to August this year, the Department organised the Museum Heritage and Science Educational Programme in conjunction with the Helios Exhibition by Luke Jerram, involving 715 students. In addition, Educational Symposium on Leadership, Advanced Skills and Understanding Heritage for Economic Resilience was also organised, attended by 168 community leaders, councillors, educators and grassroots advocates.

Moving forward, the department serves as a strategic partner to ICOMOS, the one I mentioned much earlier, for the 22nd ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium 2026 (GA2026). The department is hosting three pocket programmes, namely Night at the Museum, Sarawak Museum Talk and Sarawak Museum Heritage Walk from the 20th till 24th October.

Heritage Gazettement

Tuan Speaker, the department continues to protect Sarawak's heritage under the Sarawak Heritage Ordinance, 2019, with 38 buildings, monuments, historical sites, and underwater heritage sites have been gazetted. This year, the department has undertaken several initiatives, including:

(a) Sarawak Tangible Heritage Inventory Programme from 10th to 14th August 2026 recorded 407 heritage inventories;
(b) Establishment of the Jawatankuasa Kerja Warisan Sarawak (JKKWS); and
(c) Completion of preservation Beting Maro Battle Memorial 1849.

Collection Contribution

Sarawak Museum continues to receive strong support from members of the public in its efforts to preserve our shared heritage. During the second quarter of this year, Sarawak Museum received two types of drilling equipment donated by Sarawak Shell Berhad, Miri Branch. Terima kasih Sarawak Shell Berhad. I think we can see the drill there. The donation comprises a Subsea Wellhead and one set of Drilling Rig Equipment Assembly. The donations physically illustrate over a century of technological evolution in Sarawak's oil and gas industry.

So, now we know that Sarawak oil and gas has started so much earlier before we formed Malaysia. So, the 1994 PDA comes in so much later, so much later, so rightly we have to state some more claims on our resources. History, we cannot *tipu sejarah*. All these drills which come in way back in the early 90s reflects that *minyak* and gas *sudah ditemui, sudah dicari di bumi* Sarawak and

juga at our continental shelf. The donations physically illustrate over a century of technological evolution in Sarawak's oil and gas industry, bridging the pioneering 1910 onshore era at Miri's Well No. 1, a tribute to Miri's legacy as the birthplace of Malaysia's petroleum industry. It is not in other wilayah. The oil industry in Malaysia is born in Sarawak.

As part of the initiative to appreciate the donations, the Department will unveil a three-month temporary exhibition called Donated 22 Legacy: Building Collections, commencing in November 2026. The exhibition will showcase 63 selected objects from the Sarawak Museum Department Collection and coincide with the Sarawak Heritage Conference, which is scheduled on the 23rd to 24th November 2026 at the Borneo Culture Museum.

Sarawak Heritage Research Initiatives

The Department in collaboration with the French School of Asian Studies have carried out the Sarawak Delta Archaeological Project at Sungai Jaong and Bongkissam in Santubong, uncovered several remains of iron-smelting furnaces dating from the mid-11th to the late 12th to 13th centuries Common Era. These buildings may represent the earliest iron-smelting furnaces dating to the early second millennium Common Era reported on the island of Borneo.

Concurrently, the Department in collaboration with Western Sydney University undertakes archaeological excavations at Lobang Manyik in Niah which contribute to the long-term conservation. They don't have the slides here. I think Museum Department need to be beef up a bit on that. I've asked for, all these to be in the slides for the Ahli Yang Berhormat to see and I was watching it's not there just now.

Publication Initiatives

I wish to highlight Sarawak Museum Journal (SMJ) produced by Sarawak Museum which is publishing its 111th volume this year. Initiated in 1911 by Mr John Coney Moulton, Sarawak Museum Curator, this SCOPUS Index Journal is held in libraries worldwide, including the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives in the United States of America, reflecting its international scholarly significance. On that note, we record our deepest appreciation to all scientists, researchers, academicians and the SMJ, Sarawak Museum Journal, Editorial Team, for their unwavering support in preserving the Sarawak Museum Journal.

Actually, the Sarawak Museum Journal probably might be among, is the oldest museum journal in Malaysia, I believe, or within this region.

Sarawak Museum Department Way Forward

On 13th July 2026, in partnership with the National Art Gallery of Malaysia, the Department began conserving the historic Tree of Life murals at the Sarawak Old Building Museum. The mural *pun tidak ada masuk* slide*, adeh somebody must be sleeping*. Alongside phased restorations of historical showcases and specimens. Looking ahead, ongoing Forts Trail project covering Fort Lili, Fort Emma, Fort Brooke, and Fort Hose is anticipated for completion in late 2027, ensuring Sarawak's legacy is protected.

The department is set to host a prestigious international touring exhibition, a blockbuster exhibition called Egyptian Mummies: Journey Towards Immortality. The exhibition will feature 110 objects from the collections of the National Archaeological Museum of Florence, Italy including actual human remains dating back more than 5,000 years ago. The exhibition is the first international touring exhibition centred on Ancient Egypt to be hosted in Malaysia.

To strengthen its institutional capabilities, the Department securing annual Sarawak curator placements at the Borneo British Museum, the United Kingdom and the Musée du Quai Branly,

Paris, France. Additionally, the department is finalising Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) on collaboration with ICOMOS-Malaysia and Museum of Ethnography Budapest.

SARAWAK TOURISM BOARD

Tuan Speaker, in the past five years, particularly post COVID-19 pandemic, Sarawak Tourism Board (STB) marketing and promotional activities has contributed significantly to the increased visitor arrivals to Sarawak.

For 2026 to 2030 period, STB is moving forward with the Elevation, Diversification, Growth, and Empowerment or in short EDGE marketing strategy. This bolder, more strategic framework prioritises innovative promotion to strengthen brand visibility, top of the mind and ensure High-impact Return on Investment or ROI. In August 2026, STB had officially repositioned its strategic direction from *"Sarawak: More to Discover" to "Sarawak: Gateway to Borneo"* which embodies Sarawak's aspiration to become the natural gateway to discovering the island of Borneo.

From January to September 2026, STB has successfully executed 78% of the 99 planned marketing initiatives, driving immediate, tangible momentum across key target markets. This partly contributes to a ripple effect of RM8.9 billion in economic impact that directly uplifts local tourism businesses, supports industry livelihoods, and enhances the standard of living for the communities across Sarawak. Among the recent initiatives are:

(a) Seoul International Travel Fair, Seoul, Korea (Trade Fair), from the 4th to 7th June 2026;
(b) PATA Travel Mart (Trade Fair), from the 18th to 20th August 2026;
(c) ITB India, Mumbai, India (Trade Fair), from the 1st to 3rd September 2026;
(d) MATTA Fair Kuala Lumpur, which is the Consumer Fair, from the 4th until 6th September 2026; and
(e) CelebAsia London (Consumer Fair), from the 11th till 13th September 2026

In addition to the trade and travel fairs, STB also participated in several roadshows covering domestic market and international market of ASEAN, Europe and Oceania, North Asia, India and Russia or Central Asia. Among the major roadshows are:

(a) Tourasia Switzerland Roadshow, from the 24th until the 27th of August 2026;
(b) Business Networking Seminar in Taipei and Kinmen, Taiwan from the 25th to 26th August 2026; and
(c) the Sales Mission to Russia 2026, from the 28th to the 30th of September 2026.

These strategic engagements are pivotal to expanding Sarawak's global footprint. They allow us to establish high-value trade partnerships, introduce our latest tourism products, and highlight Sarawak's leadership in sustainable tourism to eco-conscious travel trade and consumers alike.

STB's familiarisation trips have also delivered remarkable, quantifiable leaps of improvement over the last five years. Post pandemic, Sarawak Tourism Board has scaled up its outreach significantly, hosting a cumulative total of 639 travel trade partners and media representatives across 57 high-impact trips.

In 2026 alone, STB had organised and hosted nine key familiarisation trips covering visit by agents from our targeted market, namely ASEAN countries, Europe, Oceania, North Asia and the new market including India, Central Asia, Middle East and Russia, as well as domestically Malaysia's market. These familiarization trips deliver real business results. Over the last three years, the satisfaction rating from travel agents has reached an all-time high, climbing from 3.95 out of 5 in 2024 to 4.56 this year in 2025. Most impressively, in 2026, every single travel agent we hosted agreed to create and sell Sarawak tour packages.

The ASEAN and domestic markets remain the key pillars of Sarawak visitors' arrival performance. The *Sia Sitok* Sarawak campaign, the one that save Sarawak during the Covid-19. Many doesn't know, when we introduced *Sia Sitok* or else the tourism industry would have collapsed at that time. When we stop all airlines from coming in, how do you generate, keep alive the tourism industry? That's the time when we introduced The *Sia Sitok*. We keep alive the domestic tourism. Half rate, those in Miri can come to Kuching, Kuching can go to Sibu, Miri. So at least, and apart from that quarantine in the hotels. A lot of people don't look at it.

We were asked, why do you keep all these patients, quarantine them in the hotel and pay for them. If we have not done that for two years, the hotel industries would have collapsed. That is some of the initiative which a lot of people don't really see.The *Sia Sitok* Sarawak Campaign has played an important role in stimulating domestic visitation and restoring consumers' confidence in Sarawak as a preferred destination. The two MATTA Fairs, in Kuala Lumpur this year recorded transaction value of approximately RM2.6 million for *Sia Sitok* Sarawak.

Demonstrating our continuous commitment to empowering local industry players, the Strategic Partnership Collaboration Fund or SPCF has supported 396 beneficiaries that acted as a powerful catalyst for boosting business, economic enhancement, and expanding promotional reach. With the introduction of AirBorneo's direct Kuching–Singapore route, STB together with BESarawak or Business Event Sarawak, STATOS, and Tourism Malaysia are actively aligning marketing strategies to stimulate high yield visitors demand from Singapore.

I won't touch on AirBorneo because it is under the Ministry of Transport, which is already been touched yesterday but, as AirBorneo grows bigger, as more destinations are identified, that definitely will boost up Sarawak's tourism in a year to come. And I'm very-very happy on the 23rd of this month, that is on Friday we will have our first inaugural Kuching-Jakarta flight by AirBorneo…(*Applause*)… That will definitely boost up our medical tourism as well as giving a good alternative to Sarawakians to visit Indonesia apart from going to Kuala Lumpur to Singapore now.

STB is integrating Global Travel Technology or GTT data and big data analytics to monitor Sarawak's destination performance and benchmark our performance against competing destinations. This big data dashboard provides us with the ability to monitor air connectivity, travel demand, market planning and destination performance. Based on GTT data, from January to September 2026, approximately 6.83 million flight searches from worldwide to Sarawak were recorded, indicating a strong level of interest towards Sarawak as a travel destination.

Sarawak Tourism's digital communications have strengthened, culminating its best performances to date in 2025 when STB recorded more than 644 million impressions across its different digital platforms. This year, STB or Sarawak Tourism Board recorded over 400 million impressions supported by strategic collaborations with major online travel and tourism platforms among others Amadeus, Traveloka, Tripadvisor, Tripzilla, Ctrip, Qunar, Skyscanner and Expedia. This are all tourism, very popular tourism platform, among others.

Sarawak Tourism Board also recorded its best performances to date in 2025 by generating approximately RM169.6 million in Public Relations Value or PRV. Continued efforts to promote Sarawak tourism products on both traditional and new media in 2026 recorded approximately RM125.9 million in PRV during the first nine months of 2026. This was the result of extensive regional and international media exposure through Wanderlust Magazine, BBC Wildlife, National Geographic, Forbes Asia, Going Places, Travel plus Leisure, Songlines, Gaya Travel and Palate Magazine. These are international media exposure which are very-very popular like Wanderlust Magazine, BBC, National Geographic, among others.

This year, STB has received three major national and international accolades which reflect the impact of Sarawak Tourism Board's strategic efforts to strengthen Sarawak's international tourism promotion or position. These include the introduction of the *"Gateway to Borneo"* brand proposition,

high-impact international marketing campaigns, strategic partnerships with global tourism stakeholders and continued emphasis on responsible and sustainable tourism. Among the major awards are:

(a) PATA Gold Awards 2026: Grand Title Winner, Marketing for the Guinness World Records achievement for the Longest Cumulative Distance by a Remote-Controlled Multirotor/ Drone Relay;

(b) 2026 Cannes Corporate Media & TV Awards: The Black Dolphin Trophy for *"Gateway to a Sarawak Guinness World Record"* under the Best Use of Drones category;

(c) The World Business Outlook Awards 2026 for the categories, Best Tourism Board for Destination Marketing Malaysia 2026, Excellence in Sustainable Tourism Promotion Malaysia 2026; and Leading Regional Tourism Promotion Agency Malaysia 2026. Congratulations for all these awards;

(d) Green and Geopark Excellence Awards or GAGA 2026: Longest Sustainable Event Excellence; and

(e) Luxury Travel Guide Awards 2026/2027: Cultural Destination of the Year.

The 29th Edition of the Rainforest World Music Festival (RWMF) 2026, which was themed *"Regenerations: Roots & Rhythms",* successfully attracted over 22,000 festival attendees to Sarawak Cultural Village from the 26th to the 28th of June 2026. The event featured over 200 performers from 13 countries, bringing together diverse musical talent from around the world. This year Rainforest World Music Festival generated RM19.91 million in economic spin-off. Moving forward, next year which is going to be the 30th edition will present the opportunity to further strengthen Rainforest World Music Festival's international appeal and celebrate three decades of its contribution to Sarawak's music, culture and tourism landscape.

The 3rd edition of the Rainforest Youth Summit (RAYS) 2026, one week before Rainforest World Music Festival, we always have this Youth Summit, for ASEAN youth leaders which we call RAYS, Rainforest Youth Summit. The one in 2026, this year which was themed, *"Youth: Many Ways, One Planet"*, brought together over 700 participants from all 11 ASEAN countries and beyond from 24th till the 26th of June 2026. A key outcome was the Preliminary RAYS Youth Declaration 2026, developed through nine priority recommendations on climate, sustainability and community action, strengthening Sarawak's profile as a regional platform for youth and sustainability leadership. That is Sarawak's contribution to the outside world. We want to turn Sarawak also as a regional youth hub, to train the leaders within Southeast Asia, one day they will be holding important post in their own country about sustainability, about the important of the present generation in safeguarding our globe.

Sarawak successfully hosted PATA Travel Mart (PTM) 2026 from 18th to 20th of August 2026, attracting more than 1,100 delegates from 60 countries or 60 destinations comprising 221 international buyers from 29 source markets and over 365 sellers representing more than 200 organisations. The Responsible Tourism Pavilion organised during this event, bringing together 17 homestay clusters with 39 participants from and facilitating 157 business-to-business or B2B meetings.

STB has successfully advanced the adoption of ISO 20121:2024 Event Sustainability Management System, embedding environmental, social, cultural and economic sustainability into the planning and management of its flagship events, including the Rainforest World Music Festival, PATA-associated events and the upcoming Borneo Jazz in December.

As part of carbon offsetting of Rainforest World Music Festival and five years MOU with the Sarawak Forestry Corporation or SFC, STB achieved a 10,000 trees milestone ahead of the Rainforest World Music Festival 30th anniversary under Eco Green Planet Tree Planting initiative. These are collaboration with SFC, Sarawak Forestry Corporation to plant trees, to green Sarawak and they have achieved the 10,000 trees milestone. The initiative aims to ensure that Rainforest World Music Festival leaves a legacy beyond music and cultural celebration and promote community led conservation with Kampung Kuala Rajang supporting the planting and long-term stewardship of the restoration site. Together with our partners, STB is driving a bold, sustainable and globally recognized tourism strategy that transforms visitor momentum into lasting economic prosperity for Sarawak.

Business Events Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, over the past two decades, Sarawak has progressively strengthened its position as a competitive business events destination. Today, the sector contributes not only to tourism and economic impact but also serves as a strategic platform for advancing Sarawak's priority sector, attracting international expertise and creating long-term development opportunities. The business events sector continues to demonstrate strong performances in 2026. In 2026, Business Events secures 153 business events, surpassing its target, its annual target of 140. They target 140, they achieved 153. These events are projected to generate RM641.5 million in Total Economic Impact, exceeding the annual target of RM403.5 million by 59%.

The secured business events are expected to attract 66,625 delegates, exceeding the annual target of 49,207 delegates by 35%, *excuse me*, generating an estimated RM33.6 million in tax revenue, *Kerajaan Pusat* should be very happy, *makin tinggi* tax revenue surpassing the target of RM24.2 million by 39%. Among the notable international events secured are:

(a) The 25th Asian Network for Quality or (ANQ) Congress 2027, with 1,000 delegates;
(b) The 9th Congress of the Asian Society for Neuroanaesthesia and Critical Care 2027, with 500 delegates;
(c) The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2028, with 1,000 delegates;
(d) The 20th World Federation of Chiropractic Biennial Congress 2029, with 800 delegates; and
(e) The International Congress on Parasitology 2030, with 2,300 delegates.

So, you can see 2028, 2029, 2030, we have got many events coming up through all those years. It's going to progress bigger and bigger and that's why my appeal for more hotel rooms especially five-star hotel to be built in Kuching or the other big cities should be taken up by the private sector.

Importantly, Business Events Sarawak is placing greater emphasis on attracting high-value business events that are aligned with Sarawak's priority sectors and development aspirations under the PCDS 2030. Such events provide opportunities for knowledge exchange, professional development, international research collaboration and industry advancement extending their value beyond the immediate economic contributions of delegates.

171 business events are scheduled to take place in Sarawak this year, with a projected Total Economy Impact of RM731.2 million. Of these, 125 events have already been hosted, attracting 52,332 delegates and generating an estimated RM470.2 million in economic impact, including RM26.1 million in tax revenue. Major events hosted this year include:

(a) Asia Pacific Aerospace Conference and Exhibition 2026, with 1,000 delegates;
(b) The 24th Asian Congress on Occupational Health 2026, with 1,200 delegates;
(c) Borneo International Water and Wastewater Exhibition and Conference 2026, with 1,000 delegates;

(d) The 10th Chinese Congress on World Evangelization 2026, with 1,900 delegates; and
(e) The 22nd International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) which is presently having their assembly, general assembly at BCCK now, General Assembly and Scientific Symposium 2026, with 1,800 delegates.

Strengthening International Market Position and Future Growth

To sustain this momentum Tuan Speaker, Business Events Sarawak continues to strengthen Sarawak's presence in key international markets and develop a stronger pipeline for future business events. This year, Business Events Sarawak participated in major events such as The Meetings Show Asia Pacific 2026, Singapore and IMEX Frankfurt in Germany. Sarawak will make its debut at the China International MICE Exchange in November 2026.

With the development of the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching II, the second BCCK and the expansion of air connectivity through AirBorneo, Sarawak is positioning itself to compete for larger and higher-value international business events.

Strengthening Local Industry Capability and Competitiveness

Another priority is ensuring that the local industry players have the capability to support this growth. Hence, Business Events Sarawak has initiated programmes such as Sarawak Business Events Accelerator Programme and Sustainable Event Professional Certificate Programme to strengthen the local expertise, to promote sustainable industry practices and prepare Sarawak's business events ecosystem to support future growth. The positive experience of event organisers and delegates also reflects the industry's progress. The business events organiser survey recorded a 100% satisfaction rate, while feedback from more than 13,000 delegates showed that 86.5% reported a positive overall experience.

Significantly, 42% of delegates extended their stay for leisure. Likewise, those who are at ICOMOS now, when I'm meeting them yesterday, they told me, many of them are extending their stay, some of them are going to Miri, they are going to Niah, they are going to Mulu, that is why events like this, whenever people come over to be in symposium, to be in general assembly, to be in conferences. They want it to be a mixed of work and leisure. When they come over for the work they must have do a little bit of research. *Wah,* Sarawak has got quite number of world heritage sites, I think I better extend my holiday. And that is how the spin of effect of business event and conferences.

This demonstrates also the important link between business events and the wider tourism economy, as delegates contribute additional expenditure to accommodation, food and beverage, transportation, retail and tourism-related activities.

Advancing Data Intelligence and Evidence-Based Decision-Making

Business events have also placed greater emphasis on data intelligence and evidence-based planning. In September 2026, Business Events Sarawak launched the Sarawak Business Events Analytics and Collaboration Network, or Sarawak BEACON. Sarawak BEACON is designed to consolidate business events industry data into a collaborative intelligence platform, enabling more informed planning, stronger industry coordination and better strategic decision-making.

Driving Legacy Impact and Sustainability

Sarawak continues to champion the role of business events in delivering meaningful and measurable long-term outcomes. Business Events Sarawak is advancing a legacy-driven approach that encourages business events to contribute to broader economic, social, environmental and sectorial development objectives.

To date, 10 evidence-based legacy case studies have been developed to demonstrate the wider contributions of business events to Sarawak. This approach reflects Sarawak's commitment to ensuring that the benefits of hosting business events extend far beyond the duration of the events themselves. Sarawak's leadership in sustainability has also received international recognition. In 2026, Sarawak was named the Best Sustainability Initiative for a Destination at the Meetings and Conventions Asia Stella Awards, marking its second win following its first recognition in 2024.

During the 51st World Polymer Congress 2026, held in July 2026, Business Events Sarawak successfully piloted The Pledge for Food Waste Events certification initiative, which measures and verifies food-waste prevention and reduction practices. This World Polymer Congress, which is in short called MACRO 2026, which is held in Kuching became the first business event in Malaysia to achieve this international certification, marking a significant milestone in advancing sustainable event practices and reinforcing Sarawak's commitment to sustainability in the business events industry.

Sarawak's overall market visibility has also continued to grow. Activities across the organisation generated RM36 million in public relations value, further strengthening Sarawak's international profile as a competitive and forward-looking business events destination. Moving forward, Business Events Sarawak will continue to leverage business events as a strategic platform to attract international expertise, facilitate knowledge exchange, strengthen industry collaboration and create new economic opportunities. Now, I wish to go to Sarawak Craft Council.

Sarawak Craft Council

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Government has strengthened the establishment of the Sarawak Craft Council or SCC through the Sarawak Craft Council Ordinance of 2023, which came into force on the 1st of May 2025. Before this, Sarawak Craft Council is just park under the ministry, all these years until we introduce the Sarawak Craft Council Ordinance in 2023, for more than 10 years they have been clinging onto the ministry. This milestone creates a stronger foundation for Sarawak Craft Council. From a baby, they already slowly becoming adults.

Sarawak Craft Council, it establishes clear governance and management accountability. It coordinates craft development more systematically across Sarawak, strengthen its engagement with government agencies, industry players and private sector partners, improve artisan development, market access and commercial opportunities and support the preservation and sustainable development of Sarawak's cultural heritage.

Expansion of the Craft Entrepreneur Base

Craft practitioners and entrepreneurs are very important to Sarawak Craft Council because they form the foundation of the craft industry. They are not merely producers of craft products, but they are the custodians of Sarawak's cultural heritage, contributors to the creative economy, and key partners in developing a sustainable and competitive craft industry.

Sarawak Craft Council has initiated the registration of artisans in Sarawak to enable Sarawak Craft Council to identify and maintain reliable records of craft practitioners, artisans, design and entrepreneurs throughout Sarawak. The registered craft entrepreneurs have increased from 1,161 in 2021 to 1,503 in 2025 and further increased to 1,727 by September 2026.

I wish to also put on record. We just lost a legend in craft, recently, if I'm not mistaken, she's above 90 plus years old. The one who weave the *Bemban Tikar, Mak Ngot* from Kampung Semerak, Sadong Jaya. Her product has gone overseas. It's been kept by Royalties in West Malaysia. She has been producing it and very sad that she has left us, if I'm not mistaken, about two months ago. I've been asking Sarawak Craft Council and the Ministry to record inside here, it's not inside here so I have to put it in myself. Unfortunately, I want them to show they on the slide who the lady at the

product, I don't know whether it's here or not. Marketing, promotion and branding. *Ada,* that's the lady, *ya*.

Marketing, Promotion and Branding

Marketing, promotion and branding are essential in Sarawak Craft Council efforts to preserve, develop, promote and commercialise Sarawak's traditional and contemporary crafts. In 2025, Sarawak Craft Council implemented 27 marketing initiatives involving 349 entrepreneurs, while in 2026, 26 marketing and promotional initiatives were organised with 249 craft entrepreneurs. Borneo Craft Global Expo and Conference or BCG, a biennial event, was created as a home-grown international event to provide a platform to develop more confidence, knowledgeable and enterprising Sarawak artisans.

Sarawak Craft Council has strengthened the local craft visibility through participation in the Malaysia International Halal Showcase or MIHAS, Malaysia International Craft Fair or MICF, Paris Revelation Biennale, Jakarta International Handicraft Trade Fair or INACRAFT in Indonesia and recently at the prestigious Homo Faber Biennale 2026, Venice organized by the Michelangelo Foundation.

Community-Based Craft Development

As part of the long-term development strategy, Sarawak Craft Council focuses on community-based capacity building to improve skills in craft production among the local community, besides establishing viable businesses and improving access to sustainable markets. In 2025, Sarawak Craft Council initiated 49 craft community development initiatives involving 733 participants, and as of September this year, a total of 41 capacity-building programmes involving 724 participants has been implemented.

SCC was among the few Sarawak's agencies identified by the Federal Government to initiate community-based capacity buildings under the *Program Khas Bumiputera* (PKB). Federal Government, *Program Khas Bumiputera*, it should be opened. When it comes to craft, it should not make it Bumiputera only or non-Bumiputera. In 2026, the capacity building programme in four locations, namely Long Seridan, Ulu Tutoh, Baram, Uma Juman, Sg. Asap, Rh. Roseana anak Anggat in Sibu, and Kuala Medalam, Nanga Medamit in Limbang, involving 100 participants.

Preservation And Commercialisation of Traditional Crafts

Sarawak Craft Council continues to safeguard indigenous craft knowledge while promoting creativity, encouraging product development and enhancing income generation for local communities. For this purpose, Sarawak Craft Council has organised seminar on increasing awareness on local products aimed towards generating interest among the public, and ceramic and pottery town hall, intended to revive pottery industry. Concurrently, Sarawak Craft Council has initiated the digital documentation of *"Gendang Melayu Asli*" and "*Sulaman Keringkam*" process making. *Oh*, here it is. Very sorry to the Sarawak Craft Council, the one I mentioned just now.

Recently, we lost one of the Sarawak's most distinguished master craftswomen, *Almarhumah* Ngot binti Bi, who passed away on 7th September, last month, 2026, at the age of 94. She was a respected custodian of our traditional *tikar bergerang* weaving heritage. In recognition of her exceptional craftsmanship and lifelong dedication to preserving this treasured cultural tradition, she received the UNESCO Seal of Excellence for Handicraft Products in Southeast Asia in 2005 and was appointed *Adiguru Kraf Anyaman Bergerang* by Kraftangan Malaysia in 2014. If you are given that award as an *Adiguru*, you are at the peak of your skill of the recognition. Myself, I am very, very sad when she passed away. No doubt she has passed her talent little bit of it to her daughters and they are continuing with that, and her product has gone all over the world. When the previous Agong, the Sultanah of Pahang presently, she has got a few of her collection and we are very, very sad but

age finally has got to her, she passed away at the age of 94. *Al-fatihah* to her and hope that she will be at peace in the hereafter. Her remarkable contributions were further recognised at the Hasanah Gold Threads Awards 2024, where she received the Hasanah Gold Award for lifetime achievement and the Traditional Plaiting Award. So, you can see within our meet, there are artisans, there are craft people who have reached right up to the peak.

Strategic Priorities for 2027 Onwards

Moving forward, Sarawak Craft Council focuses on accelerating the commercialisation of Sarawak's craft through development of product standards, enhance certification and branding and improve access to sustainable markets.

Majlis Seni Sarawak (MSS)

Tuan Speaker, Majlis Seni Sarawak played critical role in promoting Sarawak's creative industry, rich artistic and cultural heritage through performing arts and visual arts, showcasing talents in various forms including in music, dance, orchestra and theatres.

For the past five years, Majlis Seni Sarawak has contributed significantly in staging Sarawak's cultural diversity through various major events, including the opening and closing ceremonies of the SUKMA Sarawak XXI and PARA SUKMA Sarawak XXI in 2024, besides the Sarawak's core annual events such as birthday of Tuan Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, birthday Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Malaysia Day, National Day and Sarawak Day.

This year, Majlis Seni Sarawak is the backbone behind the success of *Sarawakku Sayang* Programme, coordinating and managing the official opening ceremony and specifically organising *Malam Budaya Sarawak* showcase traditional performance of various ethnic groups as well as promoting local musical and music talents.

Through Majlis Seni Sarawak, Sarawak's talents and cultural showcase performance go global through participation in various international events together with Sarawak Tourism Board and Business Events Sarawak, as well as in collaboration with High Commission of Malaysia and Embassy of Malaysia worldwide. Among the notable events include the recent performance during the 2nd Annual CelebASIA in London from the 11th to 13th September 2026, Malaysia Day celebration in Ankara, Istanbul, Türkiye on 23rd and 25th September and in Berlin, Germany from the 29th until the 30th of September.

Preserving and Promoting Sarawak Heritage

Reviving and preserving Sarawak's heritage belongs to 34 ethnic groups, particularly the traditional arts, music, dance and costumes, are one of the major initiatives taken by Majlis Seni Sarawak. So far, the *Malam Budaya Sarawak* in conjunction with the *Sarawakku Sayang Programme* has featured traditional performances by the ethnic Lun Bawang, the Bisaya, the Tagal, the Iban, the Kenyah, the Kedayan, the Penan, the Jatti Miriek, the Vaie, the Punan, the Melanau, the Malay, the Bidayuh and Chinese. Of course, the Kayan also. I don't see Kayan here.

In addition, *Malam Budaya Regatta* in Marudi on the 25th of July 2026 has also given opportunities for other ethnic groups such as the Sa'ban, the Kayan, Berawan, Lakiput, the Bisaya and Kelabit to showcase their traditional performance. Actually, my instruction to Majlis Seni Sarawak is to make sure each and every one of the ethnicities that are recorded in the Sarawak Constitution.

