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| 2. | Encik Vong Choon Chan | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 3. | Puan Siti Nazilafatullaini binti Sukri | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 4. | Encik Lee Chang Fu | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 5. | Encik Shaharuddin bin Abdul Ra'afup | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |

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| 2. | Encik Gabriel anak Jimmy | <i>Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Berhad</i> |

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| 1. | Encik Abang Hasmadi bin Abang Wahab | <i>SAINS</i> |
| 2. | Encik Salihin bin Abu Seman | <i>SAINS</i> |
| 3. | Encik Siddeq Harris Chiew | <i>SAINS</i> |
| 4. | Encik Sufian bin Sulaiaman | <i>SAINS</i> |

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| 1. | Encik Shah Riwandu Sia bin Ridzuan | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i> |
| 2. | Encik Mohammad Zaidi bin Rambli | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i> |
| 3. | Encik Lawrence Encharang | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i> |
| 4. | Encik Mohamed Nazeerudin bin Gulam Mohamed | <i>Kementerian Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak</i> |
| 5. | Encik Andy anak John | <i>Kementerian Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak</i> |
| 6. | Encik Fadillah bin Lokman | <i>Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Bahagian Kuching</i> |
| 7. | Encik Addison anak Fredrick | <i>Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Bahagian Kuching</i> |

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2. Cik Noria binti Suut
3. Puan Nur Azira binti Abdul Kadir
4. Encik Nurkhairudin bin Osen
5. Puan Rabiah binti Abdul Kadir
6. Cik Genang anak Timbung
7. Puan Siti Norhiza binti Mohammad Yusri
8. Puan Hanisah Abdullah
9. Cik Siti Halimah binti Mohamad Nawawi
10. Puan Hasfarini binti Hassim
11. Cik Nurhaffizah Abdullah
12. Puan Natasha Nadia binti Mohd. Saidi
13. Puan Angela Lisa anak Mathew Linol
14. Encik Felix Aaron anak Michael
15. Puan Calista Abbie anak Sapa @ Patrick Sapa

16. Cik Sharina binti Sopian
17. Puan Patricia anak Peter
18. Encik Awang Mohammad Asyrul Jaya bin Awang Putra
19. Sarjan Terence anak Jayan
20. Puan Norziana binti Haji Ahmad
21. Encik Mohd Hasfia bin Abdullah
22. Puan Nur Eliana Abdullah
23. Puan Tracy Lyana anak Bana
24. Encik Muhammad Elliyas bin Matali
25. Encik Mohd Zulkhairi bin Mohammad Hejemi
26. Puan Dayang Nazira binti Abang Martaza
27. Puan Jasmine Sinja anak Robinson
28. Puan Dayang Noorazilla binti Jasni
29. Cik Parcelia Renyelia anak Pamg
30. Cik Nur Zafirah binti Affendy Michael
31. Puan Deidre anak Wilson
32. Cik Siti Nur Marsitah binti Abdullah
33. Puan Nur Amira Lystiani binti Poniman
34. Encik Razali bin Awi
35. Puan Nora binti Atem
36. Encik Zahari bin Bolhi
37. Encik Lukas Jammany anak Kated
38. Encik Ruzaimy bin Muhammad
39. Encik Hazrin Syah bin Hamzah
40. Encik Salman bin Jaya
41. Encik Alwie bin Haji Ali
42. Encik Romzi bin Bujang
43. Encik Musa bin Julai
44. Cik Hawa binti Morsad
45. Puan Suraya binti Hamden
46. Puan Noraisah binti Ahmad
47. Cik Siti Zalilah binti Samsawi
48. Encik Iz Mohd. Haqal Hakeem bin Mahamud

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1. Cik Anysa Qhawiema binti Effendy
2. Encik Mohd. Aidil Farhan

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[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

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PEMASYHURAN DARIPADA TUAN SPEAKER

Tuan Speaker: Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Selamat pagi dan Salam sejahtera. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat. I have granted leave of absence under Standing Order 81 to Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Haji Julaihi bin Haji Narawi, Minister for Utility and Telecommunication; and Honourable Member for N.27 Sebuyau for today's sitting.

**SAMBUNGAN PERBAHASAN ATAS BACAAN KALI YANG KEDUA
RANG UNDANG-UNDANG PERBEKALAN (2026), 2025 DAN
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BAGI TAHUN 2026**

[Penggulungan daripada Para Menteri]

Tuan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin, Menteri Pengangkutan untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

Menteri Pengangkutan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.75 Senadin (YB Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, Selamat pagi, Salam sejahtera, Salam *Segulai Sejalai* dan Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur.

Re-Appointment as Speaker of Sarawak Legislative Assembly (DUN)

Tuan Speaker, first and foremost, I would like to congratulate Tuan Speaker on your re-appointment as the Speaker of the Sarawak Legislative Assembly (DUN) for another term of two years, effective from 16th November 2025 until 15th November 2027. Your re-appointment for the 10th term is a testament to the Sarawak Government's confidence in your leadership, experience and unwavering dedication in guiding this august House, maintaining excellent conduct and decorum, and upholding the Standing Orders of the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly throughout your service.

*Conferment of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star by the
Government of Japan to the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak*

I wish to extend heartiest congratulations to The Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, on the conferment of the "Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star" by the Government of Japan.

This prestigious award reflects your visionary leadership and contributions in strengthening bilateral relations between Malaysia and Japan, particularly in Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker. I would like to congratulate the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak for a forward-looking and people-centric Sarawak Budget 2026, themed "*Empowering People, Advancing Prosperity, Building a Resilient Future*". This Budget clearly reflects the GPS Government's unwavering commitment to uplift our *rakyat*, drive economic progress and strengthen long-term resilience, with a strong emphasis on connectivity, inclusivity and sustainability.

I fully support the Supply Bill presented by the Right Honourable Premier. The Budget 2026 is well-rounded and forward-looking, not only upholding economic growth but also placing strong emphasis on social equity and sustainable development to build a resilient future for Sarawak and

its people. The allocation provided for the transport sector also reaffirms transport as a vital enabler of economic growth, trade, tourism and regional development.

My ministry will continue working closely with all stakeholders to enhance connectivity and support Sarawak's transition towards a mobility ecosystem that is safe, reliable, accessible, efficient and environmentally sustainable for the well-being and greater prosperity of our rakyat.

Passing of Bills 2025

Tuan Speaker, this august House has successfully passed the following Bills during this Sitting, namely;

- (a) Constitution of the State of Sarawak (Amendment) Bill, 2025;
- (b) Building (Amendment) Bill, 2025; and
- (c) Sustainable Resources and Wastes Management Bill, 2025.

The smooth approval of these Bills reflects our GPS Government dedication to strengthening governance and advancing progressive development across Sarawak. Collectively, these Bills enhance Sarawak's legal framework, elevate the quality and safety standards of development in Sarawak and mark a significant step forward in our transition towards a circular economy. Together, they pave the way for a greener, cleaner, and more prosperous Sarawak.

GLOBAL DIRECTION FOR TRANSPORT AND NATIONAL TARGETS

Tuan Speaker, for the information of this august House, globally, transport systems are shifting towards a more sustainable, intelligent and a low-carbon future, driven by cleaner energy sources, advanced technologies, artificial intelligence (AI) and integrated data networks.

In Southeast Asia, ASEAN is enhancing connectivity across land, sea and air through major road and rail corridors, strengthened maritime integration and closer aviation cooperation, supported by fuel efficient measures and smart technologies.

Malaysia aligns fully with this global and regional direction across all modes of transport. In the land transport sector, major expansions are carried out including development of key roads, rail and public transport networks such as the MRT, LRT, ECRL, Stage Bus Service Transformation, and Pan Borneo Highway, while modernising mobility with intelligent transport systems, AI-driven solutions and technological innovations.

For aviation, the industry continues to show strong resilience and sustained recovery. The International Airport, Air Transport Association (IATA) projects around 8% global passenger traffic growth in 2025, led by Asia Pacific region at approximately 9% growth. This sustained momentum is further reflected in a record high global Passenger Load Factor, indicating strong demand and optimal seat utilisation across airline networks.

The air cargo sector is also expected to maintain positive growth in 2025, driven by e-commerce and diversified supply chains with the Asia Pacific region again as the primary engine of growth, especially along the major trade routes within Asia and between Asia and Europe.

This global contexts strongly validates Sarawak's aviation direction. The establishment of AirBorneo and the proposed development of the New Kuching International Airport are timely and strategic. These initiatives position Sarawak to capture expanding regional travel and cargo markets, enhancing connectivity and support Sarawak's economic transformation.

For the maritime sector, seaborne transport continues to drive world trade, moving 80% of global goods with projected growth of 2.5% to 3% annually. The industry is rapidly evolving, adopting

technology to improve resilience while stricter decarbonisation rules push a shift toward alternative fuels and slow steaming. Asia remains the key maritime hub.

Malaysia and Sarawak can benefit by aligning with these trends. Prioritising green technology, digital innovation, regional cooperation and talent development will strengthen Sarawak's position as a potential maritime hub. With upgraded infrastructure and sustainable practices, Sarawak can support inclusive economic growth and advance Sarawak's Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030 vision of a prosperous, green, and well-connected Sarawak.

SARAWAK'S TRANSPORT SECTOR

Tuan Speaker, aligned with global transport trends and guided by PCDS 2030, my ministry continues to drive the transformation of Sarawak's transport sector to enhance connectivity and environmental sustainability in support of building a more progressive Sarawak.

LAND TRANSPORT AND LOGISTIC SECTOR

Sustainable Urban Transport: Kuching Urban Transportation System

Tuan Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to share with this august House an overview of the Sarawak KUTS ART and other urban public transportation systems here in Malaysia.

The LRT Mutiara Line in Penang spans approximately 29.5 kilometres with 21 station, connecting Pulau Silikon to Komtar and further across the Penang Strait to Penang Sentral in Butterworth. This fixed-rail project is valued at RM16.8 billion, which amounts to approximately RM560 million per kilometre.

Sarawak's ART system, which is powered by hydrogen energy, operates on dedicated lanes using rubber tyres and virtual-track guidance instead of conventional rails. Based on the original Phase 1 plan, it spans approximately 69.9 kilometres with 30 stations across three main lines.

Besides Port Klang, Penang and Kuching, other cities are also modernising their urban transport systems. Johor Bahru is implementing an ART system, currently at the tendering stage, following the Johor State Government delegation's benchmarking visit to Sarawak, adopting similar technology but powered by batteries. Meanwhile, Pakatan Harapan Sabah in its 17th state election manifesto promised to implement the Kota Kinabalu Light Rail (KKLR) system to enhance mobility in the state capital.

In summary, all these systems differ in engineering, technology, energy sources and supporting facilities. However, Sarawak's ART utilising hydrogen energy supports cleaner urban mobility and aligns with long-term sustainability goals.

Tuan Speaker, as of October 2025, the overall progress of the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) Phase 1 Project stands at 33.51% against the planned 34.78% and despite minor variation across work packages, the project remains on schedule.

My ministry acknowledges that KUTS construction works, particularly along major routes, heavy traffic roads and residential areas, have caused concerns such as traffic congestion, access changes, road safety issues and occasional disruption of utilities.

To address these concerns, Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd has implemented a Traffic Control Plan (TCP) across all construction zones, supported by strict work procedures, protective measures for underground utilities, and to close supervision to prevent damage and minimise disruptions to public road users and nearby communities.

The KUTS Emergency Response Team (ERT) remains on standby 24 hours a week to respond promptly to traffic-related incidents along the ART corridor, working closely with the police, ambulance services and BOMBA to maintain public safety.

Regular updates are provided through multiple channels, including official social media, to keep the public informed of ongoing work, expected impacts and safety precautions.

Despite these measures, the project continues to face several challenges, including narrow road reserves in built-up areas, high traffic volumes during peak hours, limited alternative routes, and especially the uncharted underground utilities that cannot be accurately located.

Nevertheless, my ministry, together with Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd, will continue coordinating efforts; including regular engagements and meetings with local authorities and utility agencies, supported by dedicated ground teams, to minimize disruptions, enhance road safety, and reduce impacts on the *rakyat* and all public road users.

I urge the public travelling along the KUTS project corridor to remain attentive to temporary traffic signs and road diversions, observe the posted speed limits and plan your journey ahead whenever possible. These simple actions play a crucial role in ensuring safety for all road users and construction personnels working on the ground.

Improvement of Public Transport Services

Tuan Speaker, in collaboration with the Ministry of Transport Malaysia (MOTM), the Stage Bus Service Transformation (SBST), also known as the BAS.MY programme, continue this initiative with 56 new stage buses operating across 10 routes, some of which extend into Samarahan and Serian divisions. Since its launch in March 2025, the programme has carried over 405,999 passengers as of 16th November 2025 and is supported by the BAS.MY journey planner application.

As of 16th November 2025, a total of 13,409 MyBas50 transit passes and concession cards have been issued to commuters, including students, senior citizens and persons with disabilities (OKU) under this program.

On 6th November 2025, the BAS.MY monthly concession pass (MyBas50) was reduced from RM50 to RM30 for Malaysians, making it more affordable for daily commuters. The pass allows unlimited rides for just RM1 per day, while students, senior citizens and person with disabilities continue to travel free of charge, promoting greater accessibility and inclusion in the city's public transport network. Non-citizens, however, continue to pay the full fare.

In Miri, the 14 Units of New Smart Bus Services, covering eight routes have entered their second year of operation since October 2024. The service has received strong public support, recording over 946,558 ridership as of October 2025, showing that our efforts are making an impact.

To further enhance service delivery, the Sarawak Smart Bus Transport Application – Miri, launched on 10th November 2025, provides commuters with live bus tracking and route information. This application also supports evidence-based policymaking by leveraging Internet of Things (IoT) technologies, including Global Positioning System (GPS) routers for real-time bus location tracking and people-counting cameras, providing the government with evidence to guide route planning, scheduling and service improvements.

For long-distance express buses, Kuching Sentral records an average of 40 daily departures with cumulative ridership of 164,651 from January to October 2025. The popular domestic routes to Sibu, Bintulu, Sarikei, Miri and Sri Aman account for 63.4% of total passengers departing from the terminal. Meanwhile, cross-border routes account for more than 18.1%, with direct services from Kuching Sentral to Pontianak and Kuching Sentral to Singkawang operating on back-to-back routes through the transit points at Biawak (Lundu) and Aruk (Kalimantan).

Improvement of Traffic Management

Tuan Speaker, with regard to the implementation of smart traffic lights in Sarawak, my ministry is working closely with the Public Works Department (JKR) Sarawak and local councils to ensure that all existing traffic lights are upgraded to smart systems and that traffic lights are installed at accident-prone junctions. As for the upgrading of smart traffic lights, 183 out of 367 traffic light units across Sarawak have been successfully upgraded.

Work is ongoing to upgrade the remaining 184 units to achieve a fully connected and efficient traffic management system. Of the 183 upgraded units, the highest number is in Kuching with 95, followed by Miri (31), Bintulu (22), Sibu (12), Samarahan (9), Serian (4), Sarikei (6), Mukah (2) and one unit each in Limbang and Kapit Divisions.

Road Safety Initiatives

Tuan Speaker, ensuring road safety truly requires collective effort from every individual. According to the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM), Sarawak has recorded a total of 17,847 road accidents for the year 2025 up till October. Of these, 213 were a minor accident, 110 serious accidents and 395 fatal accidents. From January to October 2025, Sarawak has recorded a total of 749 injuries caused by road accidents including 336 fatalities, 154 serious injuries and 259 minor injuries. The statistics show that motorcars account for more than half of the total accidents, followed by four-wheel-drive vehicles and motorcycles.

Based on the statistics, Kuching, Sibu, Miri and Bintulu are the divisions with the highest incidence of road accidents. The primary factors leading to road accidents reported by PDRM are loss of vehicle control resulting from speeding, rear-end collisions and side-impact collisions at junction intersections. This clearly highlights that road safety can only be achieved when we all work together to raise awareness on safe driving behavior.

In response, my ministry continues to work closely with members of the Sarawak Road Safety Council such as Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM), Road Transport Department (JPJ) Sarawak, JKR Sarawak and other relevant agencies to carry out road safety awareness campaigns during festive seasons as there is a significant increase in travel, which leads to higher risks of accidents on the road. This year, such campaigns were successfully carried out in Sarikei and Miri Divisions during Chinese New Year, Mukah Division during Hari Raya Aidilfitri and Bintulu Division during Hari Gawai Dayak, reaching as many travellers and road users as possible. Another campaign will be held in Betong and Serian this month in conjunction with the Christmas celebration. In addition to these efforts, my ministry successfully organized the Sarawak Traffic Games (STG) in Sarikei, Kuching, Sibu, Sri Aman and most recently in Bintulu on 15th November 2025, following the inaugural event in Miri in 2024. Beyond enforcement and engineering, education remains a critical component in raising road safety awareness, particularly among school students.

Apart from the Sarawak Traffic Games, my ministry actively promotes the Transport Awareness Behavioural Change (T-ABC) programme across all 12 divisions in Sarawak. This programme includes road safety talks, exhibitions and public engagement sessions to foster safer attitudes and behaviours on the road. This year, three T-ABC programmes were successfully conducted in Mukah, Bintulu and most recently in Miri, in conjunction with the MyLesen B2 Motorcycle License programme. In 2026, my ministry seeks to expand collaboration with our stakeholders such as Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) Sarawak, PDRM and the Education Department in promoting road safety awareness to school children.

Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement

Tuan Speaker, recently, there have been a few initiatives being introduced that reflect the government's commitment to reduce high-speed accidents involving commercial vehicles and safeguarding the lives of all road users. The Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board (CVLB) Sarawak

began the phased enforcement of mandatory Speed Limitation Devices (SLD) on commercial vehicles starting 1st October 2025.

Under this policy, heavy goods and commercial passenger vehicles will be required to install approved speed-limit devices capped at 90 kilometres per hour when applying for licenses, with the requirement extended to older, pre-2015 vehicles from 1st January 2026.

To support this transition, the industry players that are yet to install the device will be granted only a one-year licence by the CVLB Sarawak until full compliance is achieved. This measure is a crucial step in strengthening road safety and to build a safer and more responsible transport system in Sarawak. Starting 1st July 2025, a strengthened mandatory seatbelt policy has required express and tour bus drivers and passengers to comply. Those who fail to comply will face a compound of RM300.

However, understanding the technical challenges and time required for this transition, my ministry and JPJ Sarawak through a press conference on the 3rd July 2025 have informed that this regulation only applies to buses manufactured after 1st January 2020 which are factory fitted with passenger seatbelts. This phased approach is to improve road safety and reduce injuries and fatalities for accidents involving public transport vehicles.

TRANS BORNEO RAILWAY FEASIBILITY STUDY

Tuan Speaker, for the information of this august House, the Trans-Borneo Railway project is currently undergoing a feasibility study led by the Ministry of Transport Malaysia, with active involvement from my ministry. The first interim report was presented on 30th October 2025, and the study is targeted for completion in June 2026. Since its commencement in June 2025, two technical workshops have been held with relevant agencies from Sabah to review preliminary findings and strengthen planning coordination. A preliminary railway alignment has also been proposed and will continue to be refined as the study progresses.

MARITIME AND RIVERINE TRANSPORT SECTOR

Tuan Speaker, my ministry leads policy development and implementation to improve the safety, efficiency, and sustainability of riverine and maritime transport. My ministry ensures compliance with maritime safety regulations and aligns state policies with national and international standards. With over 1,050 km of coastline and extensive river networks, Sarawak relies on maritime and riverine transport for moving goods and passengers, supporting regional trade, tourism, and overall economic growth.

Sarawak Maritime Day 2025 (SMarD 2025)

Tuan Speaker, I am pleased to report the success of Sarawak Maritime Day 2025 (SMarD 2025). The event was organised by my ministry in collaboration with the Buoys and Lights Board (BLB) and the Marine Department Malaysia (MARDEP) Sarawak Region, in conjunction with World Maritime Day. This programme promoted Sarawak as an emerging maritime hub and strengthened collaboration among government agencies, industries, and academia. Sarawak Maritime Day 2025 highlighted Sarawak's progress in maritime development. It also aimed to raise public awareness of maritime safety, support talent development, and encourage digital innovation in the sector. This programme attracted 290 participants from across the maritime services industry.

Sarawak Rivers Day Conference 2025 (SRDC 2025)

Tuan Speaker, I am pleased to report the successful Sarawak Rivers Day Conference 2025, held on 16th November 2025. The event was jointly organised by my ministry and the Sarawak Rivers Board (SRB) in conjunction with World Rivers Day. The conference promoted sustainable river governance, improved safety and standards in riverine transport, and supported the modernisation of river transport systems.

It also strengthened stakeholder collaboration, empowered riverine communities in conservation efforts, encouraged research and innovation, and highlighted the cultural and economic importance of Sarawak's rivers. This was the first large-scale World Rivers Day programme organised by my ministry and Sarawak Rivers Board, attracting about 500 participants and featuring exhibition booths.

Performance of the Sarawak Rivers Board (SRB)

Tuan Speaker, for the information of this august House, the Sarawak Rivers Board (SRB) continues to maintain reliable riverine infrastructure for public use. As of 31st October 2025, a total of 2,616 vessels utilised Sarawak Rivers Board wharf facilities, with 28,566 Gross Tonnage (GT) and 255,324 tonnes of cargoes. Passenger terminals recorded 487,653 passengers. In addition, 17,587 vessels anchored at Sarawak Rivers Board designated anchorage areas, with Miri anchorage recording the highest usage at 17,244 vessels.

As of 31st October 2025, Sarawak Rivers Board issued 6,034 River Transport Permits (RTP) for vessels of various categories, including 2,793 cargo vessels, 1,438 tugboats, and 1,800 passenger vessels. Sarawak Rivers Board is also responsible for issuing permits for riverine activities under the Sarawak Rivers Ordinance 1993. As of 31st October 2025, a total of 459 permits were issued for activities such as constructing wharves, jetties, and bridges, as well as pipeline and cable works, and water sports.

Sarawak Rivers Board enforces the requirement for a Marine Traffic and Risk Analysis (MTRA) study for all river-related engineering works under Regulation 53A of the Sarawak Rivers (Traffic) (Amendment) Regulation 2011. The Riverine Traffic and Navigation Safety Committee (RTNSC) reviews and endorses these studies to ensure navigation safety. As of 31st October 2025, 79 MTRA studies have been endorsed, 50 completed, and 29 ongoing.

To enhance river navigation safety, Sarawak Rivers Board continue to upgrade Aids to Navigation across Sarawak. The Vessel Surveillance and Monitoring System at Sungai Sarawak is fully operational, while the Sungai Miri system is under construction and targeted for completion by Quarter 3, 2027. As of 31st October 2025, a total of 65 new Aids to Navigation have been installed across five divisions namely Kuching, Bintulu, Mukah, Miri, and Kapit comprising 52 signages, four buoys, and nine marine lanterns.

For River Heritage Programmes, Sarawak Rivers Board regularly conducts River Safety and Cleanliness activities to promote safety, ecosystem health, and biodiversity conservation with community involvement. As of 31st October 2025, 32 programmes were organised with 5,052 participants from riverbank communities. Sarawak Rivers Board also oversees floating waste management contracts for Sungai Sarawak and Sungai Tabuan.

In aspects of enforcement, Sarawak Rivers Board conducted 1,311 river patrols, 1,372 vessel inspections, 113 festive and school-holiday operations, 30 inter-agencies joint operations, and 150 industry inspections, while issuing 96 compounds amounting to RM60,400 for the year 2025 as of 31st October this year.

To strengthen capacity building for boat operators, Sarawak Rivers Board and the Marine Department Malaysia Sarawak Region, conducted three series of Certificate of Competency, Mate Below 500Gt courses for domestic and riverine operations. A total of 113 local boat operators from various areas of Sungai Sarawak, Selampit, Bengoh Dam, and Bakun, and Sungai Belaga completed the training. This programme ensures operators are professionally certified and able to navigate Sarawak's waterways safely.

Performance of the Buoys and Light Board (BLB)

Tuan Speaker, Buoys and Light Board (BLB) oversee the regulation, management, and development of Aids to Navigation (ATONs), hydrography, and cartography activities under the Sarawak Region. Currently, there are 165 Aids to Navigation (ATONs) under the Board across Sarawak's rivers, including seven lighthouses, 45 beacons, 72 buoys and others, all certified under MS ISO 9000 by Lloyd's Register since 2003.

