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19. Puan Rosemary Langub *Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak*
20. Puan Emely anak Edmund Beatie *Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia Negeri Sarawak*

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| 23. Puan Nurhaida binti Amin          | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Kawasan Sarawak, Jabatan Penyiaran Negeri Sarawak</i>                                    |
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| 3. Encik Voon Choon Chan                  | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 4. Puan Siti Nazilafatullaini binti Sukri | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 5. Encik Wan Mohamad Zaki bin Wan Alias   | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |

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40. Encik Romzi bin Bujang
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1. Cik Amira Soraya binti Shafiee
2. Encik Mohamad Ziyad bin Mohamad Affandy

*(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 9.09 pagi)*

*[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 wish to notify all the Dewan Members also Members of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) that there will be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) immediately after this Dewan is adjourned *sine die* this afternoon as stated in the Notice of AGM being circulated this morning. Thank you.

**SAMBUNGAN PERBAHASAN ATAS BACAAN KALI YANG KEDUA RANG UNDANG-UNDANG PERBEKALAN (2025), 2024 DAN USUL UNTUK MERUJUK RESOLUSI ANGGARAN PERBELANJAAN PEMBANGUNAN BAGI TAHUN 2025**

**Tuan Speaker:** Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah bin Ali Hasan, Timbalan Premier Sarawak dan Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar Kedua untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.82 Bukit Sari (YB Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah bin Ali Hasan):** Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Saya ingin mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah dan syabas kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak kerana telah berjaya membentangkan Belanjawan 2025 yang tertinggi dalam sejarah Sarawak dan juga paling komprehensif serta inklusif. Belanjawan yang bertemakan, *“Together Building a Prosperous Future”* mencerminkan komitmen untuk menjadikan Sarawak maju dan makmur. Belanjawan ini dirancang bagi memastikan Sarawak kekal berdaya tahan, mampu menghadapi keadaan ketidaktentuan global, dengan fokus kepada kesejahteraan rakyat dan kemakmuran bersama.

Di kesempatan ini juga, saya mengucapkan jutaan terima kasih kepada semua Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang turut serta dalam perbahasan dan memberi pandangan yang bernas berhubung dengan perkara-perkara di bawah bidang kuasa Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar.

*Program Pengukuran Tanah NCR Inisiatif Baharu*

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, Kerajaan Sarawak sentiasa mengiktiraf dan mempertahankan hak rakyat atas tanah NCR mereka yang sah dan diwujudkan selaras dengan peruntukan undang-undang tanah sedia ada.

Melalui Program Pengukuran Tanah NCR Inisiatif Baharu yang telah dijalankan dari tahun 2010 sehingga 31 Oktober 2024, seluas lebih kurang 1,168,123 hektar atau 2,886,432 ekar telah berjaya diukur secara perimeter. Daripada jumlah itu, seluas lebih kurang 924,596 hektar atau 2,284,677 ekar telah pun diwartakan sebagai Rizab Komunal Bumiputera (Pertanian) di bawah Seksyen 6 Kanun Tanah Sarawak. Kerja-kerja pengukuran ini adalah berdasarkan permohonan daripada pihak yang terlibat.

Sejak tahun 2017, fokus pengukuran juga ditumpukan kepada pengukuran lot-lot individu bagi pengeluaran surat hak milik tanah di bawah Seksyen 18 Kanun Tanah Sarawak untuk kawasan yang telah diwartakan di bawah Seksyen 6 Kanun Tanah Sarawak berdasarkan permohonan dan kesediaan penuntut-penuntut tanah tersebut. Sehingga 31 Oktober 2024, sebanyak 93,222 lot individu telah berjaya diukur yang melibatkan kawasan seluas 112,021 hektar atau 276,804 ekar yang telah dan akan dikeluarkan surat hak milik tanah di bawah Seksyen 18 Kanun Tanah Sarawak.

Bagi mempercepat pengukuran lot individu tanah NCR ini, penuntut tanah hendaklah hadir semasa pengukuran di lapangan, menanda sempadan tanah mereka dengan jelas dan mengelak pertikaian dalam membuat tuntutan agar pengukuran berjalan dengan lebih lancar. Kerajaan Sarawak komited dalam memastikan kelangsungan program ini dan akan terus menyediakan dana yang diperlukan di samping dana yang diterima daripada Kerajaan Persekutuan.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Baleh, Opar, Meluan, Ngemah dan Batu Danau, kerajaan sentiasa memastikan peruntukan yang mencukupi bagi Program Pengukuran Tanah NCR Inisiatif Baharu. Bagi tahun 2024, peruntukan sebanyak RM19 juta telah diterima secara berperingkat daripada Kerajaan Persekutuan. Kerajaan Sarawak akan meneruskan permohonan peruntukan daripada Kerajaan Persekutuan dan juga bersedia untuk menambah peruntukan bagi pelaksanaan program ini.

Untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, bagi mempertingkatkan kapasiti pengukuran di bawah program ini, Kerajaan Sarawak telah meluluskan pengambilan seramai 467 pegawai baharu pelbagai kategori untuk Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Sarawak pada tahun 2019. Dalam masa yang sama, bagi menambah kapasiti ukur program ini, khidmat juruukur swasta bertauliah turut digunakan. Sejak program ini dilaksanakan, sebanyak 37 kawasan projek telah diukur oleh juruukur swasta bertauliah. Daripada jumlah tersebut, sebanyak 29 kawasan melibatkan pengukuran perimeter (Peringkat Pertama) dengan keluasan lebih kurang 181,131 hektar atau 447,575 ekar dari tahun 2015 sehingga 2024. Manakala sebanyak lapan kawasan melibatkan pengukuran lot individu (Peringkat Kedua) dengan keluasan lebih kurang 1,803 hektar atau 4,455 ekar.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Danau, pengukuran perimeter tanah NCR Inisiatif Baharu yang melibatkan kawasan sempadan antarabangsa Malaysia dan Brunei Darussalam perlu disemak secara teliti. Ini kerana proses penentuan sempadan antarabangsa di sebahagian kawasan tersebut belum lagi dimuktamadkan.