There must be effort to study their dances, their way of life and if possible, to document them. Because sometimes, when we showcase our cultural dance to visitors especially when it is done in our state capital Kuching, we will be showcasing the Malay, Melanau, the Iban, the Bidayuh and

Orang Ulu *dikumpulkan satu kali.* So, we will always be seeing the Orang Ulu which comprised of the Kayan, Kenyah.

But there are so many other Org Ulu, which need to be showcased also. That is why all the Bisaya, Punan, Kedayan and all that, there should also be *sekali-sekali dipersembahkan kepada dunia*. At least when there are efforts to document them and study them, it will not *hilang dimakan zaman*. Kalau tidak ada dipromosi*, it can* hilang dimakan zaman macam itu saja.

Majlis Seni Sarawak has also taken initiative to document Sarawak's traditional arts, cultural practices, artistic expressions and heritage through publication of two important reference books, namely *Seni Budaya Suku Kaum Melayu*, Kayan Kenyah, Kenyah and Iban in Sarawak by Mohamed Ghouse Nasuruddin, and Folk Songs Music Score and Notation Sarawak, Volume 1 by Narawi Haji Rashidi.

Additionally, Majlis Seni Sarawak has documented 11 traditional ethnic music pieces to preserve musical heritage and used for the traditional dance classes in *Kelas Bimbingan Seni*, making it more accessible to the younger audiences. To promote public appreciation of the arts, Majlis Seni Sarawak has published its 2026 Calendar, themed, *"Meraikan Seni, Budaya dan Kreativiti",* officially launched on the 30th of June 2026, to showcase Sarawak's artistic and cultural diversity.

Developing the Sarawak's Talent

Developing and nurturing talents are given priority through Majlis Seni Sarawak structured arts training to develop artistic skills, discipline, confidence and creativity. In 2026, the Majlis Seni Sarawak's *Kelas Bimbingan Seni* enrolled 425 participants from as young as 7 years old to 45 years old, across five disciplines, namely traditional dance, music, visual arts, theatre and vocal training.

In the past years, *Majlis Seni Sarawak* talent development has become the foundation launchpad for Sarawak's creative talent to grow even to international stage. This was proven, among others, by Dion Das Louis, fondly known as The Little Borneon Birdie, who won two Gold Medals at the 27th World Championship of Performing Arts or WCOPA in Long Beach, California, USA in 2024.

Strengthening the Skim Galakan Kesenian or MySeni

The *Skim Galakan Kesenian MySeni* supports Sarawak's artists and creative organisations in developing impactful and sustainable arts projects. As of September 2026, Majlis Seni Sarawak has approved 38 projects worth RM869,500.00 across music, vocal, dance, theatre, visual arts and performing arts. This initiative strengthens talent development, cultural preservation and creative industry growth in support of Sarawak's development agenda.

Transforming Majlis Seni Sarawak Towards a Sustainable and High-Performing Organisation

In line with the Sarawak Government's State-Owned Enterprise or SOE Transformation, Majlis Seni Sarawak is advancing its transformation initiative focusing on cost optimisation, revenue enhancement and business model enhancement, supported by stronger governance, risk management, capacity building, digitalisation and adoption of AI. Tapi jangan banyak sangat AI. Nanti terlalu banyak Mr. Sterling dalam itu.

On 22nd September 2026, Majlis Seni Sarawak confirmed its Pledge of Commitment to Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak, reaffirming its dedication to cultural preservation, talent development, creative industry growth and improved organisational performance. A Pledge of Commitment is an official agreement made by the GLCs and State Statutory Bodies to transform how they should operate, how they should use their resources and about good governance.

Recent Majlis Seni Sarawak Collaborations

Majlis Seni Sarawak continues to collaborate with various stakeholders such as Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Jabatan Kebudayaan dan Kesenian Negara, Sarawak or JKKNS, Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) and Samarahan District Office, quite number of our city councils also in organising musical and cultural events, poetry, theatres and conferences. This includes *Sayembara Deklamasi Puisi Kemerdekaan Peringkat Kebangsaan Ke-40* on 15th August 2026 and Malaysia Theatre Festival (FTM) Sarawak Zone on 28th September 2026 until 4th October 2026.

Among other major events include A Jazzy Night of Classic on 9th August 2026 in collaboration with International Music House (IMH) *and Persatuan Muzik, Tarian dan Seni Kuching*. The upcoming events include Malam SeBorneo in Kuching from the 23rd to the 29th of October 2026, in collaboration with the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam in Kuching.

Before the year end, Majlis Seni Sarawak has lined up various festivals, several festivals actually, talent development programmes and cultural showcases through Kids Talent Night 2026, Sarawak Got Talent 2026, Waterfront Idol, Battle of the Band, *Pertandingan Rekaan Busana Etnik Kreatif, Festival Tarian dan Lagu Melayu Asli Final*, and the New Year Countdown.

In addition, the Festival Kesenian Sarawak is to be rebranded as Borneo Indigenous Festival. It will showcase talented performers, *Skim Galakan Kesenian MySeni* recipients, food stalls, arts exhibition complemented by sharing sessions throughout the two-days event.

RESPONSES TO THE ISSUES RAISED BY AHLI-AHLI YANG BERHORMAT

Tuan Speaker, I would like to record my sincere appreciation to Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat from Jepak, from Daro, from Bukit Assek, from Pujut, for Serembu, Bawang Assan, Bukit Semuja, Telang Usan, Tellian and Tebedu for their constructive views and valuable feedback on the needs to accelerate tourism infrastructure, private investment and development funding for the development of tourism industry. My ministry will continue to take necessary action to implement relevant projects, programmes and initiatives.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion Tuan Speaker, Sarawak bertuah mempunyai seorang pemimpin hebat seperti Yang Amat Berhormat Premier yang berpandangan jauh dan berwawasan dan menerajui agenda pembangunan yang berpaksikan kepentingan rakyat. Agenda transformasi ekonomi dan hala tuju pembangunan Sarawak ke arah mencapai wilayah maju dan berpendapatan tinggi menjelang 2030 menjadi landasan yang jelas dalam usaha kita untuk meneroka peluang-peluang ekonomi baharu di samping memperkukuhkan daya saing Sarawak di peringkat nasional dan juga antarabangsa. Justeru, visi dan juga usaha yang diterajui oleh Yang Amat Berhormat perlu ada kesinambungan dalam tahun-tahun yang mendatang.

Sebelum mengakhiri ucapan penggulungan ini, saya ingin merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Tuan Speaker dan Timbalan Speaker di atas kecemerlangan dalam pengendalian persidangan Dewan kita kali ini. Terima kasih juga saya ucapkan kepada Setiausaha Kerajaan Sarawak, Setiausaha Persekutuan Sarawak dan semua ketua-ketua jabatan di peringkat Sarawak dan Persekutuan serta Setiausaha Dewan dan Sekretariat termasuk dengan *stenos* di atas kerjasama yang telah diberi kepada kementerian saya sepanjang persidangan ini. Bukan sahaja sepanjang persidangan ini tapi sepanjang lima tahun yang lepas.

Kerana kita semua tahu bahawa persidangan kali ini adalah persidangan yang terakhir untuk penggal ini. *This will be the last term for this Dewan Undangan sitting so I wish to record*, saya ingin mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi terima kasih kepada kerjasama yang telah dibuat samada bersama-

sama dengan Kerajaan Negeri, Kerajaan Persekutuan pengelolaan oleh Speaker, *Secretary* Dewan Undangan Negeri kepada kelancaran pentadbiran negeri dan juga persidangan.

Saya juga ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Setiausaha Tetap, para pegawai dan semua warga kementerian saya di bawah Kementerian Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan dan agensi-agensi di bawah kementerian sama ada agensi negeri ataupun agensi-agensi persekutuan yang mana juga bekerjasama dengan kementerian saya, *I wish I...(Inaudible)...* di atas sokongan dalam penyediaan input-input dan juga maklumat penting sepanjang persidangan ini.

Saya ingin juga mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan selamat menyambut Hari Deepavali, selamat menyambut Hari Natal ataupun Hari Krismas pada 25 Disember, Selamat Menyambut Tahun Baru 2027. *Chinese New Year will be just after the new year, "Gong Xi Fa Chai" to all the Chinese community as well as the leaders in this Dewan and* Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri yang akan kita sambut sebelum Dewan Undangan Negeri bersidang lagi InsyaAllah dalam bulan Mei tahun hadapan.

Sebagai penutup, sebelum saya pegi ke penutup, I wish to also extend since this is going to be the last DUN, we might not meet again, some of us will meet again, to those who will not be contesting, I wish you all the best for the next election which I believe this is an open secret, *dia sudah amat dekat sekali* because the DUN, the last election was in December 2021, this December will be the fifth year. So, macam mana, macam mana pun it will still be this year or paling-paling lewat bulan Februari next year. It is going to be dissolved in December. So, I wish you all the best, terima kasih kerana telah memberi, menjalankan tanggungjawab kepada rakyat dengan begitu baik sekali.

Thing has to go on. Some of us might not be sitting here again, but treasure, cherish your time that you have spent when you are a *wakil rakyat* for the constituencies-constituencies that you are holding for this particular term. Sebagai penutup, saya ingin mengakhiri ucapan ini dengan tiga rangkap pantun sebagai cerminan, harapan dan aspirasi kita bersama.

Seni budaya menjadi sandaran,
Kreativiti dijulang kemakmuran datang,
Ada yang tekun menabur soalan,
Tatkala kerjayaan sudah terbentang.

Judika Sudah, KRU pun ada,
Pesta Countdown menjadi sebutan,
Pelancong bertandang meriahkan kota,
Siapa lagi akan jadi pilihan?

Bujang berani bagas gawa,
Nampuk penemu atas batu,
Perintah landik megai pengawa,
Nya kebuah GPS numur satu.
... (Applause)...

Dengan ini, Tuan Speaker, sukacita saya menyokong sepenuhnya Rang Undang-undang Perbekalan (2027), 2026 yang telah dibentangkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan juga Ekonomi Baru pada permulaan Persidangan Dewan Undangan Negeri ini. Sekian, Wabillahitaufiq Walhidayah, Wassalamualaikum W.B.T. Sekian, terima kasih.

Timbalan Speaker: Waalaikumsalam. Terima kasih, Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Menteri. Kerana ada lagi satu kementerian yang perlu penggulungan oleh Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Menteri, adakah perlu rehat sekejap ataupun nak teruskan?

Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan Sarawak; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih Tuan *…(Interruption)...*

Timbalan Speaker: Your option.

Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan Sarawak; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): The next ministry will be very much shorter about half of the one that I have delivered just now. But I think everyone is quiet *…(Interruption)…*

Timbalan Speaker: Short break.

Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan Sarawak; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Can we have a short break please?

Timbalan Speaker: Short one, okay. Shall we resume at 11:00? Like 12:00 I think. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, kita tangguhkan mesyuarat ini hingga pukul 12:00 tengah hari.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada jam 11:35 pagi)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada jam 12.11 tengah hari)

[Timbalan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

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

Menteri Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan Sarawak; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Bismillahirrahmanirrahim, Assalamualaikum W.B.T. Salam sejahtera, salam Sarawak maju makmur dan *salam Segulai Sejalai*.

Tuan Speaker, first and foremost, I would like to congratulate Yang Amat Berhormat Premier for tabling the Sarawak 2027 budget with the theme*, "Together Building Prosperity and Securing Our Futures"* anchored with five strategic goals and framed across nine strategic thrusts aimed at steering Sarawak towards higher economic growth and prosperity.

In that connection, my ministry, Ministry of Youth Sports and Entrepreneur Development will intensify our efforts to nurture and develop our youth, promoting healthy lifestyles, sports excellence and growing young entrepreneurs in line with the aspiration of Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030.

Tuan Speaker, I shall now proceed to report on my Ministry's performance, achievements as well as progress to date.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

My ministry remains steadfast in its commitment to driving initiatives that empower, nurture, and prepare our young generation. We recognise our youth not merely as leaders of tomorrow but also as the key catalysts in steering Sarawak towards a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable future.

Flagship Programmes

From January to September of 2026, my ministry has successfully implemented 15 youth programmes benefiting approximately 15,500 youths, designed to uncover talent, build resilient character, and foster unity amongst them. For the second half of the year, key flagship youth development programmes include:

Sambutan Minggu Belia Sarawak 2026

The annual celebration remains a key platform for youth engagement in volunteerism, sports, entrepreneurship and creative expression, drawing nearly 7,000 participants over the week. Anchored by four pillars, Youth Champion, Youth Expo, Youth X-Tive and Youth Marketplace, it offered diverse interactive activities and hands-on workshops aimed at equipping our youth with the necessary skills to face new challenges. The celebration uniquely highlights my Ministry's efforts in various aspects such as collaboration with PERKESO, the Youth Expo facilitated on-site interviews for 132 job seekers, resulting in 11 immediate on-the-spot placement and 80 candidates progressing to the second-stage; that is the first collaboration.

The second collaboration with Aqademi Expert Company and Youth Association, Our Local Eco Heaven initiative brought together 300 community members, contributing to Malaysia Book of Records recognition for the largest preloved community gathering, showcasing youth-led community mobilising and sustainability, and the *Anugerah Belia Sarawak* or ABS 2026 recognition. The award celebrated outstanding individual and association contributions. Mr. Muhammad Khairullah bin Muhammad Marzidi and Dr. Lidyana binti Roslan were awarded for their significant contribution to the community. While for the association category, *Kelab Belia Permata Halaman Kurung Sian* or in short BERLIAN SARAWAK and Junior Chamber International (JCI) Sarikei secured first and second placing respectively for their effective, their effective management and impactful community programmes.

Rainforest Youth Summit (RAYS) 2026

This summit served as a strategic international platform, gathering 737 youths from all 11 ASEAN countries and 21 other countries worldwide. Among the delegates are, 300 local Sarawakians were mobilised by my Ministry, representing a 20% increase from 2025. Through RAYS 2026, our youth exchanged perspectives on pressing global issues, while showcasing the leadership capabilities and individual skills, intellectual skills on an international stage. This reflects my Ministry's unwavering commitment to connecting local youth with global networks and fostering meaningful cross-border engagement.

Initiatives & Strategic Outlook

Tuan Speaker, as we approach the final quarter of 2026, my ministry will continue to strengthen youth engagement through targeted programmes focusing on skill development, emerging look technologies, outdoor survival skills and community involvement. We will also intensify youth volunteerism through initiatives such as *Program Belia Eksplorasi* and *Lan Berame* in various districts, encouraging youth to contribute to environmental conservation and community welfare.

Looking ahead, my Ministry is preparing for the Port of Call or POC for the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Programme or in short SSEAYP 2027, scheduled for the 19th to 20th January 2027. This event is expected to bring together approximately 300 youth delegates from Japan and ASEAN countries, providing an important platform to strengthen regional youth networking, promote cross-cultural understanding and encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences among young leaders.

I firmly believe that through strategic collaborations with key stakeholders and partners, the POC for the Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Programme 2027 will be a resounding success, further solidifying Kuching's position as a regional hub for youth excellence.

Tuan Speaker,

SPORTS

Promoting Community Sports Participation

My ministry has continued to promote sports participation and encourage active, healthy lifestyles among Sarawakians through inclusive mass sports programmes, in close collaboration with local youth and sports associations. Through these efforts, my ministry aims to make sports more accessible to communities by creating opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to participate in a wide range of sports and recreational activities. Under the Sarawak X-Tive Programme, 100 programmes and activities have been implemented throughout Sarawak to date, attracting approximately 80,500 participants.

These include popular community activities such as fun run and brisk walk, as well as tug-of-war, aerobics, traditional sports and other recreational sports. The *Sarawakku Sayang* programme has also served as an important outreach platform to further extend Sarawak X-Tive activities to communities across the state. Since its kick-off in Limbang division, the programme has progressed to Mukah division and has attracted more than 26,000 participants, with four other divisions to be covered.

These activities provide communities with opportunities not only to access governmental services but also to actively engage in sports and recreational programmes organised in conjunction with SKS 2026. By bringing these activities closer to the people, my ministry seeks to encourage healthier, more active lifestyles, strengthen community engagement and foster a vibrant sporting culture among Sarawakians.

Active Sarawak: From Insights to Action

Beyond promoting inclusiveness through sports, my ministry also aims to achieve measurable outcomes in community activeness and sports participation in Sarawak. As part of this effort, my Ministry introduced the Community Activeness Survey to assess how often our people engage in sports, their preferred sporting activities, their participation in local sports programmes and the perceived benefits of sports for physical and mental well-being, as well as social interaction. The survey which involves 1,446 respondents or participants, recorded a Community Activeness Rating of 75%.

The findings revealed that 57% of respondents engaged in sports or physical activities, such as jogging, cycling and brisk walking, for approximately 30 to 60 minutes per session. Furthermore, 95% acknowledged the positive impact of physical activities on their physical health, while 73% reported improvements in mental well-being and stress management. Meanwhile, 63.4% recognised the importance of these activities in strengthening social interaction and community relationships.

These findings highlight the need for continued efforts to encourage greater community participation in sports and physical activities. Moving forward, my Ministry will further strengthen collaboration with relevant agencies, sports associations and other stakeholders to develop more targeted and inclusive sports programmes that cater to the diverse needs and interests of our communities.

Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) 2027

As we are approaching 2027, Sarawak is intensifying its preparation to co-host the 34th Southeast Asian Games, scheduled to take place from the 18th to 29th of September 2027. Sarawak will be hosting 18 of the 43 sports at the SEA Games 2027 and Dance Sports which is the last sports which was newly added to the Sarawak cluster. This reflects the confidence placed in Sarawak and marks a significant milestone in our sporting history. On the 18th of September 2026, Sarawak marked the one-year countdown to SEA Games 2027 with a special ceremony to signify the important milestones in our preparation.

It also provided an opportunity to introduce the Games to the public as well as, promote greater awareness of Sarawak's role as a co-host. The official Southeast Asian Games website, Sarawak website was also launched to provide the public and media with access to information and updates on the Games. Promotional activities will continue in 2027, including a Torch Run across all 12 divisions in Sarawak. These initiatives will further extend the excitement of the Games beyond Kuching and give communities the chance to be part of this historic occasion.

Building on the momentum of hosting Southeast Asian Games 2027 and the readiness of our sports facilities, the Sarawak Government has given its principal agreement for Kuching to host the 7th Islamic Solidarity Games or ISG 2029. OIC ISG, which is expected to bring together 57 countries across the globe. We review ISG 2029 not merely as an international sporting event, but also as a strategic opportunity to generate wider socio-economic benefits for Sarawak, particularly in tourism, in investment promotion and the growth of local businesses. Apart from creating an interest on sports among our community.

Sukan Malaysia (SUKMA) Selangor 2026

I would like to extend my highest appreciation and congratulations to all Sarawak athletes, coaches, team managers, officials, medical and support personnel, as well as the families and stakeholders who contributed to the preparation and participation of the Sarawak contingent in the 22nd Malaysia Games, SUKMA Selangor 2026, which was held from the 15th until the 24th of August 2026. I wish to also extend my highest appreciation to the Chef de Mission, the Deputy Minister for Youth, Sports and Entrepreneur Development (Youth and Sports Development), Datuk Gerald Rentap Jabu and his team and all the ACDM, Assistant Chef de Mission, the many of them who have assisted bringing in our team to Selangor at that time.

At SUKMA Selangor 2026, the Sarawak contingent secured 41 gold medals, 40 silver medals and 62 bronze medals, finishing fourth overall. While the medal tally is an important measure of competitive performance, the Sarawak Government, the government views this achievement within the broader context of Sarawak's long-term athlete development and the sustainability of our sports ecosystem. This performance reflects the determination and fighting spirit of our athletes, the dedication of our coaches and officials, and the continued commitment of the Sarawak Government towards developing sports in the state.

For the information of this august House, few sportsmen have performed tremendously well such as aquatic, cycling, *taekwondo*, *silambam*, and shooting. Our diving team produced a strong performance by capturing eight out of 12 gold medals contested. While the water polo team secured both the men and women gold medals.

Our cycling team, they have produced something which has never been produced for the whole history of SUKMA. Our cycling team has also delivered an impressive performance, securing for the first time in the history of SUKMA, three gold medals and four bronze medals. Notably, this marked, as I mentioned just now, the first time our cyclists have won gold medal in track cycling, or in whatever *acara* cycling *dalam Sukan SUKMA sama ada* in track, road races, mountain bike, BMX or in the downhill category. There are so many categories, we have tried many, many, many, times,

we failed but this time round somehow, we are able to produce three gold medals. And out of that three gold medals, two of the gold medals come from track cycling. Track cycling means inside the velodrome. Sarawak do not even have a velodrome, but we are able to produce champions in that area*... (Applause)...*

In *taekwondo*, Sarawak secured its first gold medal in the men's under-63kg *Kyorugi* event. For the *silambam* event, Sarawak recorded a historic achievement by winning the women's 60-to-70kg Poruthal gold medal. I was there to witness this win, also. I was also there to witness the cycling track gold. It was a historic event.

The achievement demonstrates that Sarawak possesses athletes with high potential. And at the same time, it reinforces the importance of providing appropriate facilities and training environments so that our athletes can develop their capabilities to a higher level. And that is also the reason why we have been bidding, trying to bring in more regional, international sports into Sarawak because with all these big sporting events being organised, we have to continually upgrade our vast sport facilities.

When it is upgraded, our local athletes will be able to use them, and along the way we will be able to produce more good athletes, apart from creating more interest in the sports, and of course the spin-off effect to the economy. Whenever we have got a sports event, where, when it involves a few thousand athletes and officials coming over, they are also seen as tourists. They will be staying in our hotels, they will be bringing back souvenirs, they will be using our transportation, they will have to stay somewhere whether in the hotel or the B&B or whether in the homestay.

In recognising, in recognition of the outstanding achievements of our SUKMA athletes, the Sarawak Government will provide incentives based on the medals won and the respective event categories, whether individual or team events. Additional incentives are also awarded to athletes who break existing records, in recognition of their exceptional performances and remarkable achievements.

The initiative underscores the Sarawak Government's steadfast commitment to rewarding sporting excellence, acknowledging athletes' dedication and perseverance, and inspiring them to strive for even greater achievement in future competitions. And I do hope that these incentives can be dished out to all the successful athletes before the end of the year.

Athlete Achievements Beyond SUKMA

Tuan Speaker, the government is also encouraged by the achievements of Sarawakian athletes beyond the SUKMA platform. These achievements are important because they demonstrate that our athletes are not only capable of competing at the national level but are also making their mark in regional as well as international competitions.

At the 20th Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026, Sarawakian athletes contributed to Malaysia's medal achievement in both diving and e-Sports. In diving, Elvis Priestly, Elvis Priestly, not the singer, and Enrique MacCartney secured a silver medal in the Men's Synchronised 10m Platform event. Meanwhile, in e-Sports, Nicky Ho Jun Hong, Vincent Yii Lai Liang and George Chin Shan Yuam, contributed to Malaysia's bronze medal achievement in the Identity 5 V event.

At the Sarawak International Open Tenpin Bowling Championships 2026 held from 7th to 12th September at Megalanes Sarawak, Emart Batu Kawa, Sarawak athletes have won three gold medals, three silver medals and one bronze medal. The medallists are Lavinia Kho Jia Jie, Nur Fathi Fatihah binti Mohd Zakry, Muhd Qaish Rayyan bin Mohd Sabri, Eldred Kho Yek Zhen, Arwynn Galleina anak Arthur Ray, Muhd Isyraq Iqbal bin Ramadhan and Ethan Damien Goh Chen Ming. During the 58th Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship 2026 held in Bangkok last

month, Siti Hadjar binti Mansor Awang Hitam won gold in the Women's Bodybuilding Up to 55kg. There she is, in the picture, *ya*. While Joseph anak Ladi won silver in the Men's Bodybuilding 65kg.

Sarawakian golfer, Mirabel Ting, she has brought a lot of glory for Sarawak since the SUKMA's days. Sarawakian golfer, Mirabel Ting, she is now a professional. She is a strong example of the success of our Sports Development Programme by Sarawak Sports Corporation and Majlis Sukan Negeri Sarawak. She had represented Sarawak in SUKMA 2024, where she won a gold medal, before progressing to pursue her professional career. She continued her impressive performance on the Epson Tour, among others finishing runner-up at the Hartford HealthCare Women's Championship held in July 2026 at Avon, Connecticut, USA and later winning the Dream First Bank Charity Classic held from 28th to 30th August 2026 in Garden City, Kansas, USA. These achievements have earned her a prestigious title Player of the Year and Gaelle Truet Rookie of the year award.

At the Shenzhen Open *Taekwondo* Championship in China held from 17th to 19th July 2026, our athletes won nine gold medals in the *Kyorugi* category. The gold medallists are Edison Phang Kheng Kai, Allexandre Axcell anak Juntan, Joseph Wong Shou Ho, Mohamad Zulhafiz bin Zulhadi, AJ Ong Yang Yi, Martha Evyanna anak Ajan, Elvyna Fidellia anak Nelson Ijau, Pretty Amisha Amanda anak Francescaa, *panjangnya nama*, and Xinnia Poi En Xin. Meanwhile, at the *Hainan Xinglong* International Youth *Taekwondo* Open held just last month in September, our youth athletes achieved eight gold medals, two silver and one bronze medal in the *Pomsae* category. The medallists are Awanis Maisara binti Mohamad Nor Arbi, Caden Kai Aldy, Uzma Yusra Al Wafiqah, Khayra Zahirah Binti Zul Azhar, Mior Adam Darwisy, Sheldon Blake Anak Samuel, Umairah Elsa Al-Fatinah and Aleesya Maisara Binti Mohamad Nor Arbi.

My ministry also takes pride in the outstanding achievement of 15 years old Sarawakian cyclist, Awang Faries Danish bin Awang Faizal from Buceros Cycling Academy, Sarawak, who clinched the gold medal in the Individual Time Trial (ITT) event at the Junior Cycling Malaysia (JCM) Series 4 2026 held in Sendayan, Negeri Sembilan. Just a few days ago, actually. Competing against more experienced cyclists, this remarkable victory reflects the immense potential of Sarawak's young sporting talents and their ability to excel at the national level. Despite, still at the tender age of 15, not eligible to be in the SUKMA team because he still very young, they don't put limit but inside events like this, Junior Cycling Malaysia recently, he beat, at the age of 15, he beat many other senior athletes to win gold medal.

Sarawak sports celebrated a momentous milestone with the historic triumph of Sarawakian shuttler, badminton *ya*, Genevie Lim by clinching the gold medal in the girls' doubles event at the World Junior Badminton Championships 2026 in Cairo, Egypt. This is also just a last few days, in Egypt. She created history as part of the Malaysia's first-ever world junior girls' doubles champion, ending the nation's 34-year quest for the title. These achievements demonstrate our athletes' dedication, talent and potential, while reaffirming Sarawak's commitment to develop competitive athletes on the international stage.

Tuan Speaker,

Strengthening the Athlete Development Pipeline

The government views the SUKMA 2026 results not only in terms of medal achievements, but also as an important basis to strengthen our athlete development system. With many of our athletes coming from the junior and emerging group, SUKMA 2026 has provided valuable experience and highlighted areas that require further attention, including competition exposure, mental preparedness and confidence, grassroots talent development, coaching support and access to regular quality competitions.

The geographical size of Sarawak also presents challenges in identifying and nurturing talent across all divisions. Therefore, my Ministry, together with Sarawak Sport Corporation and Majlis

Sukan Negeri Sarawak, will strengthen the athletes' development pipeline from grassroots development to junior level, to SUKMA, national representation and ultimately international competition.

The focus will also be on ensuring that talented young athletes identified through SUKMA 2026 do not lose momentum after the event or after the game. Athletes who demonstrated potential will be identified for continued development through structured programmes based on their performances, potential and individual needs.

This will include greater exposure to qualify competitions, centralized and decentralized training camps, technical and coaching support, performance monitoring and access to sports science and sports medicine services where appropriate. Sarawak Sports Corporation and *Majlis Sukan Negeri Sarawak* will also work closely with the respective sports associations to establish clearer athlete development plan including appropriate performance targets and regular monitoring.

Through this approach, athletes' development will be treated as a continuous and long-term process, rather than being focused only on preparation for the next SUKMA. Our aim is to ensure that promising young athletes are given the right support and opportunities to progress from SUKMA to the national and eventually international level.

Athletes Welfare and Long-Term Development

The government also recognizes that an athlete is not defined solely by his or her sporting performances. Athletes' welfare, education, career development and future employability are of course equally important. We want our young athletes to have confidence that pursuing excellence in sport does not deny them, does not mean sacrificing their education or future career part.

Therefore, the government will continue to work towards a more holistic athlete development approach, where sporting performance is supported alongside education, welfare, career planning and personal development. This will help us retain talented athletes within the sporting system for a longer period and to provide them with greater confidence to pursue high-performance sports.

Among the initiatives is collaboration with higher institutions of learning and technical colleges such as University Technology Sarawak (UTS), Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak or UNIMAS, Universiti Teknologi MARA or UiTM, Centre for Technology Excellence Sarawak or CENTEXS, Kolej Laila Taib or KLT and Politeknik Mukah, to facilitate opportunities for athletes to pursue further education and technical skills among others. Through these efforts, athletes will be better supported in balancing their sporting commitments with academic advancement and future career aspirations.

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak kehilangan dua tokoh sukan yang telah pergi meninggalkan kita baru-baru ini. Al-fatihah diucapkan kepada Allahyarham Yang Berbahagia Dato Rahman Lariwoo, Presiden Persatuan Tinju Amatur Sarawak yang telah meninggal dunia pada 15 Ogos 2026. Adik *kah* abang dia adalah seorang daripada wakil rakyat kita iaitu wakil rakyat daripada Sadong Jaya. Dan pada 15 Ogos 2026, Yang Berbahagia Tuan Guru Haji Muhammad Haneef Ali, a very passionate person in the martial art of *silat*. Who's also the *Presiden of Rumpun Silat Sarawak* has passed away on the 8th of October 2026.