All Aid to Navigations (ATONs) are performing at optimal levels and complied with the international standards set by the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA), with operational availability of 99% for lighthouses, 98% for beacons, and 97% for buoys.

To maintain up-to-date nautical charts, continuous depth surveys are carried out across Sarawak waters. Each year, 11 hydrographic surveys are conducted to ensure safe navigation. All charts comply with International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) standards, and 46 chart series for Sarawak are updated annually.

AVIATION SECTOR

Performance of Sarawak Air Connectivity

Tuan Speaker, for the information of this august House, up to the third quarter of 2025, Sarawak recorded 112,625 aircraft movements and 9.07 million passengers, representing a 15% increase compared with the same period in 2024. Over the same period, Sarawak handled 49,895 tonnes of air cargo, which is a notable 15% increase from the 42,381 tonnes recorded in the corresponding period last year.

Sarawak also received 51 weekly international flights and an average of 551 weekly domestic flights from other Malaysian states. Kuching continues to be the main gateway with 268 flights weekly, followed by Miri (144), Sibü (79), Bintulu (48), Limbang (3), Lawas (2) and Mulu (7).

Within Sarawak, an average of 684 weekly flights connected major cities and rural areas under the Rural Air Services, with Miri handling 190 flights, Kuching 164, Sibü 69 and Bintulu 59.

Sarawak's growing international connectivity is further strengthened with the recent launch of the Haikou-Kuching scheduled charter service by 9Air, while the Shenzhen-Kuching charter by Loong Air is scheduled to commence soon.

My ministry will continue to work closely with airlines and partner agencies to secure more direct international routes, enhancing Sarawak's global connectivity and expanding economic opportunities for Sarawak.

Development of AirBorneo

Tuan Speaker, I wish to update this august House on the progress of Sarawak's own airline, AirBorneo. On 21st August 2025, YAB Premier unveiled AirBorneo's "*Wings of Unity*" logo with the tagline "*Borneo for You*", reflecting Sarawak's identity and vision to strengthen connectivity.

The takeover of MASwings Sdn. Bhd. is expected to be completed by 31st December 2025, following the Share Purchase Agreement signed on 12th February 2025. With the transition concluding, AirBorneo is expected to commence independent operations in January 2026 with the existing Rural Air Services (RAS) in Sarawak, Sabah, and Labuan. It is planned to expand to regional jet operations towards the end of the year, depending on the aircraft availability, airport slots allocation and regulatory approval.

Development of Miri Airport Optimisation

Tuan Speaker, I wish to provide an update on Miri Airport, which continues to experience strong demand, with 2.4 million passengers since 2019, exceeding its 2.0 million design capacity.

Preliminary design works, led by JKR Sarawak under Ministry of Transport Malaysia, began in April 2025 and are targeted for completion by December 2025. These works lay the foundation for the next phase, the full-scale airport expansion, which will increase terminal capacity to 4.0 million passengers per annum, additional aerobridge and improve landside and airside facilities.

The preliminary design works are currently being finalised for submission to the Federal Government, while Value Analysis and Value Engineering (VAVE) will soon be conducted to confirm the conceptual design and estimated cost.

Once the upgrading is fully completed, Miri Airport will enhance passenger experience, streamline operations and strengthen its role as a key regional hub, supporting Sarawak's economic growth and connectivity objectives.

Sarawak Aviation Safety Programme

Tuan Speaker, safety remains our highest priority and requires vigilance, education and compliance across the industry. Through the Sarawak Aviation Safety Programme (SASP), my ministry continues to strengthen safety culture in collaboration with Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM).

This year, we held seminars and campaigns, including the Aviation Safety Seminar in Sibu, conducted in collaboration with CAAM and University Technology of Sarawak (UTS) for 250 participants and the Safety Awareness Campaign in Limbang, coordinated with Ministry of Transport Malaysia, CAAM and Malaysia Airports (MAHB), reaching over 350 students and stakeholders.

These initiatives promote regulatory compliance, responsibility and safety awareness, cultivating a generation who uphold the highest standards in Sarawak's skies.

New Drone Segregation Area Regulation by CAAM

Tuan Speaker, with the rise in drone usage, CAAM has introduced an updated airspace segregation framework, including designated drone zones, danger areas and pathways for Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) operations, ensuring safe integration of unmanned and manned aircraft.

In Sarawak, this supports applications in agriculture, infrastructure inspection, environmental monitoring, rural logistics and long-range offshore operations such as cargo deliveries to oil and gas platforms. Structured airspace also enhances emergency response, including flood assessment, forest fire mapping and tactical firefighting.

My ministry will continue collaborating with CAAM, industry stakeholders and state agencies to maintain Sarawak as a leader in safe, innovative and scalable drone operations, while advocating for innovation and testing corridors to advance research, training and commercial piloting for advanced low-altitude technologies.

RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC ISSUES RAISED BY HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF DUN

Tuan Speaker, for the information of the Honourable Member for Padungan, to date, all trucks engaged in the construction works of the ART project have been confirmed to hold valid LPKP permits, demonstrating full adherence to the regulatory requirements set by the relevant authorities. Without a valid LPKP permit, the trucks are not permitted to enter the KUTS construction site.

With regard to the Honourable Member for Padungan's statement that the hoardings do not comply with Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) standards, it should be noted that the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) and CIDB have distinct roles. Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) is the authority empowered to enforce safety and health laws, conduct inspections, and ensure safe working conditions across all sectors, whereas CIDB is responsible for regulating contractors, developing skills, and enhancing quality within the construction industry. As hoardings fall under safety compliance, therefore, they are regulated by DOSH, not by CIDB.

The Honourable Member for Padungan, being a lawyer should know the differences on regulatory roles under CIDB and Department of Occupational Safety and Health. All hoardings, road barriers, and other safety measures at the ART construction sites are fully complying with DOSH requirements for public safety and health, and they also adhere to CIDB's Construction Industry Standard on public and road user safety.

The hoardings at the ART sites are installed to safeguard the public by restricting access to construction zones, while the plastic and concrete road barriers along the roads are designed to manage traffic flow, reflect redirect vehicles, and provide a safe separation between the work area and live traffic. They are deliberately designed to ensure the safety of the public and motorists, while also maintaining clear visibility and effectively guiding traffic.

Sarawak Metro, under its responsibility, has been and will continue to carry out regular inspections to ensure that all road safety measures are properly implemented and well maintained.

Tuan Speaker, for the information of the Honourable Member for Stakan, regarding road safety conditions near the main entrance of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), we wish to provide the following clarification. Prior to the implementation of any road diversion or modification including the junction leading into UNIMAS Sarawak Metro had prepared and implemented an approved Traffic Control Plan (TCP), which was audited by a certified Road Safety Auditor and received no objection from the relevant technical agencies, including the Public Works Department (JKR).

Furthermore, Sarawak Metro has held several coordination meetings with UNIMAS to review and refine the implemented Traffic Control Plan (TCP) in the surrounding area, ensuring that the traffic diversion and temporary traffic arrangements are better aligned with UNIMAS' internal traffic movements. In addition, my ministry has engaged with the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) to ensure that enforcement and traffic behaviour issues are jointly monitored.

Regarding the fatal accident reported on 21st October 2025 the UNIMAS traffic light junction along the Kuching–Samarahan Expressway, preliminary findings indicated that the incident occurred along a straight section of the road and has been categorised as a public road accident that is under police investigation. Traffic management measures and warning signages have always been in place and road users were reminded to exercise caution, adhere to the posted speed limits, and obey all directional and warning signs for their own safety and the safety of others.

My ministry together with Sarawak Metro and relevant enforcement agencies will continue to monitor the situation closely and ensure that all necessary safety measures are in place and comply with road safety standards.

In response to the statement made by the Honourable Member of Stakan regarding traffic congestion and accident-prone areas at the T-Junction of Jalan Berlian on the Kuching Outer Ring Road, my ministry will implement a new Signalized Junction with Smart Traffic Lights at Jalan Kuching Outer Ring Jalan Berlian Junction under 13th Malaysia Plan in 2026. The project will be implemented by JKR Sarawak.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Katibas, regarding the Katibas Integrated Land and River Transport Terminal in Song, my ministry will implement Phase 1 of the project under

13th Malaysia Plan in 2026 which involves land acquisition and site survey. The project will be implemented by the Kapit District Council.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Tupong, the bus service along the Matang main road to Kampung Matang is currently served under the BAS.MY Saujana – SMK Agama Matang 2 route implemented by CVLB Sarawak. As for the Taman Malihah – Batu Kawa route, my ministry will collaborate with CVLB Sarawak to review and address the service coverage.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Tellian, the installation and upgrading of smart traffic lights at the junction of Jalan Wawasan and Setia 2 is expected to be physically completed by the end of December 2025. The signalised junction will be opened to the public by Quarter 1 of 2026, following the successful implementation of the traffic light system.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Bukit Assek, AirBorneo's network plan for Sibu is currently in the planning stage. The airline will progressively enhance connectivity by strengthening Sibu's links to major cities across Sarawak, Sabah and Kuala Lumpur, including potential international routes, subject to market conditions and aircraft availability.

AirBorneo is also committed to offering competitive airfares compared with existing airlines, ensuring that Sarawakians, including those travelling to and from Sibu, have access to affordable, reliable and improved air travel options.

CONCLUSION

Tuan Speaker, continuous political stability and unity are critical for us to achieve the aspirations of the goals of the Sarawak Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS2030). At the heart of this journey stands our visionary Premier, the Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, whose transformational leadership inspires all.

As honourable members in this august House, we carry the solemn duty to strengthen our bonds of unity and political stability as well as to champion the unwavering spirit of "*Sarawak First*", to defend and protect our rights as stipulated under Malaysia Agreement 1963 and to restore those which have been eroded or lost over time.

With courage in our hearts and resolve in our actions, we will rise together to forge a future where Sarawak shines brighter, stronger, more progressive, and prosperous. United in purpose, we will create a legacy of progress and empowerment that will uplift generations to come.

Before I conclude, I would like to express my thanks appreciation to all the agencies and stakeholders that have collaborated with my ministry, especially Ministry of Transport Malaysia and agencies under its purview including the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM), Road Transport Department (JPJ) Sarawak, Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board (CVLB) Sarawak, Malaysia Marine Department Sarawak Region as well as the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM). Our sincere appreciation also goes to all state agencies including those at the divisional level, for their unwavering support and assistance.

I wish to extend my heartiest appreciation to Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar State Secretary, Yang Arif Dato Sri State Attorney-General, and Yang Berbahagia Dato Sri State Financial Secretary for their continuous support.

On the same token, I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Tuan Speaker, the team and all the staff of Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak for their dedication and efficiency in managing and handling the proceedings of this august House.

Before I wind up my full speech, I have a few *pantuns*. To shorten my speech is not inside of having put in the speech form, I put in the *pantun* form. Okay, alright.

*GPS dipandu di mana-mana,
Mendaki gunung dijulang bendera;
Abang Jo pemimpin bijaksana,
Sarawak maju rakyat sejahtera.
(Applause)*

Ini satu pantun khas berkaitan dengan Pilihan Raya Sabah.

*Pilihan Raya Sabah banyak pilihan,
Pedoman GPS memang tidak salah;
Rakyat Sabah sokong kuat parti tempatan,
DAP ditolak semua calonnya kalah.
(Applause)*

*Kesesakan jalan kepala pening,
Setiap pagi pandu berhati-hati;
ART akan memanfaatkan Pending,
Padungan janganlah iri hati.
(Applause)*

*Industri Aero terus ke hadapan,
Mendorong teknologi bergemerlapan;
AirBorneo terbang Januari depan,
Memudahkan perniagaan dan pelancongan,
(Applause)*

*Christmas dan Tahun Baru penuh harapan,
CNY dan Raya mengeratkan ikatan;
Jika ada kesilapan mohon dimaafkan,
Moga sentiasa sihat hidup dalam keberkatan.
(Applause)*

Di kesempatan ini, saya sudah menggulung ucapan saya dengan pantun dan sekali lagi ucapkan terima kasih kepada Tuan Speaker yang telah memberi peluang saya menggulung ucapan daripada kementerian saya. Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Ahli 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 Persembahan (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Salam sejahtera, Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur, Salam *Segulai Sejalai*.

Alhamdulillah, syukur ke hadrat Ilahi dengan limpah kurnia-Nya saya diberi peluang untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan bagi Kementerian Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan pada pagi ini.

Tuan Speaker, sebelum menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan, izinkan saya memulakan dengan dua rangkap pantun.

*Jalan Merintis di Tanjung Embang,
Mudik ke hulu ke Kampung Beliang;
Ekonomi Sarawak terus berkembang,
Destinasi utama tarikan pelancong.*

*Bujang sigat beduan ringat,
Ditundi sayau oh Dayang Bintang;
Pesaka adat anang enda ingat,
Sigi ditan mai pemansang.*

Tuan Speaker, I wish to express my heartfelt congratulation to the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak on receiving the esteem award, “*The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star*” from the Government of Japan in recognition of his contribution to promote regional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Malaysia. I also wish to record my gratitude to your goodself, Tan Sri Datuk Amar Mohamad Asfia Awang Nasar on your reappointment as the Speaker of the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly. I am confident that under your continued stewardship, the proceeding in this august House will remain dignified, well managed and upheld with the utmost professionalism. I also like to take this opportunity to convey my sincere condolence to the Honourable Deputy Premier Datuk Amar Dr. Sim Kui Hian and his family on the passing of his beloved mother, Puan Sri Datin Amar Lim Su Kheng. May you find strength and comfort during this period of loss and may her soul rest in eternal peace.

APPROVED 2026 BUDGET FOR TOURISM SECTOR

I wish to congratulate, tahniah to the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak for the approved Supply (2026) Bill, 2025 and the Supplementary Supply (2025) Bill, 2025. In relation to this, I would like to thank the Right Honourable Premier for approving the Development Budget amounting to RM129 million and Operating Budget amounting to RM194 million for my ministry making the total of RM323 million. This budget is crucial for the ministry to continue developing relevant infrastructures, strengthening tourism marketing and organizing events in ensuring the advancement of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts in 2026.

Global Tourism Outlook, Trends and Direction

Tuan Speaker, let me begin by briefly highlighting the global tourism outlook because this trend will affect the direction of our tourism industry. According to United Nation Tourism, the Asia Pacific region including the ASEAN sub-region, will be the main engine of global tourism growth up to 2030. A large proportion of the world’s future tourists will originate from countries from the Asia Pacific, generating an average of 17 million additional international arrivals every year, with China, Korea and Japan as the key drivers of this outbound demand.

The Asia Pacific region has seen a strong growth after an initial slow recovery from the pandemic. The international arrivals have increased by 11% in the first half of 2025, as compared to the same period in 2024.

According to the United Nation Tourism’s Strategy for 2030, the future of tourism industry focuses on making the sector smarter through innovation, ensuring inclusivity for all communities, building resilience against future crises and operating on a sustainable and responsible principles.

Malaysia Tourism Performance

Now let me highlight the tourism performance at the national level. Malaysia has recorded strong tourism growth in 2025, with RM28.24 million international arrivals from January till August of this year, representing a 14.5% increase as compared to the same period last year. This uptrend is supported by strategic government initiatives, visa liberalisation measures and promotional efforts

for the upcoming Visit Malaysia 2026 campaign. Key markets driving this growth include Singapore, Indonesia, China, Australia and United Kingdom.

Looking ahead to Visit Malaysia 2026, Tourism Malaysia aims to strengthen the nation's global tourism presence, targeting RM47 million international visitor arrivals through continuous innovation, strategic marketing, and enhanced industry collaboration.

SARAWAK TOURISM PERFORMANCE

Sarawak's tourism industry continues to flourish, strengthened by diverse tourism products and effective promotional strategies. My ministry remains steadfast to position Sarawak as one of the premier tourism destinations, with a vibrant showcase of art, culture and heritage.

Visitors' Arrivals

Sarawak recorded 4.01 million visitors' arrival from January to October this year, a slight increase of 0.7% as compared to the same period in 2024, despite the challenging circumstances due to the geopolitical crisis that the world is facing now.

ASEAN remains our key tourism market with Brunei Darussalam and Indonesia continue to be the major contributors. Brunei Darussalam with a total of 1,306,566 visitors, making up 32.6% of the total visitors to Sarawak from January to October this year. In addition, China with 58,822 visitors, Singapore 52,406 visitors, and the Philippines 39,284 visitors remain as the other top contributors. Meanwhile, domestic tourism continues to be relevant, with a total of 1,769,561 visitors from other parts of Malaysia, constituting 44.1% of the total visitors.

With wider marketing strategy and targeted promotions through participations in various international tourism events, creative tour packages, diversification of tourism products, enhanced air connectivity and aggressive promotions through digital platforms, the visitor arrivals to Sarawak are expected to increase in the coming years.

Tourism Receipts

Tourism sector continues to contribute significantly to Sarawak's economy. The increased number of visitors translated into the spin-off effects to the local economy, especially in the hospitality service and local communities. From January to October this year, Sarawak has generated a remarkable RM10.22 billion in tourism receipts, an average of more than RM1 billion per month from January until October.

Major Events and Festivals

Major events and festivals are fundamental drivers of Sarawak's tourism growth, acting as a significant mechanisms for injecting economic, social and cultural values into the host community. Sporting events, cultural showcases, music concerts and food festivals ensure steady influx of both domestic and international visitors to Sarawak. For this year, my ministry has supported a total of more than 351 events and festivals that make it almost one event or festival a day. We have 365 days in a year and the ministry is supporting 351 events so far.

The 11th Sarawak International Dragon Boat Regatta 2025 was held from the 24th to 26th October 2025 and recorded participation from 22 countries. This is the largest participation so far through the years. The event, which started with only 300 participants during its inception in 2013, which is not very far away before, has soared to a record-breaking of 2,443 participants this year, comprising of participating crews, race officials and international supporters. I'm very, very sure next year and next, next year we will be seeing something like this because even for this year, the organiser has to limit its, stop it at 22 countries because there are just too many countries that wish or wanted to be invited for the International Dragon Boat Regatta.

Another major event that was successfully organised is the 7th ASEAN International Film Festival and Award, or in short, AIFFA. Held from the 12th until the 15th of November, which is just very recently, 2025. Over 300 delegates from ASEAN countries converged into Kuching with international celebrity Simon Yam, one of Hong Kong's cinema legends with more than 200 movies, drawing great local attention and trending across social media.

In conjunction with AIFFA, the ASEAN University Film Festival, (UNIFEST) saw 150 entries representing 47 universities from 7 countries within ASEAN competed in the short film award focussing on nurturing youth creativity and adapting with the Sustainable Development Goals, (SDGs).

For this year Tuan Speaker, my ministry has also supported various events and festivals, including:

- (a) Samarahan Bike Challenge on 22nd June;
- (b) Pesta Babulang dan Lumba Kerbau, Limbang, from 4th to 6th July;
- (c) Borneo Cultural Festival, Sibu, from 3rd to 12th July;
- (d) Layar Cycling Carnival Edisi Ke-7, Betong, from 29th August to 1st September;
- (e) Sarawak International Open Tenpin Bowling Championship, Kuching, from 8th to 13th September;
- (f) 18th Borneo International Kite Festival, Bintulu, from 17th to 21st September;
- (g) Pesta Benak, Sri Aman, from 19th to 21st September;
- (h) MATTA Pickleball Grand Slam, Kuching, from 13th to 20th October;
- (i) Borneo Jazz Festival, Miri, from 31st October to 2nd November;
- (j) Samarahan Food and Cultural Festival, from 20th to 29th November, which is just last weekend, which I officiated the closing ceremony;
- (k) A Night with Andmesh Kamaleng Concert, Kuching, on 28th November, which see a so loud crowd at the Stadium Perpaduan in Kuching; and
- (l) Pesta Besaug Dalat, from 28th to 30th November which is just two days ago, the closing ceremony by Right Honourable Premier.

Before the end of this year, Sarawak will be hosting several other events and festivals including:

- (a) The 13th Anniversary Sibu International Bike Week, from the 5th to the 7th of December;
- (b) Sarawak International Festival of Music and Arts (SIFMA) in Kuching, actually it's going to be held in the Banquet Hall in this DUN from the 6th and 7th of December. I heard it's going to be sold out also;
- (c) Regatta Lingga, Sri Aman, from the 12th until the 14th of December;
- (d) Konsert Fenomena Samurai SEARCH and XPDC Live in Kuching on the 13th of December;
- (e) Sarawak Kenyah Cultural Festival, Miri, from the 17th until the 20th of December; and of course,
- (f) The Countdown on the 31st of December 2025, the Countdown 2026 on the 31st of December.

Major Tourism Projects

My ministry continues to implement major projects to facilitate and boost tourism industry through added value and experiences. Recently, we have completed the Santubong Archaeological Park and Wallace Centre project, which was launched by the Right Honourable Premier on the 4th of October 2025. The project is expected to position Santubong as a heritage tourism hub. The Santubong Archaeological Park is of immense significance, where evidence of an ancient iron industry, maritime trade and early religious practices that existed from the 9th until the 14th centuries were discovered.

Meanwhile, Wallace Centre is a gallery that celebrates the work of Alfred Russel Wallace and his Sarawakians assistant or Secretary Ali, from Kampung Jaie, Samarahan. Wallace is a British

naturalist and explorer who spent eight years from 1854 to 1862 traversing the Malay Archipelago, which included a significant stay in Sarawak from 1854 until 1856.

The Brooke Dockyard Industrial Heritage Museum which has been completed recently, will add to a range of tourism attractions in Sarawak. Established by the second Rajah, Sir Charles Brooke, the Dockyard played a crucial role in ship repairs in Sarawak. We embarked on this project with a vision to upgrade and showcase its rich history. If I am not mistaken, the Brooke Dockyard is the oldest dockyard in Malaysia, probably. And only dockyard that is situated right in the city centre. You don't see dockyard being built in the city centre. But at that time, Kuching was just a very small town. So, whether it was built in Kuching, probably that side was considered to be the outskirts of the city centre. So now, it has been, as Kuching grows, you see the dockyard has become within the city centre and we have turning into a museum. The Brooke Dockyard Industrial Heritage Museum is targeted for opening on the first quarter of next year.

The Redevelopment of MBKS or Majlis Perbandaran Kuching Selatan Swimming Pool into a Water Fun Park and Centre of UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy. This is another important iconic centre in Kuching once it is completed, actually. It is a project which is expected to be completed by the second quarter of next year. This gastronomy centre will act as a hub for culinary creativity and Sarawak's food heritage, while giving local chefs a platform to showcase their skill and talent. And at the same time also, we will have a swimming pool is a park, where family can bring, where parent can bring their children also at that place, for a get-together and which in somewhere will build up a good family bonding to Kuchingnites.

Meanwhile, our signature project, the Performing Arts Centre at the Old DUN Building is on track for completion on the second quarter of 2027. Once completed, this centre is expected to ignite vibrancy of performing arts events in Sarawak. I can see for the last two years, performing art has been moving upward. I just can't wait to see this Performing Arts Centre to be ready. At least, there will be a place for our artisan, our performing art artist to be performing in future.

Moving forward, under the 13th Malaysia Plan, my ministry continues to prioritise key tourism related projects and infrastructures, including the Sarawak Craft Centre, the Rejuvenation of Kuching Waterfront, Darul Hana Malay Heritage Museum, Sarawak Arts Gallery, the Bau Gold Mine Museum and Park; Sadong Jaya Mangrove Tourism and the Transformation of the Miri Petroleum Museum amongst others.

In addition, priorities are also given to the conservation and upgrading of Historical Forts including Fort Lili in Betong, Fort Brooke in Julau, Fort Emma in Kanowit, Fort Arundell in Lubok Antu and Fort Hose in Marudi. My ministry will continue to safeguard Sarawak's cultural assets for gazetted heritage buildings, including the Old Miri Resident and District Office and the Islamic Heritage Museum. These initiatives are expected to enhance the diversity of tourism products and improve the overall travel experience in Sarawak.

SARAWAK TOURISM STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Tuan Speaker, my ministry has established a clear strategic direction, to ensure tourism sector continues to play significant role in Sarawak economy and uplift the livelihood of all Sarawakians. In line with the 13th Malaysia Plan Guiding Framework, the tourism sector will anchor on three strategic thrusts namely, accelerating delivery, deepening transformation, and empowering greater private sector participation.