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

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, pelaksanaan program Skim Penempatan Semula (SPS) dan Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) sejak Rancangan Malaysia Ke-4 (RMKe-4) merupakan komitmen dan keprihatinan Kerajaan Sarawak terhadap rakyat berpendapatan rendah yang memerlukan tanah untuk mendirikan rumah. Sejak 2018, pembangunan infrastruktur spesifikasi baharu yang dilaksanakan melibatkan jalan raya yang berturap, parit konkrit, lot-lot yang ditembok dan sistem retikulasi bekalan air serta bekalan elektrik di SPS dan SPK melibatkan purata kos sebanyak RM150,000 bagi setiap lot. Atas keprihatinan Kerajaan GPS Sarawak, bayaran premium tanah bagi setiap lot ditetapkan tidak melebihi RM2,500 dan pembayarannya boleh dibuat secara ansuran tahunan sehingga 10 tahun. Ini jelas membuktikan bahawa Kerajaan Sarawak sentiasa mengutamakan kebajikan rakyatnya dan saya percaya tiada negeri lain yang mempunyai skim sebegini melainkan Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, di bawah peruntukan RMK-12 dan peruntukan Projek Rakyat sehingga 31 Oktober 2024, sebanyak 78 projek SPS dan SPK telah diluluskan yang akan menyediakan sebanyak 7,862 lot kediaman dengan kos pelaksanaan dianggarkan berjumlah RM1.349 bilion. Daripada 78 projek tersebut, 20 projek telah siap sepenuhnya mengikut skop pembangunan dan baki 58 projek akan diteruskan sehingga penghujung RMK-12.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka, SPK Pagan, Saratok akan dilaksanakan secara berfasa. Pembinaan infrastruktur asas Fasa 1 telah dimulakan pada September 2024 untuk tempoh 24 bulan. Fasa 1 ini akan menyediakan 177 lot kediaman yang terbahagi kepada dua zon, iaitu Zon A melibatkan 78 lot kediaman dan Zon B yang melibatkan 99 lot kediaman. Zon A tersebut akan disiapkan infrastruktur asasnya dalam tempoh 12 bulan pertama pembinaan bagi menempatkan penduduk yang menghadapi masalah hakisan sungai yang serius. Manakala pembinaan infrastruktur asas bagi baki 99 lot di Zon B akan disiapkan sepenuhnya pada suku ketiga tahun 2026.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Begunan, tapak bagi Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) Melugu berkeluasan 52.6 ekar telah diluluskan dalam tahun 2022. Pelaksanaan pembangunan infrastruktur Fasa 1 SPK ini dijangka akan dimulakan pada tahun 2025 tertakluk kepada kesediaan peruntukan. Fasa 1 tersebut dijangka akan menyediakan 88 lot kediaman melibatkan tanah berkeluasan 18.2 ekar. Manakala pelaksanaan Fasa 2 akan dicadangkan dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13 (RMK-13) bagi penyediaan 118 lot kediaman.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, kerja pembinaan infrastruktur spesifikasi baharu bagi SPK Tellian Fasa 1 telah dimulakan pada 19 September 2024 dan dijadual siap pada 18 September 2026 dengan peruntukan RM30 juta di bawah pelaksanaan Projek Rakyat. Sebanyak 168 lot kediaman akan disediakan di bawah Fasa 1 ini. Bagi SPK Tellian Fasa 2 Peringkat 1 pula, reka bentuk infrastruktur telah dimuktamadkan dan permohonan peruntukan bagi pembinaan infrastruktur tersebut akan dikemukakan dalam RMK-13 untuk pertimbangan. Fasa 2 Peringkat 1 akan menyediakan sebanyak 106 lot kediaman.

Manakala bagi SPK Petanak Fasa 2, reka bentuk (*design*) infrastruktur akan dimuktamadkan dalam masa terdekat dan Jabatan Tanah dan Survei akan memohon peruntukan untuk pelaksanaan infrastruktur dalam RMK-13. Cadangan baharu bagi pelaksanaan SPK Sungai Ragei/ Sungai Pegei akan dikemukakan dalam RMK-13. Sementara proses pemilihan *allottee* bagi lot kediaman di dalam SPK dan SPS ditentukan berdasarkan kriteria-kriteria pemilihan yang telah ditetapkan oleh Kerajaan Sarawak seperti berikut:

- (a) Pemohon adalah terdiri daripada keluarga tambahan dari kampung yang terlibat;
- (b) Pemohon tidak mempunyai lot perumahan;
- (c) Pemohon sudah berkeluarga;
- (d) Pemohon daripada golongan berpendapatan rendah dan sederhana;
- (e) Pemohon yang terlibat dengan bencana alam; atau
- (f) Kes-kes tertentu yang diperakukan oleh Jawatankuasa Pemilihan yang terdiri daripada Penguasa Tanah dan Survei Bahagian, Pegawai Daerah, Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum bagi kampung yang terlibat, wakil dari Ibu Pejabat Tanah dan Survei dan wakil Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar (MUDeNR).

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) Beladin berkeluasan lebih kurang 82 ekar kini dalam proses pengambilan balik tanah dan dijadualkan selesai pada pertengahan tahun 2025. Kerja reka bentuk pula akan dimuktamadkan pada penghujung tahun 2025. Jabatan Tanah dan Survei akan memohon peruntukan bagi pembinaan infrastruktur berspesifikasi baharu bagi SPK Beladin untuk pelaksanaan secara berfasa dalam RMK-13.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, permohonan pertapakan bagi Kampung Pusa *Extension* telah diluluskan oleh Majlis Perancangan Negeri (SPA) pada 15 Mac 2024. Jabatan Tanah dan Survei akan menjalankan kerja-kerja pengambilan balik tanah setelah peruntukan diterima. Selain itu, LCDA telah menyediakan cadangan pelan susun atur bagi Kampung Pusa *Extension* dan akan dikemukakan untuk pertimbangan Majlis Perancangan Negeri (SPA) setelah semua keperluan dipatuhi.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Jepak, kerajaan telah meluluskan pelaksanaan Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) Jelutong (*in-situ*) pada 23 Ogos 2022 dan *Bintulu Urban Development: Resettlement Area (Jepak) and Redevelopment Area* pada 19 Mei 2023. Skim Pembesaran Kampung Jelutong (*in-situ*) melibatkan kawasan seluas 234.5 ekar yang akan menyediakan sebanyak 867 lot kediaman. SPK ini akan dilaksanakan secara berfasa. Fasa 1

berkeluasan 39.55 ekar akan menyediakan 146 lot kediaman termasuk penyelesaian penempatan sedia ada secara *in-situ*.

Kerja pembinaan untuk fasa 1 telah bermula pada 15 Mei 2023 untuk tempoh 24 bulan dan dijadualkan siap pada 14 Mei 2025 dengan kos sebanyak RM47 juta. Sehingga 31 Oktober 2024, status pelaksanaan adalah 50.91% iaitu mendahului jadual sebanyak 2.13%. Manakala bagi fasa 2 yang berkeluasan 195 ekar dan menyediakan 721 lot kediaman pula akan dilaksanakan setelah fasa 1 selesai sepenuhnya. Rumah-rumah yang dibangunkan telah direka bentuk dengan cantik, kawasan kediaman yang teratur dan infrastruktur tersusun rapi.

Bagi *Bintulu Urban Development: Resettlement Area and Redevelopment Area*, ianya melibatkan kawasan seluas 150 ekar dan dijangka akan menyediakan 580 lot kediaman. Projek ini dilaksanakan secara berfasa oleh Bintulu Development Authority (BDA) dan kerja-kerja pembinaan infrastruktur asas dijangka akan dimulakan pada tahun 2025.