Allahyarham Dato Rahman Lariwoo passed away on the 15th of August 2026. He's supposed to join and lead the Sarawak boxing team to Selangor, but he passed away just before flying over to Selangor. He was there during the handing over of the flag by the Right Honourable Premier. He was also there to send the first batch of athletes using the AirBorneo, sending them off to the airport. I think two days after that he suddenly collapsed at home and passed away.

Kedua-dua tokoh ini telah banyak memberi sumbangan kepada pembangunan sukan di negeri Sarawak dan juga di Malaysia. Kegigihan dan kepimpinan mereka perlu diberi contoh dan tauladan untuk badan-badan sukan yang lain. Dengan ini saya ingin mengambil kesempatan untuk mengucapkan takziah kepada ahli-ahli keluarga kedua-dua tokoh sukan kita ini.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Tuan Speaker, my Ministry continues to strengthen Sarawak's entrepreneurial ecosystem by connecting youth entrepreneurship training with business guidance, financing and access to markets. Hence, initiatives are aimed to assist young entrepreneurs turn their knowledge into viable businesses, connect them with the right expertise and prepare them for real commercial opportunities.

Sarawak Youth StartUP and Continued Business Development

Sarawak Youth StartUP Cohort 3 was held in Sibu for the Central Zone from 4th until 11th October 2026, following earlier cohorts in Kuching for the Southern Zone and Miri for the Northern Zone. Participants continue to receive business mentoring, coaching and industry networking through the Sarawak Emerging Entrepreneurs Drive or in short SEED. Further SEED programmes will be done in Lawas and Limbang to be scheduled in November 2026.

The follow-up engagement, meet and greet was held twice in Miri that is in February as well as in July and Kuching, last April with objectives to monitor the progress and challenges faced by the participants. In that connection, I would like to extend my appreciation to all our strategic partners for their expertise and continued support in delivering the programmes.

I also express our sincere gratitude to Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak for supporting our young entrepreneurs through the SYStartUP Grant and soft loan initiative, which provide access to capital to start and grow their businesses.

Direct Consultation with Strategic Partners

To strengthen the business foundations of Sarawak Youth StartUP entrepreneurs, my Ministry facilitates one-to-one consultations with strategic partners, enabling participants to obtain advice and practical solutions tailored to their business needs. A session with the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia or MyIPO, Sarawak Branch, was held in Sibu, on the 8th of October 2026, providing direct guidance on intellectual property matters.

While a session with Affin Bank was held on 16th October 2026 at SYStartUP or Sarawak Youth StartUP Hub gives participants the opportunity to discuss their financing needs directly with the bank. My Ministry is also collaborating with CENTEX Commercial to scale up Sarawak Youth StartUP entrepreneurs' product quality through improved packaging, stronger branding and product verification to penetrate the wider market.

Youth Technopreneur and Digital Application

Under Youth Technopreneur 2026, training in AI video production and digital marketing has been implemented in Kuching, in Miri as well as in Mukah. The AI Viral Video Competition in Mukah provided a platform for participants to apply their creativity and digital skills to reach potential customers globally.

Market Exposure and Business Opportunities

SYStartUP or Sarawak Youth StartUP participants have showcased their products through *Minggu Belia Sarawak* at Samarahan, the Samarahan Food and Cultural Festival, Kuching Food

Festival, Sabah International Food Expo 2026, My Food 2026 at the Sarawak Pavilion in Kuala Lumpur, Showcases Usahawan Sarawak in Kuantan, Sarawak Regatta, *Program Citarasa* and *Tautan Budaya Sarawak–Brunei*, in Brunei. So, these are among the venues, the places where these participants of SYStartUP or Sarawak Youth StartUP has been sent to widen their exposure.

Other than that, *BeliaGoBiz* or Belia Go Business has similarly provided a platform through engagement with agencies and opportunities to sell directly to customers. These platforms provide an opportunity for them to determine marketability of their products and expand their business networking. So, you can see after Covid-19 there's been a lot of changes in how this young entrepreneur has been progressing. Before Covid you don't see e-Hailing, you don't see Grab but now, on the road there are so many of them. A lot of things have changed and a lot of these new entrepreneurs, they work from home. Some provide food from home, they use e-Hailing to send all over the place.

Apart from this e-hailing, Grab and all that, going to establish restaurants, to collect the food and send it to others. So, there has been a little bit of change. You just need to go to Matang, you will see a lot of restaurants open up by youth in Matang area. There are so many of them. Things have changed, a lot of them are graduates, some are not even graduates, some are just Form 5 form 6 leavers but they have got the confidence and a lot of them are also product learning from SYStartUP on how to set up a company, what are the thing that you must do and opportunities for them to grow up further.

Youth Entrepreneur Setup (YES 3.0)

Rural Entrepreneurship Youth through YES, or Youth Entrepreneur Setup (YES), supports Sarawak's food security agenda under PCDS 2030 with the aim to nurture young agropreneurs to strengthen local food supply and reduce our dependency on imports. The September 2026 event in Subis, in collaboration with the Ministry of Food Industry, Commodity and Regional Development, my neighbour here, introduces youth to business registration, licensing, financing and multiple business opportunities in agriculture and livestock. The next programme will be held in Sadong Jaya which is scheduled for the 14th and the 15th of November 2026.

SYStartUP Hub Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, we are going into SYStartUP again. SYStartUP Hub Sarawak officially launched on the 15th of October and located at Jalan Kulas, Kuching, plays a pivotal role in enhancing access to information, financing opportunities and business guidance, at least to the youth entrepreneur, those who participate in this programme. They have got a place to call home. There is a hub where they can go, they have gone through all the training and there is an office where they, when they need more information, they will go over to that place.

The Hub managed by *Persatuan Usahawan SYStartUP Sarawak*, brings participants from different business sectors together to exchange experience and explore collaboration. It also provides a platform for engagement with government agencies and strategic partners, making support more accessible as their businesses develop.

Private Sector and GLC Participation

My ministry is also working closely with the Ministry of International Trade, Industry and Investment Sarawak to strengthen private sectors and Government-Linked Company or GLC participation in startup and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development. This provides a platform for private sectors and GLC to actively contribute in developing our young entrepreneurs through mentoring, vendor development programmes, business matching and market opportunities. Industry shall prepare our young entrepreneurs to meet commercial requirements, including consistent quality, reliable supply and timely delivery.

In a nutshell, training provides the foundation, while continued guidance and commercial connections help participants put their plans into practice. The lasting measure of our efforts is whether young Sarawakians can sustain their business, improve their livelihoods and create opportunities for others towards achieving Sarawak's development aspirations 2030. Ini amat penting sekali.

SPORTS FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Tuan Speaker, Sports Facilities and Community Infrastructure. Under the 13th Malaysia Plan projects, my Ministry has been entrusted to implement 40 projects which include 16 new sports facilities, 19 upgrading projects of sports and social facilities and five non-physical projects. Of these, 18 will be implemented by Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR), 12 will be implemented by Sarawak Sports Corporation, seven will be implemented by local authorities and the remaining three non-physical projects by my Ministry Youth and Sports.

As of September 2026, 19 or 47.5% of the projects are at various planning stages, 18 of the projects or 45% are under construction and three or 7.5% has fully been completed. All 11 upgrading projects for our SEA Games, forthcoming SEA Games in Sarawak, are progressing well with eight projects ahead of schedule and expected to be completed by the first and second quarter of 2027. Stadium Sarawak as the venue for the opening ceremony is expected to be completed by January 2027.

My ministry, in collaboration with our strategic partners, including Regional Development Agencies such as Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA), Rajang Delta Development Agency (RADDA), Sri Aman Development Agency (SADA) and Greater Kuching Coordinated Development Agency (GKCDA) plan to develop sports complexes across Sarawak. Upon completion, approximately 89% of districts in Sarawak will have at least some sports facilities, some sports complex under the One District, One Sports Complex initiative.

Projek Rakyat

Bau Sports Arena project, *mana itu Datuk Henry*? Bau Sports Arena project was completed in August 2026 and ready to be open to the public. While the phase 1 of the upgrading project of Stadium Taha Ariffin has been completed and is ready to host this year's international Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Champions League Two matches.

Dewan Suarah Upgrading Project

The upgrading projects of Dewan Suarah throughout Sarawak have been reprioritised to improve safety, functionality and readiness to host multilevel events locally. Reroofing works for Dewan Suarah Negeri, Kuching's main tower block was completed in May 2026. The upgrading of other Dewan Suarah including the Phase 2 of Dewan Suarah Negeri, Kuching will be proposed in the coming Mid-Term Review. The reroofing work for Dewan Suarah Sibu was awarded in October 2026 and expected to be completed by August 2027.

This one has been a little bit slow because I still remember I chaired that meeting last year and I'm just wondering why the award was only given in October 2026. That means the agency that has been entrusted to do it must have been lying low for the last one year. Because that project was together with the Dewan Suarah Kuching, roofing, when I chaired the meeting and I was only informed recently, that is not even started because the company has not even been awarded. The Minister cannot be checking on the ground all the time. If they are not given feedback by the agencies, what is the progress of this, what is the progress of that, it will never take off. Sometimes we only look at *projek yang mana,* which we like, or *kalau ada arahan daripada orang paling atas,* you focus on that *yang dibawa dari Kementerian tidak perlu,* because *dia kecil sahaja.* Things like that might not be very good.

To ensure effective and sustainable management of the growing number of sports and community facilities under my Ministry's purview, we will explore various management models such as Public-Private Partnership (PPP) to leverage on private-sector expertise, innovation and resources, optimise facility utilisation, improve operational efficiency and minimise the government's long-term financial burden while ensuring the sustainability of facilities.

GRANTS

Tuan Speaker, my Ministry remains committed to strengthening youth empowerment and sports development by providing financial assistance to eligible youth and sports associations in Sarawak. In this regard, my ministry has provided grants to facilitate the implementation of programmes and activities that promote youth participation, talent development, leadership and active lifestyles.

Support Grant

For the Support Grant, as at 3rd quarter of 2026, my ministry has approved 90 applications amounting to RM1.9 million for implementation of about 100 programmes benefiting about 15,000 participants. This indicates a significant increment of 63.6% in number and 68.8% of amount approved as compared to the same corresponding period of 2025. Beyond financial assistance, these initiatives serve as important platforms for nurturing youth potential, encouraging community engagement, strengthening grassroots sports development and promoting healthier and more active communities.

Sarawak Youth Creative Industry Fund (SYCIF)

In our effort to ensure that creative talents are not only nurtured but are economically viable, my Ministry continues to leverage the SYCIF where the fund acts to encourage youth expression in arts and culture and in digital innovation. To date, a total of 145 applications amounting to approximately RM4.3 million has been approved, benefiting young creatives, performers as well as digital innovators.

SYStartup Grant

The Sarawak Government continues to strengthen its commitment to youth entrepreneurship through strategic funding initiatives that promote business growth, innovation and sustainability. For this year, an allocation of RM1.6 million has been provided under the SYStartup Grant to support young entrepreneurs in establishing, developing and expanding their businesses.

In addition, RM25 million has been approved under the Soft Loan Initiative to facilitate business expansion, enhance operational capacity and strengthen market competitiveness among youth-led enterprises.

PERTUBUHAN BELIA KEBANGSAAN BERSATU SARAWAK (SABERKAS)

Tuan Speaker, SABERKAS Sarawak's largest youth movement, successfully implemented various programmes in the second half of the year as follows, SABERKAS Sports Carnival or in short, we call KASUS. As of September 2026, involving 42 SABERKAS branches and engaged over 10,000 youths and local community members. SABERKAS *Prihatin* Programme with the objective towards fostering a spirit of altruism and mutual assistance among youth was held on 30th September 2026, involving 39 SABERKAS branches. In the area of the Leadership, Training, and Human Capital Development Programme, SABERKAS has participated in various youth and sports program as follows:

(a) Rainforest Youth Summit 2026 in June;

(b) *Program Bakti Belia MADANI 2026* in July;
(c) Sarawak National Sports Integrity Conference 2026 in September; and
(d) SABERKAS Women's Bureau has implemented two key programmes, namely SABERKAS Women's Bureau Gathering and *Ziarah Kasih Prihatin* at Mukah in July 2026.

SABERKAS also successfully organised its 18th Triennial General Assembly from 8th until the 10th of August 2026 at the Kingwood Hotel, Sibu, attended by 476 delegates from across Sarawak representing for the first time 82 branches. The assembly served as a platform for the presentation of the triennial report and the election of new committee members for the term 2026 until 2029.

PERSATUAN MENCEGAH DADAH MALAYSIA (PEMADAM)

Tuan Speaker, from January to October 2026, PEMADAM Sarawak implemented 98 programmes involving nearly 50,000 participants. These initiatives reflect the ongoing efforts to strengthen drug prevention education, community awareness, and early intervention across various segments of society.

A Drug Prevention Education Program was conducted at Sekolah Kebangsaan Bokah, in Lundu, and the third series of the Youth Unplugged program at MRSM Betong. These initiatives provided students and young people with opportunities to better understand the risks associated with drug abuse and the importance of making responsible life choices. PEMADAM also organised the *"Say No to Vaping & Drugs"* Awareness and the Intervention Program at SMK St. Joseph Kuching in July 2026. The programme highlighted the risks associated with vaping and drug abuse while reinforcing the importance of discipline and adherence to school regulations.

The Must Fight Drugs Run 2026, was held in May 2026 at the CENTEXS Lundu, collaboration with Lundu District Office, has attracted more than 1,000 participants. Additionally, the *Belia Kasih Belia Sayang* or Youth Care programme by my Ministry, held at Sekolah Tunas Bakti, Kuching, in June 2026, provided participants with opportunities to develop practical skills, boost self-confidence and engage in constructive activities. Meanwhile, the *Samasedia KASBA Sejiwa* program in Lundu involved 70 youths aged 14 to 28, focusing on personal identity, volunteerism, fellowship and future life planning. These initiatives highlight the importance of integrating drug prevention education, practical skills training and opportunities for meaningful community participation.

The PEMADAM Women's Bureau also supports women's empowerment through the Women's Empowerment Training for Recovering Individuals (OODP) program. Held in August 2026, this program was a collaboration with the Sarawak Women and Family Department and Koperasi MamaCare Sarawak Berhad. Awareness activities were also conducted in Asajaya and Telang Usan districts in conjunction with Sarawak Women's Day.

Recognising the growing importance of digital communication, PEMADAM Sarawak participated in the Malaysia MADANI Nationhood and Digital Communication course held in May 2026 at *Pusat Latihan Kenegaraan* (PLK) Sampadi, involving 80 members of the PEMADAM Sarawak Squad. Organised in collaboration with *Akademi Kenegaraan Malaysia*, the course provided insights into leadership, digital communication, and the use of artificial intelligence in reshaping national narratives. Such capabilities facilitate the more effective dissemination of drug prevention messages, particularly among young audiences who are active on the digital platforms.

Moving forward, PEMADAM will strengthen its collaboration with government agencies, educational institutions, NGOs and local communities to ensure that prevention messages will be accessible throughout Sarawak. Our main objective is to safeguard the well-being of our communities from the harms of drug abuse.

JABATAN BELIA DAN SUKAN (JBS) NEGERI SARAWAK

Tuan Speaker, the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia or KBS, through the Department of Youth and Sports Sarawak or JBS, is committed to build a prosperous and united Malaysia through youth development and sporting culture. As of September 2026, various youth initiatives including revitalised *Rakan Muda* programmes, National Youth Day, volunteerism and awards have engaged more than 205,000 young people throughout Sarawak.

Sarawak Youth voices remain integrated into the MADANI Budget formulation following the 27th of September 2026 engagement session with youth clubs and sports bodies. KBS also explored orange economy also known as the creative economy initiatives, through the Young Heroes and *Rakan Mahir* Creative Bootcamp, involving 40 participants in skills training on creative industry.

In response to the rising bullying cases and adolescent peer influence, the *Rakan Muda* Anti-Bullying Programme uses a peer-to-peer approaches to empower youth change makers. Interventions include the Port Healing *Rakan Prihatin* Programme for mental health awareness and Anti-Bullying Advocator Training targeting 40 youth leaders and community members.

Under sports development, 78 sports programmes targeting 70,000 participants across Sarawak are planned to cultivate sports as an active lifestyle. This year, the Sarawak state-level National Sports Day was celebrated in Betong, featuring 33 activities and 21,000 participation or participants. In June, the Community Sports League attracted around 6,000 participants to identify and nurture grassroots talent in netball, volleyball and futsal. In preparation for Malaysia's transition to an aging nation by 2030, KBS introduced the Senior Citizens Sports League and the Open Senior Citizens Bowling Championship.

The encouraging participation in both the youth and sports development programmes has been supported by the provision of funding. A total of RM189,000 in programme management assistance fund has been received by 26 youth clubs, with almost 2,000 participants involved. Meanwhile, under the Community Sports Fund, a total of RM1.3 million has been allocated to 173 sports bodies benefited by 18,000 sport enthusiasts.

ISSUES RAISED BY THE AHLI-AHLI YANG BERHORMAT

Tuan Speaker, on issues raised up by Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat. I would like to thank Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat from Daro, from Repok, from Meradong, from Tupong, from Engkilili, from Pelagus, from Pujut, from Tellian, from Bukit Assek, from Kalaka, Lingga, Tebedu, Ba'kelalan, from Murum, Tanjung Datu and Ngemah for your constructive comments and suggestions on issues related to youth, sports and young entrepreneur development programmes. My ministry will continue to formulate and implement various youth, sports and entrepreneur development programmes and initiatives throughout Sarawak and to those *kawasan* constituencies *of* which I had named just now, to nurture healthy, creative, resilient and highly skilled youths, while also producing high performing athletes capable of competing successfully at both national and international levels.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini, Tuan Speaker, untuk mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi terima kasih kepada Tuan Speaker dan semua warga Dewan Undangan Negeri di atas kecemerlangan dan komitmen yang tinggi bagi melancarkan persidangan kita kali ini. Tidak dilupakan juga kepada Yang Berhormat Setiausaha Kerajaan Sarawak, Yang Berbahagia Setiausaha Persekutuan Sarawak dan semua jentera kerja Perkhidmatan Awam Negeri dan juga Persekutuan. Setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Timbalan-timbalan Menteri dan semua kakitangan-kakitangan Kementerian Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan yang telah bertungkus-lumus menyediakan input-input dan informasi serta sokongan padu sepanjang persiapan dan juga perjalanan persidangan Dewan kita kali ini. Dan juga memandangkan ini adalah

tahun terakhir untuk Dewan Undangan Negeri, dan akan dibubarkan saya percaya, ingin mengucapkan juga terima kasih kepada semua warga Kementerian Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan di atas komitmen tinggi mereka sepanjang lima tahun bersama.

Saya ingin mengucapkan Selamat Menyambut Hari Deepavali ataupun *Diwali*, *Merry Christmas* kepada semua rakyat Sarawak yang menyambut Hari Deepavali dan Hari Krismas, dan kepada semua, Selamat Tahun Baru 2027. Dengan ini, saya ingin menutupkan ucapan penggulungan saya bagi Kementerian Belia, Sukan dan juga Pembangunan Usahawan Sarawak dengan memberi sokongan sepenuhnya kepada pembentangan bajet kepada bajet yang telah dibentangkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak. Dan saya menggulungkan ucapan saya dengan beberapa rangkap pantun:

Indah berseri bumi kenyalang,
Khazanah warisan kebanggaan negeri,
Belia perkasa sukan cemerlang,
Usahawan berjaya teguh berdikari.
…(Applause)…

Terbang tinggi burung kenyalang,
Hinggap sebentar di atas dahan,
SUKMA Sarawak tetap gemilang,
Sukan SEA mengukir kejayaan.
…(Applause)…

YStartup membina usahawan muda,
Sarawak X-Tive menghidupkan gelanggang,
Minggu Belia menghimpunkan suara,
MYSED memacu bumi kenyalang.
…(Applause)…

Wabillahitaufiq Walhidayah, Wassalamualaikum W.B.T. Sekian, terima kasih.

Timbalan Speaker: Terima kasih, Yang Berhormat Menteri. Wa'alaikumsalam. Memandangkan sekarang pukul 1:31, mesyuarat ditangguhkan kepada pukul 2:30 selepas ini.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada jam 1:31 petang)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada jam 2:37 petang)

[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom, Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr Stephen Rundi anak Utom): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Selamat petang, Salam sejahtera, Salam Sarawak Maju dan Makmur, *Salam Segulai Sejalai*. Sebelum saya memulakan ucapan penggulungan saya, saya ingin mengalu-alukan kehadiran semua penyokong tegar saya daripada Kemena. Selamat datang kepada Dewan …(*Applause*)… lebih kurang 50 orang. I feel very safe now.

PREAMBLE

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to those who were honoured with the state awards in conjunction with the 80th Birthday Celebration of our Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak on the 10th of October 2026.

(a) Honourable Datuk Haji Idris bin Buang, Deputy Speaker of the Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak cum Assemblyman for Muara Tuang and Honourable Datuk Sebastian Ting Chiew Yew, Deputy Minister for Tourism Sarawak being conferred with Panglima Gemilang Bintang Kenyalang (P.G.B.K);

(b) The Honourable Dato Friday anak Belik, Assemblyman for Krian being conferred with Panglima Setia Bintang Sarawak (P.S.B.S);

(c) The Honourable Tuan Haji Mohamad bin Duri, Assemblyman for Kalaka being conferred with Johan Bintang Kenyalang (J.B.K);

(d) The Honourable Mr. Anyi anak Jana, Assemblyman for Ngemah being conferred with Pegawai Bintang Sarawak (P.B.S).

On a separate note, I express my heartfelt condolences to Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, our former Prime Minister of Malaysia and his family on the passing of his beloved wife, Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali on 28th September 2026. Her lifelong dedication to public service, particularly in the fields of healthcare, women's welfare, community development, has left a legacy and touched the lives of many Malaysians. Her invaluable contributions to the nation will be remembered with deep respect and appreciation.

I would also like to extend my condolences to the family of the late Datuk Song Swee Guan, the former Speaker of Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak, and former Assemblyman for Padungan, and former Member of Parliament for Bandar Kuching and Mayor for Kuching South who passed away on 4th October this year. His contributions will be remembered by the people of Sarawak. And not forgetting, I would like to express my heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to the families of the victims who tragically lost their lives in the Flying Doctor Service which I myself has served similar FDS before, helicopter crash in Long Lellang, Ulu Baram on 8th September this year.

Tuan Speaker, now, I would like to join my Cabinet colleagues and Members of this esteemed august House, in congratulating The Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg for presenting 2027 Sarawak Budget with the theme, *'Together Building Prosperity and Securing Our Future'.* The 2027 Sarawak Budget is indeed growth-oriented and inclusive, addressing prevailing socio-economic challenges while placing strong emphasis on improving livelihoods, enhancing the well-being of the people and ensuring that the benefits of development are shared by all segments of society.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak for allocating RM248 million to my ministry under 2027 Sarawak Budget. This substantial allocation reflects the Sarawak Government's continued commitment to ensure our agriculture transformation and rural development agenda will be successfully realised. In view of this, I fully support the 2027 Sarawak Budget and reaffirm my ministry's commitment to translating its objectives into tangible outcomes, particularly in strengthening food security, increasing farmers' incomes and become the net food exporter by the year 2030.

Tuan Speaker, before I proceed further, I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all Honourable Members of this august House for their constructive comments, valuable suggestions and feedback on matters pertaining to my ministry during the debate on the 2027 Sarawak Budget. My ministry greatly values the views and insights shared by the Honourable

Members and remains committed to work closely with all relevant stakeholders to address the issues raised.

PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT

Agriculture Performance

Tuan Speaker, agriculture is closely connected to our food security, rural development, employment, household incomes, land resources, exports and the wellbeing of the people of Sarawak. It is therefore a sector that requires not only economic planning, but also long-term strategic commitment.

The agriculture sector continues to face challenges. We experienced COVID-19 pandemic, geopolitical tensions and climate change disrupting supply chains, increasing in costs i.e. labour, inputs and logistics. Despite these challenges, Sarawak agriculture has remained resilient. Recent performance indicators suggest that the sector is now poised to enter a new phase of growth, creating greater opportunities for development, innovation and economic expansion.

In 2021, this sector contracted by 3% due to COVID-19 pandemic. The sector however recovered and recorded a growth of 4.3% in 2025. In 2025, the agriculture sector was the fourth largest contributor to Sarawak's GDP, contributing RM15.7 billion or 10.2% of our GDP.

Paddy and Rice Industry

Tuan Speaker, I would now like to report on the performance of agriculture sub sectors in 2026, particularly paddy and rice industry. In 2025, Sarawak cultivated approximately 37,000 hectares of paddy involving 40,000 farmers, producing 78,000 metric tonnes of paddy that is equivalent to 47,000 metric tonnes of rice. With the adoption of new technology, infrastructure and high yielding planting materials and greater involvement of private sectors, that would enable Sarawak to increase our domestic rice production.

Infrastructure Development for Large-Scale Paddy Cultivation

Tuan Speaker, to support large-scale paddy cultivation, my Ministry has identified and profiled 48 potential areas covering about 14,000 hectares. As of today, 10 projects covering combined area of 3,460 hectares are now under various stages of implementation. These projects are expected to be completed in stages starting from 2027. For example, the infrastructure works for Tanjung Purun and Lubok Punggor are expected to be completed in 2027 and followed by planting their own.

Seven projects are on state land that is covering about 2,000 hectares with a development cost of RM1.0 billion and three projects are on NCR land covering 1,460 hectares with a total development cost of RM88.0 million. Of this, RM46.0 million from Federal Government and RM42.0 million from Sarawak Government.

Reviving Existing Paddy Cultivation Areas

Tuan Speaker, the existing irrigation and controlled drainage schemes and a minor work scheme managed by Department of Irrigation and Drainage Sarawak with a combined areas of approximately about 9,900 hectares has the potential to support our goal to achieve 60% Self-Sufficiency Level or SSL for rice by the year 2030. However, presently, only 11% of this area are being actively cultivated, mainly due to dilapidated infrastructure, among other contributing factors.

RM2.5 billion is required for infrastructure upgrading and RM60.0 million for annual maintenance works in order to revive and increase cultivation on these schemes' areas. Meanwhile, 23 infrastructure projects covering approximately 2,997 hectares have been approved under the 13th

Malaysia Plan with a total combined development cost of RM136.9 million and of this, RM122.9 million is funded by Sarawak Government involving 21 projects and RM14.0 million from the Federal Government for the two projects.

Paddy Research and Trials

Tuan Speaker, my ministry continues to work with research institutions and private companies to identify rice varieties and technologies suited to Sarawak's condition. In terms of research progress, MARDI Sarawak is evaluating 10 new rice varieties at Skuduk–Chupak and Batang Lupar. And in addition, trials conducted in collaboration with *Advansia* are assessing varieties for salinity tolerance and testing N25 liquid fertiliser to determine its potential and to improve hill paddy productivity.

And I am pleased to report that hybrid rice trials in Debak, Sarikei and Tanjung Purun, Lundu, have shown promising results, with yields ranging from 8 to 12 metric tonnes per hectare and potential for further improvement. The rice has also received positive feedback on its quality and taste. Companies are progressing towards commercialisation, including large-scale cultivation and seed production. Beyond hybrid rice, research is also being conducted on perennial paddy and ratoon cropping.

Borneoland Paddy Sdn. Bhd., in collaboration with Yunnan University, is studying the potential of successive harvests without replanting between harvests. This approach could reduce labour requirements and production costs. The first harvest took place at Kuala Baram, Miri, on the 6th of August 2026, and the second harvest is expected in November. Further trials are planned for Jemoreng and Daro in Mukah and Lubok Punggor in Samarahan.

Tuan Speaker, we are strengthening local seed production to support commercial paddy cultivation. Approximately, 144 hectares have been allocated for paddy seed production, and two seed farms are under development, and one processing facility is nearing completion. Subject to the facility being ready and certification requirements being met, certified seed supply is expected to begin in 2027, and this will support commercial cultivation and reduce reliance on seed sourced from outside Sarawak.

Grain Corn Industry

Tuan Speaker, I wish to draw the attention of this august House the potential of grain corn as a strategic crop for Sarawak. It is a key ingredient in animal feed, particularly for livestock. It can make up around 60% to 70% of feed formulations. In 2025, Sarawak imported about 354,596 metric tonnes of maize valued at RM427.8 million. This reliance on imported maize exposes livestock farmers and feed producers to global price fluctuations and supply disruptions.

Under the 13th Malaysia Plan, approximately 2,000 hectares of potential grain corn cultivation areas have been identified in Bintulu, Sarikei, Samarahan and Serian. To date, 200 hectares have been cultivated by private-sector operators in Tulai Tekap, Sarikei and 40 hectares by a community cooperative in Labak Tungan, in Serian. Both areas produce an average yield of 3 metric tonnes per hectare per production cycle. With the potential to achieve two production cycles a year, this initiative could increase annual output, strengthen the local animal feed supply chain and reduce Sarawak's reliance on imported maize.

Promoted Crops

Tuan Speaker, the development of promoted crops namely pineapple, coconut, banana, and durian remain a key priority for my ministry to boost local food production and elevate our farmers' incomes. To achieve this, my ministry will continue to drive commercial-scale cultivation, attract

strategic private sector investments, and expand downstream processing to produce high-value-added products.

Pineapple

Second one, pineapple. The pineapple industry continues to grow, driven by the expansion of planted areas, targeted government assistance, and growing private sector investment. The total planted area increased by 42.7%, from 1,886 hectares in 2020 to approximately 2,690 hectares in 2025. This upward trend is expected to continue, with the planted area projected to reach approximately 3,300 hectares by the end of this year.

Under the 12th Malaysia Plan, the Pineapple Development Programme received a total allocation of RM54.34 million from the government. The programme benefited 1,113 smallholders across 1,372 hectares throughout Sarawak, contributing significantly to the expansion of pineapple cultivation. Moving forward, further growth will be driven by ongoing planting initiatives and the strategic development of Agropark Dalat*…(Applause)…* under the 13th Malaysia Plan, covering approximately 814 hectares. Thank you*…(Applause)…*The agropark focuses primarily on pineapple cultivation and is expected to create new opportunities for local farming communities to participate in the value chain and generate additional income.