Alignment with Global Tourism Direction

Tourism sector is highly volatile because it is exceptionally sensitive due to geopolitical conflicts, public health crisis, and the physical and environmental impact of climate change. Its reliance on travellers' confidence, cross-border mobility and stable environmental conditions, make it a highly exposed industry. As such, Sarawak must align itself to global tourism mandates on

sustainability and responsible practices. This commitment is critical for the preservation of the natural and cultural assets, inclusive for all communities as well as building a resilience tourism sector.

Digital Innovation in Tourism Sector

Sarawak's tourism sector must leverage also on technological advancements to enhance the overall experience for tourists, while simultaneously improving the management and sustainability of the destination. Leveraging on digital innovation and Artificial Intelligence or AI, we need to create new and improve existing products, services, processes and business models across the entire tourism value chain.

Greater Private Sector Participation

Private sectors investment is essential in driving tourism transformation, moving beyond the government's role of building core infrastructures, facilities and regulatory frameworks. Private capital is crucial in providing quality accommodation and attractions, investing in niche market development and service excellence. The private sector's agility, competitive drive and commitment, are necessary to diversify the tourism products, enhance the visitor's experience and achieve long-term resilient prosperity.

Sarawak-Malaysia My Second Home Programme (SMM2H)

Sarawak-Malaysia My Second Home Programme (SMM2H) which is considered among the most successful in Malaysia, I think. My ministry is committed in implementing the Sarawak-Malaysia My Second Home Programme, or in short, we called it SMM2H as part of our strategies to increase visitors' arrivals and boost revenue from the tourism sector. Through the SMM2H Programme, we are positioning Sarawak as a destination of choice for long-term residency, but we don't just accept anyone. There is a means test to be a part of this programme. Presently, there are so many applying for it, but we are very, very particular when we process each and every application that we received. Since my ministry took over the programme in 2020, we have seen a remarkable increased in the number of participants. During the period from 2020 to November 2025, Sarawak has recorded a total of 2,033 participants. This figure is very, very much higher than the 1,240 applications or participants which was approved from 2007 until 2019. 2007 to 2019, the numbers are 1,240. 2020 to 2025, the numbers are 2,033 which is now fully handled by my ministry.

The increased in the total approved application is a result from our ministry's continuous effort to ensure a coordinated and efficient approval process of this SMM2H Programme. Through the SMM2H Panel Committee Meeting, which I chair together with many other agencies, relevant agencies which is done on a monthly basis, we evaluate and approve the applications on a case-to-case basis. The updated SMM2H application and licensing requirements, which came into effect on the 1st of January 2025 was designed to make the programme more attractive and distinct from the Federal's MM2H Programme. From January to November this year, we have approved 397 applications comprising 618 participants including from China (130), from USA (46), from Singapore (29), from United Kingdom (26), and from Taiwan also 26.

This has contributed RM128.4 million in total Fixed Deposit placement. Just on the Fixed Deposit that they have to parked at the banks. The amount is RM128.4 million, not inclusive of the tourism receipt when they come down here, in one year, they have to stay at least 30 days which may not have to be in one straight term of 30 days. They can come anytime. The multiplying effect of this SMM2H Programme is quite substantial. The total Fixed Deposit placement this year amounted to RM855,000. That is why most of the banks that are participating, that are in the panel are very, very happy because all those who participated as under this SMM2H are mostly those who are quite well off I would say, quite successful or else they won't be able to participate and a lot of them have work in our oil and gas industry also. They fall in love with the state, they still want to be part of the state. The fees just now, RM855,000 is based on RM5,000 per application, because every application, we put a processing fee of RM5,000, and this money goes to the state's coffer actually,

which is a very, very good it does not go to the Federal's coffer. So, practically every month we see quite substantial amounts going to the state's coffer just from just the processing fee.

Since 2025, the licensing for SMM2H companies comes under the empowerment of my ministry, to issue, to regulate and strengthen the licensing requirements for this programme. From January to November this year, we have approved a total of 18 licenses for agencies, they want to participate in this because this is quite a lucrative business for those who participate. The fees that they can charge on the applicants is quite substantial also, it's more than RM10,000. There is another RM5,000 they goes to the State Government, so it's a good industry, that's the reason why there is so many they wanted to also participate. My ministry is actively promoting the SMM2H Programme in international roadshows. During the Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan, from the 4th to the 10th of August 2025, three MoUs were signed involving Sarawak's SMM2H companies and Japanese companies, to collaborate in marketing Sarawak as the preferred long-term stay destination for Japanese citizens. During the Sarawak Mega Fair in Singapore on the 16th and 17th of October just recently 2025, Sarawak SMM2H companies were also given opportunity to promote the programme to Singaporeans and other foreign visitors.

In addition, my ministry through Sarawak Tourism Board (STB) is promoting the programme through the International Tourism Board Borse or ITB Berlin, World Travel Market (WTM) London which is the world largest travel mark and B2B Sessions in Balikpapan, Pontianak and elsewhere.

Eco-Tourism and Community Based Tourism

In line with the global demand for sustainable and responsible tourism, the Sarawak Government prioritizes tourism development that safeguards our natural and cultural capital, empowering local communities, minimize negative impact of travel on the environment and delivering meaningful visitor experiences.

In relation to this, Gunung Lesong Eco-Tourism Complex is being developed as a community based eco-tourism project that safeguard and promote cultural heritage of local community living around Gunung Lesong. At the same time, we are also leveraging on the Sarawak Delta Geopark as a new tourism attraction. For this purpose, we are developing our geo-tourism potential in line with responsible travel that sustains the distinct geographical features, heritage and local culture of our place.

Creative Industry

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Government recognises the creative industry as a vital component of Sarawak's shift towards a high-income and innovation driven economy. Sarawak's fast growing creative industry from heritage, music and crafts to gastronomy are now embedded in film, television, digital media, animation, architecture and design.

Moving forward, my ministry is expanding creative industries by prioritizing digitalisation, skills development and innovation in the areas that strongly intersect with creative content, media, design and digital arts. We continue to support the creative industry players through facilitation funds, capacity-building initiatives and industry collaborations across creative arts, arts and culture, media production, design and information technology. Major investments including the new Performing Arts Centre, Gastronomy Centre, Sarawak Arts Gallery and Sarawak Craft Centre indicate that the Government's bold initiative toward positioning Sarawak as a regional creative powerhouse. These facilities will become dedicated spaces to stimulate and facilitate the growth of our creative industries in future.

To facilitate this initiative, my ministry has established Sarawak Creative Industry Coordination Committee and Task Groups. At the same time, we have produced Sarawak Creative Industry Directory that compile the list of industry players in creative arts, performing arts, media production, design, arts, culture and heritage and information technology throughout Sarawak.

My ministry has taken initiative to collaborate with international partners in developing our creative industry. I am pleased to inform this august House that we have signed an MoU with Fergana Region or Fergana State in Uzbekistan recently to collaborate in heritage, arts and crafts, and at the same time we are exploring partnership with National Art Museum of Catalonia, Barcelona focusing on cultural-led development and heritage exchanges.

Culture and Heritage

Sarawak's unique culture and heritage are contributed by its 34 ethnic groups. While the heritage of the major ethnic groups is already well documented, the traditional practices of other ethnic groups have yet to be recorded in greater detail. To safeguard this heritage and develop it responsibly as a tourism product, my ministry will undertake dedicated research to document the heritage elements such as art, craft and traditional practices of these ethnic's ethnicities or ethnics group. This effort will ensure that the full breadth of Sarawak's cultural diversity is preserved and shared meaningfully with visitors.

I have given directive to *Majlis Seni*, to others also, not to just promote the big ethnic groups but also to go down to make sure that the other ethnic groups, the smaller one are also not being left behind. If you want to grow, to be prosperous, to be more harmonious, every ethnicity, and every ethnic group must feel, must have that feel, that they belong to Sarawak, that they are not being sightline whether in the museum, whether it is in the cruising, whether it is in the art and culture. And that is the reason why, as much as possible we will try to document whether the food that they have, the art and culture, the way of life even the *tarian-tarian*. At the same time, my ministry is also developing the heritage trails plan including for Borneo War Memorial Trail, Miri Heritage Trail and Sibu Heritage Trail. Efforts are also being undertaken by my ministry to secure UNESCO's recognition for the Fort Trails, which encompasses the historical legacies of 23 Forts built during the Brooke-era. And that is also the reason why, as I mentioned much earlier, we are upgrading the Forts that are available that was built during the Brooke-era to become heritage side for tourist to be able to visit and at the same time we will introduce the Fort Trails.

Old Kuching Smart Heritage (OKSHE)

For the information of this august House, the Sarawak Government through my ministry is reviving the Old Kuching Smart Heritage (OKSHE) initiative. This is in line with our efforts to strengthen the preservation of historic areas and cultural heritage around Kuching City. The old Kuching's heritage encompasses Kuching Heritage, Historical Monuments Heritage, Historical Business Heritage and Riverfront Heritage. The OKSHE initiative strategically leverages these tangible and intangible heritage and subsequently transforming them into unique tourism products and services.

STRENGTHENING THE 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.

Sarawak Signature Events

My ministry is encouraging registration of Intellectual Property (IP) Right for Sarawak's signature events. Strong IP protection helps to ensure that the traditional cultural expressions, indigenous knowledge and locally developed innovations, are properly recognised and safeguarded. The ministry collaborates closely with the industry players and relevant government agencies including Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA), resident and district offices as well as local authorities to strengthen the overall creative and heritage ecosystem. Through partnership with these stakeholders and industry players, we have successfully secured a copyright for 23 events so far.

Private Investment in Tourism Related Sector

We are aware that the eco-tourism industry is experiencing rapid expansion as travellers increasingly prioritize sustainability, conservation and authentic cultural experiences. Therefore, we believe that blending our nature with modern infrastructure and world class hospitality services is the way forward to optimize economic benefits from eco-tourism potential. My ministry welcomes private investors to explore tourism-related opportunities that can support sustainable growth and enhance visitor experiences in Sarawak. The Sarawak Government has stepped up its efforts to optimise benefits from the National Parks by upgrading the hospitality services within Niah National Park and Tanjung Datu National Park through private sector investment.

Air Connectivity

Air connectivity is fundamental in expanding Sarawak's tourism horizon globally. I believe that AirBorneo which is scheduled to commence its operation early next year, Sarawak would be able to chart its own destination of choice and accelerate the growth of its tourism industry.

Moving forward, AirBorneo's route and destination planning would need to be aligned with our target market, as well as with our tourism products and attractions. Hence, there is a need for a closer engagement between AirBorneo and the tourism industry players as well as stakeholders including my ministry.

Cruise Tourism

Cruise industry continues to show remarkable resilience and expansion. According to the Cruise Lines International Association or (CLIA), the Southeast Asia region has recorded more than 300 ship calls and over two million passengers in 2023, there is a huge market in cruise and projected to reach RM3.1 million, RM3.19 million passengers by 2029. We should not be left behind, we have to take this market too.

Sarawak has the potential to succeed in the cruise industry, but we need to improve our port facilities and logistic services to facilitate seamless passenger transfer. The ministry is in discussion with Singapore based cruise operator to include Kuching and Miri as future ports of call. For the cruise, because presently if you want to see the cruise they will be flying only along the straits of Melaka, from Singapore goes up to Pattaya, Penang but they know the potential is in the Bornean State, is in Borneo. That is, when they hear Borneo, its sound very exotic, there are so much to be offered and they do not want to be, to leave out Borneo and that is the reason why they are inviting those from our tourism sectors and how to explore into this market.

Tourism Grant

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

- (a) Geran Sokongan Acara dan Pesta, this is our event grant, this is the one that keep all these events alive the whole year;
- (b) Dana Mudahcara Warisan *and* Kesenian Sarawak; and
- (c) Geran Sokongan Kajian dan Penyelidikan Pelancongan, Warisan dan Kesenian Sarawak.

We have got three important grants down here, which if I am not mistaken in total for the three is about RM60 million.

Through the Geran Sokongan Acara dan Pesta, as of November this year, my ministry has approved RM46.33 million to support 227 events and festivals. Utilising the Dana Mudahcara Warisan dan Kesenian Sarawak, my ministry has approved RM8.7 million as of November, to

support 124 events related to arts, culture and heritage organised by associations, NGOs, schools, industry, institutes of higher learning and individuals.

The Sarawak Government through my ministry has approved RM5 million per year under Geran Sokongan Kajian dan Penyelidikan Pelancongan, is for research, Warisan dan Kesenian Sarawak to support various research in the field of tourism, arts and culture with the objective to foster innovation and explore new opportunities.

Capacity Building

We continue to give priority to capacity building among our local community as part of our strategies to upgrade their knowledge and skills to ensure they gain direct benefits from the industry. This is in line with our focus to develop community based eco-tourism project as well as to enhance community participation in homestay programme.

This year, my ministry has implemented several programmes including the hospitality and service quality training, craft workshop, communication skills, life-saving skills, digital marketing and product packaging.

UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)

Since its official designation as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in November 2021, Kuching City has strengthened its creative gastronomy agenda. Kuching has successfully won the bid to host the UNESCO Creative Cities of Gastronomy Annual Cluster Meeting next year in 2026. It was recently, we just got it recently actually. Aiming to showcase its unique culinary heritage and reinforce its position as a global gastronomic hub.

Well Kuching will remain committed to safeguard and revitalize the indigenous and traditional culinary knowledge. Current initiatives prioritize the documentation, protection and promotion of heritage-based food practices while integrating innovation, sustainability and contemporary gastronomy.

Collaboration with the Federal Government

My ministry continues to work closely with the Federal Government or rather the Federal Ministry which looks after tourism to accelerate the growth of tourism industry in Sarawak.

In the 13th Malaysia Plan, the Federal Government has announced the establishment of the Special Tourism Investment Zones (STIZ) in Sarawak as part of the initiatives to develop an integrated and sustainable tourism sector. The Sarawak Government welcomed this initiative and will discuss further on the details.

In addition, the Federal Government has also approved the project - Upgrading and Redevelopment of Taman Jubli Bukit Aup, Sibu under the Rolling Plan 1 with allocation amounting to RM11 million.

My ministry is also collaborating with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Malaysia (MOTAC) on the funding for projects under the Program Pemulihan, Pemuliharaan, Ubahsuai dan Naik Taraf (PPUN). The Federal Government through MOTAC has allocated RM3.87 million this year for 16 projects under this programme. The projects include:

- (a) Upgrading of Tourism Facilities in Telaga Air, Taman Negara Lambir, Bako, Semenggoh and Taman Tun Ahmad Zaidi in Sibu;
- (b) Upgrading of Electrical Facilities at Niah National Park, Miri;
- (c) Upgrading of Homestay Facilities in Santubong, Rumah Margretta Kerangan Julau, Lobang Batu Serian, Kampung Sadir Padawan and Ba'kelalan;

- (d) Upgrading of Jungle Trekking, Entrance Arch and Crocodile Platform at Taman Tumbina in Bintulu;
- (e) Upgrading of Pitcher Plant Garden at Padawan Municipal Council, Kuching; and
- (f) Upgrading of Infrastructure and Dewan Lagenda at Sarawak Cultural Village, Kuching.

The Sarawak's Homestay Programme implemented by MOTAC is getting vibrant with 68 registered clusters so far, involving 866 homestay operators and a total of 1,836 rooms. From January to October this year, the homestay operators managed to generate income amounting to RM7.4 million.

Perbadanan Kemajuan Kraftangan Malaysia Cawangan Sarawak or Kraftangan Malaysia continues to play active role as our strategic partner in driving the development of craft industry. As of October this year, Kraftangan Malaysia has recorded a total sale of RM20.1 million. The Festival Kraf Borneo 2025 held in conjunction with the Kuching Waterfront Festival 2025, which also include the regatta has successfully engaged 111 entrepreneurs and achieved an impressive RM2.4 million in total sales as against the target of RM2.2 million. They have exceeded the target, RM2.2 million, they have achieved RM2.4 million. I was made to understand last year they secured RM1.7 million sales. If I am not mistaken.

Another Federal Government agencies, Jabatan Kebudayaan dan Kesenian Negara, Sarawak (JKKN Sarawak) and Jabatan Penyiaran Negeri Sarawak (RTM Sarawak) also contributed significantly in promoting and showcasing Sarawak's creative industry through various events such as Festival Gendang Sarawak 2025, Anugerah Seni Sarawak 2025, Pertandingan Bintang Kecil 2025 Peringkat Kebangsaan *dan* Konsert Suara 34 Puncak Prestasi.

Strengthening Regional Cooperation

Sarawak is committed to expand regional cooperation through Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines-East Asia Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA), East Asia Inter-Regional Tourism Federation (EATOF) and SOSEK MALINDO. My ministry has recently assumed the chairmanship of the Tourism Cluster for BIMP-EAGA until 2027. Our focus is to create a seamless cross-border movement within the region to facilitate the growth of tourism sector. The recent 28th BIMP-EAGA Ministerial Meeting has agreed on the proposal to implement BIMP-EAGA Connect Card (BEC Card) that offer travellers a more convenient and trusted digital identity.

Sarawak continues to play active role in EATOF to strengthen cooperation with member countries in joint tourism promotions, cultural exchange, training and knowledge sharing. The 23rd EATOF Standing Committee Meeting this year has agreed on several cultural exchanges programme. Subsequently, Sarawak has participated in the 60th Seorak Cultural Festival held from the 17th to the 19th October 2025 in Gangwon City, South Korea.

Under the SOSEK MALINDO platform, my ministry is the Chairman for Social and Cultural Cluster where we have the opportunity to drive the cluster to our benefits. During the recent 38th SOSEK MALINDO Meeting, we have agreed with our Kalimantan counterpart to strengthen collaboration in event management, cultural exchanges, joint tourism promotion and facilitation of cross border movement of patients as well as deceased.

My ministry is also working closely with STATOS and STATOB, STATOS (Sarawak Trade and Tourism Office Singapore), STATOB (Sarawak Trade and Tourism Office, Brunei Darussalam) to form partnership with tourism industry players and stakeholders in Singapore and Brunei Darussalam. STATOS in partnership with STB (Sarawak Tourism Board) continue to enhance tourism marketing and promotion in Singapore through physical and digital platforms. As for Brunei market, STATOB in collaboration with STB is building partnership with both Bruneian and Sarawak-based agencies to organise various regular joint tourism programs. And next year, hopefully we will have another office. We have got in Singapore, we have got in Brunei, another one will be set up in Pontianak. Insya-Allah, by next year.

HIGHLIGHTS OF REPORT BY AGENCIES

Jabatan Muzium Sarawak

Being the custodian of Sarawak's heritage, Jabatan Muzium Sarawak (JMS) continues to educate the public and relevant stakeholders on the importance of heritage preservation and their role in safeguarding Sarawak's cultural assets.

Jabatan Muzium Sarawak (JMS) has also successfully carried out preservation and maintenance work on five monuments and sites including Tembawai Temenggong Tandok Archaeological Site in Saratok, Klirieng of THEBerawans in Long Jegan, Tinjar Baram, and West Mouth, Painted Cave 1 and Cave 2 Archaeological Sites in Niah Cave, Miri.

JMS continues to bring in international exhibitions to Sarawak. I am pleased to announce that the Helios Artwork by United Kingdom based artist, Luke Jerram, is currently on display at the Borneo Cultures Museum (BCM) from the 17th of November 2025 until the 17th of July 2026, from November 2025 till the 17th of July. So, those who wanted to see these artwork by Helios Artwork, do drop by to Borneo Cultures Museum.

JMS also continues to contribute to national level events. From the 13th and 14th September 2025, JMS dan Jabatan Muzium Malaysia (JMM) have organised the *Night at the Museum 2025*, marking the first overnight event at the BCM or Borneo Cultures Museum since its opening. The official closing ceremony was done by the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak, and which show participation from 31 museums and 2,240 students nationwide.

Another event is the *Inspirasi Pelajar Inovasi Muzium Programme*, jointly implemented with Kementerian Perpaduan Negara through Jabatan Muzium Malaysia and Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia. This program enhances the role of museums as an informal education platform and to attract students' interest in history through interactive approaches using museum collections.

JMS also participated in the *National-Level International Museum Day 2025* in Kedah from 23rd to 29th of July 2025, themed "*The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities.*"

Apart from national level events, Jabatan Muzium Sarawak remained active in community outreach. To promote awareness of the Sarawak Heritage Ordinance (SHO) 2019, JMS has conducted four Heritage Awareness Programmes between June to October 2025. The programmes are;

- (a) Heritage Awareness Programme with the community of Kampung Semeba, Kuching on the 17th of June 2025;
- (b) Heritage Awareness Programme with orphans from *Rumah Penjagaan Laman Huda Kampung Gita, Rumah Anak Yatim Baitul Rahmah, Sekolah Menengah Al-Amin* and *Sekolah Rendah Al-Amin* on the 13th of July 2025;
- (c) Heritage Awareness Programme with the community of Gedong District at the BCM on the 28th of October 2025; and
- (d) Heritage Awareness Programme with the community of Asajaya District at the BCM on the 29th of October 2025.

Thank you Jabatan Muzium *ada membawa mereka yang datang daripada Asajaya juga untuk diberi* this awareness programme.

JMS continues to embrace digital transformation in heritage preservation. This year, JMS has successfully digitalised the historical documents covering the Brooke Collection, certificates of identity, monthly report and early editions of the Sarawak Gazette.

BCM has recorded a total of 1.4 million visitors since its official opening on the 9th of March 2022, emphasizing its status as one of Sarawak's most popular cultural landmarks. Between January to October this year, Borneo Cultures Museum has welcomed 236,971 visitors.

BCM for the first time has appeared in the Museum World Ranking and recently ranked at number 289 out of 421 museums globally by online voting. The Museum World Ranking is an international initiative to evaluate the performance and assessing the museum's prestige and internationalisation through highlighting its best practices.

Jabatan Muzium Sarawak encourages public to donate artefacts with significant historical value to add to the museum's collection. Recently, Jabatan Muzium Sarawak has received 26 ethnographic artefacts, there you can see on the 26 ethnographic artefacts such as brass and silverwares, wood carvings, miniature cannon, gong, parang, paddle, *tuntun petik*, *kain kebat* and spear from Madam Teresa Platt. Thank you, Madam Teresa Platt.

The items were originally collected by her mother, Madam Monica Platt, from Pakit, Sri Aman in the '60s, in the 1960s. Madam Monica Platt is an Iban woman who is married to Mr. Philip Platt, a New Zealander, a former staff of Sarawak Land and Survey Department in the '60s, I believe. She is the sister of Lieutenant General (Retired) Datuk Stephen Mundaw, the Special Administrative Officer to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Urban Development Sarawak. Once again, *terima kasih* to Madam Teresa Platt.

Jabatan Muzium Sarawak also received 13 traditional fishing tools from Madam Mei Ang, there you can see on the picture, a researcher who studied the Orang Ulu community in Baram during the 1970s. Another important donation is an old Malay brass container from Mr. Simi Yah from Asajaya. Oh, there is it. The brass container is estimated to be around a hundred years old and shows how food was stored in the past.

We hope by informing the public this way, about all these contributions by collectors, it will encourage others who have got this collection of Sarawak to also come forward to donate them to the Sarawak Museum to be shared by the world at large.

In addition, an anonymous donor from Netherlands has contributed eight ethnographic items from the estate of Madam Barbara Harrisson, the name rings a bell, a well-known anthropologist and the wife of the former Curator of Sarawak Museum Department, the late Tom Harrisson. Tom Harrison is not just the curator, he is also the one who jump down from the, in the, what is it, during the Japanese occupation. The eight of them, they jump down to, in the *Operation Semut*, it was led by Major Tom Harrison actually, and he stayed on in Sarawak to do the archaeological, the Niah Cave, the one at the Santubong archaeological. He also becomes the Curator of the Sarawak Museum.

Another item is the Iban war jacket, I have never seen this one actually, something very unique, an Iban war jacket donated by Mr. Mark A. Johnson, an antique collector from Los Angeles, the United States of America. The jacket features an interesting design blending traditional and modern Iban motifs.