### PENGAMBILAN BALIK TANAH

Tuan Speaker, setakat 31 Oktober 2024, terdapat 1,449 projek memerlukan pengambilan balik tanah bagi projek yang pertapakannya telah diluluskan semenjak 2018. Sebanyak 657 projek telah diperuntukkan dengan dana berjumlah RM1.37 bilion. Daripada jumlah tersebut, 473 projek melibatkan projek Kerajaan Sarawak dengan dana sebanyak RM950.12 juta dan 184 projek Kerajaan Persekutuan dengan dana RM420.84 juta.

Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Sarawak masih memerlukan dana sebanyak RM2.896 bilion untuk melaksanakan pengambilan balik tanah bagi 792 projek. Dana yang diperlukan adalah sebanyak RM2.204 bilion bagi 667 projek Kerajaan Sarawak dan RM691.92 juta bagi 125 projek Kerajaan Persekutuan. Komitmen Kerajaan dalam menyelesaikan pengambilan balik tanah dalam tempoh enam bulan adalah bergantung kepada penyaluran dan ketersediaan peruntukan dana daripada agensi pelaksana.

Untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, antara projek mega yang telah dan sedang dilaksanakan yang melibatkan pengambilan balik tanah ialah *Second Trunk Road/ Coastal Highway, Sarawak Sabah Link Road (SSLR), Trans Borneo* dan *Northern Coastal Highway*, menara telekomunikasi dan Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB) *transmission line*. Projek-projek ini adalah bertujuan untuk menyediakan prasarana rangkaian infrastruktur lebuhraya dan telekomunikasi secara lebih terancang, sistematik dan efisien demi meningkatkan kesaling hubungan di antara kawasan bandar dan luar bandar di Sarawak. Bagi projek *Second Trunk Road/ Coastal Highway*, dana berjumlah RM220 juta yang disalurkan oleh Kerajaan Sarawak telah membolehkan Jabatan Tanah dan Survei menyelesaikan pengambilan balik tanah bagi jajaran jalan sepanjang 255.6 kilometer.

Sementara itu, bagi projek *Trans Borneo Highway* sepanjang 73.8 kilometer, Jabatan Tanah dan Survei memerlukan peruntukan dana sebanyak RM194.45 juta daripada Kerajaan Persekutuan bagi pengambilan balik tanah. Kegagalan penyaluran dana bagi pengambilan balik tanah tersebut telah menyebabkan kerja pembinaan jalan yang dijadualkan pada November 2024 tidak dapat dimulakan.

Bagi projek *Sarawak Sabah Link Road (SSLR)* pula, dana berjumlah RM300 juta telah disalurkan kepada Jabatan Tanah dan Survei. Proses pengambilan balik tanah bagi jajaran jalan sepanjang 122 kilometer akan diselesaikan penghujung tahun ini, sementara baki sepanjang 275.5 kilometer akan diselesaikan pada tahun 2025.

Bagi projek *Northern Coastal Highway* pula, dana berjumlah RM20 juta yang disalurkan oleh Kerajaan Sarawak kepada Jabatan Tanah dan Survei telah menyelesaikan pengambilan balik tanah bagi jajaran jalan sepanjang 6 kilometer pada penghujung tahun 2023. Sejumlah RM140 juta dana

diperlukan untuk menyelesaikan pengambilan balik tanah bagi baki jajaran jalan sepanjang 82.7 kilometer.

Sebagai usaha untuk meluaskan jaringan telekomunikasi di seluruh Sarawak, sebanyak 1,172 tapak menara telah diluluskan oleh Majlis Perancangan Negeri (SPA) sejak tahun 2017 yang melibatkan menara SMART 600, JENDELA dan CLAWBACK dengan peruntukan yang diperlukan berjumlah RM14.2 juta. Sehingga 31 Oktober 2024, peruntukan berjumlah RM11.4 juta telah disalurkan bagi pengambilan balik 449 tapak menara telekomunikasi yang telah diluluskan pertapakannya. Sebanyak 244 tapak menara telah selesai pengambilan balik tanah yang melibatkan keluasan tanah seluas 13.93 hektar dengan jumlah kos keseluruhan pengambilan balik tanah sejumlah RM4.1 juta. Manakala pengambilan balik tanah bagi baki 205 tapak menara telekomunikasi disasarkan untuk diselesaikan pada tahun 2025.

Di samping itu, Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA) Committee telah meluluskan tapak bagi 215 struktur komersial dan 65 struktur 5G yang tidak memerlukan pengambilan balik tanah. Pengambilan balik tanah untuk Sarawak Energy Berhad *Transmission Line* melibatkan 35 projek dengan tanah seluas 3,131 hektar dengan kos pengambilan balik tanah sebanyak lebih kurang RM351.4 juta. Daripada jumlah ini, sebanyak 20 projek telah selesai pengambilannya yang melibatkan keluasan tanah 710 hektar dengan jumlah pampasan RM103.9 juta. Manakala pengambilan balik tanah bagi baki 15 projek lagi disasarkan untuk diselesaikan pada tahun 2025.

Oleh yang demikian, saya menyeru kepada semua agensi pelaksana Kerajaan Sarawak dan Kerajaan Persekutuan supaya memastikan dana yang mencukupi, disediakan dan disalurkan dengan segera kepada Jabatan Tanah dan Survei bagi tujuan memuktamadkan proses pengambilan balik tanah.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pending, Oh tak ada ya, isu berkaitan beberapa setinggan di Sungai Apong, Pending, sebenarnya ini juga diminta jawapan secara bertulis. Walau bagaimanapun, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pending, isu berkaitan beberapa setinggan di Sungai Apong, Pending, yang terlibat dengan Pembangunan *Public Transportation and Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) (Kuching Sentral to Pending - Line 2 : Package 1)*, juga, seperti yang saya katakan tadi, ditanya untuk jawapan bertulis.

Walaupun bagaimanapun, memandangkan tanah yang diduduki iaitu Lot 11509 dan 11510 Section 64 Kuching Town Land District adalah merupakan tanah kerajaan berdaftar sejak 30 Disember 1967, maka tiada pampasan yang akan dibayar kepada mereka yang menduduki tanah kerajaan tersebut. Sekiranya mereka yang menduduki tanah kerajaan tersebut memerlukan lot kediaman di Skim Penempatan Semula yang dilaksanakan oleh Jabatan Tanah dan Survei, mereka adalah dinasihatkan untuk mengemukakan permohonan lot kediaman untuk pertimbangan selanjutnya.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong, satu lesen memindah bahan batuan pasir di kawasan berkenaan telah dikeluarkan. Walau bagaimanapun, pihak kerajaan akan membuat siasatan terhadap kes video yang tular di media sosial sama ada berlakunya pelanggaran ke atas syarat dan terma lesen atau pengorekan pasir haram di kawasan berkenaan.