My ministry will continue to promote downstream processing and private sector participation to enhance the value and competitiveness of Sarawak's pineapple industry. Notably, a private sector is investing approximately RM70.0 million to establish an integrated pineapple processing facility in Tukau, Miri and as of October 2026, construction has reached 60% completion and operations targeted to commence by June next year. In addition to this, more pineapple processing plants will be established one in Mukah, perhaps I think in Dalat, Betong, Samarahan and Kuching to meet the needs of people development zones especially for pineapple industry.

I am pleased to inform this august House; Sarawak has been selected to host the *Hari Nanas Malaysia* on the 25th to 27th June 2027 in conjunction with the World Pineapple Day in view of Sarawak's huge potential to be the next pineapple production hub in Malaysia for the first time.

Coconut

For the coconut industry, my ministry remains committed to increase the production capacity, enhancing smallholder productivity, and strengthening the supply chain to meet a growing demand for local and export markets. Under the 12th Malaysia Plan, a total allocation of RM14.16 million was provided for the Coconut Development Programme, benefiting 1,697 smallholders across 2,199 hectares throughout Sarawak. Driven by these continued efforts, total planted area is projected to reach approximately 10,000 hectares by the end of this year.

To drive further expansion, new planting programmes are currently being implemented within this year, involving 66 farmers across 87 hectares. In addition, four agroparks at Sungai Baji, Asajaya, Bebuling and Lubok Tamang, covering a total area of 2,300 hectares, have been identified for coconut cultivation. The development of these agroparks will be implemented in phases to support a large-scale production and strengthen the long-term growth of Sarawak's coconut industry.

To accelerate the development of coconut industry in Sarawak, it is important to ensure sufficient supply of certified planting materials. 1.2 million coconut seedlings are required in order to achieve 20,000 hectares planted area by the year 2030. Currently, there are five certified nurseries with a combined annual production capacity of 155,600 seedlings.

To encourage the smallholder's involvement, my ministry through the Department of Agriculture and Sarawak Land Development Board (SLDB) will continue to provide assistance in the form of planting materials including related agriculture inputs and equipment to selected participant.

With regards to downstream development, CPPC Layar is expected to commence operations in the second quarter of 2027 under its appointed operator. The operator is currently producing approximately 3,000 bottles of coconut water per day and with the operation of CPPC Layar, production capacity is expected to increase to 25,000 bottles per day. This will help to expand the local coconut industry, increase demand for coconut produced by local farmers and create more opportunities for farmers to increase their production and income.

Banana and Durian

For banana and durian, moving to banana and durian cultivation, my Ministry continues to actively expand this industry to boost local production. By the end of 2026, by the end of this year, targeted projection indicates that total planted areas will reach around about 2,400 hectares for bananas and 10,800 hectares for durian. This expansion is supported by the strong economic viability and high returns achieved by local agropreneurs. For example:

(a) In Engkilili, Sri Aman 15.7 hectares Cavendish banana farm produces 250 metric tonnes annually, bringing in RM875,000 a yearly revenue or RM55,000 per hectare;

(b) Sungai Bayong, Sarikei, 17 hectares durian farm, generates an estimated RM500,000 annually, and producing about RM29,000 per hectare; and

(c) These success stories underscore the strong potential of commercial fruit farming to create lucrative income for the farmers.

FISHERIES INDUSTRY

Fisheries and Aquaculture Performance

Tuan Speaker, from January to September this year, the total contribution of fisheries sector 84,111 metric tonnes, valued at RM541.4 million, which consist of:

(a) Marine fisheries involving of 9,605 of fishermen have successfully landed a total of 82,000 metric tonnes, valued at RM484 million;

(b) Aquaculture subsector, which involved about 1,097 farmers, produced 1,336 metric tonnes valued at RM38 million; and

(c) Inland fisheries with a total of 2,274 registered inland fishermen recorded a total catch of 775 metric tonnes, valued at RM19.4 million.

Fish Trade

The fish trade from January to September this year, fisheries import was 33,363 metric tonnes valued at RM150 million. Meanwhile, fisheries export was only 10,057 metric ton valued at RM77.6 million.

Fishing Communities and Fishermen's Associations (Persatuan Nelayan)

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Government remains committed to improving the socioeconomic well-being of fishing communities by strengthening Fishermen's Association. Sarawak currently has one State Fishermen's Association PNN and 18 Area Fishermen's Associations PNK, with a combined membership of 13,347 registered members statewide. Beyond their role in community development, our Fishermen's Associations continue to demonstrate improvement to their business performance. From January to September this year, they recorded cumulative sales of RM107.0 million, generating a consolidated net profit of RM3 million. PNK

Beladin led the performance with a net profit of RM1 million, followed by PNK Persatuan Nelayan Kawasan Sri Muara at RM492,630 and Sarawak State Fishermen's Association PENESA at RM487,120.

The Federal Government allocated RM6.4 million under Rolling Plan 1 of 13th Malaysia Plan to strengthen fishing communities and Fishermen's Associations in Sarawak. As of September this year, RM4.56 million had been utilized, and RM1.66 million has been committed. These funds are channelled into key socioeconomic development program, including construction and repairing fish landing facilities in fishing village, strengthening clustered economic ventures run by Fishermen Associations like sportfishing, agrotourism facilities, strengthening downstream processing network, expanding the marketing of frozen fish by Fishermen Association and strengthening cross-border security via upgrading facilities available at Fish Inspection Centres.

In addition to institutional and business development support, the government continue to provide targeted assistance to safeguard fishermen's livelihood, reduce operating costs and improve household well-being. Through *Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia (LKIM*), several key assistance programmes were implemented from January to September this year:

(a) Fishermen's Shore-Based Living Allowance, a total of RM1.27 million was disbursed to 4,234 traditional fishermen to support their living expenses;

(b) Subsidised Fuel Assistance, a total of 7.58 million litres of subsidised diesel and 1.7 million litres of subsidised petrol were distributed to the eligible fishermen statewide, helping to ease their operating costs;

(c) Fishermen's Housing Development Programme PKPN. RM2.16 million was allocated for housing improvement in Sarawak, comprising RM900,000 to repair 45 houses and RM1.26 million to construct new houses; and the last one is

(d) Productivity Improvement Programme for B40 Fishermen. RM450,000 was allocated under the *Cakna MADANI* initiative to provide improved fishing equipment and gear, with the aim of enhancing fishing efficiency and productivity.

Inland Fisheries Research and Biodiversity Conservation

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak is endowed with rich biodiversity, encompassing species that are rarely found elsewhere and possess significant value and commercialisation potential. This sustainable development of Sarawak inland fisheries depends on a sound scientific understanding of aquatic biodiversity and fishery resources. Research and biodiversity assessment are therefore essential for establishing baseline data, identifying economically important native species and supporting evidence-based fisheries management and conservation measures.

In 2026 this year, inland fisheries research focused on riverine fish inventories and biodiversity assessments to determine native freshwater and brackish-water species, including their composition, distribution, abundance and habitats. Surveys conducted across eight river systems in Sarawak recorded approximately 80 fish species, including six species of *Pangasius* and two newly identified species. In brackish-water environment, eight commercially significant species were recorded, among them are *terubok laut, terubok sungai, ikan bulu*, red snapper, grouper, seabass, giant trevally and lobster.

Sarawak has significant potential to develop a high-value marine fisheries and aquaculture industry by focusing on these commercially important species. Their development offers opportunities to generate greater economic returns through sustainable fisheries, commercial aquaculture, hatchery and seed production, seafood processing and access to premium market. Recognising the importance and commercial potential of marine fish species that command higher

market demand and offer greater economic return, the Department of Agriculture Sarawak has proposed six potential sites around Santubong and Telaga Air to replace the existing Samariang Batu Inland Fisheries Centre, which occupies an area of 150 hectare.

Concurrently, the research and conservation programmes would help safeguard valuable native fish resources, particularly Sarawak's iconic *terubok* while promoting the sustainable utilisation of aquatic biodiversity to support long-term economic growth. Building on these finding, research activities have expanded to encompass biology, genetic, taxonomy, aquaculture and conservation of selected species. And these activities include whole genome studies, broodstock development, seed production, larviculture, culture and husbandry techniques and taxonomic investigation. The research aims to deepen scientific understanding, improve aquaculture technique and develop practical approaches for the sustainable management and conservation of economically important native fish species.

Sarawak Government has also established multidisciplinary collaborations with Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT), FRI Glami Lemi and National University of Singapore to strengthen research capacity and technical expertise. These partnerships bring together complementary expertise in fish taxonomy, genetics and genomics, biodiversity assessment, specimen documentation, aquaculture and fisheries research. Collectively, these initiatives provide an important scientific foundation for long-term biodiversity monitoring, the conservation of native fish species and other responsible utilisation of inland aquatic resources. They also support the development of future aquaculture opportunities based on Sarawak's own fishery resources, while ensuring that conservation consideration remain integral to the industry development.

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Livestock Performance and Self-Sufficiency Level

Tuan Speaker, I would now like to update on the livestock performance on Self- Sufficiency Level in 2026. In 2026, the poultry and swine sector continued to record SSL (Self-Sufficiency Level) exceeding 100% demonstrating Sarawak's strong domestic production capacity and contribution to export earnings. The beef SSL has increased from 17.5% in 2025 to an estimated 19% in 2026, while the SSL for mutton and goat meat rose from 15.2% to 17% over the same period.

Sarawak's livestock population also continued to grow. The combined cattle and buffalo population increased from 23,000 heads in 2025 to 24,500 heads in 2026, while the sheep and goat population rose from 12,600 to 15,000 heads. Nevertheless, further efforts are still needed to strengthen ruminant production and reduce reliance on import. Porker production has also increased from 320,000 to 360,000 heads. Meanwhile, the commercial poultry sector is expected to produce 45 million broilers in 2026, further reinforcing Sarawak's position as a net exporter of poultry products.

Federal Funding on Livestock Breeding Development and Ruminant Targets

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Government continues to strengthen livestock breeding and production capacity through the Stock Development Programme, with substantial support from the Federal Government.

In 2026, Federal Government approved four livestock development projects worth RM18.0 million to support the development of cattle, buffalo, sheep and goat production, and these initiatives have facilitated the importation of 740 Brahman cattle, 206 swamp buffaloes, 509 Dorper sheep and 198 Saanen goats, directly benefiting 63 farmers across Sarawak.

For 2027, a further RM18.5 million has been approved by the Federal Government to sustain these development efforts. These investments will continue towards achieving Sarawak's target of

increasing the ruminant SSL to 25% by the year 2030, supported by a projected population of 38,000 head of ruminants, comprising 25,200 cattle and 12,800 buffaloes.

In addition, the construction of Rimbas Cattle Farm and Bau Breeding and Fattening Centre, with a combined holding capacity of 500 cattle, was completed last month, and both facilities are currently undergoing final preparations for operation, including the installation of equipment, provision of essential facilities and completion of administrative and operational arrangements. They are expected to commence operations in January next year.

Upon becoming fully operational, these facilities will increase SALCRA's cattle holding capacity from 300 to 800 heads. This additional capacity will strengthen SALCRA's cattle breeding and fattening programmes, support the expansion of local cattle population and contribute to higher domestic beef production.

Swine Industry and Export Performance

Tuan Speaker, the swine industry remains an important contributor to Sarawak's export earnings. Since 2017, Pasir Puteh Pig Farming Area (PFA) has exported more than 350,000 porkers valued at RM312.0 million to Singapore, maintaining a reliable support, reliable supply of approximately 2,500 live pigs per week. In addition, Sarawak is exporting an additional 500 live pigs weekly to Selangor since 2025. In 2026, Sarawak's swine industry generated RM158.75 million in exporting earnings from the export of 109,606 live pigs.

To further strengthen domestic production and enhance food security, Sarawak is advancing the development of two major swine farming facilities. The Pig Farming Area in Selangau of 233 hectares and investment of RM200 million, has a breeding capacity of 12,000 sows annually and production is expected to commence in 2027 with full completion targeted in 2028.

Another development of Modern Pig Farming is located in Ensengei, Serian, covering 202 hectares operated by a private commercial venture with an investment of RM385 million. This facility will adopt a closed-house farming system with a capacity of 80,000 pigs by the year 2030 including modern abattoir. The Phase 1 that was completed last year, has produced 700 to 800 porkers monthly.

These developments are aligned with Sarawak's target of increasing annual pork production to 860,000 porkers valued at RM1.5 billion, by the year 2030. At the same time, the state continues to strengthen biosecurity measures to prevent the introduction and spread of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) and African Swine Fever (ASF), while enhancing protocols to facilitate safe and sustainable pork exports to regional markets.

Sara-Bif and Downstream Meat Processing

Tuan Speaker, beyond primary livestock production, Sarawak is also strengthening downstream meat processing to generate greater value within the agro-food supply chain. Through its subsidiary, PPES Ternak Sdn. Bhd., the Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) has developed Sara-Bif, a locally manufactured, value-added meat brand that currently produces 20,000 canned beef per month, valued at RM360,000.00 and that is the current production, it would be more increased the coming years to come, and Sara-Bif currently uses imported Australian beef, which is processed locally into products such as corned beef and meatballs.

This provides an established platform and downstream processing while SEDC continues to develop its upstream livestock capabilities in cattle breeding, rearing and production. PPES Ternak is also diversifying its product range, with its current market primarily focused on Sarawak.

PPES Ternak has obtained Veterinary Health Mark (VHM) accreditation. Corned beef products will be readily available in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah beginning in the fourth quarter of this year and following the positive market response at events such as Sarawak Agrofest and MAHA, the next phase focuses on developing *halal* canned corned beef by adding Sarawak black pepper to enhance product value and market competitiveness.

This initiative will strengthen the identity of Sarawak's locally branded food products, improve supply-chain linkages and create opportunities to expand into wider markets, including ASEAN and the Middle East.

Animal Feed Initiative

Tuan Speaker, the availability of affordable and reliable animal feed is essential to improving livestock productivity, reducing production costs and enhancing the competitiveness of the livestock industry. Sarawak Government is strengthening the development of an integrated animal feed ecosystem involving SEDC Nutreco, SALCRA and i-CATS University College. The initiative focuses on utilising locally available raw materials, expanding commercial feed production, advancing research and innovation and adopting circular bioeconomy approaches to reduce reliance on conventional feed ingredients.

Key initiatives including SEDC Nutreco's production of 485 metric tonnes of animal feed using Palm Kernel Expeller (PKE), and SALCRA's development of Napier grass cultivation and Smart Insect Farm and i-CATS University College's research into sustainable feed formulations and alternative protein sources. Collectively, these efforts aim to improve feed availability, enhance livestock productivity and strengthen the long-term sustainability of the industry.

Commercial Production and Local Feed Supply

SEDC, through its subsidiary, is producing affordable cattle feed using locally available raw materials, particularly PKE and feeding trials have recorded an average daily weight gain of approximately 1.2 kg demonstrating the potential of locally formulated feed to support cattle growth and productivity.

SALCRA has also commenced the commercial sale of PKE under its SalGrow brand following the commencement of operations and certification of its Kernel Crushing Plant in May 2026. As of August 2026, SALCRA had sold 360 metric tonnes or PKE, valued at approximately RM250,000. It is also negotiating the terms of a long-term supply arrangement with bulk purchasers to strengthen commercialisation and expand market uptake.

Meanwhile, construction of the Smart Insect Farm by SALCRA, which is intended to produce alternative protein sources for animal feed formulation is progressing with physical progress currently at 36%. Moving forward, SEDC will focus on expanding production capacity, improving feed formulations and broadening its customer base. SALCRA will continue to develop oil palm-based feed ingredients and alternative protein sources to support a more sustainable and commercially viable local feed industry.

Research and Innovation

Tuan Speaker, research and innovation are equally important in developing sustainable and cost-effective animal feed solutions. Through i-CATS University College, the Sarawak Government is advancing the development of the i-CATS Agrotech Hub in Tambirat, Asajaya, envisioned as a Centre of Excellence for research, innovation and commercial-scale agro-industrial feed production. Knowing very well that our highest production cost is animal feed at 70% of our production cost.

i-CATS has successfully formulated ruminant feed using sago and *nipah* biomass. Through the Agrotech Hub, the initiative aims to commercialise silage-based feed using *nipah* biomass sourced from Asajaya. This will create additional economic value from locally available resources while supporting the development of the local *nipah* industry.

In addition, i-CATS is exploring the use of native microalgae and seaweed as alternative protein sources and trace-mineral supplements for animal feed. Research into edible oral livestock vaccines and targeted probiotic strains is also being pursued to improve animal health and reduce reliance on conventional antibiotics.

These initiatives demonstrate Sarawak's commitment to developing innovative feed solutions that maximise the use of local resources, promote a circular bioeconomy and support the long-term growth of the livestock sector.

Way Forward

Tuan Speaker, moving forward, the Sarawak Government will continue to strengthen the livestock sector through an integrated approach that encompasses improved breeding, expanded production capacity, sustainable animal feed development, downstream processing and enhanced market access. Our priority is to increase the ruminant Self-Sufficiency Level to 25% by 2030, supported by modern livestock farming facilities, stronger breeding programmes and improved farm productivity. At the same time, the government will continue to promote the commercialisation of locally formulated animal feed, encourage value-added meat processing and strengthen biosecurity and certification standards.

Agric-Commodities

The commodity sector remains the cornerstone of Sarawak's agricultural economy, serving as a key driver of the state's GDP growth, a vital pillar of our export earnings and a crucial source of employment opportunities for our rural communities.

Palm Oil Industry

For Sarawak's palm oil industry, total oil palm area stood at 1.7 million hectares as of August this year. Palm oil remained Sarawak's largest export commodity from January to August this year, with export volume rising from 317,585 tonnes to 2.6 million tonnes (up to 2.3 million tonnes in the same period in 2025) and revenue increasing by RM1.2 billion to reach RM11.5 billion (up increase from RM10.3 billion).

In the same period, Crude Palm Kernel Oil (CPKO) production surged from 13% from 241,040 tonnes to 272,210 tonnes, while Crude Palm Oil (CPO) output increased by 8%, from 2.7 million tonnes to 2.9 million tonnes.

OIL PALM SMALLHOLDERS REPLANTING FINANCING INCENTIVE SCHEME (TSPKS 2.0)

The government through the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) as the implementing agency and Agrobank as the financing institution, has established the Oil Palm Smallholders Replanting Financing Incentive Scheme (TSPKS 2.0) with a dedicated fund of RM200 million, to support independent oil palm smallholders in undertaking replanting activities and alleviate the financial burden associated with replacing old and unproductive oil palm trees.

As of September this year, a total of 106 independent oil palm smallholders has been approved for the scheme since 2024, covering 311 hectares of old and unproductive cultivated oil palm areas, with a total financing amount of RM5.6 million.

RUBBER INDUSTRY

Tuan Speaker, SARIB (Sarawak Rubber Industrial Board) strategic direction 2026 to 2030 focus on stronger governance and partnerships, sustainability, empowered smallholders, higher productivity and market expansion. Our focus is clear, productive farms, better livelihoods and greater value for Sarawak. Among key initiatives started area are:

(a) Digital registration: As of 30th September 2026, 25,000 smallholders were registered under the *Permit Autoriti Transaksi Getah* (PAT-G) with 20,200 assisted in applying for Federal Government assistance;

(b) The abandoned rubber consolidation and land consolidation: In 2026, SARIB consolidated another 400 hectares, bringing the total of approximately 1,250 hectares. Rehabilitation of 500 hectares across 25 localities, benefiting 127 smallholders, is scheduled for completion by December this year. In 2027, SARIB will expand the programme by another 1,000 hectares, benefiting at least 500 smallholders;

(c) Smallholder returns: In 2025, the consolidated holdings generated RM230,000 in rental income for 667 smallholders and produced 1,557 metric tonnes of raw rubber;

(d) Trading and exports: From January to September this year, a total of 2,500 metric tonnes of local rubber valued at RM17.1 million were traded. Meanwhile, exports increased by 6%, an approximately 34,000 metric tonnes which includes imported raw rubber and SARIB will intensify efforts to increase local supply, reduce import dependence and develop higher-value downstream products; and

(e) Sustainability and compliance: SARIB is strengthening licensing, regulatory compliance, traceability and technology adoption while advancing sustainable rubber standards. The collaboration with the Forestry Department and STIDC will further promote rubberwood development and circular resource utilisation.

Industry challenges include low productivity, idle holdings, volatile prices, rising costs, labour shortages and declining rubber acreage continue to undermine smallholder incomes and industry competitiveness. These challenges demand decisive modernisation, stronger market access and greater downstream investment.

The way forward, SARIB will mobilise government and industry partnerships to accelerate farm rehabilitation, increase productivity, strengthen commercial management and attract downstream investment. The objective is clear, to build a competitive and sustainable rubber industry that generates greater value and delivers lasting income improvements for Sarawak's smallholders.

SAGO AND NIPAH INDUSTRY

Sarawak's sago and *nipah* industries remain important contributors to rural economic development and the state's green-growth agenda.

In 2025, Sarawak exported approximately 33,000 metric tonnes of sago starch valued at RM95.0 million. As of August, this year, exports reached 22,700 metric tonnes valued at RM63 million, reflecting an increase of 8% in volume and 4% in value compared with the corresponding period in 2025. Meanwhile, *gula apong* exports totalled 78 metric tonnes valued at RM878,000 in 2025. As of August 2026, exports reached 37 metric tonnes valued at RM442,000.

Under the First Rolling Plan of 13th Malaysia Plan, SNDB (Sago Nipah Development Board) received a development allocation of RM6.7 million in 2026 to implement four key initiatives:

(a) *Program Pemulihan dan Pemerkasaan Pekebun Kecil Sagu:* which is a farm rehabilitation is ongoing involving road upgrading, agricultural input distribution and capacity-building;

(b) *Program Peningkatan Produktiviti Nipah bagi Kelestarian Bekalan* Nira: that is a rehabilitation works is progressing, and contractor has been appointed for jetty construction;

(c) *Kompleks Pembangunan Industri Sagu Sarawak* (KPISS): Redesign and refinement of the complex plan is in progress; and

(d) *Kajian Kebolehlaksanaan Fasiliti Ekonomi Pekeliling Kelestarian Sagu Bersepadu* (ISCE) is at the inception stage.

As of 10th September 2026, approximately RM4.31 million or 64.4% of the approved allocation had been expended and committed. SNDB is also implementing five strategic projects with an approved allocation of RM20.7 million under the Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA) and these projects are:

(a) *Pembangunan Ladang dan Perusahaan Nipah Bersepadu at CPPC Gula Apong di Kampung Tambak in Pusa*, that is in the progress now, with *nipah* planting undertaken and construction the processing centre is ongoing;

(b) *One-Stop Sago or Rumbia Processing Centre at Kampung Dit, Debak* has been tendered in October this year;

(c) *One-Stop Gula Apong Processing Centre at Kampung Buda, Spaoh* tendered this coming November;

(d) *The Taman Agro-Pelancongan Nipah, Kabong* is at the Bill of Quantities preparation stage, with tender expected in January next year; and

(e) *Pembangunan Usahawan Sagu dan Nipah di Kawasan N.29 Beting Maro, Daerah Pusa* is at the procurement machinery and equipment.

To strengthen industry governance, SNDB is also advancing the Sarawak Sago Log Grading and Reference Pricing Framework to promote standardized grading and more transparent pricing. Moving forward, the government recognizes the challenges facing the sago and *nipah* industries, particularly low productivity, inadequate infrastructure, inconsistent raw material supply and limited downstream development.

To address these challenges, SNDB will strengthen rehabilitation programmes, improve infrastructure, accelerate technology adoption and promote value-added products. The government remains committed to transforming the sago and *nipah* industries into modern, competitive and sustainable high-value industries, while improving smallholder incomes and strengthening rural economic growth.

COCOA INDUSTRY

Tuan Speaker, in August this year, Sarawak recorded cocoa production of 46 metric tonnes valued at RM828,750, compared to 22 metric tonnes valued at RM818,000 in August 2025. My ministry will continue to work closely together with the Malaysian Cocoa Board (MCB) to support sustainable development of the industry. Under the 13th Malaysia Plan, RM6.67 million in federal funding and RM1.0 million from the Sarawak Government have been allocated to strengthen cocoa development in Sarawak.

Sarawak Government has approved RM0.5 million for this year, for the development of new cocoa planting areas in Song District involving 12 smallholders which cover an area of 35 hectares. To date, 86% of the allocation has been spent. Currently, the price of cocoa ranges from RM12 to RM14 per kilogram. The Koperasi Kluster Koko Sarawak Berhad has introduced a guaranteed minimum price mechanism of RM10 per kilogram. That's the floor price for SMC1 cocoa beans.

With the support of MCB in downstream chocolate production, the cooperative has been able to expand its business activities. Revenue from chocolate sales reached RM201,050 in 2025, up from RM144,000 in 2024, reflecting a steady upward trend. This initiative has helped improve farmers' incomes and socio-economic well-being through a value-added processing into cocoa powder and chocolate products.

The cooperative has remained profitable while enabling members to benefit from the annual dividends and profit-sharing. The success of the cooperative demonstrates that agricultural cooperatives in Sarawak can thrive when supported by effective management and strong collaboration among members.

PEPPER INDUSTRY

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak remains the backbone of Malaysia's pepper industry, contributing more than 98% of national production. As of September, this year, Sarawak recorded 39,122 pepper smallholders cultivating 8,168 hectares, reflecting modest growth compared with the same period in 2025.

Sarawak pepper continues to command a premium price for its pepper in the international market. The average Free on Board (FOB) price for Malaysian black pepper, stood at approximately RM37,649 per metric tonne, remaining relatively stable compared with the corresponding period in 2025.

Meanwhile, the average of FOB price of Malaysian white pepper increased by approximately 2.6%, from RM48,373 to RM49,642 per metric tonne. These figures reflect the continued value of local pepper in the premium market segment. Nevertheless, the relatively higher export prices compared with competing producing countries present an ongoing challenge to price competitiveness.

Therefore, efforts must continue to focus on improving product quality, strengthening traceability, expanding market access and developing higher-value downstream products to enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of Sarawak's pepper industry, while safeguarding the interests and livelihoods of our pepper smallholders.

Under the 13th Malaysia Plan, the Government has allocated RM50 million to implement the *Program Kemampanan Penanaman Lada* di Malaysia to enhance sustainability and productivity. The programme is expected to benefit 2,800 smallholders under the Premium Pepper Cultivation Scheme (PLP), covering 700 hectares, and while another 3,000 smallholders are expected to benefit under the Pepper Maintenance Scheme (PTLM), involving 750 hectares.

As of September 2026, Malaysian Pepper Board had provided assistance to 1,775 smallholders in Sarawak covering 276 hectares under PLP. Meanwhile, under PTLM a total of 1,665 smallholders in Sarawak covering 311 hectares had received support to sustain and enhance their farm productivity. These initiatives aim to support the expansion of pepper cultivation, improve farm maintenance and increase yields, thereby strengthening smallholders’ incomes and the long-term sustainability of the pepper industry.

Eligible pepper smallholders also receive support through BUDI MADANI *AgriKomoditi,* which provides monthly assistance of RM400.00. As of 31st August 2026, applications from 10,655 pepper smallholders in Sarawak has been approved.

As a continuation of the 12th Malaysia Plan, MPB (Malaysian Pepper Board) has been allocated RM41.85 million under Rolling Plan 1 of the 13th Malaysia Plan to implement 10 upstream and downstream development programmes. As of 30th September 2026, expenditure stood at approximately RM13.36 million, with commitments of RM25.84 million.

MPB continues to strengthen industry understanding of and compliance with the requirements governing the use of the GI (Geographical Indication) for Sarawak Pepper. As of September 2026, MPB had conducted three engagement sessions with pepper traders in Kuching, Sibu and Sarikei. These sessions provided a platform to clarify GI requirements and reinforce industry players' role in preserving the integrity of the Sarawak Pepper designation.

Enhancing food safety assurance through internationally recognised certification is a strategic priority in expanding market access and improving the global competitiveness of Sarawak's pepper industry. To support this effort, MPB has been allocated with RM100,000.00 in 2026 to implement the FSSC 22000 certification programme aimed at improving food safety management and reinforcing consumer confidence in the safety and quality of pepper products.

MPB strengthened its industry collaboration through two Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) exchanged during the Pepper Industry Sustainability Seminar held on 17th September 2026 in Spaoh, Betong. The one-year MoU with Ajinomoto (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. focuses on research and development, value added pepper products, pilot trials and commercialisation opportunities. Meanwhile, the five-year MoU with Sarawak Oil Palms (SOP) supports trial pepper cultivation on land owned by SOP or its group companies. MPB will provide technical expertise and regulatory oversight, while SOP will manage operations and costs.

AGRICULTURE ENABLERS (INFRASTRUCTURE)

Smart and Modern Farming Initiatives

Tuan Speaker, in line with the Sarawak Digital Economy Blueprint 2030, my ministry is developing three Precision Farming Parks in Bintulu, Miri and Kuching to promote modern farming technologies and increase food production. The projects include greenhouse facilities, internal access roads, fertigation systems and Internet of Things (IoT) and technology to support modern and more efficient farming practices.

As of September 2026, the Sungai Sebiew Precision Farming Park in Bintulu and the Kabuloh Precision Farming Park in Miri had achieved physical progress of 47% and 62%, respectively. Both projects are scheduled for completion in the first quarter of next year.

Meanwhile, the Rampangi Precision Farming Park in Kuching, covering approximately 1.7 hectares, has achieved 68% physical progress and is expected to be completed next month. Planting activities are scheduled to commence in December this year.

In addition, my ministry is allocating RM3.0 million under the 13th Malaysia Plan to upgrade the existing IoT system at TKPM Rampangi, Kuching. The upgraded system will incorporate real-time farm monitoring, automated fertigation, AI-enabled analytics, and predictive analysis to optimize management and maximize crop yields, and completion targeted for third quarter next year.

Furthermore, a total of RM2.95 million has been approved to implement Smart Aquaculture Internet of Things (IoT) System at the Sungai Sebiew in Bintulu. The project is currently at the implementation stage, and preliminary site preparation works scheduled to commence October 2026

and completion expected early quarter 1 in 2027. My ministry will continue to monitor the progress of these projects and to ensure timely completion and readiness for operation.