Sarawak Tourism Board

My ministry through Sarawak Tourism Board (STB) continues to strengthen our tourism promotion and marketing. For this purpose, Sarawak Tourism Board has launched a range of marketing initiatives designed to enhance tourism presence and visibility, digital readiness and destination. Or not to forget also, this year is the 30th year of Sarawak Tourism Board. Congratulations, *Selamat Hari Jadi* to Sarawak Tourism Board, that is the 30th anniversary. (Applause)

These initiatives were implemented through strategic collaborations with both international and local stakeholders including airline partners, travel trade operators, tourism agencies and digital platforms to strengthen market access, cross-border promotion and destination visibility.

Among the key initiatives include participations in major international tradeshows such as WTM London, ITB Berlin, ITB Asia, and the MATTA Fairs, which collectively amplified Sarawak's global presence and reinforced its position as a preferred tourism destination in the region.

To further enhance accessibility and market reach, STB has expanded collaborations with key regional airlines including Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG), AirAsia, Batik Air, Scoot and Royal Brunei Airlines. Earlier this month, Sarawak Tourism Board has strengthened connectivity by partnering with Ministry of Transport Sarawak (MOTS) and Malaysia Airport Berhad to bring in 9 Air China which was launched on the 15th of November 2025. These are chartered flights coming in from China.

In addition, Sarawak Tourism Board continues to broaden Sarawak's digital footprint across key markets through partnerships with major Online Travel Agent (OTA) platforms such as Tripadvisor, Tripzilla, Traveloka, Skyscanner, Ctrip, Qunar, Agoda and Expedia to drive conversion and increase Sarawak's visibility directly to consumers.

Sarawak's tourism visibility surge significantly in 2025, driven by aggressive and targeted marketing campaigns with domestic and global partners. Digital impressions have recorded approximately 465 million as of September 2025, marking a colossal 332% increase over the 116 million recorded in 2024. Simultaneously, the Public Relations (PR) value has reached RM138 million, surpassing the 2024's total of RM107 million by 7%. The substantial rise in both digital and media coverage demonstrates the highly effective strategy in delivering the right message to global and domestic audiences.

To build industry capacity, STB has collaborated with the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) to strengthen digital competencies among tourism operators through specialised programmes related to AI.

Concurrently, flagship marketing campaigns such as "*Gateway to Borneo*" and the "*Serumpun Sarawak*" initiative, which elevates the Sarawak's ecotourism, gastronomy and cultural identity, continue to enhance Sarawak's destination visibility and brand equity.

These efforts are further supported by funding initiatives such as the Strategic Partnership Collaboration Fund (SPCF) and the Sarawak Tourism Online Ecosystem Fund (STOEF), which encourage private sector participation in marketing initiatives and accelerate digital transformation across the industry.

Sarawak's tourism sector has recorded strong performance and notable achievements in 2025. This has culminated into eight international awards won just this year alone namely:

- (a) The Most Promising New Destination by the Outbound Travel Market (OTM) Excellence Award in India;
- (b) The Best Performance Award at the 40th Seoul International Travel Fair in South Korea;
- (c) The Best Destination Marketing Campaign at the PATA Gold Awards;
- (d) The Best Adventure, Best Nature, and Best Music Event Destination under the TripZilla Excellence Awards;
- (e) The Hospitality, Sales and Marketing Association International (HSMAI) Adrian Bronze Award;
- (f) The One to Watch Award by the International Centre for Responsible Tourism in Southeast Asia;
- (g) The Best Stand Feature Award at the recent World Travel Market in London 2025; and
- (h) The Top 10 Most Desirable Regions Worldwide by the Wanderlust Reader Travel Awards at WTM London also this year.

These awards demonstrate Sarawak's growing international appeal and the effectiveness of its digital and promotional strategies in promoting Sarawak as a distinctive premier eco-tourism destination.

Business Events Sarawak

My ministry through Business Events Sarawak (BE Sarawak) continues to promote Sarawak as the preferred destination for business events. I am pleased to highlight to this august House that Business Event Sarawak has successfully secured 150 events to be held between 2025 to 2030, a 107 percent above the target. These events are expected to generate a total economic impact of RM445.3 million, with direct delegate expenditure of RM247.45 million and RM27.32 million in tax revenue.

For 2026, we have secured several major events including the Asian Congress on Occupational Health 2026, targeting 2,000 delegates and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Triennial General Assembly 2026, also targeting about 2,000 delegates.

In addition, Sarawak has won the bid to host the International Council on Archives Conference 2027, the one that I went recently to Barcelona to receive it, targeting more than 1,000 delegates. The official handover ceremony took place in Barcelona, Spain on 31st October 2025, during the closing ceremony of the ICA Congress 2025.

Throughout 2025, Sarawak has successfully hosted 100 business events, generating RM413.14 million in total economic impact, direct delegate expenditure amounting to RM224.53 million and RM24.78 million in taxes. Among the major events include:

- (a) International Energy Week (IEW) 2025 about 1,000 delegates, exhibitors and visitors attended;
- (b) Asia Pacific Hospice Palliative Care Conference 2025 where we see 1,100 delegates;
- (c) Sustainability and Renewable Energy Forum (SAREF) 4.0 we see about 1,000 delegates;
- (d) 23rd World Veterinary Poultry Association Congress 2025 we see 1,200 delegates; and
- (e) International Digital Economy Conference Sarawak (IDECS) 2025 we see about 1,500 delegates.

Worldwide, business events are focusing on legacy impact, which is the long-term, positive change created by an event. Sarawak is known to be one of the most advanced and developed legacy-driven destinations in the world. Our target is to ensure that 50 percent of our events are legacy-driven, in line with Yang Amat Berhormat Premier's goal for Sarawak to become a legacy capital of Malaysia and Borneo. For that reasons, that is the reason why when we have the forum in Barcelona recently, I was asked to be a panellist in recognition of what Sarawak has done under legacy back.

Business Event Sarawak has successfully developed A-I LEGACY Intelligent Impact Management System to measure the alignment of business events to PCDS 2030 and SDGs. Under this system, 10 events have been verified and included in the Sarawak Legacy Destination Report presented at IBTM Barcelona where the global meetings and event industry leaders meet at that time, recently.

Moving beyond marketing, Business Event Sarawak is enhancing industry standard through LEGACY360 initiative and consists of LEGACY360 Education, Legacy Event Advocacy Policy Summit and the Borneo Inspires Legacy Awards to recognize individuals and organizations who are placing legacy at the core of their work.

Our legacy-driven approach has resulted in a 100% success rate for all bids submitted, demonstrating the strength and competitiveness of Sarawak's value proposition in the international market. Across all BE Sarawak's programmes and campaigns, we have achieved RM28.8 million in earned media value, highlighting Sarawak's strong visibility and influence.

Our commitment to champion legacy in business events has also been recognised internationally, earning the CEO of Business Event Sarawak the prestigious Iceberg Excellence Award recently. *Tahniah*, congratulation to Madam Amelia Roziman. This award is exclusively reserved for trailblazers whose work goes beyond conventional event planning and elevates the industry's capacity to deliver long-term, meaningful impact. In addition, Business Event Sarawak also received The International Congress and Convention Association Award of Appreciation in Porto, Portugal in November this year. This award is to recognize and honour a member, organization, or individual for a significant contribution to the sector.

Sarawak Craft Council

On the craft development, Sarawak Craft Council (SCC) continues to focus on the integration of modern technology and design, the cultural preservation and heritage, the cultivation of professional business skills and the alignment with sustainable and community focused goals.

The craft industry has seen a strong growth, with the number of registered entrepreneurs increased from 1,243 in 2024 to 1,503 in 2025, there is a jump of about less than 300. Sarawak's craft sector continues to advance through strategic initiatives encompassing promotion and marketing efforts through events, trade fairs and brand development. Promotion and marketing initiatives see 360 craft entrepreneurs participating in 31 domestic and international events.

Craft development is strengthened through capacity-building programmes, benchmarking visit and cultural preservation activities. Throughout the year, Sarawak Craft Council has organized 24 capacity building programmes involving 510 participants and 20 trainings in the traditional craft making involving 60 participants. In addition, Sarawak Craft Council has invited 19 Sarawak crafts artisans to participate in INACRAFT Indonesia to gauge new ideas and knowledge on crafts development, foster networking with international artisans. INACRAFT Indonesia is an event that gather around 1,600 selected craft artisans from all over Indonesia, it is one of the largest showcases of craft people.

Sarawak Craft Council continues to strengthen craft development through R&D, focuses on enhancing innovative designs, ensuring sustainability practices and establishment of industry standards. For this purpose, Sarawak Craft Council has embarked on the initiative to document all traditional crafts making, starting with the Iban traditional basketry involving communities in Mukah, Sarikei and Sibu Divisions. Meanwhile, the craft documentation for other ethnic will be carried out in stages.

Recently, Sarawak Craft Council has also collaborated with Society Atelier Sarawak, a local NGO in organising the 12th Biennale World Eco-Fibre and Textile (WEFT) Forum which brought together scholars, designers, artisans and textile entrepreneurs from 20 countries. The programmes featured line up of forums, workshops, exhibitions, fashion events and immersive cultural experiences. In conjunction with this event, Society Atelier Sarawak has signed an MoU with Wickerwork Association of Linshu, China, to collaborate on fibre craft knowledge, design exchange and market linkages.

Sarawak Craft Council has strengthened their efforts to develop the Sarawak craft industry through closer collaboration with Perbadanan Kemajuan Kraftangan Malaysia, Cawangan Sarawak. This was done through joint capacity building, joint craft sales and exhibition in several events, namely Festival Kraf Borneo 2025 in Kuching, Promosi Kraf Malaysia 2025 in Miri and Pameran Karya Agung "*Seni Kraf Warisan Negara*" at BCM.

Majlis Seni Sarawak

Majlis Seni Sarawak (MSS) has recorded achievements in key programmes and initiatives throughout the year and involved in significant number of performances. This reflects Majlis Seni

Sarawak's commitment in empowering talent development, cultural preservation and strengthening the creative industry ecosystem in Sarawak.

Through the Talent Development and Arts Education initiative, Majlis Seni Sarawak is nurturing the next generation of artistic talent across all divisions. A total of 1,488 participants has gained valuable technical proficiency, strengthened their creative confidence and received opportunities to participate in state-level competitions and performances.

The Dialog Seni Perdana was successfully implemented as a flagship engagement platform under Majlis Seni Sarawak (MSS). The programme brought together key stakeholders, including cultural practitioners, industry leaders, academicians and government representatives to chart strategic directions for arts development in Sarawak.

Meanwhile, the programme *Ngelakar Seni 2025* is designed to strengthen community participation in arts and cultural activities throughout Sarawak.

Majlis Seni Sarawak (MSS) continues to give priority to community-based arts education in rural areas through *Bengkel Kesenian Desa*, involving rural schools across Sarawak. Four rural schools namely in Marudi, in Mukah, in Betong and in Lundu were involved in this programme with a total of 500 participants. This initiative reflects Sarawak Government's commitment in ensuring equitable access to arts and cultural education, regardless of their geographical locations.

In line with Sarawak Government's aspiration to strengthen the creative industry and nurture talent development, *Bengkel Revolusi Industri Muzik* was successfully organised, involving 195 musicians and creative performers and practitioners.

The *Festival Kesenian Sarawak* which was held recently in November this year, remained the flagship cultural platform, celebrating Sarawak's diverse artistic heritage. The festival has become an avenue for performers, artists and cultural associations to showcase their talents, preserve tradition and engage with the public. This year we have successfully showcased performances and exhibition involving various ethnic groups including the Penan. We seldom see the cultural performance of the Penan. Actually, they do have their own cultural performance. This was showcase during this year *Festival Kesenian Sarawak*. This showcase performances and exhibition from the Kenyah, the Kedayan, Lakiput, also the Bugis, Jatti Miriek as well as the Kajang.

RESPONSES TO ISSUES RAISED BY AHLI-AHLI YANG BERTHORMAT

I would like to thank Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat for their views and suggestions to enhance tourism attractions and tourism-related infrastructures in their respective constituencies.

In response to the concern of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Batu Kitang on the dependent child of the SMM2H participant, my ministry will revisit the current requirements for the age group.

In response to the suggestion by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tellian, my ministry is strengthening the tourism attractions in Mukah. We are planning to develop Mukah Heritage Trail or Melanau Heritage Trail that will document, interpret and showcase Melanau cultural heritage including Lamin Dana and Sapan Puloh in a more structured way. For crafts such as *terendak* and *batik linut*, we will work closely with local artisans to register the crafts under Geographical Indications (GI) to ensure their protection as local creative products and enhance their promotion.

My ministry acknowledges the tourism potentials in Katibas and Ba'Kelalan as well as in Murum as mentioned by Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat for these constituencies. Katibas is known for its green forests and clear water that become valuable assets for eco-tourism. Meanwhile, Ba'Kelalan especially the Lawas Highland, Gunung Murud and Trusan River hold immense potential for eco-tourism and adventure. As for Murum and Belaga, its offer unique and authentic remote cultural immersion which seamlessly blending with profound nature and adventure exploration. To develop

potential of these areas, we need to integrate the tourism planning with the infrastructures plan especially access road. For this purpose, my ministry will work closely with all relevant stakeholders through Sarawak Tourism Coordination Committee (STCC) and Divisional Tourism Task Group (DTTG).

In response to the request by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kabong to list Kabong International Beach Trail Marathon (KIBTM) into the Tourism Calendar of Events, my ministry will consider if the event meets the requirement.

CONCLUSION

Tuan Speaker, sebelum mengakhiri ucapan penggulungan ini, saya ingin merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Tan Sri Datuk Amar Speaker dan Dato Timbalan Speaker di atas kecemerlangan dalam pengendalian persidangan Dewan kali ini.

Terima kasih juga saya ucapkan kepada Setiausaha Kerajaan Sarawak, Setiausaha Persekutuan Sarawak dan semua jabatan di peringkat Sarawak dan Persekutuan serta Setiausaha Dewan Undangan Negeri dan sekretariat di atas kerjasama kepada kementerian saya di sepanjang persidangan Dewan ini.

Ucapan terima kasih juga saya tujukan kepada Setiausaha Tetap Kementerian, Datu Sherrina yang tidak lama lagi akan bersara *under the mandatory requirement*. Well, we will miss her. Terima kasih *for a job well done we will miss her in the ministry*. Para-para pegawai dan semua warga kementerian serta agensi-agensi di bawah kementerian atas komitmen dan sokongan dalam penyediaan input dan maklumat penting sepanjang persidangan ini.

Sebagai penutup Tuan Speaker, izinkan saya mengakhiri ucapan ini dengan tiga rangkap pantun sebagai cerminan harapan dan aspirasi kita bersama:

*Memancing ikan mendapat udang,
Berhenti rehat di Sebandi Ulu;
Pelancongan maju industri kreatif berkembang,
Sarawak maju makmur selalu.*

*Ngetan empang ba aik pasang,
Tumu pagi bekayuh pulai;
Anang enda nyukung pemansang,
Aram kitai segulai sejalai.*

*Riang ria semangat diseru,
Moga gembira tulus ucapan;
Merry Christmas dan Selamat Tahun Baru,
Gong Xi Fa Cai menyusul kemudian.*

Dengan ini, Tuan Speaker, sukacitanya saya menyokong sepenuhnya Rang Undang-undang Perbekalan (2026) yang telah dibentangkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru. Sekian, terima kasih.

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

Menteri Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Tuan Speaker, boleh tahan dari pagi sampai sini.

Tuan Speaker: You want a break or not? Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, we have a break, sitting resume at 12.00 noon.

Menteri Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.15 Asajaya (YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 11.39 pagi)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 12.16 tengah hari)

[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Tuan Speaker: Honourable Minister.

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

*Bulat Air Kerana Pembentung,
Bulat Manusia Kerana Muafakat;
Aspirasi Belia Tetap Disanjung,
Pewaris Bangsa Martabat Diangkat.*

*Sukan Sukma Antara Negeri,
Sukan Borneo Negara Berjiran;
Bekalan Pengalaman Buat Menteri,
Menggalas Cabaran Peringkat ASEAN.*

Tuan Speaker, saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk merakamkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier Sarawak atas penerimaan anugerah “*Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star*” daripada Maharaja Jepun Naruhito di Istana Maharaja Tokyo pada 11 November 2025. Pengiktirafan ini merupakan penghormatan besar kepada rakyat dan juga negeri Sarawak, serta tanda penghargaan kepada individu yang memperkukuhkan hubungan diplomasi antarabangsa khususnya dengan Jepun. Ia turut mencerminkan pengiktirafan dunia terhadap dasar pembangunan dan hala tuju ekonomi baharu Sarawak, terutama sekali dalam bidang tenaga hijau, digital dan juga lestari.

Saya juga ingin merakamkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah kepada Tuan Speaker kerana dilantik semula sebagai Speaker Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak bagi penggal ke-10 berkuat kuasa pada 16 November 2025 hingga 15 November 2027.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

My ministry is committed to preparing Sarawak's youth for a changing global environment, strengthening engagement through 22 initiatives that foster leadership, resilience, social cohesion, and greater inclusivity and competitiveness.

Our Youth, Our Aspiration

The rebranded Minggu Belia Sarawak 2025, held on the 13th to the 19th October in Bintulu, carrying the inspiring theme “*Belia Aspirasi Kita*”, successfully attracted more than 5,000 youths from Bintulu and the neighbouring districts. Various activities were organised throughout this the week at Dewan Suarah Bintulu, including Youth Expo, Youth Marketplace, Youth Camp, Youth Got Talent,

Autoshow and Wall Climbing, complemented by satellite activities such as Youth Care at Pusat Aktiviti Warga Emas (PAWE) Tatau and Minggu Belia, STEM, TVET and Usahawan at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Bintulu.

Key agencies such as Pertubuhan Belia Kebangsaan Bersatu Sarawak (SABERKAS), Persatuan Mencegah Dadah Malaysia (PEMADAM), Sarawak Digital Economy Corporation (SDEC), Yayasan Sarawak, Centre for Technology Excellence Sarawak (CENTEXS) and PETROSAINS also participated in the Youth Expo, offering information on services, education pathway and training opportunities. To enhance youth employability, my ministry partnered with PERKESO to organise MYFutureJobs Career Carnival, featuring 10 employers. The event led to 56 job placements from 365 applications, with 48 candidates shortlisted for second interviews, demonstrating the effectiveness of targeted initiatives in addressing youth unemployment.

The celebration concluded with the *Anugerah Belia Sarawak 2025*, presented by the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak, recognising outstanding individuals and youth organisations for their impactful contributions to the development of Sarawak.

Resilient Youth, Healthy Mind

My ministry prioritised youth mental health by hosting the inaugural Sarawak International Conference on Youth Mental Health from 28th to 29th July with the Institute for Youth Research Malaysia (IYRES). With 12 local and international presenters and 300 participants, the conference highlighted awareness, early intervention, and inclusive support, calling for mental health integration across education, employment, digital access, and leadership development.

Youth Unity in Action

In 2025, Sarawak advanced youth development and regional collaboration through multiple initiatives. The state hosted part of the ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme from the 12th to 19th of July, engaging 25 ASEAN and 15 Sarawakian youths in community projects and cultural exchange. The Program Integrasi Belia Sarawak-Johor-Sabah-Melaka from the 11th to 15th August, in Sabah further promoted social harmony through cultural immersion and community activities with 15 Sarawakian delegates.

Sarawak also participated in the BIMP-EAGA Youth Bus 2025 from the 27th to 30th of November hosted by Negara Brunei Darussalam, where 21 youths, including three from Sarawak, took part in institutional visits, leadership sessions, and sports activities, culminating in a Youth Resolution to strengthen regional connectivity and sustainable development.

Looking ahead, Sarawak will host The Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Programme (SSEAYP) International Conference (SICO) Borneo 2026 from 30th January to 1st February, bringing youths from Malaysia, from Brunei, from Indonesia, and from Singapore to foster education, leadership, and sustainable development, while preparing for Sarawak's hosting of the same conference or SSEAYP Port of Call in 2027.

Additionally, initiatives led by my ministry alongside SABERKAS, AZAM Sarawak, and other youth organisations, strengthened leadership, communication, and community engagement skills, nurturing confident and professional youth leaders across the state.

Our federal counterpart, Jabatan Belia dan Sukan Negeri Sarawak (JBS) organised Semarak Hari Belia programmes across all divisions, including five divisional activities. The *Hari Belia Negara* celebration from 16th to the 17th May 2025 at the Serian Conference Centre with 15 activities.

Youth & Community Organisations

- (a) *Pertubuhan Belia Kebangsaan Bersatu Sarawak (SABERKAS)*

In 2025, SABERKAS implemented a wide range of programmes across sports, welfare, leadership, technology, innovation, and community engagement. Under the Sports and Recreation Programmes, 55 branches organised activities through the SABERKAS Sports Carnival (KASUS), engaging over 11,000 youths statewide. Key events included the SABERKAS Youth Glamping and the 7th SABERKAS Layar Cycling Carnival, with the President's Cup Futsal Championship planned for May 2026.

The Social and Welfare Programmes, particularly SABERKAS *Prihatin*, promoted volunteerism and compassion for vulnerable communities, with 40 branches running initiatives. In leadership and human capital development, participants attended the Rainforest Youth Summit 2025, Tunas MADANI 3.0, the Peninsular–Sarawak Youth Integration Programme, and the Sarawak-Johor-Sabah-Melaka Programme.

For Science, Technology, and Innovation, four AI Literacy Programme Series were held across Northern, Central, and Southern Zones, with the final session in Kuching scheduled for December.

The SABERKAS Women's Bureau implemented five key programmes, including Women-Caring initiatives, Groomed & Gorgeous Sessions, and MoU with CENTEX, Women's Economic Empowerment in Sebuyau, and recently the study trip to Kunming Province, in China.

Community engagement continued through five Reach Out Programmes with local branches and the Malaysian Youth Council at Pakan, Tanjong Datu, Asajaya, in Pelawan and in Telang Usan.

(b) Persatuan Mencegah Dadah Malaysia (PEMADAM)

PEMADAM's continuous programmes have demonstrated clear, positive impacts in supporting youth development and rehabilitation. The initiatives have successfully guided students towards meaningful pathways, with five students from Henry Gurney School and mainstream schools enlisting in the Army and two others joining the Royal Malaysian Navy. These achievements reflect the effectiveness of PEMADAM's outreach in helping at-risk youths build disciplined and purposeful activities. Beyond uniformed services, many programme participants have progressed to higher education institutions in Peninsular Malaysia, while others have gained stable employment as skilled workers, particularly in Tanjong Manis and the hospitality sector. These outcomes highlight PEMADAM's role in broadening career and academic prospects for young people.

Tuan Speaker,

INCLUSIVE SPORTS

Sarawak X-Tive 4.0

Entering its fourth year, Sarawak X-Tive remains a flagship grassroots sports initiative, promoting public health, community participation, and talent development to support Sarawak's vision as a Sports Powerhouse and Malaysia's goal of becoming a sports nation by the year 2030.

In 2025, the component of mass sports consists of recreational, traditional, extreme and fitness across all divisions, emphasising sports culture, inter-agency collaboration and partnerships with associations. Sarawak X-Tive had concluded or had conducted 120 programmes with over 120,000 participants.

Special initiatives promoted inclusivity for youth, communities and persons with disabilities, drawing over 5,000 participants into nature-centred programmes and events. These included HOPE Run Sarawak, which combined health awareness, fundraising, and volunteering, as well as outdoor challenges such as the Adis Buan Trail Run Challenge, Kemuyang Nature Challenge and Kuching X-Tive Urban Nature Challenge. A forthcoming highlight is the Lambir Eco Adventure Challenge, further expanding opportunities for engagement with nature and community spirit.

Hari Sukan Negara, initiated by Jabatan Belia dan Sukan, recorded an impressive statewide turnout of 455,183 participants, supported by 445 activities registered on the official portal from 17th to the 19th October 2025. These activities were conducted in collaboration with the general public, private agencies, schools, higher learning institutions, clubs, sports associations and community groups of all ages and backgrounds, promoting sport as a platform for cooperation, friendship, and unity.