Jabatan Tanah dan Survei sentiasa membuat pemantauan di kawasan-kawasan yang dilesenkan termasuk pemantauan bersama agensi penguatkuasa berkaitan bagi memastikan pematuhan syarat-syarat lesen oleh pelesen dan operator yang dilantik. Kerajaan juga menggalakan orang ramai, orang awam ya untuk menyalurkan maklumat kepada Jabatan Tanah atau agensi yang berkaitan sekiranya terdapat aktiviti pengorekan dan pengambilan pasir yang mencurigakan.



## PEMBAHARUAN BANDAR (URBAN RENEWAL)

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, Projek Pembaharuan Bandar merupakan inisiatif berterusan Kerajaan Sarawak dalam meningkatkan kesejahteraan dan sosioekonomi rakyat dengan menyediakan rumah kediaman yang selesa, penempatan terancang yang dilengkapi dengan infrastruktur asas, utiliti, kemudahan rekreasi, tempat ibadah dan premis perniagaan untuk pembangunan sosio-ekonomi penduduk setempat.

Setakat ini, empat Projek Pembaharuan Bandar telah dilaksanakan secara berfasa, antaranya Projek Pembangunan Darul Hana Fasa I dan II melibatkan 564 buah rumah telah siap, siap sepenuhnya. Setakat 31 Oktober 2024, sebanyak 557 buah rumah telah diagihkan kepada Ketua Isi Rumah dari Kampung Semarang, Kampung Panglima Seman Lama, Kampung Pulo Ulu dan kawasan sekitarnya.

Kerajaan Sarawak juga turut mengambil kira keperluan Ketua Keluarga Tambahan dengan menyediakan 209 buah rumah kediaman di Sungai Bedaun. Sehingga kini, sebanyak 115 buah rumah telah diagihkan kepada Ketua Keluarga Tambahan dari Kampung Semarang, Panglima Seman Lama dan kawasan sekitarnya. Pengagihan rumah kepada Ketua Keluarga Tambahan yang layak dari Kampung Pulo Ulu akan dilaksanakan dalam masa terdekat ini.

Selain itu juga, setakat 31 Oktober 2024, 104 buah rumah di Kampung Datu Baru, Sibul siap sepenuhnya dan 55 buah rumah telah diagihkan kepada Ketua Isi Rumah bagi Projek Pembangunan Semula Kampung Datu, Sibul. Baki 49 buah rumah akan diagihkan dalam masa yang terdekat. Manakala, bagi Projek Pembangunan Kemuyang, Sibul pula, sebanyak 148 buah rumah telah siap dan 82 buah rumah telah diagihkan kepada Ketua Keluarga Tambahan dari Kampung Datu, sebahagian Kampung Baharu dan sebahagian Kampung Hilir, Sibul. Wah, sama cantik seperti yang kita buat kalau kita tengok dalam skrin itu, mana skrin itu? (*Laughter*). Itu yang di Sibul ya, *quite beautiful* ya, *quite beautiful*. Itu yang dibuat oleh Kerajaan GPS. (*Applause*). Untuk kemudahan dan kebaikan rakyat, ya.

Tuan Speaker, berhubung dengan cadangan Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Datu berkenaan dengan *Urban Development Project* di Lundu, Ahli Yang Berhormat boleh mengemukakan cadangan ke Kementerian ini untuk diteliti dan diambil kira mengikut keperluan setempat.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) URBAN DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE

Tuan Speaker, to make cities and human settlements safe, resilient and sustainable and align with SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, Sarawak Government has collaborated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in formulating the Sarawak Urban Development policy. The partnership with UNDP to formulate Sarawak Urban Development Policy (SUDP) has been initiated in May 2024 and it is targeted to be completed by third quarter 2025. The policy is designed with several key objectives:

- (a) To guide the planning and implementation of Urban Development in Sarawak;
- (b) To provide the needed direction and course of action to support Urban Development;
- (c) The identification of Urban Development priorities towards sustainable social, economic and environment development;
- (d) To formulate the Statement, Objective and Principle of an Urban Development Policy for the State of Sarawak;
- (e) To cohesively set sectoral and cross-sectoral urban development strategies and key thrust; and

- (f) To propose action plans to achieve the objectives.

The concerns of climate change and environmental sustainability will also be taken into consideration in the process of formulating this policy. This policy will consolidate and harmonise with the existing urban planning policies and initiatives, which ultimately strengthen the urban development governance.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Datu, kerajaan telah meluluskan Pelan Struktur Lundu pada tahun 2009. Walau bagaimanapun, pelan struktur ini akan dikaji semula mengikut keperluan semasa termasuk potensinya sebagai hab pelancongan dan pendidikan serta mengambil kira pandangan penduduk setempat.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, Pelan Pembangunan Pusat Pentadbiran Daerah Pusa 2035 telah diluluskan oleh Majlis Perancangan Negeri pada 31 Julai 2024 dengan beberapa pindaan. Kementerian kini dalam proses memperhalusi pindaan-pindaan tersebut. Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Meluan, Majlis Perancangan Negeri (SPA) telah menerima tiga permohonan untuk membangunkan stesen minyak di Julau. Dari tiga permohonan tersebut, satu permohonan telah diluluskan oleh SPA pada 24 November 2023 tetapi telah tamat tempoh *Provisional Approval*.

Pemohon gagal untuk mengemukakan pelan susun atur terkini bagi tujuan *Formal Approval* dalam tempoh masa yang ditetapkan. Sekiranya pemohon yang telah diluluskan berhasrat untuk meneruskan pembangunan stesen minyak tersebut maka beliau dinasihatkan untuk mengemukakan semula permohonan baharu kepada Jabatan Tanah dan Survei untuk pertimbangan selanjutnya daripada pihak SPA. Manakala, dua lagi permohonan telah ditolak kerana tidak menepati syarat dan garis panduan yang ditetapkan oleh SPA.