Agroparks

My ministry, through SLDB, has completed the Agropark Bebuling Gallery in Spaoh, Betong, showcasing modern farming methods. The Gallery was recently visited by YAB Premier during *Program Sarawakku Sayang*. The remaining development, comprising greenhouses, aquaculture ponds, are expected to commence in the third quarter of next year and upon completion, the Agropark will contribute to our local food production through crop cultivation and aquaculture. Meanwhile, other Agroparks across Sarawak are at various stages of implementation.

Sarawak Agrotechonology Park (SARTECH)

For the SARTECH Tarat, besides the two current operators, SLDB has also identified two potential operators to develop the commercial production area. Their proposals have been accepted by SLDB Board and will be tabled to the State Cost Committee and MMKN for further approval. While for SARTECH Semenggok, SLDB will be putting up advertisement to invite Request for Proposal (RFP) to develop the commercial plots before the end of 2026.

Metropolitan Food Cluster (MFC)

As of September 2026, the Metropolitan Food Cluster (MFC) has achieved 60.67% physical progress, with completion targeted for June 2027. The project will be developed in two phases to establish an integrated food production and processing hub.

Upon completion, the MFC will play a strategic role in strengthening Sarawak's agricultural value chain, increasing food production and processing capacity, and enhancing the state's food security through a more integrated, efficient and sustainable agri-food sector

Agricultural Drainage Infrastructures

To strengthen agricultural development initiatives and improve the socio-economic well-being of rural communities, my Ministry, through the Department of Irrigation and Drainage or in short DID Sarawak, has been allocated a ceiling of RM93.8 million by the Sarawak Government under the 13th Malaysia Plan for the implementation of eight agricultural drainage projects.

For this year, the total allocation of RM19.0 million has been received, of which RM4.4 million has been spent. Of the eight projects, two are currently under construction, while the remaining six are at various stages of implementation.

In addition, DID Sarawak, has been entrusted with a total allocation of RM998.1 million under various Regional Development Agencies (RDAs), namely the Integrated Regional Samarahan Development Agency (IRSDA), Sri Aman Development Agency (SADA), Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA) and Rajang Delta Development Agency (RADDA).

The allocation covers 446 infrastructure projects, comprising farm roads, river and coastal protection works for agricultural schemes, and agricultural drainage infrastructure. These projects aim to improve agricultural drainage, enhance productivity, strengthen flood resilience and support sustainable agricultural development.

Farm Road Development

Tuan Speaker, my ministry recognises that farm roads are essential agricultural infrastructure, providing vital connectivity between farms and markets while helping to reduce logistic costs and post-harvest losses.

In response to the growing needs of our farming communities, my ministry, through its various agencies and with the support of both the Sarawak and Federal Governments, have implemented more than 300 farm road projects in 2026, with a total allocation of about RM95 million. These projects cover more than 1,900 kilometres and are expected to benefit over 105,000 farmers across Sarawak.

Moving forward, the Government will continue to improve farm road infrastructure to provide farmers with better connectivity, more efficient market access and lower logistics costs. This will strengthen the agricultural value chain, support the commercialisation of farm produce and contribute towards improving the income and livelihoods of our farming communities.

Research and Innovation

Tuan Speaker, research and development drive productivity, competitiveness, and sustainability across all sectors, including agriculture. Through the Department of Agriculture Sarawak, research and development focus on practical technologies with commercial potential, especially for food crops, which include the development of agro-based products from local produce.

Recently, freeze-drying technology for local fruits, such as jackfruit, pineapple, banana was adopted by PPK Meradong. To date, 5,250 kg of fresh produce have yielded 17,500 units of value-added products, generating about RM140,000.00 in revenues income. This translates into reduced post-harvest losses and increased income diversification.

Moving forward, the Government will continue to strengthen research, innovation, technology adoption, the circular economy, and sustainable practices. These efforts aim to lower post-harvest losses, reduce input costs, and build a more competitive agricultural sector for Sarawak.

AGRICULTURE CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION INITIATIVES

Crops

Tuan Speaker, my Ministry through the Department of Agriculture Sarawak, continues to strengthen agriculture quality assurance through Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), supported by myGAP, myOrganic, the *Skim Pengesahan Bahan Tanaman* (SPBT) and the *Skim Pengesahan Benih Padi* (SPBP).

These programmes are essential to ensure safe and sustainable agricultural production, while promoting the use of true-to-type and quality planting materials. Currently, 190 active certified farms are registered under myGAP and myOrganic, while seven awareness programmes conducted in 2026 reached 235 farmers, producers and retailers.

Under the SPBT, as of the second quarter of this year, 79 participants were registered and 1.1 million mother plants had been certified. The introduction of the SPBT certification logo will further strengthen consumer confidence and facilitate the identification of certified planting materials.

For the paddy sector, the department is developing the SPBP mechanism, with full implementation for the certification of *Benih Padi Sah* targeted by December next year.

For pepper, a total of 19 MyGAP certification applications submitted through MPB are being processed by the Department of Agriculture Sarawak this year. Under the 13th Malaysia Plan, MPB

aims to secure MyGAP certification for 32 hectares of pepper farms, reinforcing the industry's commitment to recognized agricultural standards.

Inland Fisheries

In 2026, seven aquaculture fish farms and hatcheries, as well as one Inland Fisheries Station, have been certified under MyGAP. This achievement reflects the commitment of the Government and the local fish producers to produce high-quality, sustainable and safe fish products for consumers.

Livestock

Tuan Speaker, with regards to livestock, my ministry through the Department of Veterinary Services will continue to promote the adoption of recognized international certification standards across livestock farms and processing facilities throughout Sarawak. To date, accredited facilities include 19 myGAP-certified livestock farms, 13 Veterinary Health Mark (VHM) premises, three Good Veterinary Hygiene Practice (GVHP) premises and one myOrganic-certified livestock farm. These certifications are complemented by VHM and the Sarawak Veterinary Registered Logo, which help demonstrate compliance with applicable requirements for facility inspection, monitoring, biosecurity and animal welfare.

Sarawak's premium animal products are also gaining recognition in domestic and international markets. The Edible Bird's Nest (EBN) industry remains an important export earner, supported by streamlined regulatory processes, rigorous accreditation, testing and traceability measures. As of September, this year, the total export value of EBN reached RM34.8 million. And moving forward, the continued strengthening of certification, food safety and traceability will be crucial to maintaining market confidence, protecting animal health and facilitating access to higher-value markets.

FARMERS' ORGANISATIONS

My ministry deeply recognizes the vital role of Farmers' Organisations in supporting our smallholders, strengthening agricultural marketing, and creating sustainable business opportunities for their members. Today, a total of 86,854 farmers are registered across 28 Area Farmers' Organizations (PPKs) throughout Sarawak.

To drive this initiative forward, an allocation of RM2.6 million was approved in 2026 to enhance their marketing capacity and commercial activities. This support has enabled Farmers' Organizations to promote local produce, expand market networks, and reach a broader customer base through major platforms such as Sarawak Agrofest, MAHA 2026, and various agricultural exhibitions and promotional programmes. In addition, the introduction of the unified Agripoint brand across all the 28 Farmers' Organisations has successfully strengthened product identity and market positioning. To date, at least 30 products have been commercialized under Agripoint, with further product development and official registration actively underway.

Driven by these collective initiatives, Farmers' Organizations have generated a total business volume of RM29.5 million as of October this year across their marketing, service, and production activities. This solid achievement reflects their growing capability and to connect smallholders directly to lucrative markets. I would also like to report on the significant impact of the Sarawak Government's RM50 million allocation for the State Farmers' Organization's Investment and Marketing Programme (2021-2025). Under this programme, the State Farmers' Organization successfully established dedicated platforms for farm produce marketing, agricultural input distribution, farm mechanization, and transportation services in direct collaboration with local Area Farmers' Organisations (PPKs) and smallholders.

Additionally, subsidiary companies were established to spearhead the collection, processing, and marketing of fresh produce, as well as the manufacturing and supply of agricultural inputs. From 2021 to August 2026, the above initiatives generated accumulative group revenue of RM83 million. In this regard, my Ministry expresses its sincere appreciation to the Sarawak Government for approving a further allocation of RM60 million over the three years from 2026 to 2028 to upgrade basic infrastructure and facilities for Farmers' Organizations statewide, as well as allocating RM9 million to expand the sales and marketing facilities at the State Farmers' Organization Complex in Kota Samarahan. With construction set to commence in early 2027, these upgraded facilities will significantly increase our overall processing, handling, and marketing capacity.

PROGRAM JALAN LUAR BANDAR (JALB) AND JAMBATAN LUAR BANDAR (JMLB)

Tuan Speaker, to strengthen rural connectivity and stimulate economic growth, the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development (KKDW), Malaysia, has approved an allocation of RM1.94 billion to the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID Sarawak) under the 13th Malaysia Plan. The allocation covers 29 projects under the Rural Road Programme (JALB) and Rural Bridge Programme (JMLB), including continuation projects from the 12th Malaysia Plan. These initiatives are expected to benefit 27,233 villagers by improving rural accessibility and infrastructure, strengthening food security, promoting sustainable socio-economic development in rural areas.

Currently, three (3) JKR R1 standard road projects have been completed, involving a total expenditure of RM24.91 million, covering 3.03 km and benefiting 406 villagers. And meanwhile eight projects, with an allocation of RM783.08 million, are under construction and are expected to benefit 8,070 villagers upon completion. The remaining 18 projects are at various stages of pre-implementation.

This year, KKDW has allocated RM105.9 million for the implementation of JALB and JMLB, is a road and *jambatan* projects to DID Sarawak. As of to date, RM86.82 million has been spent, representing an expenditure rate of 81.97%.

RIVER AND COASTAL ENGINEERING

Tuan Speaker, my ministry, through the Department of Irrigation and Drainage Sarawak, remains committed to advancing river and coastal engineering initiatives throughout Sarawak. These initiatives encompass riverbank and coastal protection works, river rehabilitation and desilting programmes, river mouth improvement works, and river basin studies.

Under the State and Federal funding programmes, a total of 76 river and coastal engineering projects, with an overall allocation ceiling of approximately RM1.03 billion, are being implemented at various stages. To date, 10 major projects have been completed, and with an overall expenditure of approximately RM134.54 million.

Collectively, these initiatives are expected to benefit more than 200,000 people across Sarawak by enhancing protection against riverbank and coastal erosion, safeguarding agricultural land and public infrastructure, improving navigation safety, and supporting sustainable socio-economic development in riverine and coastal communities.

Socio-Economic Programmes by Federal Government

Tuan Speaker, my ministry has been entrusted by the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development Malaysia (KKDW) to coordinate the implementation of KKDW's various programmes and projects in Sarawak. For the year 2026, the allocations approved are:

(a) RM46.9 million for *Program Perumahan Rakyat Sejahtera* (PPRS) Phase 1 and Phase 2 for 310 *Bina Baharu* and 1,030 *baik pulih* houses throughout Sarawak;

(b) RM26 million has been allocated in 13th Malaysia Plan for the implementation of *Projek Pemajuan Kawasan* (PPK) Long Lama and expected to be tendered out in the first quarter of 2027 of earthworks; and

(c) RM33 million has been approved for *Projek Pembangunan Ekonomi Kampung*, that is in short called PROSPEK, projects in Lawas, Sebuyau, Betong, and Samarahan. Currently, these projects are in various stages of implementation and expected to be completed within 13th Malaysia Plan.

NCR LAND DEVELOPMENT & PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Government remains committed to developing Native Customary Rights (NCR) land sustainably and commercially to improve landowners' socio-economic well-being and generate income for rural communities through three main development models.

Under the Joint-Venture Model, the Land Custody and Development Authority (LCDA) facilitates partnership between landowners and private investors. As of September 2026, 56 projects involving 17,329 landowners and covering 88,216 hectares have been implemented, and with landowners received RM700 million in the upfront payments, incentives and dividends.

Under Project Management Model undertaken by Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority (SALCRA), the Sarawak Land Development Board (SLDB), a total of 55,862 hectares have been developed involving 22,810 participants landowners.

My ministry has also facilitated the development of NCR land under the Leasing Model through partnership with qualified investors. To date, 80 applications covering approximately 148,548 hectares have been approved for development. In addition, Sarawak's government agencies have supported 29,425 NCR landowners through various agricultural product and programmes and assistance, covering 14,641 hectares, with an allocation of RM151.46 billion as of September, this year.

Overall, NCR land development has attracted investment value at RM50.41 million across the three development models. This reflects the government's commitment to improve the NCR landowner's livelihood. In ensuring that NCR lands are developed sustainably, my ministry will continue to strengthen inter-agency coordination and strategic partnership.

REGIONAL COORPORATION

BIMP-EAGA: Strengthening Regional Agribusiness Cooperation

Tuan Speaker, leveraging on BIMP-EAGA as a strategic platform to strengthening food security, expanding agricultural trade and unlocking new investment opportunities, we have achieved a significant milestone where Brunei Darussalam has purchased 600 heads of cattle from *PPES Ternak*. This augurs well for Sarawak's livestock industry and its growing potential to supply regional markets.

Subsequently, Sarawak and Brunei Darussalam are collaborating to kick-start the paddy cultivation of the proposed 809-hectare land at *Kampung Pandam*, Limbang next year. This project is an important step towards expanding domestic rice production, strengthening regional food resilience and realising Sarawak's aspiration to become a net food exporter by 2030.

SOSEK MALINDO: Deepening Sarawak–Kalimantan Barat Cooperation

Through SOSEK MALINDO, Sarawak continues to strengthen bilateral agricultural cooperation with Kalimantan Barat, Indonesia focusing on paddy development, cross-border rice trade and

efficient agricultural import-export arrangements. Subject to the necessary regulatory approvals and technical assessments, one promising potential is the supply of rice from Sambas to Sarawak through the Biawak-Aruk route.

Sarawak will continue to work closely with our Indonesian counterparts to address regulatory requirements, strengthen supply-chain connectivity and explore mutually beneficial trade and investment opportunities into practical outcomes.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Tuan Speaker, to realize Sarawak's commitment to a green and circular economy, the Department of Agriculture is also advancing a Waste-to-Wealth initiatives by converting agricultural residues such as durian husks, banana pseudo stems, corn stalks, pineapple waste into organic compost using Beneficial Indigenous Microorganisms (BIMO). Trials have shown that compost with agriculture waste is capable of producing yield comparable to chemical fertilizers.

Black Soldier Fly Industry Development

A one-off programme namely, Empowering Black Soldier Fly (BSF) Industry: Sustainable Protein Production and Waste Management conducted by Malaysia Bioeconomy Corporation promotes sustainable feed production, organic waste management and bioeconomy entrepreneurship.

The programme attracted 364 participants across 15 districts, exceeding its target of 300 by 21% and 20 participants were selected to undergo a three-months Coaching and Entrepreneurship Programme. The outcome shows encouraging revenue to the participants with an average additional monthly income RM1,100.00 per participant from selling BSF larvae and eggs to the anchor companies.

BIOSECURITY

Inland Fisheries Monitoring and Conservation

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak continues to strengthen the inland fisheries sustainability and protect aquatic ecosystems through systematic monitoring, surveillance and also control measures. Four active fish disease surveillance initiatives to monitor fish health and support disease prevention, as well as six invasive fish surveillance and eradication of programmes have successfully conducted in major river systems across Sarawak.

Rabies Control and Prevention Update for 2026

Tuan Speaker, rabies remains a major public health issue for Sarawak. My ministry, through the Department of Veterinary Services (DVSS) continues to carry out initiative to contain the disease. Since 2018, the number of positive cases shows a declining trend from 42% to 3% in 2026.

It must be noted all cases of human fatalities due to rabies were caused by delays in seeking medical treatment or failing to get medical care entirely following exposure to suspected rabies. It doesn't matter about the bite. It is about immediate medical treatment. It is very important to prevent death.

I would like to emphasize that anyone bitten or scratched by dogs or cats must immediately wash wound with soap and running water for 15 minutes and seek treatment at the nearest hospital and dog bite clinic immediately. Continuous cooperation is essential to strengthen prevention, vaccination and public awareness to control its spread. I hope the council can become more aggressive to enforce their enforcement.

AGRICULTURE PROMOTION AND TRADE

Tuan Speaker, my ministry has continued undertaking strategic steps in promoting the agriculture sector through series of targeted programmes and exhibitions, aimed at increasing visibility, driving sales, and enhancing the market reach of agricultural products both within Sarawak and at the national level.

Malaysia Agriculture, Horticulture and Agrotourism Show (MAHA) 2026

This is what I would like to report also. At the national level, I am proud to inform this august House that Sarawak Pavilion was crowned the Best State Pavilion of the Malaysia Agriculture, Horticulture and Agrotourism (MAHA) 2026 in Serdang*… (Applause)…Tahniah lah*. In this historic achievement, Sarawak dethroned the six-time winner, Perak and received 500,000 visitors and generating total sales RM1.6 million.

Sarawak Agrofest 2026 and Mini Agrofest 2026

My ministry will also organize Mini Agrofest series in Limbang, Pakan, Sebauh, Serian, Kapit, Dalat and Sarawak Agrofest 2026 in Bintulu in total drawing about 2.56 million visitors, generating sale of RM8.1 million. And we will continue to do so. We will decide whether once in two years or once every year.

Jualan Sarawakku Sayang

The *Jualan Agro Sarawakku Sayang* programme jointly organized by Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (FAMA), in Bintulu, Kuching, Mukah, Lawas, Limbang, Betong, Gedong, Layar, Sarikei, Miri, Tebedu, Kapit, Balingian, Meradong, and Kota Samarahan later on had attracted so far had attracted 30,122 visitors and generated sales of RM928,416.

CONFERENCES

1st Rabies in Asia (RIA) and 5th Rabies in Borneo (RIB) Conferences

The 1st Rabies in Asia and 5th Rabies in Borneo Conferences were held in Kuching from 29th September to 1st October 2026 provided a platform for regional and international experts, veterinary practitioners and public health stakeholders to discuss and advance strategies towards achieving rabies-free status by the year 2030.

The Conference gathered 400 participants, comprising veterinarians, researchers and policymakers including 47 international experts. At the Conference, the Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak announced its endorsement for one year Neutering Programme for Animal Population Management and Rabies Control Pilot Programme, in partnership with the local animal welfare organizations.

2nd Sarawak Rice Conference (SARICON II)

I am pleased to report that the 2nd Sarawak Rice Conference (SARICON II) in 2026 was successfully held in Kuching from 6th to 8th October. It brought together more than 170 participants from across Malaysia and foreigners comprising researchers, government officers, industry representatives and agricultural practitioners. The conference provided a platform to share knowledge, explore innovation and build partnerships. Feedback and recommendations received will be used as a reference to help Sarawak's paddy and rice industry.

RESPONSES

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

Agriculture Infrastructure

For the information Honourable Member for Murum, the proposal to develop a new Smart Agriculture Transformation Centre and Food Terminal in Sungai Asap will be considered based on necessity, site suitability and budget availability.

Benteng Hakisan Pantai and Pemecah Ombak di Jepak

For the information of the Honourable Member for Jepak, my ministry, through DID Sarawak is currently undertaking the Study on the Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) Plan for the Batang Kemena Basin under federal funding, which is expected to be completed by June next year. Meanwhile, the *Kajian Kebolehlaksanaan* (Feasibility Study) *Bagi Pemuliharaan Muara* Batang Kemena*, Bahagian* Bintulu funded by the State Government, is scheduled to commence 2027. To address coastal erosion concerns at Jepak, DID Sarawak will submit a proposal for coastal protection works covering Bintulu Integrated Administration Centre (IAC) and the new government housing area and the proposed new Bintulu Division Mosque site with an estimated protection length of 2km and estimated cost of RM65 million, under the Federal Government funding through Rolling Plan 3 in 13th Malaysia Plan.

Agriculture Assistance

For the information of the Honourable Member for Serembu, my ministry through Sarawak Land Development Board (SLDB) offers financial assistance to eligible agropreneurs in the form of loans and grants under Sarawak Agro Fund (SAF). In addition, livestock feed assistance is provided as one of the components under the Livestock Commercial Development Programme of the 13th Malaysia Plan. The assistance is extended in kind, whereby selected livestock farmers are provided with a one-off supply of livestock feed, subject to the requirements and scope of their respective projects.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Bukit Semuja, my ministry, my ministry is committed to modernize the agriculture sector and promoting sustainable farming practices to increase productivity and minimize environmental impact. For paddy farmers who suffer crop losses due to disasters, the Department of Agricultural Sarawak will facilitate, will facilitate and coordinate the application for compassionate payment under the *Tabung Bencana Tanaman Padi* under Federal Government. To further support the paddy farmers, the government has introduced the following schemes to assist paddy farmers to reduce their production costs and increase paddy productivity namely:

(a) Skim Subsidi Baja dan Racun Padi Bukit (SBRPB);
(b) Skim Subsidi Baja Padi Kerajaan Persekutuan (SBPKP); and
(c) Skim Insentif Pengeluaran Padi (SIPP).

Farm Road

For the information of the Honourable Member for Batu Danau, the government provides various programmes to assist with the construction, maintenance and upgrading of farm roads. These include the Farm Road Programme, MARRIS, and the Smallholders Farm Road Programme. These programmes aim to improve road access to farms and facilitate farmers in carrying out their farming activities. Interested farmers may apply for these programmes through the relevant government agencies subject to availability of funding.

Jalan Luar Bandar

For the information of the Honourable Member for Batu Danau, the project *Naik taraf Jalan* Ulu Pandaruan/Nanga Medamit, Limbang, Sarawak was approved in 2023 with an allocation of RM210 million. However, the project has been put on hold following the new introduction of Federal Government expenditure control measures. DID Sarawak is currently liaising with the *Kementerian Kemajuan Desa dan Wilayah (KKDW)* on the way forward for the project's physical implementation.

Status Projek Ban Pecah di Sungai Benang, Kabong

For the information of the Honourable Member for Kabong, the detailed design of the project *Baik Pulih Koridor* Sungai Seblak *di* Kampung Sungai Benang, daerah Kabong, Betong has been completed in March 2026. For subsequent implementation of the project, DID Sarawak will submit the application under Mid-Term Review, 13th Malaysia Plan for approval.

Meanwhile, through the Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA), the tender of Upgrading and Improvement Works to Earth Bund at Skim Kabong Nyabor project was advertised on 26th September 2026 and will be closed, in fact tomorrow.

Agriculture Statistics

For the information of the Honourable Member for Serembu, to further enhance the agricultural data management, my Ministry through DOA and DVS Sarawak has developed the e-TANI system to systematically record and manage information on farmers, agricultural activities and product, in short is to profile all the farmers. To date, a total of 49,833 farmers throughout Sarawak have been registered with the e-TANI. Extend their full cooperation in promoting and encouraging farmers within their respective constituencies to register with e-TANI. Ini membolehkan kita memberikan bantuan sasar.

Fish Trading Centre

For the information of the Honourable Member for Jepak, Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia (LKIM) Sarawak through *Persatuan Nelayan Kawasan Bintulu* submitted an official application to seek Bintulu Development Authority's approval, to utilise *"Perahu Bidar*" site as a dedicated fish trading centre for the benefit of 150 fishermen of Kampung Jepak.

Livestock Abattoir

For the information of the Honourable Member for Ba'Kelalan, my ministry through DVS Sarawak has proposed a project, namely the *"Construction of a Ruminant Slaughterhouse and Provision of Equipment with a Daily Capacity of 10 to 20 Head of Livestock"* at the Meragang Buffalo Breeding Station under the Northern Region Development Agency (NRDA) for implementation under the 13th Malaysia Plan.

Agriculture Development Proposals by the Honourable Members

For the information of the Honourable Members for Daro, Jepak, Serembu, Balingian, Kalaka, Bawang Assan, Baleh, Bukit Begunan, Kabong, Lingga, Engkilili, Pelagus, Meluan, Krian and Tamin, my Ministry duly noted and appreciate on all your requests, comments and recommendations related to various agriculture assistance and development in your constituencies.

CONCLUSION

Tuan Speaker, *minum dulu*. In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to Tuan Speaker and Deputy Speaker for your tactful handling of the proceedings as usual of this sitting to ensure that there was proper decorum and dignity in this august House. Tahniah.

I wish to extend my appreciation and thanks to the Honourable Sarawak State Secretary, State Attorney-General, State Financial Secretary, Head of Departments, officers from the various Sarawak and Federal Ministries and agencies for their commitment in providing input and support for the smooth proceedings of this august House.

Special thanks to my two Deputy Ministers, Permanent Secretary and all head of departments and agencies under my ministry for preparing my winding-up speech and responses. I take this opportunity too, to thank the media for their professional coverage of the sitting, and I would like to extend my greeting to all my Indian friends who will be celebrating Deepavali, may your Deepavali sparkle with joyful moments. To all my Christian friends, Merry Christmas for everyone, and Happy New Year 2027. With that, I reiterate my full support to YAB Premier Sarawak for tabling surplus Sarawak Budget, 2027.

Akhir sekali, sebelum saya duduk, saya mahu mengakhiri, *first time* saya berpantun. Ucapan Penggulungan ini dengan berpantun. Banyak, tiga rangkap pantun. Dengar betul-betul, I hope it sounds good.

Bumi Sarawak indah berseri,
Tanahnya subur kaya hasilnya;
Inovasi pertanian pemacu negeri,
Ekonomi makmur sejahtera rakyatnya.
...(Applause)...

DOA dan DVS agensi berdedikasi,
SALCRA, SNDB, SARIB pemacu komoditi;
SLDB dan PPNS terus berbakti,
Transformasi pertanian kami realisasi.
...(Applause)...

Deepavali dan Krismas kita sambuti,
Tahun baharu kita bercuti;
Kementerian kami sentiasa berintegriti,
Memperkasa pertanian demi pertiwi.
...(Applause)...

Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan hormatnya saya menjemput, Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah *...(Interruption)...*

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

Tomorrow 21st October, we have promotion for *buah-buahan tempatan*. *Semua di* invited to come, *makan sebanyak mungkin*. *Sekian, terima kasih* ...(*Applause*)...

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan hormatnya saya menjemput, Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah, Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti untuk menyampaikan Ucapan Penggulungan.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti Sarawak; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.56 Dalat (YB Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah): Bismillah pembuka kata, moga kita dirahmati-Nya jua. Assalamualaikum W.B.T. Salam sejahtera, salam Sarawakku sayang, salam *Segulai Sejalai*.

PENDAHULUAN

Tuan Speaker, izinkan saya terlebih dahulu mengalu-alukan kehadiran pemimpin akar umbi dari N.56 Dalat, yang terdiri daripada KMKK dan juga pemimpin PBB N.56 Dalat, *...(Applause)...* juga Wanita PBB dari enam cawangan bahagian Kuching, dan juga wanita komponen GPS serta pemimpin NGO yang menjadi rakan strategik bagi Kementerian kami. Saya ingin ucapkan selamat datang dan juga terima kasih kerana sabar menunggu.

Tuan Speaker, saya merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Tuan Speaker atas kesempatan yang diberi kepada saya untuk menyampaikan Ucapan Penggulungan bagi Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti atau singkatannya KPWK pada petang ini.

Penghargaan juga saya tujukan kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak atas kepimpinan dan sokongan berterusan terhadap usaha merealisasikan agenda pembangunan wanita, kanak-kanak, keluarga, dan kesejahteraan komuniti melalui Belanjawan 2027. Kami melihat Belanjawan 2027 sebagai satu wadah penting untuk memperkukuh agenda pembangunan Sarawak, meningkatkan daya saing ekonomi negeri, mempercepat penyediaan kemudahan asas dan memastikan kesejahteraan rakyat terus menjadi keutamaan kerajaan.

Sejajar dengan aspirasi Strategi Pembangunan Pasca COVID-19 (PCDS) 2030, dan khususnya tujuan Belanjawan 2027, Kementerian akan meneruskan usaha memperkukuh perlindungan sosial, pemerkasaan ekonomi dan sokongan komuniti. Ukuran kejayaan bukan semata-mata banyaknya program dirancang dan dilaksanakan, tetapi perubahan yang nyata dibawanya. Wanita lebih berdikari, keluarga lebih berdaya tahan, kanak-kanak lebih terbela, dan komuniti lebih sejahtera.

Tuan Speaker, izinkan saya melaporkan inisiatif dan pencapaian Kementerian berdasar tiga bidang keberhasilan utama, iaitu:

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

Pemerkasaan Kanak-kanak (Empowering Children)

Empowering children begins with one commitment. Every child must be given the best possible start in life. Sarawak has made significant progress in preschool access. Today, 98.9**%,** I repeat 98.9% of year one children have attended preschool before entering primary school, reflecting the collective and concerted effort of government agencies, ECCE providers, educators and parents. A total of RM4.0 million has been allocated in 2027, for the *Subsidi Yuran Pengasuhan dan Pendidikan Awal Kanak-kanak* and RM14 million for the *Geran Tahunan Khas*, supporting parents

and registered ECCE institutions while helping providers sustain and improve the quality of their services. These investments recognise that ECCE providers, Early Childhood Care providers are not merely service operators, but important partners in ensuring that children have access to quality learning environments.

Beyond access and affordability, we continue to raise quality across all sectors. At the Sarawak Preschool International Convention or SPIC 2026, three early childhood institutions received the ECCE Quality Awards, bringing the total number of recognised *tadika* and *taska* to 28 since the award was introduced in 2016. These awards help showcase good practices that can be shared and replicated.

For the first time, the Ministry also introduced the Inclusive Teacher Award, recognising three educators for their efforts in digital developmental screening and support for children with additional developmental needs through the TOY8 programme. With sponsorship from Pertama Ferroalloys, the award reinforces our commitment to strengthening inclusive practice and ensuring that no child is left behind.

Inclusion and Early Intervention

Sarawak continues to strengthen a more inclusive ECCE system by linking early identification, intervention and professional capacity. From 2020 to May 2026, the One-Stop Early Intervention Centre or OSEIC supported 1,368 children. Of these, 518 completed their intervention programmes. And what is happening, Tuan Speaker, 145 transitioned to mainstream year one, 303 to the Special Education Integration Programme, and 70 to special education schools.