Borneo Games Kuching 2025

My ministry successfully organised the Borneo Games Kuching 2025 from the 24th to the 28th September, showcasing athletic excellence through the dedication of the organising committee, volunteers, officials and staff. The event strengthened unity and Bornean brotherhood among Negara Brunei Darussalam, Sabah, Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan, Provinsi Kalimantan Timur and Sarawak. Athletes competed in five competitive sports; Athletics, Swimming, Lawn Bowls, Archery, Badminton and two traditional sports; Tug of War and Blowpipe; and one VIP Golf, blending modern sport with cultural heritage. A total of 327 medals were offered throughout this competition. Sarawak dominated the Borneo Games Kuching 2025, topping the medal tally with 168 medals, among them 62 gold, 61 silver, 41 bronze. We are very proud to be the host of this Borneo Games which has not been held for the last 13 years. The last time it was held was in Labuan in 2013.

My Ministry also extend our warmest congratulations to athlete Hii Puong Wei, who was awarded Best Male Athlete, and athlete Cheeren Ngo Yirui, honoured as Best Female Athlete, both from the Sarawak's swimming team. Their achievements reflect remarkable perseverance, excellence and exemplary sportsmanship.

As this successful Borneo Games concludes, Sarawak proudly hands over hosting duties for the 2027 edition to Provinsi Kalimantan Timur. We are confident the unity, friendship and healthy competitive spirit built this year will continue to flourish in the next games in 2027.

Sukan Sarawak (SUKSAR) IV 2026

Sukan Sarawak or SUKSAR is a state-level multi-sport games revived in 2017 after its last edition in 1990, held before SUKMA or Sukan Malaysia to identify and prepare emerging talents for higher-level competition. It brings together athletes from across the state through four competing zones that is north, central, east and south providing an inclusive platform for grassroots and developing athletes. SUKSAR serves as a key talent-identification mechanism and supports Sarawak's long-term vision to strengthen its sports development pathway and become a national sports powerhouse.

SUKSAR yang keempat IV 2026 will be held next year in early February in Sri Aman and Betong which covers 11 sports, reinforcing the athlete development programme and hopefully from this sport SUKSAR Games that going to be held in Sri Aman in February next year we will able to identified a pool of batting athletes for our next SUKMA Games which going to be held in Selangor also next year.

Sukan Malaysia (SUKMA XXII) 2026

Sukan SUKMA XXII Selangor 2026 is scheduled to take place from 15th to 24th August 2026, featuring 37 sports to be contested across nine districts in Selangor. As Sarawak prepares to defend its champion title, Sarawak Sports Corporation and Majlis Sukan Negeri Sarawak have begun readying athletes by sending them to 22 state, 83 national and 37 international competitions, ensuring long-listed athletes would meet qualification standards and remain competition-ready.

Southeast Asian Games 2027

On 28th August 2024, the Federal Cabinet formally approved Malaysia as the host of the 34th SEA Games and the 14th ASEAN Para Games in 2027. This landmark decision marks the first time the games will be jointly organised by few states. In this case Sarawak, Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Johor because before this all the SEA Games are only cantered in Kuala Lumpur for the last sixth times Malaysia was the host. It was only held in Kuala Lumpur and this time, it is the first time when Malaysia becomes the host, it is going to be spread out in four other cities, that is, Kuala Lumpur, Sarawak, Penang and Johor.

For the information of this august House, Sarawak has been assigned to host 17 sports, that would make Sarawak or Kuching the highest among the co-hosting states. This demonstrates the strong confidence in our abilities, our readiness, our capability and commitment to delivering a world-class sporting experience.

Stadium Sarawak will host the 2027 SEA Games Opening Ceremony, highlighting the State's capability and offer a platform to showcase its culture, its unity, and progress. Beyond symbolism, the event is expected to generate long-term socio-economic benefits through tourism, media exposure, and community engagement, with planned stadium enhancements ensuring a legacy as a premier venue.

To ensure the successful delivery of the Games, a total allocation of RM350 million has been provided for the organisation of 17 sporting events and the opening ceremony. This funding covers comprehensive promotional initiatives, training and coordination for the working committees, as well as the provision of sports management equipment to meet all technical and competition standards by Southeast Asian Games Federation, ensuring the games are delivered at the highest standard.

Sarawak Sports Corporation

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak continues to strengthen its pathway toward becoming Malaysia's leading sports powerhouse through targeted athlete, coach and system development. Priority sports are identified statewide, supported by systematic talent identification in schools and clubs, high-intensity training, competitive exposure, and continuous upgrades to the Integrated Games Management System.

Sarawak Sports Corporation currently operates 290 Sports Development Centres involving 5,983 athletes and 295 coaches. In 2025, Sarawak Sports Corporation implemented a wide range of development programmes across various sports, supported by continuous coaching education and initiatives to identify emerging athletes. A total of 54 Sarawak athletes has been selected to represent Malaysia at the 33rd SEA Games Thailand 2025 across multiple sporting disciplines. The 33rd SEA Games Thailand 2025 will officially be opened officiated next week on the 9th of December 2025.

Athlete Achievements

My ministry is proud that Sarawakian athletes continue to excel nationally and internationally, reinforcing Sarawak's role in Malaysia's sporting success. Their achievements in Archery, Aquatics, Bodybuilding, Boxing, Cycling, Dance Sport, Diving, Golf, Handball, Muaythai, Table Tennis, Tenpin Bowling and Silambam highlight the strength of our development system and the dedication, skill and commitment of our young sporting talents.

In 2025, Sarawakian athletes delivered remarkable performances across multiple sports, showcasing talent, dedication and international competitiveness. In Tenpin Bowling, Gillian Lim became the first Malaysian to win the Professional Women's Bowling Association Rookie of the Year 2025 (USA), while Eldred Kho Yek Zhen earned 2nd Runner-Up in Boys' Doubles at the Asian Junior Championships (Doha, Qatar). In golf, Mirabel Ting Ern Huo made her LPGA debut at the Amundi

Evian Championship in France and advanced to the Final Stage of the LPGA Q Series in Alabama, marking a key milestone in her pursue of an LPGA Tour card.

In combat sports, Daeloniel McDelon Bong (Kilat Boy) won the World Boxing Championship (WBC) Asia Continental Super Bantamweight Championship and continued his success at TWINS Championship 103, while Muhammad Mikail Ghazali Zulfikar (Miki) captured gold in the IFMA Muaythai Youth World Cup Championship in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Karen Lyne Dick created history by becoming the first Malaysian to win Women's Doubles Champion and Mixed Doubles Runner-Up at World Table Tennis (WTT) Feeder Vientiane 2025 (Laos) and secured the Women's Doubles Runner-Up title at the WTT World Table Tennis Feeder Vila Nova de Gaia 2025 (Portugal).

Joey Tan Xing Lei contributed to Malaysia's Bronze Medal in the Recurve Women's Team at the 24th Asian Archery Championships 2025 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Additionally, at the World Open Silambam Championship in Doha, Qatar, Aysraff Aqil bin Mohamad Zainurris Azman won gold in the Poruthal above the 55 kg category, while Hani Qurratu 'Ain Samsuddin claimed silver in the above 70 kg category.

Sarawak divers delivered outstanding performances at the 11th Asian Aquatics Championships 2025 in Ahmedabad, India, securing multiple medals. Elvis Priestly anak Clement claimed silver in the third 3m Springboard Synchro, while Elisha Rania Rajagopal earned silver in the 3m Springboard, silver in the Women's Platform Synchro and bronze in the 10m Platform. Bertrand Rhodict and Enrique Maccartney anak Harold each won silver in Men's Platform Synchro and Nurul Farisya Alia binti Affendi took silver in Women's Platform Synchro.

In 19th Southeast Asian and 57th Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship in Bangkok, Thailand, Dr. Malvern Abdullah won silver in the Mens' Athletic Physique up to 160 cm while Joseph Ladi and Azri Asmat Sefri each won bronze in the men's 65 kg and 55 kg bodybuilding categories. While, Philomena Dexclyn Siar, there she is, secured a bronze medal in the Women's Sports Physique Over 165 cm category. At the 16th World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship in Batam, Siti Hadjar Mansor earned bronze in the women's up to 55kg category.

Our young dancer, Eunice Chen Xin Ling performed exceptionally well in the Sarawak International Open Dance Sport Championship in 2025, achieving 1st place for Female Solo Youth Latin, Solo Youth Single Dance and the Group Open. In Handball, both Rossavel Abia Usun Lusat and Esther Charles Urek at the age of 15, achieved a top-10 ranking at the International Handball Federation Trophy for Malaysia team in Suphan Buri, Thailand. Cricket talent, Mohammad Hariz Afnan Sulhie received a national call-up for the Asian Cricket Council Men's U19 Premier Cup in Ajman, UAE.

Sarawak cyclists also achieved strong results during the last one year. In Track Cycling, Sarawak cyclists, junior cyclists I would say, four gold, seven silver and one bronze at the Malaysia National Track Championships in Iskandar Puteri, Johor, with standout performers by Muhammad Daniel Hakim Zulkaisi and Afif Darwysh Mohammad Nazir. I know, in this, in this event, Sarawak was the top among all the states in this national junior.

In mountain Bike (MTB), Aimy Nazurah Rais won the Women's Youth MTB title, with Sharifah Nur Aina Marissa and Nur Farah Ain Nabiela securing podium finishes in Machang, Kelantan. In BMX, Luthfil Hasief Freddie and Airis Nabihah Rais won national titles in Nilai, Negeri Sembilan.

These achievements has highlight Sarawak's growing strength across track, across MTB or mountain bike and BMX disciplines.

Sports Association Recognition

Sarawak Cycling Association was named the Best State Cycling Association in 2025 by the Malaysian National Cycling Federation. Sarawak Gymnastics Association (SAGYMA) was crowned

the national winner of the Sports for All Award under the Association Category at the 2025 National Sports Awards in Ipoh, Perak.

My ministry would also like to congratulate YB Azizul Annuar bin Pehin Sri Haji Adenan, President of Malaysia World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) which also the Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tanjong Datu for being elected as the Vice President of the Olympic Council of Malaysia (OCM).

These achievements reflect Sarawak's growing prominence in national and international sports, highlighting the effectiveness of athlete development programmes, coaching excellence and the dedication of leadership in sport organisation across the State.

Tuan Speaker,

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

As we conclude our entrepreneurship development efforts for the year, I am pleased to highlight the key progress and achievements across our programmes throughout Sarawak. This year has marked another important step forward in strengthening our entrepreneurial ecosystem and empowering our youth to participate meaningfully in the state's economic transformation.

Sarawak Youth Startup Programme (SYStartUP)

SYStartUP or *Sarawak Youth Startup Programme* remains a flagship collaboration between my ministry and various state and federal agencies. A major highlight this year was the SYStartUP Cohort 2, which was just recently held in Miri from the 8th to 15th November. There are 150 participants out of 393 applicants who were selected, and all have successfully completed the intensive course.

Meanwhile, 275 participants from the Cohort 1 which was held in 2024 continues to show strong outcomes, with 174 participants having started their businesses and 110 had registered their companies, created 181 jobs and opened 114 additional outlets. By the third quarter of this year, active participants collectively generated RM830,753.00 in revenue, clearly demonstrating the programme's growing economic impact across Sarawak and also clearly showing the power of the young entrepreneurs.

As a follow-up programme for SYStartUP alumni, my ministry expanded the Startup Biz Initiatives across Kuching, Sri Aman, Sibul, Bintulu and Miri, benefiting over 150 participants through practical training in business modelling, digital skills and market readiness. Complementing this effort, the SYStartUP Meet & Greet sessions in Miri, in Sibul, Sri Aman, Betong and Kuching provided valuable on-ground engagement, allowing the ministry to track progress, offer direct guidance and deliver timely interventions. Together, these initiatives ensure that the SYStartUP graduates continue to receive sustained support, enabling them to grow into confident, investment-ready entrepreneurs.

SYSTARTUP Market Exposure & Participation

Participants showcased and marketed their products at major events across Sarawak and beyond. Key events in 2025 where the SYStartup participated included:

- (a) Sabah International Food Expo;
- (b) Satu Daerah Satu Industri (SDSI) Wilayah Borneo in Tawau;
- (c) Showcase Usahawan Sarawak in Bintulu and Pulau Pinang;
- (d) Mega Karnival 3 Dimensi in Kuala Lumpur;
- (e) Karnival Jualan Hari Sarawak;
- (f) Borneo Games Carnival; and of course, the.
- (g) Sarawak Regatta.

These engagements strengthened their business skills, built confidence and expanded their market visibility, supporting the growth of youth-led enterprises and helping produce market-ready, high-impact entrepreneurs.

BeliaGoBiz Programme

A key highlights this quarter was the BeliaGoBiz Programme, which integrates entrepreneurship, sports and talent development. It was successfully held in Limbang from the 12th to the 13th of July and in Debak from the 23rd to the 24th August, attracting over 800 participants. The two-day events featured entrepreneurship courses, agency exhibitions, sports activities, a sales carnival, talent competitions and TVET sharing sessions, creating a vibrant platform that encouraged skills, creativity and community engagement.

Sarawak Youth Business Idea Competition (Saybic)

Another flagship programme organised in collaboration with UiTM Sarawak is the Sarawak Youth Business Idea Competition or in short we called it SaYBIC, an engagement initiative designed to nurture entrepreneurial talent and empower youth in IPTA and IPTS or Institutasi Pengajian Tinggi Awam ataupun Institutasi Pengajian Tinggi Swasta across Sarawak. SaYBIC 2023/2024 recorded remarkable interest, showcasing a diverse range of products and strong student participation. Building on this momentum, SaYBIC 2024/2025 continues to provide a platform for youth to develop and pitch creative business ideas, receive mentorship and gain practical exposure to business development—fostering a culture of innovation and preparing students to contribute effectively to Sarawak's growing economy.

Youthpreneur Hub

Next year, my ministry, MYSED will continue strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem through the Youthpreneur Hub, developed through a synergistic collaboration with CENTEXS Commercial. This hub will address key challenges faced by entrepreneurs, including the lack of proper Research and Development (R&D) facilities, industrial-grade equipment and support for food safety certifications. It will enable entrepreneurs to conduct product R&D, refine recipes, test shelf life and develop food-based solutions using industry-standard facilities. Most importantly, the hub will help them obtain certifications such as HACCP, GMP, MeSTI, Halal, and nutritional labelling, allowing their products to enter supermarkets, online platforms and regional export markets.

Youth Entrepreneur Setup

Looking ahead, Youth Entrepreneur Setup or in short, YES 3.0 will expand across more districts, introducing specialized tracks in Technopreneur, Agropreneur, Social Enterprise and the Creative Industry to ensure youth in both urban and rural areas have access to industry-relevant training and entrepreneurship support.

Development Of Working Committee With MINTRED

Development Of Working Committee With MINTRED, the other Ministry that is looking after entrepreneur development. Following the directive from the Sarawak Entrepreneur Development and Coordination Committee (SEDCC) Main Committee Meeting *Bil. 1/2025*, my ministry is working closely with MINTRED, and preliminary discussions have been conducted to form a Working Committee. This committee will be established to formulate guidelines aimed at enhancing the participation of GLCs and the private sector in the development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) startups. This effort supports the creation of a more robust entrepreneurial ecosystem by strengthening industry player involvement with MSME startup.

Youth Xcape Programme

As we approach the end of the year, the Youth Xcape event will be held on the 13th December 2025 at Bakam Point, Miri. This programme combines entrepreneur courses with community sports such as *sepak takraw*, futsal, soccer and tug-of-war, expecting 300 youth's participation.

In closing, I would like to thank all the strategic partners ministry, state and federal agencies for their support and commitment in helping us make the SYStartUP programme a reality and a success journey to ensure our young entrepreneurs are well equipped with essential knowledge capital, digital capabilities and core business skills. Together, we are building a stronger, more innovative, and resilient and complete entrepreneurial ecosystem for Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker,

FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

My ministry has been persistent in promoting a sustainable, healthy and inclusive approach to championing Sarawak communities through the provision of world-standard as well as inclusive sports and social facilities statewide.

Throughout these five years period, we have managed to complete a total of 38 12th Malaysia Plan projects with a total allocation of RM116.95 million, of which three projects were completed in 2025, involving upgrading works of Pakan Sports Complex which is RM1 million, Bintangor Sports Complex which is RM2.5 million and Kapit Swimming Pool which is RM500,000.

Meanwhile, 13 *projek rakyat*, with a total allocation of RM88.97 million, have been completed. Two of these were delivered in 2025 namely the Bau Sports Arena which cost RM10 million and the Stadium Terbuka Song which cost RM5 million.

Moving forward towards achieving Social Inclusivity under PCDS 2030, my ministry has a total of 38 projects under the 13th Malaysia Plan. These projects comprise of 14 continuation projects from the 12th Malaysia Plan, 13 continuation projects under the *projek rakyat*, and 11 new projects for the upgrading of SEA Games facilities, with a total approved ceiling of RM387.73 million.

The 11 new projects for the upgrading of SEA Games facilities, amounting to RM252 million, are:

- (a) Stadium Sarawak;
- (b) Stadium Perpaduan;
- (c) Sarawak Shooting Range;
- (d) Sarawak Squash Centre;
- (e) Cricket and Rugby Ground;
- (f) Pandelesa Rinong Aquatic Centre;
- (g) Sarawak Archery Range;
- (h) Lawn Bowl Arena;
- (i) Gelanggang Sarawak Lawn Tennis;
- (j) Pusat Petanque Sarawak; and
- (k) Wushu Training Centre.

The ongoing upgrading of Dewan Suarah Kuching, Sarawak costing RM5 million for reroofing of the main tower, scheduled to complete in first quarter of 2026. Beyond the reroofing works, additional upgrading initiatives will be carried out in preparation for hosting Esports events for the SEA Games 2027, as well as to develop the facility into a Youth Hub.

Meanwhile, the upcoming upgrading of the four other Dewan Suarah facilities, focuses on safe and conducive conditions for public use. Dewan Suarah Sibu will be receiving major architectural,

structural, mechanical, and electrical upgrades amounting to RM16.2 million, scheduled for completion by the third quarter of 2027. Dewan Suarrah Samarahan, Kapit, and Limbang are slated for major reroofing works, each costing RM5 million. RM7.05 million has been approved to upgrade Stadium Negeri as the home ground of Kuching City FC, covering repairs to seating, facilities and infrastructure, plus new ticketing entrances, an outdoor LED screen and upgraded LED lighting.

Apart from that, Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia (KBS) has also provided a sum of RM500,000 to Sarawak Sport Corporation to upgrade the football field of Stadium Negeri, Petra Jaya, Kuching. Kementerian Belia Sukan Malaysia has also approved RM1.26 million to upgrade the following small-scale sports facilities, among them are:

- (a) *Naik taraf gelanggang tenis MAKSAK Bahagian Sarikei;*
- (b) *Naik taraf padang sintetik Bintulu Development Authority;*
- (c) *Naik taraf gelanggang futsal di Kompleks Sukan Lundu;*
- (d) *Naik taraf gelanggang futsal berbumbung di RGC Layar Betong; and,*
- (e) *Bina baharu padang bola sepak di Kampung Long Bedian, Telang Usan.*

Meanwhile, a new Pickleball and Volleyball courts at Pusat Belia Miri are also funded by KBS at RM500,000 each.

GRANTS

Tuan Speaker, in 2025 my ministry, the ministry's support grant approved 68 programmes worth RM1.4 million, benefiting about 75,000 participants across Sarawak. Applications rose by 15.3% and funding by 4.5% compared to 2024, driven by strong growth in youth and sports development initiatives. Funded initiatives, including leadership and communication programmes such as AZAM Young Souls Toastmasters and sports events like the Adis Buan Trial Run Challenge 2025 and Karnival Sukan SABERKAS, strengthened youth empowerment, active lifestyles and community engagement.

MINISTRY RECOGNITION

Recently, my ministry received the Bronze Award at the *Anugerah Kualiti Perkhidmatan Awam Negeri Sarawak (AKPANS)*. This recognition reflects the dedication of officers across leadership, finance, human resource, customer service, community engagement and ICT. These underscores my ministry's commitment to high-quality public service, integrity and continuous improvement. Tahniah dan syabas kepada mereka yang berkhidmat di dalam kementerian ini.

ISSUES RAISED BY AHLI-AHLI YANG BERTHORMAT ON MATTERS RELATED TO MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND ENTREPRENEUR DEVELOPMENT SARAWAK

Tuan Speaker, I would like to thank Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat Telang Usan, Engkilili, Pelagus, Batu Kitang, Katibas, Meradong, Tellian, Tanjong Datu, Beting Maro, Jepak, Baleh, Machan, Tanjong Batu and Kabong for their issues, proposals and suggestions raised in relations to youth, sports and entrepreneur programmes, social and sports facilities throughout Sarawak. My ministry will continue to formulate and implement various youth, sports and entrepreneurship development programmes and activities in Sarawak to produce healthy, creative and skilful youths as well as high performance athletes, realising Sarawak as a sport nation.

CONCLUSION

Saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Tuan Speaker dan semua warga Dewan Undangan Negeri di atas kecemerlangan dan komitmen yang tinggi bagi melancarkan persidangan 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 kementerian saya yang telah bertungkus lumus menyediakan input dan informasi serta sokongan yang padu.

Saya ingin mengucapkan *Merry Christmas* kepada semua rakyat Sarawak yang menyambut dan Selamat Menyambut Tahun Baru 2026. Dengan ini, saya ingin menutup ucapan penggulungan bagi Kementerian Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan Sarawak dengan dua rangkap pantun:

*Cendawan halia tumbuh di titi,
Subur bertaburan di tepi kali;
Usahawan belia menabur bakti,
Pemacu ekonomi tidak terkecuali.*

*Terbang kenyalang ke ufuk timur,
Bayangan senja kian menghilang;
Sarawak gemilang maju dan makmur,
Pemimpin bijak premier terbilang.*

Dengan ini, saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih dan juga sokongan kepada ucapan Belanjawan 2026 yang telah dibentangkan oleh YAB Premier Sarawak pada permulaan sesi persidangan ini. Sekian, Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, we have break. Sitting resume at 2.30 p.m.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 13.11 tengah hari)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 2.37 petang)

[Timbalan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

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

Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.69 Kemena (YB Dato Sri Dr. Stephen Rundi anak Utom): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Selamat petang, Salam sejahtera, Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur, Salam *Segulai Sejalai*.

Sebelum itu, saya ingin mengalu-alukan kehadiran 60 orang penyokong kita dari Kemena di sebelah sana. Terima kasih kerana hadir dan juga sama-sama memerhatikan gelagat-gelagat kita dalam persidangan kita pada kali ini.

Yang Berhormat Speaker, first 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 2026 Sarawak Budget with the theme *“Empowering People, Advancing Prosperity, Building a Resilient Future”*. The 2026 Sarawak Budget is commendable, as it once again places strong emphasis on development, with an allocation of RM7.3 billion, representing 56.6% of the total budget.

The 2026 Sarawak Budget further exemplifies the bold and visionary leadership of the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak in charting Sarawak’s path towards a high-income economy, inclusive prosperity and a long-term environmental sustainability.

We express our profound appreciation to the Sarawak Government for allocating RM326 million under the 2026 Budget that will continue to support our agriculture transformation agenda, an increase of RM145 million or 80.1% from 2025. This significant investment will strengthen efforts to modernise the agriculture sector through digital technologies, encourage greater private sector involvement or participation, and build a complete supply chain.

These strategies are essential for safeguarding food security and positioning Sarawak as a net food exporter by the year 2030.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Right Honourable Premier, on being conferred "*the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star*" by His Majesty Emperor Naruhito of Japan on the 11th of November 2025. This award is a testament to the high regard and confidence accorded internationally to the Right Honourable Premier, recognising his unwavering commitment to driving green and circular economy.

I would also like to congratulate the Honourable Tan Sri Datuk Amar Speaker on his re-appointment as the Speaker of the Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak, and to commend him for his continued excellent service to this august House.

My warmest congratulations are also extended to all my Honourable colleagues who were conferred State Awards in conjunction with the 79th Birthday Celebration of our Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak on 11th of October 2025.

PERFORMANCE OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR

Tuan Speaker, in the year 2024, the agriculture sector contributed RM15.1 billion to Sarawak's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and provide approximately 247,400 employment opportunities.

A notable and encouraging aspect of Sarawak's agriculture sector is the substantial increase in export earnings. Palm oil, the state's second-largest export commodity, rose from RM15.0 billion in 2021 to RM16.3 billion in 2024, reflecting an 8.6% increase. As of October 2025, palm oil exports have reached 3.1 million metric tonnes valued at RM13.8 billion.