#### PEMBANGUNAN BANDAR BAHARU (NEW TOWNSHIP), PEKAN BAHARU DAN PUSAT PERKHIDMATAN (SERVICE CENTRE)

Tuan Speaker, pembangunan bandar baharu (*new township*), pekan baharu dan pusat perkhidmatan (*service centre*) di luar bandar turut diberi perhatian khusus bagi memastikan jurang ekonomi antara kawasan bandar dengan luar bandar dapat dirapatkan. Oleh itu, Kerajaan Sarawak telah meluluskan siling peruntukan sebanyak RM237,990 *eh*, maaf ya. RM237,990,932. Betulkah? Betul, ya. Sebab banyak sangat peruntukan yang diberi oleh Kerajaan GPS ini, banyak. (*Applause*) Ya, betul kah? Saya ulang ya. Oleh itu Kerajaan Sarawak telah meluluskan siling peruntukan sebanyak RM237,990,932 dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 kepada LCDA bagi pelaksanaan projek-projek bandar baharu, pekan baharu dan pusat perkhidmatan (*service centre*). Empat projek pembangunan bandar baharu dan pekan baharu sedang giat dilaksanakan di Sebuyau, Simunjan, Daro dan Kabong. Manakala, Pusat Perkhidmatan (*service centre*) di Lingga, Matu, Igan, Matadeng dan Ulu Merapok berada dalam pelbagai peringkat pelaksanaan.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Assek, pihak kerajaan melalui LCDA sedang menyiapkan Pelan Induk Pembangunan Semula Bukit Assek dan disasar untuk dimuktamadkan sebelum akhir tahun 2024. Beberapa sesi libat urus bersama pihak pemegang taruh (*stakeholder*) untuk mendapatkan input awal telah dijalankan sejak tahun 2020 hingga 2024 di antaranya:

- (a) *Lab on Bukit Assek Redevelopment*;
- (b) *Focus Group Discussion (FGD)* dalam Kajian Penilaian Impak Sosial Projek Pembangunan Semula Bukit Assek, Sibul;
- (c) *Technical Workshop for Redevelopment of Bukit Assek*; dan
- (d) *Workshop on Sibul Cloudburst Masterplan Study for Stage 1 to 3*.

Sesi libat urus bersama pemegang taruh termasuk penduduk setempat yang seterusnya akan diadakan setelah pelan induk ini dimuktamadkan dan diluluskan oleh Majlis Perancangan Negeri.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Telang Usan, Pusat Pertumbuhan Desa (RGC) Long Lama telah dibangunkan mengikut pelan induk yang diluluskan oleh kerajaan. Dalam pelan induk tersebut terdapat komponen-komponen pembangunan seperti komersial, pendidikan, rizab kerajaan dan sebagainya termasuklah komponen perumahan.

Sehubungan dengan itu, hasil survei pasaran (*market survey*) yang dijalankan oleh LCDA terutamanya keperluan penduduk tempatan untuk memiliki rumah kos rendah dan sederhana akan diambil kira dalam perancangan pembangunan projek perumahan di RGC Long Lama. Cadangan komponen perumahan ini akan dikemukakan untuk pertimbangan dan kelulusan bagi dilaksanakan dalam RMK-13.

#### **KOMITMEN SARAWAK DALAM PEMELIHARAAN HUTAN: MENUJU KELESTARIAN DAN KEMAKMURAN**

Tuan Speaker, komitmen Sarawak terhadap pemeliharaan hutan adalah langkah penting ke arah kelestarian dan kemakmuran jangka panjang. Sebagai wilayah dengan kawasan hutan hujan tropika yang luas, Sarawak berperanan besar dalam melindungi biodiversiti global dan fungsi ekosistem. Inisiatif strategik pemeliharaan hutan ini bukan sahaja bermanfaat untuk alam sekitar tetapi turut menyokong pembangunan sosial dan ekonomi komuniti setempat. Sarawak masih mampu mengekalkan 7.65 juta hektar atau 62% kawasan litupan hutan menerusi penambahbaikan dan pemerkasaan polisi sedia ada serta pelaksanaan pelbagai program pengurusan hutan secara lestari.

Ini juga mengekalkan Sarawak sebagai penyumbang terbesar kawasan litupan hutan di Malaysia, *forest cover lah* tu. Litupan hutan di Malaysia iaitu sebanyak 42.4% daripada 18.05 juta hektar keseluruhan kawasan berhutan di Malaysia. Berdasarkan kepada Polisi Guna Tanah Sarawak, sasaran kita adalah untuk mewartakan lebih kurang 6 juta hektar kawasan Hutan Simpan Kekal dan 1 juta hektar Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya.

Bagi meningkatkan usaha pemeliharaan hutan, Kerajaan Sarawak telah mengadakan kolaborasi berkaitan hutan yang akan membantu dalam pembangunan kapasiti dan pemindahan kepakaran kepada pemegang taruh (*stakeholders*) serta pegawai jabatan yang terlibat. Antara kolaborasi yang telah diadakan adalah dengan memeterai:

- (a) Memorandum Persefahaman (MoU) antara Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan *Australian National University, Australia* bagi "*Collaboration and Cooperation for Research, Development and Knowledge Exchange Opportunities in Forest Ecosystem Functions, Biodiversity and Conservation and Climate and Energy, and Plantation Forestry, and Forest Fire Management*" yang ditandatangani pada 12 Ogos 2024;
- (b) Surat Niat (*Letter of Intent*) bertajuk "*To Explore Exchanging of Technical Information, Joint Cooperative Studies and Research and Knowledge and Technology Transfer*" yang ditandatangani pada 14 Ogos 2024 antara Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan *University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia*; dan
- (c) Surat Persefahaman (*Letter of Understanding*) bertajuk "*To Explore Collaboration on Matters including Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Implementation of LiDAR based Services for Forest Department Sarawak*" yang ditandatangani pada 3 Oktober 2024 antara Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan *Arbonoaut Ltd., Finland*.

Pada 6 Disember 2022, Kesatuan Eropah (EU) telah meluluskan *European Union Deforestation Regulation* (EUDR) yang menggalakkan penggunaan produk bebas daripada penyahhutan (*deforestation*) dan mengurangkan impak penebangan dan degradasi hutan (*forest*

*degradation*). Di samping mengurangkan kadar pembebasan gas rumah hijau serta ancaman terhadap biodiversiti, EUDR merupakan sebahagian daripada agenda *European Green Deal* yang bertujuan menjadikan benua Eropah sebagai *climate neutral* menjelang 2050. Dalam hal tersebut, produk seperti yang berasaskan perkayuan yang memasuki pasaran EU perlu bebas daripada isu penyahhutanan setelah berkuatkuasanya EUDR tersebut pada 30 Disember 2025.

Dalam mendepani keperluan EUDR dan memastikan pembangunan mampan industri perkayuan, Kerajaan Sarawak telah mengambil beberapa langkah proaktif di samping nilai rantai (*across supply chain*) produk berkenaan. Beberapa langkah yang telah diambil, antaranya:

- (a) Memperkukuh sistem informasi perhutanan untuk kebolehjejukan (*traceability*) dan kesahan (*legality*) kayu selaras dengan keperluan *Due Diligence EUDR menerusi Integrated System for Administration and Sustainable Management of Forest Resources: Enterprise Forest Information System (EFIMS)* dan *Sarawak Logs Tracking and Forest Revenue System (REVLOG)*;
- (b) Memperkukuh *Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System (STLVS)* yang telah dibangunkan berdasarkan *EU Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)*;
- (c) Memastikan pengusahahasihan hutan dilaksanakan secara mampan serta dipersijilkan (*sustainable forest management certification*). Berbelit-belit saya sebut, sedangkan maknanya mudah, *sustainable forest management certification*; dan
- (d) Mengadakan kolaborasi dengan semua pihak seperti Kerajaan Pusat dan pemain industri dari aspek ketersediaan untuk pematuhan EUDR.