In order to raise awareness of inclusive ECCE, promote early identification and timely intervention, and connect families with available support services, the Ministry organised the Inclusive ECCE Outreach Programme in Dalat on 18th July 2026, reaching 507 participants. The programme was conducted in collaboration with SeDidik Sdn. Bhd., OSEIC Sarawak and the Education, Health and Social Welfare Departments. Similar outreach programmes are planned to Kuching and to other area to extend awareness and support to more families and communities.

In SeDidik preschools, early identification is being strengthened through the TOY8 Digital Developmental Screening and Intervention Programme. As of 6th October 2026, 140 SeDidik teachers have been trained and certified as developmental screeners' and to date, 1,559 children from 92 SeDidik preschools have completed developmental screening.

From the first cohort of 484 children, 49 of the 55 children identified; proceeded with structured intervention. In the second cohort of 1,075 children, all 286 children identified had begun a six-month intervention programme beginning October 2026. Importantly, the programme now goes beyond screening. Children who need additional support can receive structured intervention within their own preschool, delivered by trained teachers who already know them, creating a more seamless pathway from identification to intervention and continued support.

SHAPING THE NEXT PHASE OF ECCE

The Sarawak Preschool International Convention (SPIC) 2026 was held from 25th to 27th of September 2026 with the theme, *"Child Matters: Embracing Change in ECCE".* The Convention brought together 350 in-person and 1,302 virtual participants, including local and international attendees, reflecting strong interest and engagement within Sarawak, Malaysia, and abroad.

Through a keynote address, six substantive paper presentations, the sharing of best practices, and three concurrent sessions, SPIC brought together local and international perspectives on issues ranging from family support and experiential learning to equity and inclusion, child wellbeing, quality-assured ECCE systems, safeguarding, governance, and school readiness.

Every child matter, and everyone who works with or makes decisions affecting children must understand the ethical responsibility that comes with that role. In this spirit, SPIC 2026 included the Pledge to the Early Childhood Professionals Code of Ethics, making Sarawak the first state to undertake the pledge, reaffirming the commitment to uphold the rights, dignity, wellbeing and best interests of every child*…(Applause)…*

At SPIC 2026, participants also presented a set of Resolutions for the Ministry's consideration and follow-up action, calling for a more coordinated, inclusive and integrated ECCE ecosystem. The priorities include holistic child development, stronger parent–educator partnerships, safe and inclusive learning environments, early identification and intervention, school readiness, workforce professionalism, stronger policy and regulatory alignment, improved infrastructure and digital access, practical licensing pathways, collaboration and sustainable funding.

These resolutions are timely as the Ministry develops the Sarawak ECCE Policy Framework, which will bring together key agencies, professionals, providers and communities through a multisectoral approach to strengthen coordination and deliver better outcomes for every child.

STRENGTHENING THE PROTECTION, SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN

Beyond early childhood care, education and intervention, the ministry also places emphasis on protecting children from abuse, neglect and exploitation. In 2026, to date, a total of 108 advocacy talks has been conducted by Protectors under the Child Protection Advocacy Programme, involving 16,665 children. These talks were conducted across Sarawak through schools, Children's Activity Centres and local communities in every division.

The programmes focused on children's rights, recognising risks of abuse and neglect, and the responsibility of families and communities in protecting children. In addition, awareness of *Talian Kasih 15999* is promoted to encourage the public to seek assistance and report cases involving child abuse, neglect and other welfare concerns. This initiative strengthens public awareness of available support services and facilitates timely intervention to safeguard children's safety and well-being.

For children in welfare institutions, the Social Welfare Department (JKM) continues to oversee their safety and care through regular supervision, risk prevention, intervention, incident management and follow-up actions. These measures are intended to ensure that children in welfare institutions receive appropriate care and protection, with their safety, welfare and best interests taken into account in every intervention.

Fajar terbit di Bumi Kenyalang,
Embun pagi menyeri halaman,
Anak dibimbing menuju gemilang,
Menjadi pewaris masa hadapan.

Tuan Speaker, seterusnya, izinkan saya meneruskan pelaporan Kementerian bagi bidang keberhasilan utama yang kedua iaitu Pemerkasaan Wanita dan Keluarga *(Empowering Women and Family).*

PEMERKASAAN WANITA DAN KELUARGA (EMPOWERING WOMEN AND FAMILY)

Pemerkasaan wanita dan keluarga melalui pemerkasaan kepimpinan wanita.

Pemerkasaan Kepimpinan Wanita

Dalam memperkukuh penyertaan wanita dalam kepimpinan dan pembangunan Sarawak, Kementerian terus memberi tumpuan kepada pembangunan bakat kepimpinan, peningkatan kompetensi serta peluasan peluang *(opportunities)* dalam kalangan wanita dan generasi muda.

Melalui *Women Leadership Programme (WLP),* dua sesi bengkel telah diadakan di Bintulu dan Sibu, melibatkan 60 peserta dari kalangan pemimpin wanita dari Badan Bukan Kerajaan (NGO) dan Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum. Dari kumpulan ini, seramai 47 peserta iaitu 92% telah memperlihatkan peningkatan kefahaman tentang makna dan tanggungjawab kepimpinan. Satu lagi sesi akan diadakan di Miri pada 23 hingga 25 Oktober 2026.

Sementara itu, *Leadership Bootcamp for Youth* telah dilaksanakan di Miri dan Kuching, melibatkan seramai 60 pelajar Institusi Pengajian Tinggi. Penilaian selepas program menunjukkan 55 peserta iaitu bersamaan dengan 91.67% menunjukkan tahap kefahaman tentang kemahiran asas kepimpinan berada pada aras tinggi.

Selain itu, melalui kerjasama dengan *Women Leadership Foundation, program Sarawak Women of Tomorrow* terus memberi tumpuan kepada pembangunan kepimpinan, keyakinan diri dan keusahawanan wanita. Sejak tahun 2022 sehingga tahun 2026, seramai 160 pemimpin wanita daripada 58 organisasi telah mendapat manfaat daripada program ini.

Bermula pada tahun 2025, Kementerian terus komited dalam menyokong usaha memperkasa wanita dan menggalak penglibatan mereka dalam sektor teknologi dan ekonomi digital melalui penyertaan dalam SHE-TECH Asia Forum. Pada tahun ini, SHE-TECH Asia Forum 2026 bersempena dengan *International Digital Economy Conference Sarawak* atau IDECS 2026 telah diadakan pada 5 hingga 6 Oktober 2026, bertemakan *"From Participation to Power"*.

Secara keseluruhan, sebanyak 297 penyertaan daripada usahawan wanita, NGO dan penjawat awam telah direkodkan bagi forum tahun 2025 dan 2026. Penyertaan ini memberi ruang kepada wanita untuk memperkukuh kemahiran digital, kepimpinan dan inovasi, di samping memperluas jaringan profesional.

Dalam pembangunan kepimpinan jangka panjang, tiga penerima biasiswa Yayasan Sarawak sedang mengikuti program *Master of Arts in Leadership Development* di Asian *Women's Leadership University College* atau AWLUC dan dijangka menamatkan pengajian pada Mei 2027. Kementerian dengan ini berhasrat meneruskan kerjasama dengan AWLUC untuk membiayai tiga penerima setiap tahun sehingga 2030.

Bagi memperkukuh usaha dalam meningkatkan kesedaran terhadap kesaksamaan gender, dua pegawai JWKS telah ditauliahkan sebagai Jurulatih *Gender Focal Point* menerusi Program *Train the Trainers Sabah Gender Focal Point* Kohort 3 pada 12 Jun 2026.

Sehingga Oktober 2026, JWKS telah melaksanakan program *GENDERate Change@Workplace* di empat Bahagian, iaitu Kuching, Sibu, Bintulu dan Miri, dengan penyertaan seramai 183 penjawat awam Negeri dan Persekutuan. Dan berdasarkan penilaian pra dan pasca program, 136 peserta *that is equivalent to* 97.14% berpendapat pengetahuan mereka berkaitan dengan kepekaan *gender* telah meningkat.

Tuan Speaker,

Pemantapan Institusi Keluarga dan Komuniti melalui Program Pembangunan Ekonomi

Dalam memastikan kemandirian wanita melalui pemerkasaan ekonomi dan kemampanan perniagaan, sejumlah RM1,119,000.00 telah diperuntukkan pada tahun 2026. Setakat September 2026, sebanyak 192 kursus program *Women Vocational Skills Training* (WST) telah dilaksanakan di Wisma Wanita dan tujuh Pusat Kemahiran Jahitan Komuniti (PKJK), ditambah dengan lapan siri *Outreach*.

Daripada 3,505 peserta, seramai 3,008 peserta bersamaan dengan 85.8% kini berjaya menggunakan kemahiran yang dipelajari untuk menjana pendapatan, termasuk 1,702 peserta yang

mencatatkan peningkatan pendapatan, dan 395 peserta yang sebelum ini tiada pendapatan kini memperoleh pendapatan sendiri.

Usaha ini seterusnya dilengkapi dengan program *Sarawak Women@Work* yang menghubungkan wanita dengan peluang pekerjaan dan perniagaan. Sehingga 1 Oktober 2026, empat siri program telah dilaksanakan iaitu di Mukah, Betong, Samarahan dan Miri, dengan penyertaan seramai 1,179 pengunjung.

Hasilnya, 346 usahawan telah dibimbing dengan lebih lanjut melalui taklimat dan forum berkaitan perkhidmatan agensi serta keusahawanan. Selain itu, sembilan pemohon telah diterima bekerja melalui sesi temu duga yang turut diadakan dan dua siri seterusnya akan dilaksanakan di Sibu dan Kuching dengan sasaran 300 penyertaan bagi memperluas akses wanita kepada peluang ekonomi.

Bagi memperkukuh usahawan wanita untuk berdaya maju, Kementerian turut menyediakan bantuan modal dan peralatan perniagaan. Melalui Bantuan Ketua Isi Rumah Wanita Sarawak (KIRWaS), seramai 276 usahawan telah menerima bantuan berjumlah RM276,000.00 bagi tahun 2026. *Each participant gets RM1,000.* Bagi tahun 2027, Alhamdulillah, kerajaan telah memperuntukan RM320,000.00 untuk tujuan yang sama. Terima kasih daun keladi kepada kerajaan. Kalau ada tambahlah lagi.

Sementara itu, melalui Geran Modal Pemerkasaan Wanita Sarawak RM5,000 untuk setiap peserta, seramai 429 usahawan telah menerima bantuan peralatan perniagaan pada tahun 2026. Sepanjang April hingga Oktober 2026, semua penerima geran telah menjana pendapatan berjumlah RM1.72 juta selepas penerimaan geran. Daripada jumlah tersebut, 54 usahawan mencatat pendapatan melebihi RM2,150.00 sebulan dengan pendapatan tertinggi berjaya dijana oleh usahawan dalam bidang makanan berasal dari Sibu dengan pendapatan mencecah RM26,000.00 sebulan.

Tuan Speaker, bagi meningkatkan taraf hidup dan sosioekonomi, penerima bantuan kebajikan atau ahli isi rumahnya yang sihat dan produktif, lelaki dan perempuan, Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak terus melaksanakan pemberian Geran Pelancaran bernilai sehingga RM5,000.00 dalam bentuk peralatan perniagaan serta bimbingan selama dua tahun. Pemberian geran ini bertujuan menggalakkan mereka menjana pendapatan sendiri, sekali gus mengurangkan kebergantungan kepada bantuan bulanan kebajikan.

Sepanjang tahun 2026, 603 Usahawan Mikro Kebajikan telah mencatat hasil jualan terkumpul sebanyak RM9,049,220.00. Pencapaian ini turut diperkukuh melalui penganjuran edisi ke-9 Karnival Wellbest di MetroCity Event Centre (MCEC) pada 1 hingga 4 Oktober 2026, yang melibatkan penyertaan 100 usahawan mikro dan mereka telah berjaya menjana hasil jualan sebanyak RM413,484.00.

Penganjuran karnival ini menjadi salah satu platform bagi memperluas peluang pemasaran serta meningkatkan potensi jualan produk usahawan mikro kebajikan. Seterusnya, melalui kerjasama strategik dengan Jabatan Penjara*, I think our state Sarawak is the only state* yang mengadakan program ini.

Melalui kerjasama strategik dengan Jabatan Penjara, Kementerian melaksanakan program *Low Income Family Empowerment (LIFE)* bagi memberi peluang kedua *second chance* kepada prospek. Prospek ialah bekas pesalah - lelaki atau wanita untuk membina kehidupan baharu. Setiap peserta menerima bantuan peralatan dan keperluan perniagaan bernilai RM5,000.00 untuk memulakan atau mengembangkan kegiatan ekonomi berdasarkan kemahiran serta keupayaan masing-masing.

Prospek diberi perhatian khusus kerana stigma masyarakat menyukarkan mereka memperoleh pekerjaan, sekali gus meningkatkan risiko kemiskinan dan jenayah berulang. Tanpa peluang kedua, kitaran ini akan berterusan. Setakat ini, 85 prospek dari tujuh Institusi Penjara di Sarawak telah dibantu dengan peruntukan RM418,328.40 *very exact*.

Seramai 54 prospek atau 63.5% aktif berniaga, 27 prospek bersamaan dengan 31.8% telah keluar daripada miskin tegar termasuk 11 yang melepasi garis kemiskinan, manakala empat prospek telah berjaya menubuh syarikat mereka sendiri.

Secara keseluruhan, prospek menjana pendapatan kira-kira RM108,000.00 sebulan atau RM1.3 juta setahun. Daripada jumlah ini, RM41,000.00 atau 38% dijana oleh 11 prospek yang telah melepasi Paras Garis Kemiskinan.

Tuan Speaker, antaranya, seorang prospek wanita yang mengusahakan pastri dan kuih-muih kini memiliki jenama sendiri dengan memperoleh pendapatan RM4,500.00 hingga RM11,000.00 sebulan, manakala seorang prospek lelaki berjaya membuka kedai jahit dengan pendapatan RM2,000.00 hingga RM5,000.00 sebulan. Dengan menyediakan peluang kedua ini, *giving them a second chance, 96.5% that is 82 out of 85* prospek kekal bebas dan mampu berdikari. Ini bolehlah…*(Interruption)*…

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Minister, we have a break, sitting resume at 5:30 pm.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada jam 5:07 petang)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada jam 5.38 petang)

[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, under Standing Order 9 (1), I determine today's sitting goes beyond 6:30 p.m. Honourable Minister, please proceed.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti Sarawak; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.56 Dalat (YB Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, pantun ini untuk ahli yang berada dalam Dewan yang mulia ini.

Kampung Lintang, Kampung Sinjan,
Kampung tradisi kaya budaya,
Terima kasih atas kesabaran,
Walaupun hari meniti senja.
...(Applause)...

Program Pemantapan Institusi Kekeluargaan

Berdasarkan statistik perkahwinan dan perceraian Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM) bagi tempoh 2023 hingga 2024, bilangan perkahwinan di Sarawak mencatatkan peningkatan daripada 16,072 kepada 16,443, *an increase by 2.3%,* manakala kes perceraian turut meningkat daripada 4,351 kepada 4,645 kes, *an increase of 6.8%.* Bagi menangani *trend* perceraian serta memperkasakan institusi kekeluargaan, Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak telah menganjurkan sebanyak 29 sesi kursus di seluruh Sarawak serta secara hibrid sejak tahun 2024. Kursus ini merangkumi tiga aspek teras utama iaitu keibubapaan *parenting,* pengurusan keluarga, dan juga pasca perkahwinan yang telah memanfaatkan seramai 2,995 peserta. Hasil penilaian pasca kursus menunjukkan tahap keberkesanan yang signifikan, di mana 2,619 peserta, *that is a* 95.5% daripada 2,714 responden bersetuju bahawa program ini bermanfaat untuk membantu mereka mengurus keluarga masing-masing.

Menangani Jenayah Dalam Talian

Berdasarkan statistik Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM), sebanyak 8,576 kes jenayah siber telah direkodkan di Sarawak bagi tempoh 2024 hingga September 2026, melibatkan kerugian berjumlah RM289.20 juta. Angka ini amat membimbangkan kerana jenayah dalam talian bukan sahaja mengakibatkan kerugian kewangan, malah boleh menjejaskan kestabilan psikososial individu dan kesejahteraan keluarga. Bagi menangani ancaman ini, Kementerian telah melaksanakan Kursus *Anti Scam Literacy* di Sibu pada Jun 2026 dan Program Wacana Bestari: Klik Bijak, Waspada Jenayah Siber di Kuching pada September dan Miri pada Ogos 2026.

Melalui kedua-dua program ini, seramai 438 peserta telah diberi pendedahan mengenai modus operandi jenayah siber, naratif yang digunakan. Langkah pencegahan, perlindungan data peribadi serta saluran pelaporan dan bantuan. Kementerian akan terus memperkukuh literasi keselamatan digital bagi meningkatkan keupayaan masyarakat terhadap ancaman jenayah siber, sekali gus mengurangkan risiko menjadi mangsa penipuan.

Menangani Isu Jenayah Seksual Terhadap Wanita dan Kanak-Kanak

Berdasarkan statistik PDRM bagi tempoh Januari hingga 18 September 2026, Sarawak merekodkan 146 kes rogol, 120 kes kesalahan seksual terhadap kanak-kanak, 41 kes cabul, dan 14 kes liwat. Statistik ini menunjukkan keperluan untuk terus memperkukuh kesedaran masyarakat mengenai langkah-langkah pencegahan, perlindungan, dan sokongan psikososial kepada mangsa.

Sehubungan itu, kementerian telah melaksanakan Wacana Bestari dan *Focus Group Discussion* bersama Komuniti di bawah *Integrated Sarawak Social Intervention Programme* atau ISSIP Focus 2026, di Miri, Sibu, Kuching, melibatkan penyertaan seramai 363 peserta yang terdiri daripada wakil agensi kerajaan, NGO dan komuniti. Program ini memberi tumpuan kepada pengenalpastian risiko, cabaran membuat laporan, tindakan awal, pemeliharaan bukti serta akses kepada perlindungan dan sokongan psikososial mangsa.

Dapatan awal program ini telah mengetengahkan risiko eksploitasi seksual, cabaran stigma dan kelewatan pelaporan, ketidakjelasan tindakan awal serta akses perlindungan dan sokongan kepada mangsa. Selain itu, program ini turut mendapatkan input awal daripada pandangan komuniti bagi mengenal pasti keperluan intervensi yang lebih fokus, khususnya dalam memperkukuh peranan agensi, keluarga, komuniti, dan NGO dalam menangani isu ini.

Menangani Isu Keganasan Rumah Tangga

Seterusnya, menangani isu keganasan rumah tangga, statistik PDRM menunjukkan penurunan kes keganasan rumah tangga di Sarawak, daripada 552 kes pada tahun 2024 kepada 535 kes pada tahun 2025. Walau bagaimanapun, kes keganasan rumah tangga yang melibatkan wanita meningkat daripada 371 kes pada tahun 2024 kepada 382 kes pada tahun 2025.

Bagi menangani isu ini, kementerian telah melaksanakan Wacana Bestari "*Cinta Bukan Penderaan"* di bawah ISSIP *Focus* 2026 di Sibu pada 21 September 2026, dan di Kuching pada 30 September 2026, melibatkan seramai 370 peserta.

Di samping itu, JWKS telah melaksanakan *Kursus Know Your Rights* di Samarahan pada 20 Ogos 2026, dan di Bintulu akan diadakan pada 17 November 2026. Manakala, empat sesi *Pocket Talks* akan dilaksanakan secara dalam talian sepanjang bulan Oktober 2026. Kesemua program ini memberi penekanan kepada pengenalpastian bentuk penderaan, hak mangsa, tindakan awal, pemeliharaan bukti serta saluran bantuan dan perlindungan kepada mangsa. Dari aspek perlindungan mangsa, *One Stop Crisis Centre* (OSCC) di 21 buah hospital seluruh Sarawak menyediakan perkhidmatan bersepadu melalui kerjasama Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sarawak (JKNS), PDRM, JKMS serta NGO yang berkaitan. Berdasarkan statistik JKNS, sebanyak 2,210 kes

telah dikendalikan melalui *OSCC* bagi tempoh 2018 hingga 2026 melibatkan perkhidmatan rawatan perubatan, sokongan psikososial dan rujukan kepada agensi berkaitan.

One Stop Teenage Pregnancy Committee (OSTPC)

Menyedari kesan kehamilan remaja terhadap kesihatan, pendidikan dan kebajikan golongan remaja, serta hakikat bahawa Sarawak mencatatkan bilangan kes kehamilan remaja tertinggi di Malaysia, Kementerian telah menubuhkan *One Stop Teenage Pregnancy Committee* pada tahun 2014. OSTPC telah menjadi mekanisme penyelarasan bersepadu dalam menangani isu kehamilan remaja di Sarawak dengan sasaran pengurangan kes sekurang-kurangnya 10% setiap tahun. *10%, a decline of 10% every year.*

Sejak penubuhannya, bilangan kes kehamilan remaja telah menurun daripada 3,401 kes pada tahun 2014 kepada 1,770 kes pada tahun 2025, iaitu pengurangan sebanyak 1,631 kes atau hampir 48%. Bagi tahun 2026, penurunan kes kehamilan remaja merekodkan daripada 1,159 kes bagi tempoh Januari hingga Ogos 2025 kepada 1,070 kes bagi tempoh yang sama pada tahun 2026, iaitu pengurangan sebanyak 89 kes atau 7.7%.

Dari aspek pengurusan rujukan kes yang melibatkan isu perundangan, pendidikan, kebajikan, perkahwinan dan pendaftaran, sebanyak 373 kes atau bersamaan 78.7% daripada 474 kes yang dirujuk melalui mekanisme *OSTPC* bagi tempoh Januari hingga Ogos 2026 telah selesai, manakala 101 kes (21.3%) masih dalam proses penyelesaian. Kementerian dengan kerjasama OSTPC di peringkat bahagian, terus memperkukuh usaha pencegahan kehamilan remaja melalui pendidikan, kesedaran dan advokasi kepada golongan remaja, keluarga dan komuniti menerusi pelaksanaan Program Intervensi Sosial: Kesedaran dan Advokasi Pendidikan Seksual atau KAPS serta program Randau Pembangunan Sosial (RPS). Pada tahun 2026, sebanyak dua program KAPS telah dilaksanakan dengan penyertaan 551 pelajar, manakala tiga program RPS melibatkan 728 peserta.

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

Tuan Speaker, seterusnya, izinkan saya meneruskan pelaporan Kementerian bagi bidang keberhasilan utama yang ketiga iaitu Pemerkasaan Komuniti Melalui Sistem Sokongan Sosial Yang Inklusif *(Empowering Community Through Inclusive Social Support System*).

Selaras dengan aspirasi inklusiviti sosial di bawah PCDS 2030, Kementerian terus memperkukuh perlindungan sosial, memperluas akses kepada perkhidmatan serta meningkatkan keupayaan kumpulan rentan *(the disadvantage)* untuk menjalani kehidupan yang lebih sejahtera dan berdikari.

Bantuan Kebajikan untuk Golongan Rentan

Iaitu melalui Bantuan Kewangan Bulanan dan Bantuan Kesihatan Yang Bersasar. Bagi membantu golongan rentan menghadapi kos sara hidup, sehingga September 2026,seramai 61,603 penerima telah menerima Bantuan Kewangan Bulanan Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat, melibatkan peruntukan sebanyak RM231.2 juta.

Dalam aspek sokongan kesihatan pula, Bantuan Pesakit Buah Pinggang, Bantuan Perubatan dan Bantuan Alat Tiruan/ Sokongan terus dilaksanakan bagi membantu penerima mendapat rawatan, peralatan dan keperluan kesihatan yang bersesuaian. Bagi tempoh Januari hingga September 2026, ketiga-tiga bantuan ini telah memberi manfaat kepada 649 penerima, dengan jumlah perbelanjaan sebanyak RM10.9 juta.

Kesiapsiagaan Menghadapi Monsun Timur Laut dan El Niño

Seterusnya, sehingga September 2026, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui JKMS telah menyalurkan RM23.71 juta bantuan bencana kepada 499,859 mangsa bencana kemarau, banjir, kebakaran, ribut dan tanah runtuh. Perbelanjaan ini melebihi peruntukan asal sebanyak RM10.1 juta kerana keperluan tambahan bagi memenuhi peningkatkan keperluan penghantaran bekalan air bersih akibat bencana kemarau luar jangka.

Bagi menghadapi *El Niño*, JKMS telah mengaktifkan Bilik Operasi Bantuan Bencana serta memperkukuh kesiapsiagaan pejabat di peringkat bahagian dan daerah. Bagi memastikan rakyat yang terjejas menerima bantuan yang diperlukan, penghantaran bekalan air bersih akan dilaksanakan pada kadar segera. Sukacita diingatkan kepada Ketua Kaum, Tuai Rumah dan Jawatankuasa Bencana peringkat daerah, mereka mestilah memberi maklumat yang lengkap ya, dan betul serta sahih kepada Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat peringkat daerah dan juga Jawatankuasa Bencana.

Dalam persediaan menghadapi Monsun Timur Laut 2026/2027, JKMS telah mengenal pasti 679 Pusat Pemindahan Sementara (PPS) di seluruh Sarawak. Stok bantuan keperluan asas turut disediakan di Depoh Simpanan Samarahan, empat Mini Depoh di Mukah, Kapit, Miri dan Lawas, 12 Pejabat Kebajikan Masyarakat Bahagian dan Daerah serta 23 Pangkalan Hadapan Bencana bagi memastikan penyaluran bantuan segera.

Tuan Speaker, Kementerian mengambil maklum isu perjudian dalam talian serta penyalahgunaan dadah dan substans yang dibangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tamin dan Tellian. Kerjasama inter agensi secara holistik dan bersepadu di bawah OSC MIDS (*One Stop Committee* Menangani Isu Dadah dan *Substans*) akan terus diperkukuhkan melalui tindakan penguatkuasaan bagi pemutusan rangkaian bekalan (*to cut off the supply*), rawatan dan pemulihan penagih dadah, pendidikan untuk tujuan meningkat kesedaran dan pencegahan bagi membendung penyalahgunaan dadah sintetik, *New Psychoactive Substances* (NPS) dan perjudian dalam talian di Sarawak.

SOKONGAN SOSIAL DAN RUJUKAN INTERVENSI

Isu Penyalahgunaan Bahan Terlarang dalam Cecair Vape

Dalam menangani isu penyalahgunaan bahan terlarang dalam cecair *vape*, khususnya dalam kalangan kanak-kanak dan remaja, Kerajaan Sarawak terus memperkukuh tindakan bersepadu melalui pendekatan penguatkuasaan, pencegahan dan advokasi dengan kerjasama pelbagai agensi berkaitan.

Bagi tempoh Januari hingga September 2026, sebanyak 9,054.3 ml cecair *vape* yang disyaki mengandungi bahan terlarang telah dirampas dan nilai rampasan dianggar berjumlah RM1.63 juta. Dalam aspek pencegahan dan advokasi, sebanyak 1,543 program berkaitan penyalahgunaan dadah dan cecair *vape* telah dilaksanakan melalui *One Stop Committee Menangani Isu Dadah dan Substans* (OSC MIDS) di sekolah menengah, sekolah rendah, dalam komuniti dan juga keluarga.

Bagi menjawab perkara yang dibangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ba'Kelalan, sebanyak 26 *One Stop Centre for Addiction* atau OSCA telah ditubuhkan oleh Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sarawak di klinik-klinik kesihatan di seluruh Sarawak, termasuklah di Klinik Kesihatan Lawas. Dan untuk makluman Ahli Dewan yang mulia ini, Sarawak berjaya menubuhkan bilangan OSCA tertinggi di seluruh Malaysia *and this is possible because of the financial support... (Applause)... from our State Government.*

Fasiliti Sokongan Sosial

Kerajaan Sarawak terus memperkukuh jaringan sokongan sosial melalui pengoperasian *Community Social Support Centre*, Tempat Transit Gelandangan dan *Community Development and Intervention Centre* bagi menyediakan perkhidmatan dan intervensi sosial yang mudah diakses oleh komuniti yang memerlukan.

Sepanjang tahun 2026, *Community Social Support Centre* atau *CSSC* Kuching telah menyantuni purata 67 klien sebulan melalui *Soup Kitchen* dan 27 klien miskin bandar melalui *Kuching Food Aid*, mengendalikan 114 kes sosial serta melaksanakan 103 buah program komuniti. Sementara itu, CSSC Sibu yang mula beroperasi pada 1 April 2026 telah mengendalikan tujuh kes sosial dan melaksanakan 133 program komuniti.

Tuan Speaker, bagi Tempat Transit Gelandangan atau TTG, matlamat Kementerian bukan sekadar menyediakan tempat transit sementara, tetapi membantu gelandangan membina semula kehidupan, kembali berdikari dan berintegrasi semula dalam masyarakat. Sehingga September 2026, TTG Kuching dan TTG Sibu telah menyantuni seramai 62 gelandangan.

Dari segi hasil intervensi, 10 penghuni telah mendapat pekerjaan, 10 kembali ke pangkuan keluarga atau tempat asal, tujuh mendapat tempat tinggal dan seorang dihantar ke Rumah Kanak-kanak, manakala 34 masih dalam fasa reintegrasi semula ke dalam masyarakat.

Bagi CDIC, dalam tempoh Januari hingga September 2026, sebanyak 21 program dan aktiviti telah dilaksanakan di CDIC Subis dan CDIC Bau untuk kumpulan sasar. Dari segi impaknya, 22 klien telah berjaya menamatkan Program Rawatan dan Pemulihan dalam Komuniti, manakala enam klien di CDIC Bau turut tampil mendapatkan intervensi dan menyertai program secara sukarela. Antara hasil positif yang direkodkan ialah tiga klien mendapat pekerjaan, dua meneruskan persekolahan dan dua berjaya mengekalkan kepulihan.