On the other hand, greater effort is required for Sarawak to narrow the food trade deficit. We must scale up food production particularly rice, beef, fruits and vegetables, fisheries, and animal feed to safeguard our food security.

Therefore, my ministry will intensify efforts to enhance the sector's competitiveness and long-term sustainability by implementing targeted and high-impact strategic measures. At the same time, we will continue to empower our farmers with the essential knowledge, modern technologies, and commercial agriculture skills required to drive Sarawak's agro-transformation agenda.

FOOD SECURITY AND SAFETY

Improving Paddy and Rice Production

Tuan Speaker, improving paddy and rice production. In the year 2024, Sarawak has achieved a Self-Sufficiency Level (SSL) of 21% with about around 51,000 metric tonnes of paddy produced. The production in 2025 is projected to decline to 48,700 metric tonnes, which may reduce the SSL to 20%. So, this shortfall has contributed the need to import 173,000 metric tonnes of rice, valued at RM460 million from January to October 2025, thus reinforces the urgency of the government's commitment to increase the SSL.

Hence, the Sarawak Government is driving a comprehensive reform of commercial paddy development programme. These include introducing Design, Build, Operate and Transfer (DBOT)

development model, gazetting government land, modernising drainage and irrigation systems, and expanding private sector participation and paddy planting.

For the information of the Honourable Members for Tanjong Datu, for Batu Danau and Bukit Begunan, my ministry has identified approximately 15,000 hectares for commercial paddy cultivation using the DBOT Public-Private Partnership Model. Up to-date, 6,100 hectares including areas in Tanjong Purun, Linga, Banting, Stumbin Bijat, Seduku, Selepong, Limbang and Sundar have been approved for implementation. My ministry will continue to identify more suitable areas for commercial paddy cultivation.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Opar, the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) Sarawak has carried out site visits to the seven projects approved under Greater Kuching Coordinated Development Agency (GKCDA) and the implementation will commence by the year 2026.

(a) New High Yielding Paddy Varieties

Tuan Speaker, I am pleased to update this august House on the progress of the research on high-yielding and resilient rice variety together with the Malaysian Nuclear Agency, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, and UiTM in Stumbin, Sri Aman. The findings show that these new rice lines achieved 30% higher yield compared to the control variety MR297.

In the year 2025, several new rice varieties, including hybrid and perennial paddy, were introduced into Sarawak for evaluation risk or trials, adaptability studies, and potential commercial planting. These varieties were imported strictly in accordance with the department's biosecurity protocols to ensure full compliance with Sarawak's stringent plant health requirements.

(b) Capacity Building for Paddy Development

To enhance the capacity and the capability in paddy and rice industry, the Sarawak Government is collaborating with Muda Agricultural Development Authority (MADA) to provide technical training aligned with the National Occupational Skills Standards (NOSS). While Sarawak is in the process of establishing with new training facilities and finalizing a structured training programme, 25 Sarawakian students will undergo a two year fully sponsored training at MADA Rice Training Centre (MRTC), in Kedah starting January next year.

(c) Establishment of Sarawak Paddy and Rice Board

In the line with the state's efforts to strengthen the governance and institutional framework of Sarawak's paddy and rice industry, the State Cabinet has endorsed the establishment of the Sarawak Paddy and Rice Board. The Board will serve as the central authority to coordinate, to regulate, and to oversee all aspects of the paddy and rice industry in Sarawak.

Improving Beef Production

Tuan Speaker, we are on track to achieve 25% of self-sufficiency level (SSL) for beef by the year 2030. To achieve the target, my ministry has taken various key initiatives to improve the cattle and buffalo population in Sarawak. This includes the adoption of advance animal breeding technology, best animal husbandry practices, and importation of quality breeder stocks.

Under 12 Malaysia Plan (RMK-12), a total of 3,779 heads of breeder cattle were imported to support our Pawah Programme. These animals were distributed to 23 oil palm plantations and smallholder farmers across Sarawak. A total of 1,141 heads of cattle has been re-Pawah, re-introduce back to Pawah to 27 recipients.

Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority (SALCRA) will continue to strengthen the cattle industry, with 3,700 heads of cattle currently raised within its oil palm estates. To further support Sarawak's food security agenda, SALCRA is also developing two additional Cattle Breeding and Fattening Centres in Bau and in Betong, with a combined capacity of 500 heads, scheduled for completion in 2026. These centres will serve as a key platform to boost local breeder stock and improve calving rate, thereby enhancing the resilience of our ruminant industry.

My ministry will continue to work closely with Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security Malaysia to strengthen beef production in the state. In the year 2025, a sum of RM13.37 million was approved under "*Program Pengukuhan Keterjaminan Makanan*" for acquisition of 1,101 heads of quality Brahman breeder stocks which has already arrived on 18th of October this year.

To further strengthen the beef industry eco-system, my ministry has also undertaken several benchmarking visits to advanced agricultural countries such as Brazil and New Zealand. These visits provide direct exposure to modern cattle industry practices and proven production systems, offering valuable insights into effective breeding, feeding, and herd management approaches that can be adapted to Sarawak's context. The knowledge gained will enhance strategic planning, improve operational efficiency, and support the development of a more competitive and sustainable beef industry in Sarawak.

CREATING WEALTH THROUGH INDUSTRIALISING OF AGROFOOD SECTOR

Tuan Speaker, to Promoted Food Crops;

(a) *Pineapple*

Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 targets to cultivate 20,000 hectares of land for pineapple. With the combined allocation of RM50.3 million in 12 Malaysia Plan, Malaysian Pineapple Industry Board (MPIB) and the Department of Agriculture (DOA) Sarawak has been developing 1,200 hectares of new pineapple cultivated areas.

To boost the downstream activities, a new pineapple processing factory is under construction at Sungai Tukau, Miri. This Public Private Partnership initiative is implemented under the Pineapple Industry Transformation (ProTINAS) programme, focusing on the development and utilisation of the SG1 variety of pineapple. This factory serves as one of the components along the pineapple supply chain.

A privately-owned pineapple processing facility in Sibu has commenced operations producing Pineapple Tart. In addition, the Meradong Area Farmers' Organisation (PPK Meradong) also producing dried pineapple products.

(b) *Coconut*

As a mention the last sitting, we are focusing on pineapple, coconut, durian and also the four focus for us to do, banana. Tuan Speaker, as of 2024, about 9,300 hectares of land Sarawak have been cultivated with coconut. An allocation of RM13.4 million under the 12th Malaysia Plan has supported coconut development, benefiting around 1,000 smallholders.

My ministry will continue to work with relevant agriculture development agencies to boost the development and expansion of new coconut planted areas throughout Sarawak. Under the 13th Malaysia Plan, RM33 million will be allocated to develop 960 hectares of new coconut areas, rehabilitate 345 hectares of existing plantings, and strengthen six planting material production stations.

Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (FAMA) Sarawak also continues to support coconut farmers through its marketing initiatives, including purchasing and distributing mature coconuts for

domestic and export markets. Under the 12th Malaysia Plan, FAMA purchased 352 metric tonnes valued at RM376,000, and export activities began in 2025 with 19 metric tonnes worth RM24,000.

(c) Durian & Banana

As of 2024, 11,400 hectares have been developed for durian and 2,600 hectares for banana planting. Under the 12th Malaysia Plan, my ministry, through the Department of Agriculture, allocated RM3.09 million to establish 253 hectares of new durian areas involving 257 smallholders, and RM3.90 million to develop 319 hectares of new banana areas benefiting 336 smallholders.

My ministry will continue to support the development of both fruit crops, with RM9.25 million to be allocated under the 13th Malaysia Plan. Plan for fruit crop development across Sarawak where 228 hectares of land to be developed that will benefit approximately 343 participants.

Key Initiatives for Commercial Food Crop Subsector

My ministry has undertaken various initiatives to industrialise our agrofood sub-sector into a modern, competitive, integrated and sustainable food system. Among the initiatives taken includes:

(a) Agroparks

As of October 2025, the infrastructure and agricultural components of the Sg. Baji Agropark have been completed. The Land Custody and Development Authority (LCDA) has appointed the anchor company on 14th of May 2025. Operation is expected to begin in Quarter One, 2026, with production starting in Quarter Three, 2026.

For the Lubok Tamang Agropark, the master plan has received approval from the State Planning Authority (SPA), and LCDA appointed an anchor company on 20th March 2025. Infrastructure development is expected to commence in Quarter Three next year.

As for the Bebuling Agropark, four anchor companies have been selected as operators. Currently the infrastructure works comprising of drainage and bunding systems, farm road and land clearing are in progress and undertaken by DID Sarawak.

The remaining Agropark projects in Asajaya, Mulu, Simanggang, Dalat and Gedong-Semalatong are currently at the pre-implementation stage.

(b) Smart Farming

The Precision Farming Parks in Kabuloh, Miri Division, and Sungai Sebiew, Bintulu Division are currently under construction and progressing as scheduled.

Land clearing for the production plots at Sarawak Agrotechnology Park (SARTECH) Tarat and Semenggok has been fully completed, marking a key milestone in accelerating commercial crop development. The Sarawak Land Development Board (SLDB) has been appointed as the Managing Agent to drive private-sector investment and to mobilise farmers and entrepreneurs to operate and expand activities at the sites.

On the Metropolitan Food Cluster (MFC) project in Opar, preliminary ground works for Phase 1 is progressing as scheduled.

(c) Agriculture Infrastructure

Tuan Speaker, DID Sarawak has been appointed as an implementing agency to undertake projects under various Regional Development Agencies (RDA) and *Projek Rakyat*. Currently, a total of RM2.2 billion has been allocated to implement 703 projects which include rural and farm roads,

coastal bund, riverbank protection, agricultural drainage and related infrastructure projects across Sarawak. As of October 2025, 417 projects have been completed, while the remaining projects are progressing at various stages of implementation.

Under the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) Rolling Plan 4 (RP4) for 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (KPKM) Malaysia has approved an allocation of RM14.0 million for the rehabilitation of two DID agricultural schemes namely Mid Sadong III Lubok Trangas in Gedong and Paya Mending in Serian which scheduled to commence in the first quarter next year.

(d) Farm Road

In the year 2025, my ministry has a total allocation of 92 million through various agencies, DOA, DID, SALCRA and also SLDB, has successfully implemented more than 400 farm roads projects across Sarawak, covering a total of more than 1,800 kilometres and benefitting more than 12,000 participant For the information of the Honourable Member for Meradong, Engkilili, Murum, Krian and Batu Danau, my ministry will continue to implement farm road projects in 2026.

Fisheries Industry Development

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak's fisheries industry comprises marine, inland and aquaculture involving a total of 15,191 fishermen and fish farmers. In the year 2025, a total production is 106,715 metric tonnes, valued at RM1.4 billion.

As of October 2025, Sarawak imported RM537.5 million of fisheries produces but exported only RM169.0 million. Recognising this fish trade imbalances, my ministry will continue to take various strategic initiatives to strengthen the aquaculture subsector capacity. In this regard, under the 13th Malaysia Plan, my ministry will intensify the upgrading works of 12 inland fisheries stations to enhance their fish fry production and capacity building. This includes increase fish fry production capacity of Semariang Batu Inland Fisheries Station from three million to nine million fish fry to support the aquaculture subsector.

In addition, the State Farmers' Organisation Sarawak is also enhancing red and black *tilapia* fry production at the Ridan Inland Fisheries Station, serving as the anchor company. My ministry is exploring the possibility of collaborating with renowned private company to produce black *tilapia* fry production.

Swine Industry Development

By the year 2030, three modern pig farming will be in full operation in Sarawak. The total capacity of 500,000 standing pig population and able to produce 860,000 porkers annually worth RM1.5 billion.

Due to the intrusion of African Swine Fever in Sarawak, Pig Farming Area Pasir Puteh still able to export as the PFA is certified and with African Swine Fever free compartment by Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak. To-date, 82,400 live pigs valued at RM129.8 million have been exported to Singapore and 12,600 live pig valued at RM21.7 million were exported to Selangor.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Tebedu, on the issue of Japanese Encephalitis (JE), my ministry through the Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak (DVSS) has collected samples from pigs in the affected villages and all samples tested negative for JE RNA. My ministry will continue our disease surveillance initiatives to prevent the spread of this disease.

MARKETING, DISTRIBUTION AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Enhancing Agriculture Marketing Logistic

Tuan Speaker, my ministry will continue to enhance agriculture marketing ecosystem to enable our agro community to have improved access to markets. This will be implemented through establishment of Collection, Processing and Packaging Center (CPPC) or Agrofood Terminal and a greater collaboration between FAMA and Farmers' Organization. In addition, my ministry will also continue to strengthen the role of Farmer's Organisation in assisting smallholders to aggregate produce, standardise quality, and obtain better prices while facilitating linkages with markets, industries, and government programmes to ensure better returns.

Sarawak Agrofest 2025

My ministry has successfully organised Sarawak Agrofest 2025, our flagship annual event, from 22nd to 31st August in Bintulu. This event was a resounding success, attracting record participation from public, agropreneurs and industrial players. More than 800,000 visitors attended, generating RM6.4 million sales. And Sarawak Agrofest 2025 has once again proven to be an effective platform for promoting local agro-based product, enhancing market access for agropreneurs, and stimulating the state's economy. I would like to thank all government agencies and private sector partners involved for their contributions towards the success of Sarawak Agrofest 2025.

Program Jualan Agro Sarawakku Sayang

The *Program Jualan Agro Sarawakku Sayang* was officially launched in conjunction of the Sarawak Agrofest which aims to help the people of Sarawak to obtain food supplies at affordable prices. It is a collaborative initiative involving FAMA, Department of Agriculture Sarawak, Sarawak Farmers' Organisation (PPNS), and Area Farmers' Organisations (PPK). Up to now, eight sales events have been successfully implemented in Kuching, Betong, and Bintulu Divisions, involving 140 agro entrepreneurs and generating approximately RM392,000 sales. An additional seven sales events are planned for December 2025.

COMMODITY INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Palm Oil Industry

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak has the largest oil palm planted area in Malaysia, spanning 1.7 million hectares as of September 2025. From January to September 2025, the export value of palm oil and palm-oil based products from Sarawak has increased from 12.41 billion *ringgit* to 13.18 billion *ringgit*.

(a) The Current Status of MSPO Certification Implementation in Sarawak

As of September 2025, a total of 1.5 million hectare, or 93% of Sarawak's oil palm area, is MSPO-certified. Certification for the remaining areas is currently in progress.

To facilitate our NCR landowners venturing into oil palm industry, a Specific Guideline of New Oil Palm Planting on Native Customary Rights Land in Sarawak was formulated to meet MSPO 2.0 requirements. It confirms that NCR land is eligible for certification and provides clear instructions to support compliance. This initiative shows the government's full commitment in helping smallholders improve environmental sustainability, comply with legal standards, and strengthen market access for NCR-produced palm oil.

(b) Sustaining Productivity Through New and Replanting Programme

In line with Sarawak's social inclusivity agenda, SALCRA is opening a new NCR development areas in Sarikei and Sibul, covering an area about 6,400 hectares to be developed in phases. For 2025, the Federal Government has approved a revised RM4 million loan to continue new plantings in Sungai Wak, Sarikei, involving 1,500 hectares under the first phase as of October 2025, more

than 200 hectares have been planted. Once fully implemented, this project is expected to benefit about 1,600 participants.

SALCRA will continue to its structured replanting programme for estates that have reached the end of their economic cycle. To date, RM21 million of the approved RM24 million federal loan has been received to support replanting in Saratok, Sri Aman, Serian, Bau and Lundu. As of 30th October 2025, 1,341 hectares have been replanted out of the 1,700-hectare target, with works on track for completion as scheduled.

Rubber Industry

Tuan Speaker, my ministry, through the Sarawak Rubber Industry Board (SARIB), continue to drive key initiatives to transform rubber industry, leading to significant progress.

A total of 30,000 smallholders had been registered under the *Permit Autoritasi Transaksi Getah*. Of these, 466 smallholders received RM287,000 under the *Insentif Pengeluaran Getah*, while 6,557 smallholders benefited from RM5 million in *Bantuan Musim Tengkujuh* assistance. To strengthen the supply chain, SARIB increased the number of licensed rubber dealers from 34 in 2024 to 66 in 2025, supported by all 28 Pertubuhan Peladang Kawasan (PPK).

And to build a more productive and commercially viable rubber industry, SARIB has consolidated 919 hectares of smallholder farms in Selangau, Ulu Awik, Sibuti, and Bau, supported by RM8 million in private investment, and plans to expand the PPCP model to 5,000 hectares by the year 2026. This model introduces new harvesting technologies that improve tapping consistency and reduce reliance on manual labour and these efforts have generated RM75 million in rural income from 25,000 metric tonnes of locally produced rubber, while exports reached 43,404 metric tonnes worth RM266 million as of September this year.

Sago and Nipah Industry

Sarawak's *sago* and *nipah* industries remain vital to rural development and our green-growth agenda. Sago and Nipah Development Board (SNDB) was established to modernise and transform these industries and simultaneously strengthening governance. As of September 2025, sago exports reached 25,000 metric tonnes valued at RM68 million, while gula apong exports increased to 78,000 kilograms valued at 865,000.00.

As of today, SNDB initiated the registration of 670 sago and nipah smallholders, spatial mapping of sago and nipah areas, and drafting industry regulatory and licensing framework. Today through BDDA, SNDB has been entrusted with four key projects, which includes the Integrated Nipah Plantation at CPPC in Pusa. This project is establishing a Proof of Concept (POC) with integrated inland *nipah* cultivation through structured estate development, one-stop sago processing centres and eco-tourism facilities.

The initiative seeks to strengthen both sago and nipah industries by raising sago yields, improving daily nipah sap production and quality, and increasing smallholders income.

Pepper Industry

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak remains the largest pepper-producing region in Malaysia, contributing more than 98% of national production. As of September 2025, Sarawak's pepper cultivation area stood at 8,148 hectares, a marginal increase of 20 hectare compared with the same period in 2024. However, from January to September 2025, pepper export declined from 4,580 metric tonnes to 3,093 metric tonnes, a decrease of 33%. Export value also fell by 4%, which is from RM128 million in 2024 to RM123 million over the same period.

To strengthen pepper industry, Malaysian Pepper Board (MPB) will introduce new technologies such as fertigation systems and Internet of Things (IoT) application to increase crop productivity, reduce labour needs, and lower production costs. The adoption of these technologies is also expected to encourage greater youth participation and support long-term industry sustainability.

My ministry welcomes the proposal from the Minister of Plantation and Commodities (MPC) on the development of 10,000 hectares of new pepper planting in Sarawak. With sufficient funding from MPC, my ministry is committed to facilitate and to identify suitable land for the purpose.

Cocoa Industry

As of September 2025, Sarawak has 1,383 cocoa growers cultivating 1,544 hectares. From January to September 2025, cocoa production declined from 37 to 22 metric tonnes, with value decreasing from RM1.06 million to RM0.82 million due to lower market prices of RM9.60 per kilogram. To support farmers, *Koperasi Kluster Koko Sarawak Berhad* has set a floor purchase price of RM10 per kilogram.

Under the 12th Malaysia Plan, Malaysian Cocoa Board (MCB) has implemented five major programmes to increase cocoa yields and reduce smallholder operating costs through input assistance, modern equipment, advisory support, and training, allocating RM7.6 million and benefiting 1,380 smallholders.

With the support from MCB, a cocoa smallholder successfully developed a mini cocoa pod splitter that increases productivity fourfold. And the device has been patented by MyIPO and is being disseminated for wider adoption across Malaysia.

NCR LAND DEVELOPMENT

Tuan Speaker, NCR Land Development remains an important initiative for improving the wellbeing and livelihoods of the rural population. To date, 153,000 hectares of NCR land have been cultivated with oil palm, involving 42,500 landowners. Moving forward, more structured and regular dialogue sessions will be conducted to encourage greater participation and buy-in from NCR landowners.

Issuance of Titles under Section 18, Sarawak Land Code

Under SALCRA's land development programme, 28,321 lots or 89% of the 31,777 developed lot, have been surveyed, and 19,448 lots or 69%, have been issued with the land titles. My ministry is working closely with the Land and Survey Department to expedite the issuance of the remaining titles.

Payment of Nett Proceeds to Participants

The SALCRA Board has approved RM36 million in nett proceeds for financial year 2025, benefiting eligible participants from productive and matured areas, excluding blocks under immature development, replanting, or non-yielding stages. The nett proceeds will be disbursed in two payments in 2026.

WASTE-TO-WEALTH INITIATIVES

Tuan Speaker, in line with Sarawak's Green and Circular Economy agenda and in support of the Sustainable Resources and Wastes Management Bill, 2025, my ministry continues to advance various waste to wealth initiatives to ensure that agricultural biomass and by-products are converted into high-value resources. The Bill provides a comprehensive legal framework to promote sustainable resource utilisation, regulate waste management practices and strengthen the transition

towards a circular and low-carbon economy. My ministry will continue undertaking initiatives to complement the objectives of the Bill. Among initiatives that are being carried out by my ministry are:

Production of Animal Feed

My ministry, through SALCRA, is actively developing oil palm-based animal feed to reduce reliance on imported feed ingredients and to strengthen feed security for the livestock industry. With the completion of the Kernel Crushing Plant, SALCRA now has a consistent supply of palm kernel expeller (PKE), which is currently utilised internally to feed SALCRA's cattle. This enables quality certification and refinement of feed formulations before expanding distribution to external markets.

In addition, the construction of Smart Insect Farm for the production of Black Soldier Fly meal from decanter cake is progressing and on schedule and is expected to be completed by November 2026. Once operational, the facility will provide a sustainable local protein source for both ruminant and non-ruminant feed, supporting the Bill's emphasis on innovative waste-to-resource.

Conversion of Mill Waste to Energy

Earlier on animal feed, now is energy. In addition to the current practice of using biomass, particularly palm kernel shell and mesocarp fibre to power the palm oil mill's boiler and reduce the diesel consumption, SALCRA and its group of companies are adopting other technologies to further enhance renewable energy generation. Currently, SALCRA is embarking on BioCNG production from the methane trapping facilities through a Public-Private Partnership approach. BioCNG offers a cleaner alternative to diesel for heat and power generation while at the same time reducing greenhouse gas emissions. At present, SALCRA operates three methane trapping plants, with another plant expected to commence construction in early 2026. This initiative not only enhances environmental sustainability but also creates new revenue streams consistent with the Bill's framework.

SALCRA also has implemented the Solid Removal and Oil Recovery System (SRORS) at its Bau Palm Oil Mill which started the operation in February 2025. The system recovers waste oil from palm oil mill effluent (POME) and empty fruit bunch (EFB) which is a suitable feedstock for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF). The system also generates pressed empty fruit bunch (EFB) fibre which is suitable as boiler fuel in the palm oil refineries. This system will be progressively rolled out to other mills, with the installation at Saratok Palm Oil Mill scheduled to start in early 2026. Next will be production of fertilizer by using the biomass as well.

Production of Organic Fertilizer

Serian Palm Oil Mill is converting empty fruit bunches into fibre mats (ECOMATT) for mulching, weed suppression and slope erosion control. These fibre mats has serve as organic fertilizers and natural weed suppressors, supporting sustainable plantation management.

RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Tuan Speaker, under the 12th Malaysia Plan, Ministry of Rural and Regional Development (KKDW) has approved RM1.831 billion to DID Sarawak to implement 27 projects comprises 20 projects under *Program Jalan Luar Bandar (JALB)* and seven projects under *Program Jambatan Luar Bandar (JMLB)*.

Currently, out of these 27 projects, three projects had been completed, and the rest are still in various stages of implementation.

Coastal Erosion and Riverbank Erosion Programmes

Tuan Speaker, under the 12th Malaysia Plan, both the Sarawak and Federal Governments have allocated substantial funding to address coastal and riverbank erosion problems in Sarawak.

The total of allocation for coastal erosion protection projects in Sarawak is RM576 million, covering 26 projects across various coastal areas. To that, five projects have been completed, one project is under construction, and 20 projects are at the planning stages. Upon full implementation, these projects are expected to protect approximately 26 km of coastline and benefitting 38,000 *rakyat*.