Tuan Speaker, dengan langkah-langkah sedemikian, diyakini usaha-usaha tersebut dapat meningkatkan daya saing kayu dan produk kayu dari Sarawak di pasaran global khususnya ke Eropah.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ba'kelalan, Kerajaan Sarawak mengambil maklum atas keprihatinan Ahli Yang Berhormat, dalam program penanaman 35 juta pokok (2021 hingga 2025). Sebenarnya kita sudah *exceeding that 35 million* pokok yang ditanam. Pelbagai spesies tempatan telah ditanam di hutan asli melalui program penanaman mengaya (*enrichment planting*). Manakala spesies eksotik dan spesies tempatan juga telah ditanam di kawasan ladang hutan.

#### *Menerajui Pengurusan Hutan Mampan melalui Kredit Karbon Hutan*

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak akan meneruskan pendekatan baharu dalam pengurusan hutan melalui aktiviti karbon hutan yang bertujuan untuk memelihara (*protection*) dan memulihara (*conservation*) kawasan hutan yang telah dibalok serta hutan terosot (*degraded forest*).

Aktiviti karbon hutan ini akan menghasilkan kredit karbon yang boleh didagangkan, sekali gus menyumbang kepada sumber pendapatan baharu bagi Sarawak. Setakat November 2024, satu lesen karbon dan tujuh permit kajian karbon hutan telah dikeluarkan dengan keluasan 183,625 hektar.

Untuk memantapkan pengurusan karbon hutan di Sarawak, satu memorandum persefahaman (MoU) antara Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan National University Corporation Kyushu University, Japan bagi "*Collaboration and Cooperation to Develop Scientific, Academic and Educational on the Assessment of Forest Ecosystem Functions including for Forest Carbon Activity in Sarawak*" telah ditandatangani pada 23 Julai 2024.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ba'kelalan, inisiatif karbon hutan merupakan langkah baharu yang akan memberi impak positif dalam jangka pendek dan jangka panjang kepada

komuniti setempat dari segi peluang pekerjaan dan perdagangan karbon melalui dua fasa pelaksanaannya.

Fasa pertama melibatkan kerja-kerja kajian karbon hutan seperti penglibatan dalam penyelidikan untuk menilai biojisim dalam stok karbon, pengumpulan data lapangan, pengukuran pokok serta pengambilan sampel tanah. Fasa kedua pelaksanaan lesen karbon hutan akan membuka peluang pekerjaan dalam menyediakan tapak semaian, penanaman pokok, pengawalseliaan, penandaan sempadan, pengumpulan data, perhutanan tani (*agroforestry*) dan pembangunan infrastruktur eko-pelancongan.

Aktiviti ini menyokong pemeliharaan hutan secara berkekalan dan memberi manfaat untuk pembangunan ekonomi negeri dan juga penduduk setempat dari segi peluang pekerjaan dalam kalangan komuniti di sekitar kawasan lesen. Manfaat inisiatif karbon juga bersifat *intangible* seperti ekosistem dan alam sekitar yang sihat yang tidak boleh diukur hanya dengan *dollar and cents*.

### *Konservasi dan Pewartaan*

Tuan Speaker, sejajar dengan Polisi Guna Tanah Sarawak, setakat ini, Kerajaan Sarawak telah mewartakan kawasan seluas 4 juta hektar sebagai Hutan Simpan Kekal daripada jumlah 6 juta hektar yang disasarkan. Pada tahun ini, satu kawasan Hutan Simpan Kekal yang Baharu, iaitu *Mujong Pila Protected Forest* yang berkeluasan 32,812 hektar telah diwartakan.

Bagi Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya (TPA), Kerajaan Sarawak menyasarkan 1 juta hektar pada tahun 2025. Setakat ini, seluas 874 ribu hektar telah diwartakan. Untuk makluman juga, Kerajaan Sarawak telah mewartakan 1.2 juta hektar kawasan perairan sebagai TPA, menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan TPA di Sarawak adalah seluas 2.1 juta hektar.

Sarawak juga melaksanakan inisiatif yang dikenali sebagai *Heart of Borneo* (HoB) yang meliputi kawasan seluas 2.7 juta hektar yang mengunjur dari Lawas hingga ke Tanjong Datu. Inisiatif ini adalah satu usaha sama konservasi rentas sempadan di antara negara Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia dan Indonesia sejak Februari 2007.

Untuk memperkasakan usaha konservasi Tapak Ramsar, *Kuching Wetland National Park* pula, memorandum persefahaman (MoU) antara Sarawak Forestry Corporation dan Mubadala Energy, Abu Dhabi berkaitan *Nature-based Solution* (NbS) dan *potential blue carbon initiative* telah ditandatangani pada 6 November 2024.

Sarawak telah menganjurkan "*The 10th World Congress of Herpetology*" pada 5 sehingga 9 Ogos 2024 di Kuching. Kongres ini bertujuan untuk menggalakkan penyelidikan, pendidikan dan pemuliharaan *Herpetofauna* (*Reptile and Amphibian*). Kongres ini telah dihadiri oleh seramai 1,500 peserta daripada 72 buah negara.

Lanjutan daripada kongres ini beberapa penyelidikan telah dilaksanakan. Hasil daripada penyelidikan tersebut, terdapat 26 spesis baharu katak, ini katak mana ya yang benar-benar, telah dijumpai di seluruh Sarawak. Daripada jumlah ini, enam spesis baharu katak telah diberi nama saintifik oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier mengikut nama tempat katak ditemui, sebagai contoh, *Limnonectes muluensis* bagi katak yang ditemui di Mulu dan *Limnonectes penrissensis* bagi katak yang ditemui di Penrissen. Manakala baki 20 spesis masih di peringkat *morphological identification*.

Mana-mana pihak yang berminat untuk mencadangkan nama saintifik bagi baki spesis katak-katak tersebut boleh menulis kepada saya atau Timbalan Menteri saya.

Penemuan spesis baharu ini membuktikan Sarawak kaya dengan kepelbagaian spesis katak. Ia merupakan salah satu daripada petunjuk penting bagi kesihatan ekosistem kerana kepekaannya (*sensitivity*) terhadap perubahan persekitaran dan ini menunjukkan bahawa kita di Sarawak ini mempunyai ekosistem dan persekitaran alam yang masih kondusif, yang masih dipelihara dengan

sebaiknya dan inilah komitmen kita untuk mempertahankan kestabilan ekosistem dan persekitaran alam sekitar kita ini, *our biodiversity, our flora and fauna*.

### *Sarawak Delta Geopark (SDGp)*

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak beriltizam untuk mendapatkan pengiktirafan UNESCO bagi Sarawak Delta Geopark pada 2026. Bagi memastikan sasaran tersebut tercapai, kita telah mengemukakan *application dossier* kepada UNESCO, Paris pada 7 November 2024 dan penilaian oleh pihak UNESCO dijangka akan dilaksanakan pada tahun 2025.