Sarawak Social Development Council Research Grant (SDCRG)

Selain penyediaan fasiliti dan perkhidmatan sokongan sosial, Kementerian turut memberi penekanan kepada penyelidikan bagi menyokong perancangan pembangunan sosial yang berasaskan data dan bukti. Sehubungan itu, Kerajaan Sarawak telah meluluskan penubuhan *Sarawak Social Development Council Research Grant* dengan peruntukan tahunan sebanyak RM1.0 juta. SDCRG iaitu *Sarawak Social Development Council Research Grant* menyediakan geran kepada institusi yang berkelayakan untuk menjalankan kajian berskala kecil dan berfokus khususnya dalam bidang berkaitan dengan wanita, kanak-kanak, keluarga dan kumpulan rentan.

Bagi pelaksanaan pertama pada tahun 2026, empat kajian dengan peruntukan keseluruhan RM334,986.00 telah diluluskan, iaitu

(a) Assessing Resilience Among Parents of Children with Special Needs in Sarawak;
(b) Women in Decision Making in Civil Service – A Decade;
(c) Bantuan Am Negeri: Analisis Impak Terhadap Kesejahteraan Penerima Bantuan di Sarawak; serta
(d) Laporan Tren Sosial Sarawak 2020–2025.

KESEJAHTERAAN WARGA EMAS

Tuan Speaker, berdasarkan *Current Population Estimates 2025* yang diterbitkan oleh Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM), penduduk berumur 60 tahun dan ke atas dianggarkan 14% daripada jumlah penduduk Sarawak, iaitu hanya satu mata peratusan di ambang 15% yang ditetapkan oleh Dasar Warga Emas Negara (DWEN) sebagai penanda aras masyarakat menua.

Seiring dengan perubahan demografi ini, Kerajaan Sarawak terus memperkukuh ekosistem sokongan warga emas bagi memastikan kesejahteraan, kesihatan, perlindungan dan keperluan penjagaan mereka terus terpelihara, di samping menyokong keluarga dan penjaga.

Pusat Aktiviti Warga Emas (PAWE) dan Pusat Perkhidmatan Warga Emas (PPWE)

PAWE dan PPWE merupakan platform pemerkasaan warga emas melalui aktiviti sosial, kesihatan, pembelajaran, rekreasi, kesukarelawanan dan penglibatan komuniti. Sehingga 30 September 2026, sebanyak 30 PAWE dan lapan PPWE telah beroperasi di seluruh Sarawak, melibatkan 21,828 warga emas berdaftar. Inisiatif ini turut memperkukuh jaringan sokongan, menggalakkan penuaan aktif serta meningkatkan penglibatan warga emas dalam komuniti.

Kenyalang Gold Card (KGC)

Semenjak pelaksanaan *Kenyalang Gold Card* atau KGC pada tahun 2020 sehingga 30 September 2026, jumlah pemegang kad adalah 410,847 orang. Berbanding hanya 46 rakan strategik pada tahun 2020. Kini, terdapat 1,345 rakan strategik telah mendaftar sebagai KGC *merchant*. Dalam tempoh yang sama, seramai 33,764 waris telah menerima Bantuan Ihsan Kematian yang bernilai keseluruhan RM85.1 juta.

Senior Citizen Health Benefit (SCHB)

Kementerian juga terus melaksanakan Senior Citizen Health Benefit (SCHB) bagi memperluas akses perkhidmatan kesihatan kepada warga emas. Sejak diperkenalkan pada Ogos 2024 hingga September 2026, seramai 234,318 warga emas telah berdaftar. Dari jumlah ini, 133,895 (57%) warga emas telah menggunakan kemudahan ini dengan perbelanjaan sebanyak RM137.5 juta. Akses kepada manfaat ini juga terus diperluas dengan adanya pertambahan bilangan klinik dan hospital panel swasta daripada 257 pada April 2026 kepada 279 setakat September 2026.

Sijil Latihan Penjagaan Warga Emas

Kerajaan Sarawak memperkukuh tenaga penjagaan warga emas melalui Program Sijil Latihan Penjaga Warga Emas (TREC) di CENTEXS Dalat bagi melahirkan penjaga yang kompeten, meningkatkan kebolehpasaran graduan serta memenuhi keperluan tenaga kerja dalam sektor penjagaan. Sejak Oktober 2023, seramai 112 peserta telah mengikuti program ini, dengan 55 peserta menamatkan latihan dan 48 peserta berjaya mendapat pekerjaan di pusat jagaan warga emas.

Penjagaan Asas Warga Emas

Penjagaan warga emas bagi tahun ini, dua sesi Kursus Penjagaan Warga Emas telah dilaksanakan di Kabong dan Kanowit dengan penglibatan seramai 139 peserta. Kursus ini bertujuan memberi pendedahan berkenaan pengetahuan dan kemahiran dalam aspek penjagaan asas serta pengurusan warga emas melalui gabungan pembelajaran teori serta praktikal. Hasil penilaian pra dan pasca kursus menunjukkan seramai 130 peserta (93.5%) mencatatkan peningkatan pengetahuan berkenaan proses penuaan serta pengurusan warga emas dan pada tahun hadapan, kursus ini akan diteruskan sebanyak tiga sesi lagi menerusi kolaborasi strategik bersama NGO tempatan dan JKNS.

Program Khidmat Bantu di Rumah (KBDR)

Program KBDR dilaksanakan bagi menyantuni warga emas dan OKU, khususnya mereka yang tinggal bersendirian (*living alone*) atau memerlukan bantuan dalam menjalani kehidupan seharian. Melalui pendekatan pendampingan sosial, sukarelawan KBDR yang terlatih memberikan sokongan di rumah meliputi penjagaan diri, keperluan harian, *even shopping for groceries* kesejahteraan emosi serta bantuan mendapatkan rawatan mengikut keperluan. Bagi tahun 2026,

seramai 263 sukarelawan KBDR telah dilantik untuk menyantuni 1,052 klien di seluruh Sarawak dengan peruntukan sebanyak RM2.614 juta. Peruntukan ini merangkumi pemberian saguhati kepada sukarelawan mengikut peranan, dan bantuan bulanan bernilai RM100.00 kepada setiap klien.

Program Wacana Minda: Preparation for an Ageing Sarawak

Kementerian juga telah menganjurkan Program Wacana Minda: *Preparation for an Ageing Sarawak* di Miri, Sibu dan Kuching bagi berkongsi dapatan kajian *Preparation for an Ageing Sarawak: The Profile of and Ageing Issues of Older Persons in Sarawak*. Program ini juga menjadi platform perbincangan bersama pelbagai pihak untuk mengenal pasti cabaran, keperluan dan peranan masing-masing dalam menghadapi masyarakat menua, serta mendapatkan input bagi memperkukuh perancangan dan kesiapsiagaan Sarawak menghadapi perubahan demografi. Program ini merekodkan 315 penyertaan yang melibatkan warga emas, kakitangan perkhidmatan, agensi wakil kerajaan, pertubuhan penyedia bukan kerajaan dan pihak-pihak berkepentingan.

Insentif Penjagaan Warga Emas

Sebagai pengiktirafan terhadap peranan dan tanggungjawab perkhidmatan penjawat awam dalam memberi perkhidmatan menjaga warga emas, Kerajaan Sarawak telah meluluskan Bayaran Insentif Penjagaan Warga Emas pada 16 April 2026, dengan kadar RM200.00 sebulan kepada 29 Pegawai Perkhidmatan Awam Sarawak, berkuat kuasa mulai Jun 2026. Kemudahan ini melibatkan pegawai yang bertugas di Rumah Seri Kenangan Kuching dan Rumah Seri Kenangan Sibu, sekali gus menyelaraskan kemudahan insentif dengan Kerajaan Persekutuan serta memperkukuh kebajikan dan penghargaan terhadap komitmen penjawat awam dalam perkhidmatan penjagaan warga emas.

PEMERKASAAN ORANG KURANG UPAYA (OKU) DALAM BIDANG SUKAN

Kerajaan Sarawak terus memberi keutamaan kepada pembangunan sukan yang inklusif bagi memperkasa OKU serta mengembangkan potensi mereka dalam bidang sukan.

Pencapaian Kontinjen Para Sarawak dalam Temasya
Para Sukan Malaysia (PARA SUKMA) XXII Selangor 2026

Kontinjen Sarawak seramai 400 orang, terdiri daripada 332 atlet para dan 68 pegawai, telah menyertai Temasya Para SUKMA XXII 2026 pada 1 hingga 11 September 2026 di Selangor. Bagi temasya ini, Mesyuarat Majlis Tertinggi Sukan Para pada 29 Januari 2026 telah meluluskan pindaan had umur atlet kepada 12 hingga 40 tahun, berbanding 14 hingga 45 tahun sebelum ini. Perubahan ini telah menafi, *denied the opportunity* menghalang atlet senior yang masih aktif dan berprestasi daripada penyertaan.

Melalui penyertaan dalam 10 jenis sukan melibatkan 330 acara, Sarawak berjaya meraih 138 pingat dan menduduki tempat ketiga keseluruhan. Ini boleh tepuk, ya*…(Applause)…* dan yang sangat membanggakan ialah seramai tujuh atlet kita turut memecahkan rekod pertandingan*…(Applause)…*, manakala Norshazwani Maisara binti Marzuki dinobatkan sebagai Olahragawati Kebangsaan bagi Temasya*…(Applause)…*Para SUKMA XXII Selangor 2026 selepas meraih dua pingat emas dalam acara Lontar Peluru WF37 dan Merejam Lembing F37 sekali gus mencipta dua rekod baharu kejohanan, serta satu pingat perak dalam acara Lempar Cakera F37 Wanita.

Program Talent Identification

Program Talent Identification merupakan inisiatif strategik Kementerian melalui JKMS untuk mengenal pasti dan membangunkan bakat sukan dalam kalangan OKU. Program ini telah

dilaksanakan di sembilan Bahagian. Hasilnya, seramai 39 OKU pelbagai kategori telah dikenal pasti berpotensi untuk dipadankan dengan disiplin sukan bersesuaian. Mereka akan diberi peluang mengikuti latihan dan pembangunan atlet secara berstruktur sebagai persediaan mewakili Kontinjen Para Sarawak ke Temasya Para SUKMA ke-23 Kelantan 2028.

PROGRAM OUTREACH KAMEK PRIHATIN KITAK PENTING
DAN PROGRAM SANTUNI KOMUNITI (POSKOM)

Tuan Speaker, Program Outreach Kamek Prihatin Kitak Penting Dan Program Santuni Komuniti (POSKOM). Bagi menjawab perkara yang dibangkit oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pelagus berhubung keperluan memperluas akses kepada bantuan dan perkhidmatan kerajaan, khususnya bagi warga emas, OKU dan golongan rentan di kawasan luar bandar dan pedalaman, Kementerian terus memperkukuh pendekatan turun padang menerusi *Program Outreach Kamek Prihatin, Kitak Penting* dan *Program Outreach Santuni Komuniti* anjuran JKMS.

Melalui pelaksanaan program ini, masyarakat akan mendapat akses secara langsung kepada maklumat, bantuan dan perkhidmatan kerajaan, termasuk khidmat nasihat dan urusan permohonan bantuan, di samping berpeluang mengemukakan isu serta keperluan mereka kepada agensi berkaitan secara bersemuka. Sehingga September 2026, sebanyak tiga *Program Outreach* KPKP telah dilaksanakan di Betong, Sarikei dan Dalat, melibatkan 1,612 peserta, manakala dua Program POSKOM telah dilaksanakan di Daerah Tanjung Manis dan Song, melibatkan 397 peserta. Bagi POSKOM di kawasan Pelagus, perkara ini akan dipertimbangkan dalam perancangan program bagi tahun hadapan.

PEMERKASAAN BADAN BUKAN KERAJAAN (NGO)

Seterusnya Pemerkasaan Badan Bukan Kerajaan (NGO). Kementerian menyedari perlu peranan NGO sebagai rakan strategik kerajaan terus diperkukuh dalam memperluas pelaksanaan program sosial sehingga ke peringkat akar umbi. Sehubungan itu, Geran Intervensi Sosial Sarawak diperkenalkan sebagai inisiatif Kementerian untuk memperkasa NGO melaksanakan program serta aktiviti intervensi sosial. Inisiatif ini berfokus kepada 13 isu sosial utama Kementerian bagi memperkukuh kesejahteraan dan daya tahan komuniti.

Bagi tempoh Januari hingga September 2026, sebanyak 22 NGO telah diluluskan geran berjumlah RM498,168.34 untuk melaksanakan 61 program dan aktiviti intervensi sosial. Sokongan kepada Pertubuhan Sukarela Kebajikan turut diperkukuh dengan penyaluran peruntukan sebanyak RM3 juta kepada 122 PSK iaitu Pertubuhan Sukarela Kebajikan bagi pelaksanaan 267 program. Sementara itu, 26 NGO wanita telah diluluskan geran berjumlah RM424,374.50 bagi melaksanakan program pemerkasaan wanita dan komuniti, termasuk memperluas capaian perkhidmatan kepada wanita luar bandar.

PENUTUP

Tuan Speaker, *penutup,* before I conclude *Tuan* Speaker, allow me to address the question raised by some sceptics who have described Budget 2027 as an Election Budget. Let us leave the labels aside and look at the record. *"Utamakan Sarawak"* and *"Sarawak Maju Makmur" has been the guiding principle of the GPS Government…(Applause)…* It is, *Tuan* Speaker, it is a principle reflected not only in our words, but also in our policies, priorities and continued delivery from year to year.

If putting our people first is merely an election slogan, then why have we continued to prioritise our people well-being, livelihoods, families and future year after year? And if developing our rural communities, empowering our women and children, strengthening families, uplifting vulnerable groups and narrowing the rural-urban divide are merely political promises, then what shall we call the commitment to pursue these priorities beyond the headlines and beyond the political calendar?

Tuan Speaker, the people are our witness. The years are our record and the work we continue to do is our answer. Some may choose to make promises when an election approaches. But promises alone, *janji saja* do not build a road, educate a child, support a family or restore hope to a community. It is the work done, the policies implemented and the lives improved that ultimately matter and for us in GPS, the principle is simple. Less talk about what we intend to do and more determination to do what needs to be done.

Tuan Speaker, this commitment has been strengthened by the visionary leadership of our Premier, Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Zohari Tun Openg. Under his leadership, Sarawak has not merely managed the present; we have prepared for the future. Through the re-engineering of our revenue sources, Sarawak has strengthened its financial position and created greater capacity to invest in development, infrastructure, human capital and the well-being of our people. This is not simply about increasing revenue. It is about increasing Sarawak's ability to decide, to plan and to act in the best interests of Sarawakians.

Tuan speaker, our GPS governing philosophy is clear. Development must never be measured by roads, bridges, buildings and infrastructure alone. These are important, but development must also be measured by the opportunities we create the families we support, the children, women and the OKUs we empowered, the dignity we restore and the communities we uplift and that is why our Sarawak approach must remain holistic. Developing not only our physical landscape, but also our human potential, not only strengthening our economy but also strengthening our social fabric and not only building for today but preparing our children and future generations for tomorrow.

What makes this transformation possible is Yang Amat Berhormat Premier sterling's leadership. It is also the commitment of the entire administrative machinery of Sarawak. When new ideas from our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier are explained very clearly, he translates them into language that ordinary people can understand, the people can see their purpose, value and benefit and when the people understand the direction, they are more prepared to support it, and when the whole administrative machinery and the community understands the vision of Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, they can work together to implement new ideas effectively.

This is how innovation becomes practical and this is how it works in Sarawak. It is not innovation for its own sake. It is innovation that solves problems, improves services, creates opportunities and makes life better for the people. This is the spirit behind *"Kamek Prihatin, Kitak Penting"* because caring for our people must be more than words and the importance of every Sarawakian must be reflected in the priorities of our government. It is also the spirit behind our theme, *"Shaping Minds, Touching Hearts."*

As I conclude, I wish to reaffirm the Ministry's commitment to empowering children, OKUs and the disadvantaged, advancing women and families and strengthening inclusive social support for our communities. Our priority is clear: to give every child the best possible start in life, enable women and families to thrive and ensure that vulnerable groups are not left behind.

The achievements presented today reflect the progress we have made. However, our success must ultimately be measured not by the number of programmes implemented or assistance provided, but by the meaningful and lasting improvements in the lives of our people. Guided by PCDS 2030, the ministry will continue to strengthen partnerships, improve service delivery and deliver measurable outcomes towards a more inclusive, resilient and prosperous Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak for his continued leadership *dan dengan pesanan, jangan dolok berhenti, khidmat Premier masih diperlukan…(Applause)…*kami rakyat bandar, luar bandar tak kira bangsa dan agama berdiri teguh menyokong kepimpinan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier *…(Applause)…*

Tuan Speaker, belanjawan yang baik adalah belanjawan yang mampu mengimbangi aspirasi pembangunan dengan disiplin kewangan yang menggerakkan pembangunan ekonomi tanpa mengabaikan kebajikan rakyat dan yang membina infrastruktur moden tanpa meninggalkan masyarakat di kawasan luar bandar dan pedalaman.

Yang kurik itu kundi,
Yang merah itu saga,
Yang molek itu budi,
Yang indah itu bahasa.
...(Applause)...

Sokongan saya terhadap Belanjawan 2027 adalah berasaskan keyakinan terhadap kepentingan agenda pembangunan yang digariskan, di samping harapan agar setiap komitmen yang dibuat terus dipantau, dilaksanakan dengan cekap dan dipertanggungjawabkan kepada rakyat. I stand to fully support the Supply (2027) Bill, 2026, which provides a strong financial foundation for Sarawak to progress with resilience, inclusivity and foresight.

Tuan speaker, thank you for your wisdom and efficiency in presiding over this session. To all Honourable Members and to the people of Sarawak, on behalf of my Ministry, I extend my warmest wishes for a Happy Deepavali, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May this festive season bring peace, joy, and prosperity to all. Thank you. Utamakan Sarawak, Sarawak Maju Makmur. Sekian, terima kasih.

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

Timbalan Premier Sarawak; Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan Sarawak; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.14 Batu Kawah (YB Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian): Thank you very much, Tuan Speaker.

First and foremost, I would like to thank YAB Premier of Sarawak for presenting the 2027 Budget, themed, "*Together Building Prosperity and Securing Our Futures"*. This budget strongly emphasizes Sarawak's development, particularly in rural areas to safeguard the prosperity and well-being of the people.

I wish to express special thanks to our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier for allocating funds to my ministry, the local authorities and the State agencies under our purview for the continued implementation of various infrastructures and community development projects. The ministry remains steadfast in providing strategic leaderships and direction to the 27 local authorities under my portfolio, alongside key agencies such as DID Sarawak, Sarawak Sewerage Services Department, HDC Sarawak. Furthermore, my ministry oversees development projects implemented by DBKU and the BDA, while maintaining a strategic watching brief over Federal agencies namely Jabatan Kesihatan Sarawak and the Fire Rescue Department Malaysia Sarawak.

I also wish to extend my heartiest congratulations to the Honourable Members in this House, who have been awarded the *Darjah Kebesaran Bintang* dan *Pingat Negeri Sarawak* in conjunction with the 80th Birthday Celebration of His Excellency the Governor of Sarawak on 10th October 2026. I wish to extend my deepest condolences to the family of the late Datuk Song Swee Guan, former Speaker of our Sarawak Legislative Assembly, former State Assemblyman for Padungan and former Member of Parliament for Bandar Kuching, first Mayor of Council of the City of Kuching South and last Chairman of Kuching Municipal Council who passed away on 4th October 2026.

I wish to take this opportunity to convey my deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the families of those who lost their lives in the helicopter crash at Long Lellang, Miri. Their dedication,

commitment and invaluable service will forever be remembered and honoured. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the Sarawak Government for its compassion, generosity and assistance extended to the bereaved families during this difficult time.

I also wish to express my thanks to all the Honourable Members for their comments and concerns for matters under my Ministry which I will address along the course of my winding up speech.

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

Awards and Recognition for Local Authorities

Tuan Speaker, I would like to congratulate our local authorities for achieving various awards and recognitions in 2026. Among others are:

(a) Green & Geopark Excellence Awards 2026 by MCC and MBKS;
(b) JCI Malaysia Sustainable Development Awards 2026 by MBKS;
(c) ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard 2026 to 2028 by MCC and MBKS;
(d) Malaysia Book of Records 2026 by MBKS;
(e) 4th Edition Waste Management Association of Malaysia by MCC;
(f) *Anugerah Bandar Mampan* 2025 by Meradong Julau District Council, Lubok Antu District Council and Sarikei District Council; and
(g) *Anugerah Bandar Sederhana Mampan* 2025 by Dalat and Mukah District Council and Kapit District Council.

Development Projects and Programmes under Local Authorities

For the information of Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat in this august House, under the RMK-13, my Ministry has been given a budget ceiling of RM572.52 million whereby a total amount of RM151.76 million has been allocated to the local authorities this year. This involves 136 projects of which 97 are continuation projects from RMK-12.

For the record, 174 *Projek Rakyat* amounting to RM456.1 million under *Projek Khas* has been implemented by local authorities since 2018 with 110 already completed, 42 under implementation and 22 in the planning stage. As for RTP, the Sarawak Government has approved a total of 8,718 projects from 2015 to 2026 amounting to RM1.4 billion implemented by local authorities. Out of 8,718 projects, 7,740 or 89% of the projects have been implemented. For 2026, the local authorities are currently implementing 802 projects amounting to RM112.85 million.

The projects cover various infrastructure projects such as upgrading of roads and drainage, improvement of waterfronts, upgrading of markets, installation of street lighting and traffic lights, public toilets, public libraries, landscape beautification and rural facilities and amenities. All these projects are progressing at various stages of implementation under the respective local authorities.

In 2026, the ministry also received RM307.13 million under the MARRIS for the maintenance of council roads, including road furniture, road shoulders, roadside drains and related components within the local authorities' jurisdictions. To date, a total of RM195.58 million has been disbursed.

For the information of Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, 16 of our local authorities are also implementing additional projects worth a total of RM1.22 billion totalling 207 projects under the RECODA and other Regional Development Authorities. The local authorities have also received a total of RM73.08 million from the various Federal Ministries to implement their projects, namely the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Malaysia, Ministry of Entrepreneur and Cooperative Development Malaysia, Ministry of Economy Malaysia and Ministry of Youth and Ministry Youth and Sports Malaysia.

SMART Community Development and Engagement Programmes

Tuan Speaker, as of October 2026, a total allocation of RM2.94 million has been provided to 26 local authorities for our SMART programmes. To date, 294 programmes have been approved for implementation, with RM2.25 million disbursed, representing 77% of the total allocation. The remaining programmes are currently at various stages of implementation by the respective local authorities.

Child Friendly City Initiative (CFCI)

For the information of Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat in this August House, the implementation of the Sarawak's Child Friendly Cities Action Plan 2026 to 2028, adopted since February 2026, by the seven Candidate Cities, namely MBKS, DBKU, MCC, SMC, MPP, MPKS and BDA are at various stages of implementation. Out of 11 candidates' cities from Malaysia, seven are from Sarawak. This is Sarawak in 2026, we want to benchmark internationally not just a jungle of Borneo standard.

This year, SMC and MBKS have progressed to the second cohort of their respective Child Councils, established on 19th September and 3rd October 2026 respectively. A total of 157 Child Council members has been appointed in 2026 compared to 147 in 2025 across the seven local authorities. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the first cohort of Child Council Members for their pioneering contributions in raising awareness of the importance of ensuring that children's voices are heard and considered in local planning and decision-making.

Age Friendly City (AFC)

To address Sarawak's ageing population, local authorities have proactively introduced initiatives to support senior citizens' wellbeing and community participation. Kuching and Sibu, represented by three local authorities, namely MBKS, DBKU and SMC, are members of the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

In line with this commitment, all three local authorities have introduced senior citizen-friendly parking initiatives. MBKS and DBKU have implemented the Elderly Easy Payment system to simplify automatic parking payments, while SMC offers a My Senior Citizen Pass (mySCP) for motorists aged 60 and above. These initiatives aim to reduce digital barriers, support independent mobility and promote active ageing among senior citizens.

DRIVING SARAWAK'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH
THE KUCHING SMART CITY AND DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

Under PCDS 2030, the Sarawak Government is advancing toward high-income status by leveraging on smart data management and digital infrastructure to build resilient, interconnected smart cities. To this effect, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Sarawak Government and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) was signed on 15th October 2026 for the development of digital solutions and platform as well as network infrastructure for Smart City for the four local councils MBKS, DBKU, MPP and MBKS.

In complementing the Sarawak Digital Economic Blueprint 2030 aspirations, my Ministry has also implemented a total of 4,873 digital-based programmes to build up SMART Communities capacity. These includes digital literacy, e-commerce start-up, digital marketing skills, product branding, content creation, and cyber security between 2020 until October 2026 involving 58 Digital Community Centres (DCC) under various local authorities benefitting 107,841 local participants.

Tribunal for Housing Purchaser Claims (THPC) and Strata Management Tribunal (SMT)

As of September 2026, we have settled 218 cases, out of which 105 cases are for the Tribunal for Housing Purchaser Claims and 113 cases are for Strata Management Tribunal. The Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Ordinance, 2013 (Cap. 69) also provides for action against non-compliance with Tribunal awards. In 2026, 14 charges for non-compliance with Tribunal for Housing Purchaser Claims awards were brought before the Magistrates' Courts. 12 charges resulted in fines totalling RM58,500, while two charges remain ongoing.

FREE DOG LICENSING PROGRAMME 2026

Tuan Speaker, to curb the spread of rabies and improve pet registration records, my ministry has launched the Free Dog Licensing Programme in 2026, to complement the ongoing pet vaccination programmes and it has already shown positive results. From January to August 2026, local authorities throughout Sarawak recorded 6,210 dog licences as compared to 5,566 in 2025, an increase of 11.6%. In addition, a total number of 4,400 microchipping was also recorded.

In addition, dog licensing services have been extended to the community through the *Program Sarawakku Sayang (SKS)*, where licensing counters were made available to facilitate public access to these services.

ISSUES RAISED BY AHLI-AHLI YANG BERHORMAT

Proposed construction of Medan Selera Sungai Alo and Upgrading of Medan Selera Mateding Fasa 2

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Balingian, Dalat and Mukah District Council (MDDM) will continue to bid for funding under RMK-13 for the construction of Medan Selera Sungai Alo and expansion of parking space at the Mateding Food Court.

Manpower Support for RTP

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pujut, my ministry is actively engaging the Public Services Commission and relevant agencies to secure the suitable manpower and technical expertise for the increasing RTP projects.

Upgrading Aging Residential Roads and Drainage at Bintulu

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Batu, maintenance for roads and drainage has been carried out by BDA utilising MARRIS funding. BDA will continuously maintain the roads and drainage under its jurisdiction based on the annual MARRIS allocation.

Roads Damage Caused by the Ongoing Housing Development

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Stakan, the developers are required to pay Road Permit Deposit to the local authorities before commencing any housing development works. Developers must comply with traffic management requirements, repair any road damage and maintain road cleanliness, failing which, the local authorities may utilize this deposit to cover any repair or maintenance cost.

Proposed Dewan Serbaguna, Pekan Kanowit

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Machan, the proposed project "*Bina Baharu Dewan Serbaguna, Pekan Kanowit*" is currently pending siting approval and will be implemented by Public Works Department (JKR) Sarawak.

Waste Management, Environmental Cleanliness and Public Health Issues at Maludam

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Lingga, both Sri Aman District Council and Betong District Council carries out regular waste collection, drain cleaning, maintenance of waste disposal facilities supported by community clean-up programmes to promote environmental cleanliness and public health within their respective areas. Waste collection is carried out daily in commercial areas under both councils.

Revenue for Kapit District Council

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pelagus, my ministry is fully aware of the financial challenges faced and will continuously work with all local authorities to explore new sources of revenue while strengthening the existing revenue-based collection performance to ensure their financial sustainability.

Traffic Warden to Ease Congestion

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tupong, MPP will explore on the need to jointly collaborate with DBKU on the effective deployment of traffic wardens around the Emart Matang roundabout to ensure smooth traffic management during peak hours.

HOUSING

Tuan Speaker, I now deliberate on housing.

Sarawak Government Funded Project

For the Sarawak Government remains committed to ensuring that Sarawakians have access to affordable and quality housing for those in the low-income and middle-income bracket. In line with this commitment, my Ministry through HDC and MUTIARA has approved an allocation of RM140 million under the RMK-13 funding. The allocation will enable HDC to implement 10 physical projects comprising 906 units of affordable housing across the Divisions of Kuching, Samarahan, Betong, Sibu, Mukah and Limbang.

The affordable housing units will be developed on land provided by the Land and Survey Department under the SPK and SPS. The allocation also covers two non-physical projects, namely Mutiara Affordable Home Financing and Issuance of Strata Titles.

Sarawak Rental Assistance Scheme (SRAS)

Tuan Speaker, from the year 2021 up to September 2026, the SRAS Selection Committee has approved 7,950 applications involving a cumulative locked amount of RM52.4 million. Of these applications, 4,972 are from Kuching, 88 are from Samarahan, six are from Siburan, one from Betong, 757 are from Sibu, two are from Mukah, 1,116 are from Bintulu, and 189 are from Miri. The overall approval also includes 625 students from higher education institutions and 194 applicants from Sarawak and Federal Civil Service occupying Government quarters.

Moving forward, in April 2026, the Terms of Reference for SRAS has been further enhanced. These include the increase in the monthly household gross income eligibility limit from RM4,556 to RM5,504 and extension of the maximum duration of assistance from a maximum of 36 months to 48 months. In addition, the coverage has also been expanded to other Districts namely Siburan, Serian, Sri Aman, Betong and Mukah.

SRAS has also joined the digital bandwagon through the launching of SRAS Go-Live last August which is an online platform that allows applications to be submitted and processed digitally.

This will significantly enhance the processing and approval applications as more districts will be included in the future.

Longhouse Loan Scheme

For the information of Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, since the year 2020, to date a total of RM317.44 million has been disbursed under the Sarawak Government allocation for Longhouse Loan Scheme, which is interest free loan benefiting 443 longhouses comprising 9,023 doors.