A total of RM40 million has been approved for five river mouth dredging projects in Kuching, Samarahan, Limbang, Sematan, Buntal, Bako, Sebuyau and one of the Limbang in the Sematan, another Limbang. Currently, one project had been completed, and one project is under construction, and three projects are at planning stage. These works are expected to benefit approximately 2,000 fishermen.

For the river programme, a total of RM738 million has been allocated to DID Sarawak to implement seven riverbank erosion protection projects. One feasibility study, as well as river maintenance programme, which includes river clearing and rehabilitation works for all which seven projects will be completed in the year 2028. The implementation of the study and riverbank protection projects is expected to benefit more than 24 villages, with estimated population of approximately 11,000 people residing along riverbank throughout Sarawak.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Kalaka, my ministry acknowledged the erosion issue in Kampung Melango, Kampung Baru Hilir, Kampung Melango Lama Hulu dan Kampung Melango Lama Tengah dan Kampung Kupang. Thus, DID Sarawak has submitted proposal for new project under 13th Malaysia Plan and pending approval.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Bukit Begunan, the DID project is the implementing agency for the proposed 1.9 km Riverbank Protection Works at Bakong Sungai, Sri Aman. The detailed design has been completed, and the project is expected to be tendered in the third quarter of next year.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Beting Maro, DID Sarawak is the implementing agency for the project Proposed Riverbank Protection and Other Associated Works at Beladin, Pusa District, Betong Division with the ceiling of RM26 million. The project is currently at the design stage and is expected to be tendered in the fourth quarter 2026. Would like to also update on rabies.

UPDATE ON RABIES

Tuan Speaker, as of 31st October 2025, 48 out of 646 animal samples were tested positive for rabies, with cases reported in Kuching, Padawan, Bintulu, Bau, Sebauh, Asajaya, Lundu and Belaga. Most of the infected animals were unvaccinated pets allowed to roam freely.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Pending, my ministry, through the Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak, together with UKPS, local councils and other agencies, will continue implementing rabies eradication programmes. Collaboration with international partners and will also be strengthened to support ongoing rabies control efforts.

DIRECTION OF THE 13TH MALAYSIA PLAN (13MP)

Tuan Speaker, as we advance towards the 13th Malaysia Plan (2026–2030), my ministry reiterates its unwavering commitment to transforming the agriculture sector. Our priority is to shift from conventional methods to high value, technology driven agriculture that enhances productivity,

profitability and long-term sustainability. Through precision farming, crop diversification, improved livestock practices and sustainable approaches, we aim to expand economic opportunities and increase incomes, especially in the rural communities.

At the same time, my ministry will continue strengthening core infrastructure by developing agroparks, processing and collection centres, cold chain facilities and improved logistics networks. A complete supply chain will boost market access, reduce post-harvest losses, ensure consistent quality and enhance the sector's overall competitiveness.

Complementing this effort, my ministry will continue to attract private investment through supportive policies, incentives and strategic partnerships to advance commercial agriculture, downstream processing and value-added industries.

To guide the transformation agenda, my ministry is committed to the 3R, (Revisit, Rethink to me is Revamp but here is Recharge is it about the same) principle, which is ensure, which will ensure our strategies remain dynamic, relevant and responsive to the evolving challenges and opportunities.

This commitment is reflected in the Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak (DVSS) being awarded the Malaysia Sustainability Initiative of the Year – Agriculture Category at the GovMedia Awards 2025 in Singapore, in recognition of its exemplary sustainable pig farming initiative in Simunjan. My ministry and its agencies will continue to embrace continuous improvement efforts to drive the transformation of agriculture sector. Now, I would like to respond to some issues raised which I have included in my main text just now, but those are not being touched. So, I will touch it here.

RESPONSES TO ISSUES RAISED

Tuan Speaker, I would now like to respond to the various issues, requests, views, comments, and suggestions raised by the Honourable Members on matters relating to my ministry. But before that, allow me to express my appreciation to all Honourable Members for your concerns, advice and recommendations. Your active participation in the debate is noted and it will be recorded by my ministry.

Agriculture Development Proposal

On agriculture development proposal, for the information of the Honourable Member for Meradong, the Department of Agriculture continues to support the cultivation of Limau Bintangor under the Fruit Crop Development Programme. Under the 12th Malaysia Plan, a total of 11 farmers has received assistance amounting to RM90,000 under the *Tanam Baru Buah-Buahan Terpilih* and *Pemulihan Dusun Buah-Buahan* initiatives. These initiatives aim to expand cultivated areas and rehabilitate existing fruit orchards. For the information of the Honourable Member for Pelagus, the siting for Agriculture Integrated Training Centre (AITC) at Nanga Mujong was approved and currently the project allocation has been submitted under the New Project Implementation for the 13th Malaysia Plan.

Road Upgrading Project

For the information of the Honourable Member for Machan, the construction works of the project Jalan Menalun-Sungai Poi, Kanowit, Sibu Division, Sarawak (Phase 3) is in the construction phase and expected to be completed by November 2027.

Detention of Local Fishermen

For the information of the Honourable Member for Balingian, with regard to the issue of local fishermen being detained, the cases involved only a small group who failed to comply with the existing regulations under the Fisheries Act, 1985. Enforcement actions were taken following

complaints from other local fishermen who were affected by their irresponsible practices. Sarawak Marine Fisheries Department continues to raise awareness among fishermen on the importance of complying with all regulatory requirements.

Agriculture Facilitation Fund (AFF), AFF Jaya Tani & Sarawak Agro Fund (SAF)

For the information of Honourable Members for Daro, Meluan, Bukit Begunan, Murum, Krian, Beting Maro and Batu Danau, in line with Sarawak's development agenda to enhance food security and achieve the status of net food exporter by the year 2030, my ministry welcomes new applications for the above programmes.

Rural Growth Centre (RGC)

For the information of the Honourable Member for Beting Maro, the construction of 150 housing units in Blocks 1, 3, 4 and 5 at the *Penempatan Semula Nelayan* (PSN) Beladin will be prioritised and fast-tracked to prevent future cost escalation. Meanwhile, the construction of the remaining housing at Block 6 will begin once the basic infrastructure is completed. For Slipway Beladin, LCDA will continue its efforts to identify potential entrepreneurs and operators to manage and operate the slipway.

For the *Kompleks Pendaratan Ikan* in Beladin, major repair works were completed on 21st of July 2025, and a Partial Occupation Permit (OP) was issued by the Betong District Council on 4th of August 2025. LKIM (*Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia*) is currently carrying out minor rectification works and upgrading the access road with the allocation of RM2.5 million to meet the requirements for obtaining the Full Occupation Permit. At the same time, LKIM is waiting for Telekom Malaysia to complete the installation of telephone and internet lines to the fisheries complex.

In terms of operations, the complex is currently functioning at a minimal level, mainly for boat inspections related to the renewal of fuel subsidies and cost of living assistance for fishermen. The complex is expected to be fully operating by mid-2026.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion Tuan Speaker, over the last three days of debate in this august House, I have noted that our Honourable Members have shown keen interest and high professionalism in their discussion as evidenced by the many issues and suggestions raised. In this connection, I wish to extend my appreciation to our Honourable Members for their constructive contributions to the debate and also the issues affecting agriculture transformation for Sarawak.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Tuan Speaker for your patience and for your tactful handling of this sitting, which has ensured proper decorum throughout the proceedings. Your capability and dignity in presiding over this House are deeply appreciated. I also would like to extend my appreciation to the Honourable State Secretary, State Attorney-General, State Financial Secretary, Federal Secretary, officers and officers in my ministry. They working very hard to complete the winding up as short as possible, and also, we tried to ...*(Inaudible)*... constraint of time and so on try to highlight some the gist of the matter, and the agencies for their commitment and dedication in providing the necessary input and support to smooth proceedings of this august House. I take this opportunity too to thank the media for their professional coverage for the current sitting.

Finally, I extend my warmest Christmas greetings to my Christian friends, and to everyone, my best wishes to Happy New Year 2026. May we continue to be blessed with good health, peace and harmony as we remain steadfast in our commitment to serve Sarawak in years to come. And with that, I fully support the Budget 2026, thank you very much.

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you, Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Dr. Stephen Rundi anak Utom, Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah di atas ucapan penggulungan tadi.

Seterusnya, dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah, Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan. Silakan, Dato Sri.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.56 Dalat (YB Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Masih suara *rock*. Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Salam sejahtera. Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur dan Salam *Segulai Sejalai*. Izinkan saya, Tuan Speaker untuk mengalu-alukan kehadiran wanita daripada PBB Pantai Damai, PBB Demak Laut, PBB Tupong, PBB Samariang dan juga wanita komponen Parti GPS kita, dari PRS, dari PDP, dari SUPP dan *NGO The Federation of Chinese Association Kuching Samarahan* and Serian Division Sarawak, *Woman Section, Special Olympic Sarawak Kuching Chapter*, Persatuan Ibu Bapa Kanak-kanak Cacat Sarawak, Biro Wanita Rumah Tayan Sungai Lepong Sarikei, Pertubuhan Pembangunan Insan Sarawak, Majlis Wanita, Ahli Majlis Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak yang berjumlah 61 orang.

Tuan Speaker, first and foremost, allow me to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Tuan Speaker on his reappointment as the Speaker of the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly for a period of two years. This appointment not only reflects the confidence of the government in his distinguished leadership but also recognises his experience as the longest serving Speaker if of the DUN Sarawak for 25 years. He has unmatched institutional memory, continuity and mastery of Parliamentary procedure and he is very articulate as well as very sharp-witted.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to place on record our heartfelt congratulations to the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, on being conferred the esteemed "*Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star*" by the Government of Japan, in recognition of his outstanding contribution in strengthening Japan-Sarawak trade partnership since 1987, when he was the Minister of Industrial Development, and now, including renewable energy and environmental sustainability.

Tuan Speaker, Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti atau singkatannya (KPWK) – Pencapaian Bidang Keberhasilan Utama Kementerian. Today, I would like to report to this august House on the ministry's achievements across three key result areas:

- (a) Empowering Children;
- (b) Empowering Women and Family; and
- (c) Empowering Community through an Inclusive Social Support System.

PEMERKASAAN KANAK-KANAK (EMPOWERING CHILDREN)

Early childhood development is the cornerstone for nurturing quality human capital and ensuring long-term community wellbeing.

Access, Equity and Quality Early Childhood Education

I am pleased to inform this august House that 98.46% of year one children in Sarawak this year had attended preschool before entering primary schooling. The ministry is committed to ensuring that every child, every *anak* Sarawak has access to early learning opportunities and ultimately achieves our 100% target by 2030. As of 31st of October 2025, there are 2,715 preschools and 233 early childcare centres throughout Sarawak, with a total of 73,843 children. This year, the ministry introduced a RM100 registration subsidy per Sarawak child under the Annual Special Grant. The Sarawak Government also increased the allocation for TADIKa and TASKA Fee Subsidy from 2.5 million to 4 million. This year, 3,974 children have benefited from the fee subsidy and this support system provided by a TASKA and the subsidy fee provided by the government are extremely beneficial in enabling our women to participate more actively in the workforce.

Endowment Fund Sarawak & Bantuan Ibu Bersalin

Effective 1st of January 2025, Affin Bank manages the Endowment Fund Sarawak (EFS) 2.0. Each Sarawakian newborn receives a RM1,000 saving package, of which RM550 in an Affin Islamic Term Deposit-I and RM450 in an Affin Emas Account-i. The package also includes complimentary takaful coverage of RM10,000 for one parent in the event of accidental death or permanent disability during the child's first year. Since 2019, EFS has benefited 141,869 recipients, while *Bantuan Ibu Bersalin* has supported 90,504 mothers since 2020. This only happen in Sarawak. Moving forward, the ministry will enhance EFS and BIB through an online Integrated Social Wellbeing Services platform by January 2026. This improvement will streamline applications, increase beneficiaries, speed up fund disbursement, and reduce human errors.

The Sarawak Preschool International Convention (SPIC) 2025

In 2020, the ministry started organizing the Sarawak Preschool International Convention (SPIC). Since then, SPIC has been our annual event, which serves as a valuable platform for experience and knowledge sharing, policy dialogue, and regional collaboration in early childhood care and education (ECCE). The 5th SPIC was successfully held from September 26th to 28th, 2025, with the theme "*Building the Nation through Quality Early Childhood Education*". 374 dedicated teachers, caregivers, and early childhood practitioners participated in SPIC 2025 in person, alongside 1,243 virtual participants from across Malaysia and abroad.

Safety In Early Childhood Institutions

This year, under our Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programme focuses on Basic Fire Safety and Fire Drill, Basic First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Coordinator, with a total of 402 participants.

*Longitudinal Study and Impact Evaluation of Early Intervention Centres in Sarawak
for Children with Developmental Delays*

Longitudinal study and impact evaluation of early intervention centres in Sarawak for children with developmental delays or in other words for our special needs children. Recognising Sarawak's commitment to inclusive education, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has voluntarily engaged Inclusive Developmental Partners in the United States of America to conduct a longitudinal study and impact evaluation of our Early Intervention Centres (EICs) in Sarawak. The preliminary findings show that children who attended Early Intervention Centres (EICs) for at least a year demonstrated substantial developmental progress, especially in literacy, numeracy, confidence, readiness, and self-care, then compared to newly enrolled children. Caregivers also reported improved parent-child interaction.

Tuan Speaker, the ministry acknowledges the concerns raised by the Honourable Member for Meradong regarding access to early intervention and coordinated support for children with special needs in Sarikei Division. The ministry will look into this matter in detail and conduct a survey to assess the number of children requiring such services, so that appropriate planning can be undertaken. In the meantime, families may also access support from the Agape Centre Sibul, which can provide early intervention services for children with developmental needs, including autism.

Sarawak Children's Day Celebration 2025

Tuan Speaker, the ministry recently held the Sarawak Children's Day Celebration 2025 on 1st to 2nd of November in Kuching, themed "*Kanak-kanak Sejahtera Pemacu Masa Depan*". Bringing together over 2,000 children and families, the event showcased creative, educational, and inclusive activities, reaffirming our shared responsibility to protect, to nurture, and empower our children as the future of a Sarawak.

**PEMERKASAAN WANITA DAN KELUARGA
(EMPOWERING WOMEN AND FAMILY)**

Tuan Speaker, Kementerian melalui Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak terus melaksanakan program pengupayaan kapasiti dan pembangunan wanita dan keluarga.

Pemeriksaan Kepimpinan Wanita

(a) Women Leadership Programme (WLP)

Di bawah pemeriksaan kepimpinan wanita, *we have Women Leadership Programme (WLP)*. Dalam bidang kepimpinan, Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak, telah melaksanakan lapan *Women Leadership Programme (WLP)* sepanjang tempoh Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 (RMK12), yang melibatkan 244 peserta terdiri daripada ahli Badan Bukan Kerajaan (NGO). Hasil tinjauan dalam tempoh dua tahun selepas penyertaan program mendapati seramai 57 peserta telah memperkukuhkan penyertaan mereka dalam proses membuat keputusan, sekali gus menyumbang kepada kemajuan organisasi masing-masing.

(b) Leadership Bootcamp for Youth

Leadership Bootcamp for Youth yang telah bermula dari tahun 2022 diadakan untuk memberi pengetahuan dan mempersiapkan generasi muda, *the young one* dalam memupuk sifat kepimpinan dan meningkatkan keyakinan dalam melibatkan diri secara aktif dalam kalangan masyarakat. Hasil penilaian selepas program, Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak mendapati aras kefahaman dalam kalangan 232 peserta tentang ilmu, tentang pengetahuan dan kemahiran komunikasi yang berkesan, tentang pengucapan awam, pemikiran kritis serta penyelesaian masalah, berada pada aras tinggi iaitu 89.2%.

(c) Program Master of Arts in Leadership Development

Kementerian kami ingin mengucapkan jutaan terima kasih kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier atas keprihatinan Kerajaan Sarawak dalam usaha meningkatkan penyertaan wanita dalam kepimpinan. Pada Majlis Sambutan Hari Wanita 2025, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier telah bersetuju untuk memberi biasiswa iaitu tiga biasiswa kepada wanita Sarawak setiap tahun bagi mengikuti *Program Master of Arts in Leadership Development, a post graduate programme*, secara sepenuh masa di *Asian Women Leadership University College or (AWLUC)*, Pulau Pinang mulai tahun 2026.

Tuan Speaker, and a dear Women of Sarawak as once highlighted by our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, at the centre of effective leadership is a strong foundation built on five key competencies: knowledge, technology, self-confidence, inner-drive and especially for women, time management.

These five competencies form the backbone of purposeful, resilient, and transformative leadership. When embodied, they enable women to lead with clarity and conviction.

Pemantapan Institusi Keluarga dan Komuniti

Indeks Kesejahteraan Sosial Sarawak (SSWI) 2023 berada pada aras sederhana sahaja, iaitu skor 7.18. Seiring dengan sasaran skor 8.0 menjelang 2030, Kementerian melalui Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak meneruskan pelbagai program pemantapan institusi keluarga, peningkatan sokongan dan kesedaran sosial kepada komuniti di seluruh Sarawak.

(a) Program Pemantapan Institusi Kekeluargaan

Sebanyak 44 kursus pemantapan institusi keluarga merangkumi Kursus Keibubapaan, (*parenting*) dan kursus Pasca Perkahwinan telah diadakan sepanjang tempoh Rancangan Malaysia Kedua Belas dengan penyertaan seramai 3,825 peserta. Tinjauan mendapati 98.5% peserta mengakui keberkesanan kursus dalam meningkatkan ilmu kekeluargaan dan mengeratkan hubungan pasangan suami isteri, seterusnya,

(b) Sustainable Wellness for Our Young Women

Dengan kerjasama Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sarawak (JKNS) dan Lembaga Penduduk dan Pembangunan Keluarga Negara (LPPKN), Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak telah mengadakan sebanyak sembilan kursus *Sustainable Wellness for Young Women*, yang bertujuan memberi pengetahuan dan kesedaran berkenaan kepentingan menjaga kesihatan, kebersihan, keselamatan serta pengurusan diri kepada remaja wanita. Sejak dari tahun 2023 sehingga kini seramai 409 peserta telah terlibat.

Sambutan Hari Wanita

Dengan tema Hari Wanita Sarawak 2025 iaitu *Diversity, Equality, Equity dan Inclusivity, this is the difference as shown on the slide there. Diversity, Equality, Equity and Inclusivity*, merupakan manifestasi komitmen berterusan Sarawak terhadap agenda pembangunan insaniah yang menekankan kepentingan kesaksamaan dalam kepelbagaian tanpa mengira latar belakang, tanpa mengira *gender*, tanpa mengira etnik, agama atau keupayaan. Sejak lima tahun lepas, seramai 20 wanita telah diberi pengiktirafan dalam kategori kepimpinan, keusahawanan, kegiatan sosial, kesukarelawanan, pengurusan organisasi serta anugerah pencapaian khas, atas sumbangan mereka dalam memperkasa komuniti dan memacu kemajuan Sarawak. Pada tahun lepas, anugerah baharu telah kita perkenalkan iaitu Anugerah Premier Sarawak untuk pemimpin muda wanita bagi mengiktiraf pencapaian dan bagi menggalakkan lebih ramai wanita muda untuk menjadi *role model* kepada generasi yang akan datang. Bersempena Hari Wanita 2025, Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak juga telah menerbitkan buku bertemakan "*Sarawak Women Creating Legacies*" yang mengetengahkan seramai 27 tokoh wanita Sarawak dalam pelbagai bidang.

*Bintang timur berkelip tinggi,
Menyuluh malam tenang gemilang;
Wanita unggul penyeri bumi,
Keluarga makmur masyarakat cemerlang.*

Tak ada orang tepuk, saya tepuklah Tuan Speaker, ya.

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

Bantuan Kebajikan Untuk Golongan Rentan

Dalam memperkukuhkan jaringan keselamatan sosial, kementerian melalui Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak (JKMS) menyalurkan bantuan bulanan kepada golongan sasaran seperti warga emas, Orang Kurang Upaya (OKU), kanak-kanak dan golongan miskin melalui:

(a) Bantuan Kebajikan Kewangan Bulanan

Pada tahun 2025, Kerajaan telah memperuntukkan sejumlah RM295.5 juta untuk Bantuan Kewangan Bulanan Kebajikan. Setakat Oktober 2025, sejumlah RM249.2 juta telah diagihkan kepada 56,660 penerima, *it's a big number*. Bermula 2025, JKMS turut memperkukuh tadbir urus dan meningkatkan kecekapan pengurusan bantuan melalui integrasi sistem *Social Welfare Assistance Management (SWAM)* dan *Sarawak Accounting System (SAS)*, sekali gus

mempercepatkan pembayaran kepada penerima bantuan kita daripada 14 hari kepada hanya lima hari sahaja.

(b) Bantuan Kesihatan Bersasar

Setakat Oktober 2025, sejumlah RM6.5 juta dibelanjakan bagi memberi manfaat kepada 312. 312 pesakit di bawah Bantuan Pesakit Buah Pinggang, 81 pesakit di bawah Skim Bantuan Perubatan, *this includes some cancer patients*, dan 75 pesakit di bawah Skim Bantuan Alat Tiruan/ Sokongan.

(c) Bantuan kepada Mangsa Bencana

Dalam persediaan menghadapi Monsun Timur Laut 2025/2026, Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak telah mengenal pasti 658 Pusat Pemindahan Sementara (PPS) di seluruh Sarawak. Stok bahan bantuan keperluan asas untuk mangsa bencana disimpan di Depoh Simpanan Samarahan, dan juga di Mini Depoh di Bahagian Mukah, Bahagian Kapit, Bahagian Miri dan Daerah Lawas. Selain itu, stok bahan bantuan keperluan asas juga terdapat di 12 Pejabat Kebajikan Bahagian dan Daerah, serta 24 Pangkalan Hadapan Bencana di Sarawak.

Program Pembangunan Ekonomi

Dalam usaha memperkukuh struktur sokongan sosial di Sarawak, kementerian telah melaksanakan pelbagai inisiatif strategik yang memfokuskan kepada pemerikasaan ekonomi, peningkatan pendapatan, dan pengupayaan komuniti rentan, *the disadvantage and that needy*, melalui pemberian geran berbentuk modal, sokongan keusahawanan yang berterusan, intervensi berasaskan pemulihan, serta penyaluran geran kepada NGO.

(a) Bengkel dan Latihan Keusahawanan

Sebanyak dua bengkel latihan pembangunan usahawan telah diadakan melibatkan seramai 50 peserta yang berjaya meningkatkan pendapatan purata sebulan kepada RM1,650 selepas mengikuti bengkel.

Selain itu, Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak masih meneruskan pelaksanaan *Women Skills Training* (WST) di Wisma Wanita dan Pusat Kemahiran Jahitan Komuniti (PKJK) di tujuh bahagian pada tahun ini. Sebanyak 224 sesi bagi kursus jahitan, kulinari, kecantikan serta spa danurut telah dilaksanakan dengan penyertaan sebanyak RM1.7 juta kepada 356 *Usahawan Wellbest* yang terdiri daripada penerima bantuan bulanan kebajikan. Ini telah membolehkan mereka meningkatkan pendapatan RM1,200 sebulan.

(b) Bantuan Keusahawanan

Tuan Speaker, Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak telah menyalur Geran Modal Pemerikasaan Wanita Sarawak dalam bentuk peralatan perniagaan kepada seramai 1,095 peserta, Bantuan Ketua Isi Rumah Wanita Sarawak (KIRWaS) kepada 1,953 peserta. Melalui pemantauan berterusan didapati 80% penerima Geran Modal Pemerikasaan Wanita Sarawak berjaya meningkatkan pendapatan dan 32% penerima KIRWaS telah melepasi garis kemiskinan. Kejayaan projek KIRWaS telah dianugerah Projek *Silver* di peringkat kebangsaan semasa Kongres *Social Synergy PERKESO* pada tahun 2025.

Pada tahun 2025, Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak telah menyalurkan Geran Pelancaran untuk perniagaan sebanyak RM1.7 juta kepada 356 *Usahawan Wellbest* yang terdiri daripada penerima bantuan bulanan Kebajikan. Ini telah membolehkan mereka meningkatkan pendapatan melebihi RM1,200 sebulan.