Pelbagai inisiatif turut diadakan bagi meningkatkan kedampakan (*visibility*) Sarawak Delta Geopark di peringkat negeri, nasional dan antarabangsa serta meningkatkan pemahaman dan keupayaan. Antaranya adalah seperti berikut:

- (a) Memasang papan tanda di tempat yang strategik dan di beberapa *geosite* yang telah dikenal pasti;
- (b) Mengadakan lawatan penanda aras di beberapa tempat di UNESCO Global Geopark (UGGp), iaitu Jeju UGGp, Korea Selatan; Rinjani-Lombok UGGp dan Batur UGGp, Indonesia;
- (c) Menghadiri *the 8<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium* di Cao Bang UGGp, Vietnam dan *the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks* di Marrakech, Morocco; dan
- (d) Penerbitan buletin, artikel, kertas kajian, risalah dan sebagainya.

Penglibatan masyarakat dalam inisiatif geopark turut ditingkatkan melalui pelbagai program kesedaran dan sesi libat urus bersama komuniti, sekolah dan institusi pengajian tinggi telah diadakan serta beberapa rakan strategik telah dilantik melalui program *Geopark Partners*.

### *Penguatkuasaan Hutan, Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya (TPA) dan Hidupan Liar*

Tuan Speaker, bagi tempoh Januari hingga Oktober 2024, Jabatan Hutan Sarawak telah merekodkan sejumlah 50 kes kesalahan hutan. Dalam tempoh yang sama, 11 kes didaftar untuk pendakwaan di mahkamah, iaitu dua kes telah selesai diputuskan oleh mahkamah manakala sembilan kes masih dalam proses pendakwaan dan perbicaraan. Sebanyak RM654,018 kompaun dan RM2.8 juta hasil pelupusan melalui jualan kayu rampasan telah dikutip dalam tempoh tersebut.

Aktiviti penguatkuasaan oleh Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) untuk melindungi Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya (TPA) dan hidupan liar adalah penting demi kelestarian alam semula jadi. Dari Mei hingga Oktober 2024, SFC telah membuka 27 kertas siasatan berkaitan kesalahan TPA dan jenayah hidupan liar. Empat kes dibawa ke mahkamah, lapan kes dikenakan kompaun dan 15 kes masih dalam siasatan. Selain itu, 10 kertas siasatan dari tahun sebelumnya juga telah didakwa, menjadikan jumlah kes didakwa di mahkamah sebanyak 14, iaitu 10 kes melibatkan denda, tiga pesalah dipenjarakan dan satu diberi *bon* berkelakuan baik.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ba'kelalan, kawasan yang dinyatakan dicadangkan untuk diwartakan sebagai Hutan Simpan Kekal (PFE) dan bukan *Totally Protected Area* (TPA). Ulu Trusan *Protected Forest* telah diwartakan melalui proses pewartaan awal (*initial gazettelement*) pada 22 Januari 2015 melalui warta G.N. 298. Bagi memelihara hak dan keistimewaan komuniti yang tinggal berhampiran dengan kawasan PFE yang dicadangkan, aktiviti-aktiviti mengikut Jadual Kedua (*Second Schedule of Gazetted Protected Forest*) adalah dibenarkan.

Saya juga ingin menyentuh perkara yang dibangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Baleh, iaitu kesulitan komuniti di kawasan berkenaan kerana kerosakan jalan-jalan balak yang tidak diselenggara. Walaupun lesen pembalakan di kawasan berkenaan masih sah tetapi operasi

pembalakan sangat kurang dan mengakibatkan banyak jalan balak yang tidak diguna dan diselenggara oleh syarikat pembalakan. Perkara ini berlaku disebabkan pelesen pembalakan dikehendaki mematuhi dasar sedia ada, iaitu mengurangkan pembalakan sejajar dengan pengurusan hutan lestari (SFM) di Sarawak.

Kerajaan akan mencari jalan penyelesaian terbaik bagi menangani masalah ini. Saya juga difahamkan terdapat beberapa projek untuk menaik taraf jalan-jalan balak di Sarawak yang dibiayai oleh Kerajaan Persekutuan melalui Kementerian Kemajuan Desa dan Wilayah (KKDW). Projek ini adalah untuk menaik taraf jalan balak kepada piawai JKR, setelah siap nanti dapat didaftarkan di bawah MARRIS (*Malaysia Road Record Information System*) bagi penyelenggaraan.

*Pemeriksaan Komuniti di sekitar Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya (TPA)  
(Community Empowerment)*

Tuan Speaker, melindungi khazanah alam adalah tanggungjawab bersama dan Kerajaan Sarawak melalui SFC telah melaksanakan pelbagai inisiatif yang melibatkan komuniti setempat sekitar TPA. Program utama termasuk *Wildlife Guardian Ranger (WGR)*, *Honorary Wildlife Ranger (HWR)*, *Special Park Committee (SPC)* dan *Special Wild Life Committee (SWC)*. Setakat ini, 250 orang dilantik sebagai WGR, 309 orang dilantik sebagai HWR, 288 orang dilantik sebagai SPC dan 24 orang dilantik sebagai SWC.

*Pengiktirafan Taman Negara Niah sebagai Tapak Warisan Dunia*

Tuan Speaker, Tapak Warisan Arkeologi Kompleks Gua Taman Negara Niah di Sarawak telah berjaya diiktiraf sebagai Tapak Warisan Dunia UNESCO pada 31 Julai 2024 semasa Mesyuarat 46<sup>th</sup> *Session of the World Heritage Committee*, New Delhi, India. Ini merupakan Tapak Warisan Dunia UNESCO kedua di Sarawak selepas Taman Negara Gunung Mulu. Dengan ini, saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Kerajaan Persekutuan, Kerajaan Sarawak, kementerian, jabatan dan agensi-agensi kerajaan yang terlibat dalam usaha mendapat pengiktirafan ini.

Saya juga ingin mengucapkan tahniah kepada delegasi Sarawak yang diketuai oleh Yang Berhormat Timbalan Menteri Perancangan Bandar, Pentadbiran Tanah dan Alam Sekitar atas kejayaan ini. Pengiktirafan antarabangsa ini menunjukkan komitmen tinggi Kerajaan Sarawak dalam usaha mempertahankan pemeliharaan khazanah alam dan budaya.