This year, the *Jawatankuasa Kelulusan Permohonan Skim Pinjaman Perumahan Untuk Golongan Berpendapatan Rendah (Rumah Panjang)* has approved the implementation of 66 longhouses comprising 1,310 doors, involving a total loan value of RM61.38 million. Meanwhile, under the Federal Government allocation, a total of RM204.59 million has been disbursed since 1978, benefiting 820 longhouses comprising 17,845 doors to date. For 2026, the implementation of 24 longhouses comprising 428 doors has been approved, with a total allocation of RM18.74 million.

Tuan Speaker, for 48 years, Federal Government allocate only RM204.59 million versus Sarawak Government allocate RM317.44 million in six years. This is Sarawak GPS Government. Thanks, Premier Abang Jo…*(Applause)…, pandai cari* money.

MUTIARA Home Financing & Housing Deposit and Repayment Assistance Scheme (HDRAS)

For the year 2022 to August 2026, MUTIARA has received 3,764 applications of which 3,493 applications have been approved amounting to RM33.89 million. The encouraging approval rate reflects the strong demand and effectiveness of HDRAS as a targeted intervention to improve homeownership accessibility, particularly among first-time homebuyers in Sarawak. Only GPS in Sarawak doing this in Malaysia…*(Applause)*…

On home financing, MUTIARA has approved 2,622 applications involving financial allocation RM234.2 million from year 2016 to August 2026. A total of RM153.60 million has been disbursed to 2,085 home buyers at an annual interest rate of 1% for B40, 3% for M40. Malaysian Government offer M40 at 4%, Sarawak offer 3%. Only GPS Government*... (Applause)…*

Rumah Spektra Mutiara (RSM) – PBT Programme

For the information of Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, Rumah Spektra Mutiara – PBT Programme was introduced to support first-time homeownership among Sarawakians from the B40 and M40 income groups by enabling them to build houses on individually owned land titles, including those under the SPK and SPS.

The programme provides affordable housing solutions through the Mutiara Dream Home Financing Scheme, whereby eligible landowners may obtain financing from MUTIARA, while construction works are carried out by registered contractors appointed by local authorities and monitored by my Ministry. As an initial phase, MUTIARA has commenced a pilot project in Kota Samarahan Municipal Council (MPKS) and is now in the process of issuing *Surat Setuju Terima* (SST) involving eight applicants. We are now identifying other potential areas for this type of programme.

Affordable Home

For the information of Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, from 2019 to September 2026, my ministry has approved a total 8,193 private affordable housing applications across all categories. My Ministry will continue to work closely with the Sarawak Housing and Real Estate Developers' Association (SHEDA) to encourage greater participation by private housing developers in the provision of affordable housing in Sarawak. My ministry also holds the Sarawak Housing Coordination

Committee Meeting (SHCCM) to discuss housing issues, solutions with government agencies and industry representatives. This helps strengthen cooperation between the government, the private sector in relation to the housing issues supply in Sarawak, as under the 13th Malaysia Plan, Sarawak plan to build 20,000 affordable houses. So, whoever need a house there should be a house for you.

Sarawak Housing Contribution Trust Fund (SHCTF)

To date, the total collection under the Trust Fund is amounted to RM15.528 million. The purpose of this Trust Fund is to facilitate funding for building more affordable houses throughout Sarawak, which will be carried out by Sarawak Government statutory body.

Housing Development Licence and Advertisement and Sale Permit

From 1st January 2026 until 30th September 2026, my ministry has approved a total of 259 Housing Development Licence applications and 202 Advertisement and Sale Permit applications. A total of RM307,500 has been successfully collected from compounds through the enforcement of compliance measures under the Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Ordinance, 2013, and Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Regulations, 2014.

To further enhance regulatory oversight, my Ministry is undertaking a comprehensive revamp of the Housing Development and Management System (HOMEAPPS), aimed at streamlining administrative processes and improving compliance. Currently, my ministry engaging with various industry stakeholders such as SHEDA, Advocates Association of Sarawak and the Association of Banks in Malaysia for their views and inputs for the final stage of the proposed amendments to the Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Regulations, 2014.

Sarawak Building Board (SBB)

Since Building (Amendments) Ordinance, 2025 came into force in May this year, multiple engagement sessions had been carried out with professional bodies and relevant stakeholders in preparation for the setting-up of Sarawak Building Board. These engagements are important to ensure that establishment of the Board is in line with the current professional practices and stakeholder needs thereby ensuring effective and collaborative building control.

Problematic Private Housing Development Project

As of 30th September 2026, my ministry has identified 60 problematic housing projects statewide whereby 48% or 29 projects have been fully or partially completed or resolved, 52% or 31 projects remain under intervention in the statistic and resumed categories. Out of these 31 projects, two have been declared abandoned. My ministry remains fully committed to resolving the issues concerning the remaining problematic projects. Notably, the stated problematic projects represent only 2.3% of the total 1,350 housing projects statewide.

ISSUES RAISED BY AHLI-AHLI YANG BERHORMAT

Affordable Housing Projects at Bintulu

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Jepak and Tanjong Batu, my ministry, through HDC has identified two parcels of state land for affordable housing in Jepak, namely Lot 111, Block 36, Kemena Land District, and Lot 61, Block 36, Kemena Land District, for the future development of affordable housing.

BDA, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Urban Development Sarawak and Land and Surveys Department Sarawak, are also undertaking and planning several housing development

projects in Bintulu to increase the supply of residential land and affordable housing for the B40 and M40 income groups.

The projects include SPK Jelutong, Jepak and SPK Tatau, which are under construction and nearing completion, as well as SPS Jelutong and Jepak Urban Redevelopment Project has been approved and SPK Tatau (Phase 2) which is currently under planning.

DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE SARAWAK (DID)

DID Sarawak is the main technical agency responsible for the developing policies and implementing flood mitigation projects and drainage infrastructure in Sarawak. The effects of climate change are becoming more and more evident worldwide, and Sarawak is also experiencing its impact. Floods continue to be a major challenge in both urban and rural areas, caused by heavier rainfall, longer monsoon seasons and rising sea levels.

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

RMK-13 State Funded Projects

Under RMK-13, the Department has been allocated an approved ceiling of RM265.29 million to implement 45 projects. These projects are progressing according to schedule, as follows:

(a) 18 projects are currently under construction; and
(b) 27 projects are at various stages of design and are being prepared for procurement, subject to necessary approvals from the relevant authorities.

Under *Projek Rakyat*, since its rollout in 2018, a total of 148 projects has been approved totalling RM1.1 billion. The projects are currently at the following stages of implementation:

(a) 114 projects have been completed;
(b) 13 projects under various stages of implementation; and
(c) 21 projects been transferred to RMK-13 List and under various stages of construction.

RMK-13 Federal Funded Projects

With regards to Federal-funded initiatives, a ceiling of RM2.8 billion has been approved under the First Rolling Plan 2026 for major projects that will further reduce flood risks and strengthen protection for communities across Sarawak. Among the key project under these allocations are the RM2.48 billion *Rancangan Tebatan Banjir* (RTB) *Bandaraya Kuching Fasa 2 Pakej Penuh,* in which the approval was announced in this august House in May. Thanks, YAB Datuk Amar Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia and the Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation, for securing this substantial federal funding. This RTB is a landmark investment in Kuching flood protection. Since then, the Value Assessment and Value Engineering Workshop has been scheduled for early November 2026 keeping the project on track for physical implementation from 2027 to 2033.

When completed the 6km Sungai Sarawak Bypass will protect 470,233 residents and 47,264 hectares in greater Kuching. The department will work closely with the Federal Government to ensure that the project begins on schedule. The other three packages on the *Pembangunan Lembangan Sungai Bersepadu (PLSB)* Sungai Sarawak project, with a total cost of RM191 million, are currently at various stages of physical implementation and are targeted for completion between second and third quarter of 2027. RTB Sungai Miri and RTB Daerah Limbang are under the implementation and is targeted for completion in first quarter of 2028. I also wish to update this august House on the implementation on the *Program Ramalan dan Amaran Banjir (PRAB) Fasa* 2

and *Fasa* 3 in Sarawak. This national flood forecasting and warning initiative involves a combined investment of RM207.99 million in the state and will significantly expands Sarawak's hydrological monitoring capacity.

Rural Transformation Projects (RTP)

Since RTP was introduced in 2015, a total of 4,967 projects has been approved for implementation by DID Sarawak under this initiative. To date, 4,365 projects representing 88% have been completed, while the remaining 602 projects are currently being implemented at various stages.

Projects Under Regional Development Authorities

Tuan Speaker, the department has also been entrusted by various regional development agencies with the implementation of 77 flood mitigation and drainage related projects throughout Sarawak, involving a total allocation of RM188.87 million. Of these, 25 projects have been completed, while the remaining 52 are at various pre-implementation stages.

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Flash Flood at Saratok Town and Desa Damai Residential Area

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka, the Stormwater Management and Drainage Master Plan Study Betong, Saratok, Spaoh and Debak was completed in August 2021. The study has identified long-term solution to address the flooding issue in Saratok Town. The Department has submitted a proposal under the RMK-13 to implement the recommended drainage improvement work for the funding consideration and approval of the State Government.

Flood Mitigation Projects at Kampung Saujana

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Assek, the propose for Phase 2 of the Sentosa Flood Mitigation Project, entitled "*Projek Menaik Taraf Jalan dan Perparitan di Kawasan Bukit Lima* Nature Reserve and *Kampung Usahajaya, Sentosa, Sibu* Fasa 2", with a revised estimated cost of RM56.6 million, has been submitted to Sarawak Government under the RMK-13 for funding consideration and approval.

Flood Mitigation Projects in Bintulu

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Batu, the three flood mitigation projects recently announced for implementation form part of the components of works under the *Rancangan Tebatan Banjir Bintulu Fasa 2.* These components comprise SJK(C) Sebiew, Taman Desa Damai and Gem Park. The flood mitigation project for Taman Bukit Orang, RPR Sebiew, Taman Jason, Jade Garden and Pearl Garden will be considered under the Bintulu Town Flood Resilience Study and Master Plan spearheaded by BDA.

SEWERAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SARAWAK

Urban Sewerage

Tuan Speaker, I will now update the various sewerage projects implemented in Sarawak which are funded by both Sarawak Government and Federal Government.

Centralised Sewerage Systems

The design for Miri Centralised Sewerage System Phase 2, with a scheme value of RM450 million, has been completed. Package A, comprising the sewer network and critical property

connection works, has been tendered and is expected to be handed over construction in the fourth quarter of 2026. The tender for Package B, comprising Module 2 of the sewage treatment plant, is expected to be called in the second quarter of 2027.

The Kuching Centralised Sewerage System Package 2 project, with a contract value of RM750 million, has achieved 99.6% physical completion. The remaining work are currently being finalised, with full completion targeted by the fourth quarter of 2026. For the Kuching Centralised Sewerage System Zone 1 Package 3 project, with a scheme value of RM382 million, the detailed design has reached 85% completion. The tender exercise for the subsoil investigation and topographical survey works has been finalised, with both activities has commenced in October 2026.

The Kota Samarahan Centralised Sewerage System Phase 1 project, with a scheme value of RM650 million, is currently at Design Stage 2, with overall progress reaching 25%. The Value Assessment Lab will be conducted upon obtaining the necessary siting approval for the proposed sewage treatment plant. The procurement of civil and structural engineering consultancy services for Rationalisation of Sewerage System in the North–South Catchment area of Bintulu, with a scheme value of RM225 million has been finalised. The letter of acceptance is expected to be issue within this month, following which the study and detailed
design works will commence.

Septic Sludge Treatment Plants

Tuan Speaker, the physical work for all four Septic Sludge Treatment Plant (SSTP) projects in Betong, Sarikei, Kapit and Limbang with a total cost of RM60 million are expected to fully commence in fourth quarter of 2026.

For Sri Aman-Betong SSTP Project, the project is currently at 21.86% completion and is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2027. As for Limbang SSTP project, the project is currently at 2.8% completion and is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2027. The tender for the remaining Kapit and Sarikei SSTPs was called on the 22nd of September 2026 and will be closed on 21st October 2026.

SARAWAK HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Services

Tuan Speaker, I will now proceed to update on the health services environment provided by the Sarawak Health Department and agency under the Ministry of Health, Malaysia.

Recognition for Hospital Umum Sarawak and Pusat Jantung Sarawak

I am proud to share in this august House that our Pusat Jantung Sarawak has been awarded top 100 Best Specialized Hospitals in Asia Pacific specializing in Cardiology by the Newsweek ranking since 2023, four consecutive years and the only one of the Ministry of Health in the top ranking. Sarawak General Hospital has also been recognized as the top clinical research centre and top research medical specialist, Dr. Voon Pei Jye in Malaysia for four consecutive years. Last year, YAB Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim himself presented the awards. These recognitions have proven that our hospital in Sarawak despite under funding, under staffs, overwork, under paid, our staffs working beyond the call of duty, putting Sarawak not just top in Malaysia but top in Asia Pacific region. Imagine …(*Applause*)… Imagine, if Kuala Lumpur gives us more funding and health autonomy under MA63.

Our Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister has announced a total amount of RM47.7 billion for national healthcare in the Malaysia Budget 2027 and we are hopeful that a substantial amount, would be allocated to Sarawak to alleviate the healthcare facilities and the needs here.

I have shared in MA63 meeting chaired by Prime Minister, chaired by Deputy Prime Minister, co-chair with the Minister of Health Malaysia, Sarawak need to catch up to the rest of West Malaysia in term of healthcare facilities standard, we need RM17.26 billion. For *naik taraf* and *baik pulih* hospital and Klinik Kesihatan in Sarawak, we need RM8.98 billion. For *bina baru* hospital and Klinik Kesihatan in Sarawak, we need RM8.28 billion.

During the annual MA63 meeting in Kota Kinabalu recently, I have asked Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim to allow Sarawak to have special recruitment exercise soonest possible to fill the 5,654 vacant posts, representing 18% of total workforce of Jabatan Kesihatan Sarawak, not to mention the need to create additional 11,000 posts in order to be consistent with KKM norms and standard of staffing after KKM/JPA audited seven hospitals in Sarawak last year.

We hope Kuala Lumpur and KKM will be fair to the people of Sarawak. We are not asking our facilities or human resources to be better than West Malaysia but just to catch up to West Malaysia so that Sarawakian can enjoy the same health facilities and healthcare human resources standards in Sarawak. As of 30th September 2026, the department has received RM2.91 billion operating funds and RM552.64 million development funds from the Ministry of Health, Malaysia. These funds are allocated for operational expenses, human capital development, minor upgrading and repair on health facilities as well as for hospital and clinic support services including procurement of medical equipment.

Healthcare Development Projects

For the information of this august House, as of 30th September 2026, the clinical block of the new Lawas Hospital has been completed, and the new hospital has started operation on 7th September 2026.

As for the Petra Jaya Hospital, the project's physical progress stands at 91.02% as of 25th September 2026. The revised date of completion after EOT No. 7 is 14th December 2026. The contractors are finalising the internal finishing, preparing for the installation of the medical equipment.

Two new clinics, under *Rintis* Project initiative, KK Nanga Atoi in Saratok and KK Nanga Ngungun in Kanowit, were approved with a total estimated cost of RM12.8 million. KK Nanga Ngungun is expected to hand over before the end of 2026.

The new KK Tabuan Jaya had started operating on 19th July 2026. Meanwhile, there is one project in the final phase, KK Lawas, which is expected to be operationalised by the last quarter of 2026.

The Federal Government has allocated RM50 million for upgrading of six dilapidated health facility projects in Sarawak. Currently, three of these projects are under tender evaluation, with the *Surat Setuju Terima* (SST) expected to be issued soon for KK Tepus in Selangau, KK Tanjung Bijat in Sri Aman and KK Tun Abang Haji Openg in Subis. Meanwhile, the Letter of Acceptance for two projects have been issued, namely:

(a) the Construction of the Isolation Ward at the Emergency and Trauma Department of SGH which has commenced on 28th September 2026 is expected to completion within 13 months; and

(b) the Construction of KK Kuala Lawas in Lawas which commenced on 20th July 2026 is expected to be completed within 18 months.

For KK Kedup in Serian, the tender process will commence once the Notice of Change (NOC) has been approved and issued.

For the year 2026, MOH has allocated RM9.35 million for upgrading, renovation and repair work of 29 health clinics and one District Health Office in Sarawak. Apart from that, MOH has also allocated RM2.4 million for repair and upgrading works for 14 quarters and eight units of barracks in KK Bario in Bario, KK Nanga Mujong in Kapit, KK Belawai in Tanjung Manis in which, all are currently under the implementation and expected to be completed by end of this year.

To date, 175 clinics in Sarawak, representing 64.8% of primary healthcare facilities, have been digitalised. Of which, 154 is using the Cloud-Based Clinic Management System (CCMS). 142 clinics out of the 154 clinics with CCMS is a result of the RM10 million invested by Sarawak Government in ICT hardware and digital infrastructure upgrades, particularly in rural and hard-to-reach areas.

This reflects Sarawak's aspiration to become a frontrunner in healthcare digitalisation in line with the PCDS 2030 and the social development agenda under RMK-13. Sarawak have played our roles and do our parts. Hopefully, Sarawak will be given a fair share of the RM1 billion digitalisation allocation in the Malaysia budget 2027.

Sarawak Cancer Centre

The 310 beds Sarawak Cancer Centre is a landmark initiative being undertaken in collaboration with Putrajaya, with an estimated cost of RM1.5 billion plus. The project is on schedule and currently it is at the tender procurement stage with JKR Malaysia. The contract is expected to be awarded with the issuance of the SST in the first quarter of 2027. The project duration is five years, and it is scheduled to be completed in 2032. Quoting our YAB Premier during 2027 Budget Speech, a sum of RM20 million will be allocated next year to implement the Sarawak Cancer Centre. The new centre will transform the State's capacity to provide comprehensive and specialised cancer treatment as cancer is number two disease burden in Sarawak after the heart disease be the number one disease burden. Sarawak Government will be contributing RM500 million and loan Federal Government RM1 billion to the project. As such, Sarawak Gov will do the procurement for G1, G3 and G4 equipment. The necessary processing and approval are being done to ensure smooth implementation.

Sarawak Medical Committee (SMC)

The Sarawak Medical Committee is fully functioning. Specialists from overseas who wish to register can choose to register with Malaysian Medical Council's Specialist Registration or alternatively register via Sarawak Medical Committee when they visit the Malaysian Medical Council's website. There are many enquiries to SMC for the potential applicants and SMC has provided relevant information and advice to the applicants.

Human Rabies

Tuan Speaker, as of 26th September 2026, Sarawak recorded 16,976 animal bite reports, a 17.1% increase compared to 14,499 cases during the same period in 2025. Six human rabies cases were reported in 2026, compared to seven in 2025. Since the outbreak was declared in 2017, Sarawak has recorded 96 human cases, including 89 deaths.

Out of the 96 human death cases, 11 are caused by cats' bites. Rabies is not a disease transmitted by dogs alone. Infected cats can also transmit rabies to humans through bites and scratches. The public must recognise that exposure to cats, whether pets or strays, may also pose a serious risk. All animal bites and scratches should be taken seriously, and immediate medical attention is essential to prevent this deadly but preventable disease.

Recognising that effective rabies control requires a whole-of government and community approach, my Ministry and local authorities have demonstrated strong commitment and proactive

involvement in supporting rabies prevention and control efforts, extending beyond our core responsibilities in dog licensing, stray dog management and enforcement.

Dengue Fever

Dengue fever remains an important public health challenge for Sarawak. While the year 2025 recorded fewer cases compared to 2024, the situation in 2026 shows a concerning upward trend. As of 26th September 2026, a total of 816 dengue fever cases has been reported in Sarawak, compared to 548 cases during the same period in 2025 with increase of 48.9%. Of which, 62.6% of these cases were concentrated in Kuching, Samarahan and Serian Divisions. Regrettably, there have been two deaths due to dengue fever so far this year.

The Department, in collaboration with State and Federal agencies, is committed to safeguarding the health of our people by implementing various control strategies such as source reduction, integrated vector management and health promotion initiatives to keep our risks manageable.

ISSUES RAISED BY THE AHLI-AHLI YANG BERHORMAT

Medical Personnel Incentives and Professional Development

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ba'Kelalan, MO serving in Sabah and Sarawak are provided with higher regional allowances compared to posting in other States on top of the standard critical service allowances and housing assistance. These financial incentives can help to attract more MOs to work in East Malaysia and address the shortage of medical personnel in Sabah and Sarawak. In addition, the MOs posted to Sabah and Sarawak who have completed two years of service may have better advantage when applying for postgraduate Master programme, as they may be given priority over applicants who have not worked in East Malaysia.

Flying Doctors and Rural Healthcare Services Reform

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ba'Kelalan, following a recent incident, the Flying Doctor Service (FDS) has been temporarily suspended. To ensure long-term safety and effectiveness, comprehensive proposals are currently being drafted to upgrade operational safety, air asset suitability and personnel welfare by the Federal Government.

With 69 out of 85 FDS localities now accessible via off-road or river routes, leaving only 16 entirely dependent on-air transport, the Federal Government aims to ensure equitable, consistent and uninterrupted healthcare access across all affected regions. Moving forward, mobile healthcare delivery will adapt to ongoing infrastructure improvements, shifting to land routes as the Sarawak Government expands road connectivity.

Klinik Kesihatan (KK) Kuala Tatau

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Jepak, KK Kuala Tatau has previously received a project in 2022 under the BP6 allocation costing RM200,000. In 2025, an additional allocation RM 200,000 was approved for repair and upgrading works under *Projek Pembaikan Infrastruktur Akibat Bencana Banjir*. Currently, the Department is in the process of identifying a suitable site for the proposed development of a new Type 6 KK Kuala Tatau.

Parking Issues at Healthcare Facilities at Sarikei

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Repok, as for Sarikei Hospital the masterplan to construct an additional block includes a car park component under RMK-14. Simultaneously, the

Department has implemented a staggered outpatient follow-up system to help alleviate parking congestion and improve overall flow of patients and visitors.

Medical Personnel and Ambulance Services for KK Nanga Ngungun

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ngemah, KK Nanga Ngungun is a Type 7 Clinic serving a population of 2,812, with an average daily attendance of 19 patients, supported by five local staff. The clinic currently provides essential healthcare services, including Outpatient Care, Maternal and Child Health. Based on the current workload and service utilisation, the existing service arrangement is considered appropriate to meet the present healthcare needs for the community. The MOH is executing a nationwide ambulance procurement initiative for 69 Klinik Kesihatan including KK Nanga Ngungun with delivery projected for 2027.

Healthcare Capacity in Bintulu

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Batu, currently, the department has received approval under RMK-13 RP1 for preliminary works to construct an additional block for Bintulu Hospital. The proposed project has taken into consideration the increasing demand for healthcare services, as well as the projected population growth in Bintulu and the surrounding towns served by the hospital. The proposal for a new hospital in Bintulu shall be explored by my ministry in the mid to long term as fast strategy to improve healthcare services under the ongoing Sarawak Public Health Master Plan 2030.

Healthcare Services at Bukit Mabong District

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Baleh, the Department acknowledges the need to strengthen healthcare services in Bukit Mabong District, particularly the proposal to establish a new polyclinic. The MOH remains committed to ensure equitable access to quality healthcare, particularly for rural and remote communities, in line with our aspiration to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Klinik Kesihatan Long Napir

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Danau, the MOH acknowledges the importance of improving healthcare accessibility for rural and remote communities, particularly in Long Napir, Limbang. The proposed construction of Type 6 KK Long Napir, was approved under RMK-10 RP 4 with the allocated project cost of RM9.52 million. The development comprises of a new clinic building with supporting facilities and eight units of staff quarters. This project remains at the pre-construction stage with the Letter of Acceptance targeted to be issued once NOC is approved.

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT MALAYSIA SARAWAK

Fire Safety Awareness Programme and Enforcement

Tuan Speaker, Fire and Rescue Department Malaysia Sarawak have been committed in implementing public educational and awareness programs in fire safety for the communities of Sarawak. From 1st January to 30th September 2026, the Department conducted a total of 2,870 public awareness programmes involving 177,506 participants across Sarawak.

Statistic of Emergency Calls

Between 1st January and 27th September 2026, the Department responded to a total of 7,374 emergency calls, comprising 2,465 fire-related incidents, 4,874 rescue operations and 28 special service cases. This action has resulted in the successful preservation of assets valued at RM443.27

million. During this period of January to September 2026, there was a record of 1,675 cases of open and forest fire, which has affected 1,697.75 hectares of land across Sarawak.

The monthly average for open and forest fire calls has reached 186 cases, a significant increase compared to the monthly average of 85 cases recorded from the previous year. This a further reflected in the annual value of asset preservation over recent years, with RM2.03 billion in 2023, RM751.1 million in 2024 and RM551.03 million in 2025, highlighting the Department efforts and interventions in mitigating losses to the public and the nation.

Fire and Rescue Services at Bukit Mabong District

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Baleh, currently, there are no plans to establish a Fire and Rescue Station in Bukit Mabong. However, the need for station is determined by a "*Fire Cover Study*" using TM Malaysia's Smart Map. This study evaluates seven key criteria:

(a) Response Time;
(b) Risk Profile;
(c) Population;
(d) Topography;
(e) Socioeconomic and Political Factors;
(f) Coverage Area Size; and
(g) Strategic Special Requirements.

Proposed Fire and Rescue Station at Kabong

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong, the proposed Kabong Fire and Rescue Station is currently under consideration. The proposed site located at Lot 1019, Block 14, Kalaka Land District was relocated to another Federal agency. However, the Department has applied for the release of the said land through the Federal Lands Commissioner.

Proposed Fire and Rescue Station at Engkilili

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Engkilili, the Department has paid the land premium and start the procurement procedure for the proposed Engkilili Fire and Rescue Station.

Sarawak's Nation Building

Tuan Speaker, in 2026, unfortunately and very sad, not only in West Malaysia but more and more places of in the world are facing more and more uncertainty, division, polarisation, politicking, hostilities resulting in unprecedented chaos, hardship and suffering in Malaysia and around the world. Even in Sarawak, because of the Middle East conflicts, my *Laksa* has gone up in prices.

Tuan Speaker, in 2025, I thought is bad. In 2026 is worse. I think the worst is yet to come. Not surprising, many Malaysian are *mata merah* and worse after Premier Abang Jo tabled a growth-oriented, surplus state budget for 2027 last Monday with a projected revenue of RM15.091 billion, the highest ever recorded in Sarawak's history. It is another people-centric budget with many programs for *anak-anak* Sarawak that no other State Government in Malaysia can provide. Only GPS Sarawak*…(Applause)…*

Sarawak is blessed with a strong unity of *anak-anak* Sarawak. In 2026, many Sarawakians felt proud to be a Sarawakian. Though our IC is number 13, the last in Malaysia but we have a *"K"* stand for king, '*hormat*' in which people respect us as Sarawakian, looking up to us as Sarawakian, putting their hope in Sarawak.

Sarawak is also blessed with political stability under the visionary and forward looking Premier Abang Jo's leadership. Political stability because we DO NOT have DAP in Sarawak Government, as they are always divisive, polarising, politicking, disguise as championing for the Rakyat. We have witnessed in this august House their behaviour, their drama in every DUN session as indeed one's character cannot change.

Tuan Speaker, DAP Sarawak is bankrupt of ideas, still the same political style of gutter politics, cheap publicity based on for emotional sympathies without significant substance or results, all disguised as championing for check and balance in democracy. They have 40 DAP YB MPs, second largest in Parliament in Malaysia, yet they fail to check and balance in KL. DAP just *tengok saja* in check and balance.

As Sarawak undergoes unprecedented progress towards 2030, Sarawakians need to remain united and stand together in solidarity for these few critical years till 2030. We must be on high alert for *anai-anai* from both within and outside Sarawak and also *anai-anai* inside GPS. I call upon every Sarawakian to play their role and do their part, no matter where they are in the world, to contribute, to support GPS Government under Premier Abang Jo in building a stronger and prosperous Sarawak, an inclusive Sarawak, an environmentally sustainable Sarawak. By 2030, we will be proud Sarawakians not just growing up into adulthood but standing tall, not just in Malaysia but regionally.

Is not good enough for Premier Abang Jo doing well, but every Sarawak agency, every Sarawak NGOs, and every Sarawakian to do well also. So, *jangan tengok saja*. Given the political chaos in West Malaysia in the last few months, where Sarawak is supposed to have election but Johor, Negeri Sembilan and Melaka have State Election sooner than Sarawak.

We can see how toxic, divisive, polarising West Malaysia cultures and how chaotic politically. Let's "*tolak*" all *"Malayan Parties"* from Sarawak for once. Let's *Jaga Sarawak Bait Bait*. Sarawak First. Let Sarawak be different from Malaysia politics which has gone from bad to worse over the last 10 years where they thrived on divisions, polarising, negative and toxic narratives and destroying Malaysia instead of nation building that we are doing for Sarawak. For those who are not voting in Sarawak, *jangan tengok saja*, but do actively support and help us in our daily cyber media war from whatever you are in the world in whichever you can.

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

I want to congratulate you, Tuan Speaker *masih boleh tahan* from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m*…(Applause)…*you know, and also for all the Ahli-ahli YB who is still in this august House, thank you very much. I would also like to put on record my thanks and appreciation to my two Deputy Ministers, YB Datuk Penguang Manggiland YB Datuk Michael Tiang and Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar SS, Sarawak Financial Secretary, Sarawak Attorney-General, DUN Secretary and all officers from the various Ministries, State and Federal Departments as well as Government Agencies for their hard work, dedication in ensuring the smooth proceedings in this august House.

My special thanks also go to our friends from the media who has provided coverage throughout the Sittings. Lastly, I would like take this opportunity wish all Sarawakians, Happy Deepavali 2026, a Merry Christmas 2026, a Happy New Year 2027 and a Happy Chinese New Year the Goat 2027. With that, I fully support Supply (2027) Bill, 2026. *Sekian, terima kasih* and Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur*. Ooooha...(Applause)...*

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the Sitting is now adjourned and the House shall resume its sitting at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada jam 7:34 petang)