Dalam Program Tahunan Karnival *Wellbest Sarawak*, para Usahawan *Wellbest* dihimpun bagi memperkenalkan dan menjual produk *Wellbest* masing-masing serta membina rangkaian perniagaan. Karnival *Wellbest 2025* yang telah diadakan pada 30 Oktober sehingga 2 November, di *Metrocity Convention Centre*, menghimpunkan seramai 141 *Usahawan Wellbest Sarawak* dan berjaya meraih pendapatan terkumpul sebanyak RM335,274.58.

Sebelum itu, Tuan Speaker, saya ingin ulang sekali lagi *ya*, bagi memperkukuhkan program pembangunan ekonomi dan memperkasakan Usahawan *Wellbest*, Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Sarawak telah berkolaborasi dengan Institut Keusahawanan Negara (INSKEN) dan Centre of Excellence Sarawak dalam memberi latihan dan bimbingan keusahawanan bagi membentuk *Usahawan Wellbest* yang lebih kompetitif dan berdaya saing.

(c) Program Low Income Family Empowerment (LIFE)

Seterusnya, berkaitan dengan *Program Low Income Family Empowerment (LIFE)*. Program LIFE bertujuan memberi sokongan *one-off* dalam bentuk peralatan kepada keluarga terjejak isu sosial seperti Komuniti Kepulihan bagi menjana pendapatan. Sehingga November 2025, peruntukan sejumlah RM1.7 juta telah dibelanjakan untuk pembekalan peralatan kepada 370 peserta.

Alhamdulillah, Program LIFE, Tuan Speaker, telah dapat memberi peluang yang kedua, *it is like giving a second chance*, kepada Komuniti Kepulihan, membina kehidupan baru dan dapat berintegrasikan semula dalam masyarakat setempat.

Kesejahteraan Warga Emas

Kementerian terus komited dalam memperkasa kesejahteraan warga emas melalui pelbagai inisiatif yang merangkumi pembangunan komuniti, pendigitalan perkhidmatan, akses kepada rawatan kesihatan serta pembangunan kapasiti penjaga kepada warga emas.

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

Pusat Perkhidmatan Warga Emas (PPWE) dan Pusat Aktiviti Warga Emas (PAWE) berperanan sebagai pusat komuniti aktif yang memastikan warga emas kekal produktif dan aktif. Pada tahun 2025, sembilan PAWE baharu ditubuhkan di Samarahan, Serian, Betong, Mukah dan Limbang, menjadikan bilangan keseluruhan PAWE 29 dengan 5,124 warga emas sebagai ahli berdaftar.

Selain itu, lapan PPWE telah mencatat 13,635 ahli berdaftar pada tahun 2025. Inisiatif ini mengukuhkan peranan PPWE dan PAWE sebagai pusat pendampingan sosial dan pembangunan bagi warga emas di Sarawak dan juga ia memastikan bahawa warga emas kita yang berdaftar di bawah PPWE dan PAWE ini akan terus aktif dan produktif.

(b) Kenyalang Gold Card (KGC)

Selari dengan agenda pendigitalan perkhidmatan awam, JKMS telah melancarkan Kad KGC Maya pada 29 Oktober 2025 semasa Majlis Penutupan *Sarawak International Conference on Ageing (SICA)*. Pendigitalan ini bukan sekadar penambahbaikan sistem, tetapi bertujuan memudahkan warga emas menikmati kemudahan KGC.

KGC akan diaktifkan sebaik sahaja individu mencapai umur 60 tahun melalui *Sarawak PASS*, membolehkan mereka mendapat Kad KGC Maya serta merta. Sejak pelaksanaan sehingga Oktober 2025, terdapat seramai 315,106 pemegang KGC yang layak menikmati pelbagai kemudahan dan diskaun daripada 1,140 rakan niaga strategik atau *KGC merchant* di seluruh Sarawak.

(c) Senior Citizen Health Benefit (SCHB)

Usaha memperkukuh kesejahteraan warga emas turut disokong melalui pelaksanaan SCHB (*Senior Citizen Health Benefit*). Sejak dilancarkan pada Ogos 2024, SCHB telah memberi manfaat penjagaan kesihatan kepada 208,336 *senior citizen* yang layak di seluruh Sarawak melalui akses rawatan tanpa tunai di 263 fasiliti kesihatan berdaftar, klinik dan hospital swasta.

(d) Program Kesedaran, Pencegahan Demensia dan Penjagaan Warga Emas

Kementerian melaksanakan program intervensi berfokuskan pendidikan dan pemerkasaan komuniti warga emas menerusi:

(i) Program Pencegahan dan Penjagaan Demensia

Program ini telah dilaksanakan pada 25 September 2025, melibatkan seramai 36 peserta. Program ini memberi tumpuan kepada kesedaran awal, gaya hidup sihat, latihan penjaga, saringan kognitif serta sokongan komuniti bagi mengurangkan risiko dan kesan demensia.

(ii) Kursus Penjagaan Asas Warga Emas

Selain itu, usaha membina kapasiti penjaga, *the caregiver*, turut diperkukuh melalui penganjuran Kursus Penjagaan Asas Warga Emas oleh Kementerian melalui Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak sejak tahun 2022. Sehingga kini, enam kursus telah dilaksanakan melibatkan 308 peserta, dengan 307 orang, 99.7%, daripada mereka mengakui kursus ini berkesan dalam meningkatkan pengetahuan dan kemahiran (*skills*) dalam penjagaan warga emas.

(e) Persiapan ke arah Menyantuni Penuaan

Sebagai persiapan awal untuk membolehkan kerajaan merangka dasar dan pelan tindakan bagi meningkatkan kesejahteraan warga emas, kementerian telah melaksanakan *Research on Preparation for an Ageing Sarawak: The Profile of and Ageing Issues of Older Persons in Sarawak* dan menganjurkan *Sarawak International Conference on Ageing (SICA) 2025*.

Kajian telah bermula pada 1 Oktober 2024 dan disiapkan sepenuhnya pada 30 Ogos 2025 melibatkan 6,094 responden, *very comprehensive*, berumur 55 tahun dan ke atas serta 396 orang informan dalam kumpulan yang berfokus.

Sementara itu, SICA 2025, telah dianjurkan pada 28 hingga 29 Oktober 2025 dan berjaya menghimpunkan seramai 539 peserta, 18 pakar tempatan dan 11 pakar antarabangsa melalui pelbagai sesi, termasuk pembentangan ucapan utama, sesi pleno, sidang selari serta forum yang meneroka pelbagai perspektif mengenai penuaan. Tindakan susulan akan dilakukan oleh Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti (KWPK) berpandukan resolusi SICA 2025 dan dapatan kajian yang menggambarkan tahap kesediaan negeri, *our readiness*, jurang perkhidmatan, *the gap*, perubahan demografi serta keperluan warga emas masa kini dan persediaan generasi masa depan.

(f) Sambutan Hari Warga Emas 2025

Sambutan Hari Warga Emas merupakan acara tahunan Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Negeri Sarawak bagi menghargai sumbangan dan mengiktiraf kecemerlangan warga emas dalam berbagai bidang. Tahun ini dengan tema "*Warga Emas: Wajah Masa Depan*", diadakan selain menghargai sumbangan dan memberi pengiktirafan kepada warga emas, ia juga menegaskan bahawa warga emas berperanan sebagai sumber maklumat, sumber pengalaman dan sumber panduan kepada generasi yang akan datang.

PEMERKASAAN ORANG KURANG UPAYA (OKU) DALAM BIDANG SUKAN

Pembangunan komuniti OKU melalui penyertaan aktif dalam bidang sukan dilihat sebagai medium penting untuk membina keyakinan diri (*confidence*), meningkatkan kemahiran sosial serta memperkukuh integrasi komuniti OKU dalam masyarakat arus perdana. Pada tahun ini, pembangunan OKU dilaksanakan melalui dua platform penganjuran kejohanan, iaitu *Special Olympics State Games* dan Sukan Orang Pekak Malaysia (SOPMA).

Sukan Orang Pekak Malaysia (SOPMA)

Untuk SOPMA, Sukan Orang Pekak Malaysia Edisi Ke-22. Temasya dwi-tahunan ini telah menghimpunkan 1,100 orang terdiri daripada 933 orang atlet, 167 orang pegawai dalam lima acara sukan iaitu badminton, olahraga, tenpin bowling, *Orienteering* dan futsal yang mana telah berlangsung pada 1 hingga 7 Oktober 2025.

Kontinjen SOPMA Sarawak mencatatkan kejayaan cemerlang sebagai Naib Juara dengan memperolehi keseluruhan 20 pingat iaitu sembilan pingat emas, empat perak dan tujuh gangsa.

Melalui kejohanan ini, dua orang atlet tenpin bowling pekak Sarawak, Siw Sing Hie dan Siong Mui Hong telah terpilih untuk mewakili Malaysia ke kejohanan *25th Summer Deaflympics 2025* pada 15 hingga 26 November 2025 di Tokyo, Jepun baru-baru ini. (*Applause*) Terima kasih di atas tepukan itu. Kementerian ingin juga merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier atas pemberian insentif kemenangan berjumlah RM399,000 kepada, *it's not only for our Sarawakian athletes* ya bahkan juga kepada atlet dari negeri lain yang telah memenangi pingat. This is inclusivity at its best. Kita beri tepukan penghargaan kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier kita.

PROGRAM INTERVENSI SOSIAL

Menangani Isu Penyalahgunaan Dadah dan Substans

Kementerian terus memperkukuh pelaksanaan program dan intervensi yang holistik, *we don't work in civil, we do a holistic programme, we do an integrated programme* melalui melalui kerjasama agensi merangkumi kesedaran, pencegahan, penguatkuasaan dan pemulihan.

Setakat Oktober 2025, sebanyak 140 program dan aktiviti telah dilaksanakan, merangkumi 44 Program Penguatkuasaan Bersepadu (*enforcement, integrated enforcement*), 12 program di institusi pendidikan, 11 program di tempat kerja, serta 73 program dalam komuniti dan keluarga. Antara kejayaan yang telah dicapai adalah:

- (a) Peningkatan tangkapan;
- (b) Peningkatan jumlah rampasan dadah;
- (c) Peningkatan *health seeking* secara sukarela untuk mendapatkan rawatan dan pemulihan; dan
- (d) Peningkatan bilangan individu yang mengekalkan kepulihan; *meaning they stay away from drug for at least three years*.

Pendekatan bersepadu Kerajaan Sarawak turut mendapat perhatian daripada United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Malaysia pada 14 November 2025.

Sistem penguatkuasaan undang-undang dan kelancaran proses pendakwaan juga memainkan peranan penting. Sehubungan itu, kementerian berpandangan bahawa keberkesanan ini dapat diperkukuhkan dengan:

- (a) Meningkatkan kekerapan persidangan Mahkamah Litar kepada tiga kali sebulan bagi mempercepatkan proses pertuduhan. *This is our request*; dan

- (b) Menambah dua Unit Patologi Kimia di Jabatan Patologi Sarawak bagi zon tengah dan zon utara, *now we have only one*. Jadi kita minta ditambah dua lagi, satu untuk Zon Tengah, satu untuk Zon Utara bertujuan mempercepatkan tempoh pengeluaran laporan patologi serta melancarkan proses pendakwaan.

Tuan Speaker, isu *vape*. Statistik daripada Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Narkotik (JSJN), Ibu Pejabat Kontinjen (IPK) Sarawak merekodkan 20 kes melibatkan 26 tangkapan atas kesalahan memiliki cecair rokok elektronik atau *vape* yang mengandungi, *this is very, very dangerous*, yang mengandungi bahan terlarang, dengan jumlah rampasan sebanyak 1,416.15 mililiter sejak tahun 2023. Sehubungan itu, Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri (MMKN) telah bersetuju supaya kementerian ini menjalankan tindakan pencegahan serta menyediakan rujukan rawatan bagi isu penagihan rokok elektronik atau *vape* di Sarawak.

Bagi menjawab perkara yang dibangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Meradong dan Krian, walaupun Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah (IPD) Meradong dan Saratok tidak mempunyai Unit JSJN, pihak PDRM dalam *interim period* telah menempatkan dua anggota Bahagian Siasatan Jenayah Narkotik sebagai usaha berterusan membanteras penyalahgunaan dan pengedaran dadah di daerah tersebut.

Manakala untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ba'Kelalan, kementerian menyedari bahawa dadah sintetik kini menjadi ancaman baharu yang mudah diperolehi dalam pelbagai bentuk produk harian, sekali gus menyukarkan pengesanan dan memudahkan akses khususnya dalam kalangan golongan muda. Bagi mengatasi masalah ini, Kerajaan Sarawak telah membekalkan dua unit *handheld backscatter* kepada JSJN, IPK Sarawak bagi membolehkan pengesanan dadah yang lebih efektif, termasuk dadah jenis sintetik.

Kementerian turut memberi perhatian terhadap usaha rehabilitasi dalam komuniti dan institusi seperti Pusat Pemulihan Penagihan Narkotik (PUSPEN). Data daripada AADK menunjukkan terdapat 960 orang sedang menunggu untuk direhabilitasi, berbanding kapasiti PUSPEN yang hanya mampu menampung seramai 350 komuniti kepulihan. Atas keperluan mendesak ini, sekali lagi, kementerian menegaskan kepada Kementerian Dalam Negeri agar penubuhan dua PUSPEN di zon tengah dan zon utara Sarawak disegerakan.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Talian, pelaksanaan program pendidikan pencegahan di institusi pendidikan sedang giat dijalankan dan akan terus dilaksanakan oleh agensi-agensi di bawah *One-Stop Committee* bagi menangani Isu Dadah dan Substans (OSC MIDS), antaranya PDRM, JKNS, JPNS, AADK dan Persatuan Mencegah Dadah Malaysia (PEMADAM).

Menangani Isu Buli

Tahun 2025 mencatatkan bilangan kes tertinggi, iaitu 36 kes dari Januari hingga Oktober 2025, berbanding 15 kes pada tahun 2024, 20 kes sahaja pada tahun 2023 dan 14 kes pada tahun 2022. Jadi berkaitan dengan perkara ini, kementerian telah melaksanakan program Wacana Bestari: Isu Buli Dalam Kalangan Kanak-Kanak pada 27 September 2025 melibatkan 150 orang peserta dengan kerjasama JPNS, PDRM, Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (SKMM), JKNS, Sekolah Henry Gurney Puncak Borneo dan NGO setempat untuk meningkatkan kesedaran tentang jenis-jenis buli, menjelaskan peranan agensi, memantapkan tatacara intervensi serta memperkasakan komuniti dan sekolah sebagai pelindung utama kanak-kanak.

Menangani Isu Kehamilan Remaja

Data daripada Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sarawak mencatatkan peratusan kehamilan remaja di Sarawak menurun. Tahun ini sehingga September 2025, ia menurun sebanyak 10.6% berbanding dengan tempoh yang sama pada tahun 2024. *The signature programme* kementerian bagi menangani isu ini iaitu Program Advokasi Pendidikan Seksual (KAPS) di sekolah menengah dan Insyallah pada 2024, ia diperluas secara rintis di sekolah rendah. Selain itu, program Randau

Pembangunan Sosial (RPS) turut dilaksanakan untuk ahli dalam komuniti bagi mencakupi kumpulan sasaran dalam komuniti itu, sebab ada di antara pelajar-pelajar kita yang berhenti bersekolah dan mereka berada di dalam komuniti. KAPS telah dilaksanakan dengan melibatkan 4,865 orang pelajar.

Menangani Isu Kesihatan Mental

On May 25th, the ministry conducted the Navigating Grief and Foster Resilience program with Yayasan Dee Hati, engaging 35 participants affected by grief and providing emotional regulation tools that successfully encouraged greater help seeking behaviour. And, on the same day, the Human Resilience Library program with UNIMAS brought together 50 participants, including youth leaders and community champions, to share lived experiences through “*living books*”, fostering empathy, reducing mental health stigma, and strengthening community resilience. Overall, these initiatives demonstrate a holistic, community-centred approach that creates safe spaces for emotional support while promoting continuous mental well-being.

Menangani Isu Keganasan Rumah Tangga

Kes keganasan rumah tangga di Sarawak menurun sebanyak 4.1% dengan 444 kes direkod setakat Oktober 2025, berbanding 463 kes bagi tempoh yang sama pada tahun 2024. Isu ini kekal menjadi perhatian kementerian dengan kerjasama pihak berkepentingan melalui pendekatan bersepadu, *we will continuously*, kita Insya-Allah, akan terus menangani isu keganasan rumah tangga ini. Di samping itu, Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak akan terus, meneruskan program kesedaran yang memberi tumpuan kepada wanita dan keluarga melalui Kursus *Know Your Rights* dan *Pocket Talks*. Setakat ini, 27 kursus advokasi telah dilaksanakan dan 5,088 (88%) daripada 5,782 orang peserta melaporkan peningkatan kefahaman mengenai hak, *their rights* dan keselamatan keluarga.

Menangani Jenayah dalam Talian

Pada tahun 2024, sebanyak 2,271 kes jenayah dalam talian telah dilaporkan dengan jumlah kerugian sebanyak RM80.2 juta. Sehingga Oktober 2025, kes meningkat kepada 3,022 kes dengan kerugian yang dicatat mencecah RM96.3 juta. Peningkatan ini mewajarkan tindakan pencegahan yang lebih berkesan serta peningkatan kesedaran masyarakat. Sejak tahun 2023, sebanyak 15 kursus advokasi merangkumi program *Anti Scam Literacy, Digital Literacy for Elderly Women* telah dilaksanakan oleh JWKS dan tinjauan menunjukkan 789 (92%) daripada 858 orang peserta menyatakan peningkatan kefahaman keselamatan siber dan celik digital.

Seterusnya, Tuan Speaker,

FASILITI SOKONGAN SOSIAL DAN RUJUKAN INTERVENSI

Sejajar dengan visi, “*Sustaining Community Wellbeing and a Dignified Existence for All*”, di bawah RMKe-12, kementerian memberi tumpuan kepada usaha membangunkan fasiliti sokongan sosial sebagai sebahagian daripada strategi menyeluruh untuk memastikan bantuan yang disampaikan bersifat holistik dan inklusif.

Community Social Support Centre (CSSC)

Selepas penubuhan CSSC Kuching pada tahun 2023, kementerian telah memperluaskan perkhidmatan CSSC di Sibu dan Bintulu. CSSC Sibu telah dirasmikan pada 7 November 2025, manakala CSSC Bintulu kini berada dalam fasa akhir persiapan dan dijangka beroperasi sepenuhnya pada suku pertama tahun 2026.

Tempat Transit Gelandangan (TTG)

Sebagai usaha memperkukuh sokongan sosial kepada golongan gelandangan, empat TTG telah ditubuhkan iaitu, di Kuching, Sibu, Bintulu dan Miri. Daripada jumlah tersebut, dua TTG, iaitu di Sibu dan Kuching telah beroperasi sepenuhnya, manakala dua lagi di Bintulu dan Miri dijangka akan mula beroperasi pada suku pertama tahun 2026. Sejak tahun 2022 hingga Oktober 2025, TTG Sibu telah menyantuni 223 orang gelandangan dengan 205 (91%) daripada mereka telah berjaya diintegrasikan semula ke dalam masyarakat, manakala TTG Kuching yang mula beroperasi pada Julai 2025 telah menyantuni 28 orang gelandangan melalui proses pemulihan berfasa.

Geran Pemerkasaan Badan Bukan Kerajaan (NGO)

Sepanjang Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12, JWKS telah menyalurkan sebanyak RM1.87 juta geran kepada 62 buah NGO wanita bagi melaksanakan 87 program pembangunan wanita melibatkan 3,266 ahli komuniti.

JKMS pula telah menyalurkan 7.4 juta kepada 106 Pertubuhan Sukarela Kebajikan (PSK) bagi membantu Pembangunan kumpulan rentan. Majlis Pembangunan Sosial (MPS) pula telah menyalur RM3.9 juta kepada 66 NGO bagi melaksana program dan aktiviti intervensi sosial untuk mensejahterakan komuniti.

Sarawak Social Wellbeing Index (SSWI)

Sik banyak lagi lah Tuan Speaker. The encouraging progress shown in the Sarawak Social Wellbeing Index (SSWI) 2023 reinforced by the Malaysia Happiness Index (MHI) 2024, confirms rising levels of wellbeing, kesejahteraan, harmony and social resilience. With SSWI improving from 6.21 in 2019 to 7.18 in 2023, and Malaysia's happiness score reading 7.60, our families, our communities and institutions are clearly moving in a positive direction.

As the state's key tool for tracking social inclusivity under PCDS 2030, SSWI continues to show improvements across all 10 pillars, reflecting stronger community support, this is also a good news for our politicians, across all 10 pillars reflecting stronger community support, better access to essential services and greater public awareness of social initiatives. Notably, elderly citizens also report high happiness levels scores at 7.64, *hampir 8 ya*, underscoring the importance of family and community support, consistent with SSWI findings on Health and Social Protection. With this evidence, Tuan Speaker, Sarawak is on track to achieve the PCDS 2030 target of an SSWI score of 8.0 and above, ensuring an inclusive and supportive society for all age groups.

Bersama dalam Kepelbagaian: Menyemai Kasih di Hari Perayaan

Program Sumbangsih Perayaan, *only in Sarawak*. Bagi menghargai jasa dan pengorbanan anggota keselamatan serta anggota penguatkuasaan yang berkhidmat semasa musim perayaan, pada tahun ini, kerajaan melalui Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak telah menyampaikan sebanyak 24,000 kotak makanan Sumbangsih Raya dan Sumbangsih Gawai Dayak kepada 11 agensi yang terlibat.

Atas saranan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, mulai tahun depan, iaitu tahun 2026, program ini diperluaskan untuk meliputi juga perayaan Tahun Baru Cina dan dijenamakan sebagai Pogram Sumbangsih Perayaan. *Only in Sarawak*.

Program Majlis Sejambak Kasih

40 Majlis Sejambak Kasih yang diadakan di semua bahagian mencerminkan keprihatinan Kerajaan Sarawak untuk membantu penerima Bantuan Bulanan Kebajikan dalam membuat persediaan menyambut perayaan. Pada tahun ini, setakat 2025, RM5.15 juta telah dibelanjakan untuk memberi manfaat kepada 48,418 penerima.

Penutup

As we conclude, the ministry extends our most profound appreciation to the steadfast leadership of Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, knowledge and technology driven vision, a clear sense of purpose and urgency, and firm resolve which continue to elevate Sarawak on the global stage.

With Yang Amat Berhormat Premier setting the stage and setting the standard and with the 2026 allocation entrusted to us, the ministry will continue advancing equity, compassion, and opportunity, ensuring no one is left behind as we work toward a united, harmonious, and prosperous Sarawak. From nurturing our youngest learners to empowering women, strengthening families, and supporting vulnerable communities, our efforts remain anchored in a single purpose: that every individual, every Sarawakian feels recognised, valued, and supported.

*“When minds are tender, when hearts are wide,
The world becomes their gentle guide,
Hold their beginnings with love and light,
And their futures will shine bright.”*

We also express our heartfelt appreciation to all our strategic partners who continue to walk with us in building a progressive, inclusive, and compassionate Sarawak to strengthen the aspirations of *Sarawak Maju Makmur*, guided by the theme *“Inclusivity: Foundation for Community Wellbeing”*. Your commitment has touched lives and strengthened communities.

Tuan Speaker, I rise in full support of the Supply (2026) Bill, 2025, which provides a strong financial foundation for Sarawak to progress with resilience, inclusivity and foresight.

Thank you for your wisdom. To all our Honourable Members and to the people of Sarawak, I extend my warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May this festive season bring peace, joy and prosperity to all.

*Pilihan raya Sarawak menjelang tiba,
Boleh diadakan, bila-bila saja;
Rekod GPS tiada tandingannya,
Sarawak maju, rakyat sejahtera.*

Sekian, Wabillahi Taufik Wal Hidayah, Assalamualaikum Warahmatullah.

Timbalan Speaker: Terima kasih. Terima Kasih, Dato Sri Menteri. Walaupun bersuara *rock*, ketajaman dan *clarity* dalam pembentangan masih terserlah. Boleh tepuk tu. Seterusnya:

*Serbuk kari dan udang dimasakkan,
Rasanya pedas amat sekali;
Esok hari sidang diteruskan,
Berita yang baik amat dinantikan.*

With that, Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, sitting is adjourned till 9.00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Insyallah.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada jam 4.39 petang)