Itu sijil dia kan? Ya, sijil pengiktirafan. Bukan senang nak dapat ni. Kita tengoklah betul-betul dalam *screen* tu. Baru saja diterima dalam beberapa hari yang lepas ya, ya minggu lepas. Dengan pengiktirafan ini, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui SFC akan memberi tumpuan kepada perkara-perkara berikut:

- (a) Pelaksanaan program yang diluluskan dalam *Integrated Conservation Management Plan (ICMP)* untuk memastikan Taman Negara Niah kekal terpelihara dan memenuhi piawai UNESCO;
- (b) Penguatan aktiviti penguatkuasaan dengan penglibatan komuniti dan penggunaan teknologi bagi memastikan kawasan berkenaan terus terpelihara;
- (c) Pembinaan prasarana dan menaik taraf kemudahan sedia ada di Taman Negara Niah sesuai dengan status sebagai Taman Warisan Dunia; *dan*
- (d) Mendokumentasikan warisan, meningkatkan kesedaran awam dan penglibatan komuniti dalam aktiviti eko-pelancongan seperti inap desa (*homestay*) dan pemandu taman (*park guide*) untuk menyokong pemuliharaan dan pelancongan lestari. Ini akan menyumbang kepada peningkatan sosioekonomi penduduk setempat.

*Sarawak Reef Ball Project Fasa 2*

Tuan Speaker, *Sarawak Reef Ball Project Fasa 1* yang tamat pada tahun 2021 telah berjaya melabuhkan sebanyak 16,800 unit *reef balls* sepanjang 746 kilometer di perairan Sarawak. Kejayaan tersebut telah mendapat pengiktirafan sebagai *World's Longest Reef Ball Barrier Reef* oleh The Reef Ball Foundation USA yang berpangkalan di Florida, Amerika Syarikat.

Manakala, *Sarawak Reef Ball Project Fasa 2* telah dimulakan pada tahun ini. Melalui projek ini, sebanyak 5,000 unit tukun *reef balls* lagi akan dilabuhkan di 100 kluster yang telah dikenal pasti. Setakat ini 4,200 unit tukun *reef balls* telah dilabuhkan di dalam 84 kluster dari Sematan ke Kuala Miri. Projek ini akan meningkatkan sumber marin dan menggalakkan eko-pelancongan bagi meningkatkan sosioekonomi komuniti setempat. Pada jangka masa panjang, projek ini akan menyumbang kepada pemeliharaan dan pemuliharaan alam sekitar.

*Pengurusan Konflik Manusia-Buaya*

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan Sarawak amat prihatin dalam usaha mengurangkan risiko serangan buaya, yang kini dianggarkan lebih kurang 25,000 ekor dalam 22 *river basin* di Sarawak. Beberapa inisiatif telah dan sedang dijalankan seperti berikut :

- (a) Dalam tempoh Januari hingga Oktober 2024, sebanyak 40 operasi pemantauan telah dilaksanakan oleh SFC dan hasilnya, 35 ekor buaya berjaya dipindahkan dari kawasan berhampiran penduduk ke tempat yang bersesuaian. Setakat ini, sebanyak 55 lesen memburu telah dikeluarkan dan 234 papan tanda amaran telah dipasang di kawasan berisiko tinggi di seluruh Sarawak. Pada masa yang sama 13 program kesedaran 3M (Menenal, Memahami, Memulihara) buaya telah diadakan;
- (b) Kerajaan Sarawak melalui SFC sedang menyediakan pelan pengurusan buaya yang lebih komprehensif dengan penglibatan pakar antarabangsa. Satu kerjasama strategik telah dimeterai melalui Memorandum Perjanjian (MOA) antara SFC dan Wildlife Management International Private Limited (WMI) di Darwin, Australia.

WMI akan membantu dalam penggubalan pelan pengurusan buaya dan memberi latihan kepada pegawai SFC bagi meningkatkan pengurusan buaya di Sarawak. Penyediaan pelan ini akan mengambil masa selama satu tahun. Laporan awal akan dikemukakan pada Disember 2024 bagi memberi gambaran tentang langkah-langkah yang perlu diambil; dan

- (c) Penyediaan *Crocodile Rules* telah pun dirangka dan kini dalam peringkat semakan akhir sebelum dikemukakan kepada Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri untuk kelulusan.

Untuk meningkatkan keselamatan rakyat dan menyokong pemuliharaan buaya, aplikasi mudah alih *Sarawak Croc Watch* telah dibangunkan oleh SFC dan SAINS. Aplikasi ini dilancarkan pada September 2024 bertujuan membantu orang awam melaporkan penampakan buaya, seiring dengan usaha mengurangkan konflik di antara manusia dan buaya. Orang ramai disarankan untuk menyebarkan kewujudan aplikasi tersebut terutama kepada masyarakat yang tinggal di luar bandar. Strategi penggunaan aplikasi ini digunakan di Australia dan terbukti memudahkan para pengguna aplikasi ini untuk melaporkan penampakan buaya dengan serta merta kepada pihak berkuasa. Ini merupakan antara usaha yang diambil bagi menangani konflik antara manusia dan buaya.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong, berhubung dengan permohonan lesen memburu buaya, JKKK atau penduduk Kabong boleh mengemukakan permohonan terus ke Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) untuk diteliti dan di pertimbangkan.



### *Prestasi Industri Perakayuan Sarawak*

Tuan Speaker, jumlah nilai hasil eksport industri perakayuan Sarawak bagi suku ketiga 2024 adalah sebanyak RM2.1 bilion. Jepun kekal sebagai pengimport utama bagi produk perakayuan Sarawak dengan nilai RM1.2 bilion iaitu peningkatan sebanyak 1.5% berbanding RM1.18 bilion pada tempoh yang sama bagi tahun 2023. Pasaran utama lain adalah India sebanyak RM307 juta, Negara Timur Tengah RM145 juta, China RM110 *million* dan Taiwan RM88 juta.

PUSAKA terus giat menjalankan aktiviti promosi untuk meluaskan pasaran dengan menyertai pameran dan lawatan perdagangan. Di samping itu, PUSAKA juga menjalankan kajian pasaran berkaitan produk kayu Sarawak yang berpotensi dan boleh diterokai ke pasaran yang lebih luas. Sarawak juga membangunkan industri nilai tambah seperti kayu pelet yang digunakan sebagai bahan bakar mesra alam bagi penjana kuasa elektrik. Nilai eksport kayu pelet Sarawak bagi tempoh suku ketiga tahun 2024 adalah berjumlah RM60 juta. Ini merupakan peningkatan sebanyak 69 peratus berbanding tempoh yang sama tahun 2023 yang bernilai RM36 juta. Pasaran utama bagi kayu pelet Sarawak adalah Jepun dan Belanda.

Bagi menyokong usaha dalam memperkukuhkan kedudukan Sarawak sebagai hab pengeluaran perabot yang berdaya saing, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui PUSAKA kini sedang merangka Pembangunan Taman Industri Perabot (*Furniture Park*) di Demak Laut dan Tanjung Manis. Inisiatif ini bukan sahaja bertujuan menarik pelaburan strategik dalam sektor pembuatan perabot, tetapi juga dijangka memberikan lonjakan kepada ekonomi Sarawak secara menyeluruh. Ia turut berpotensi mencipta peluang pekerjaan baharu, menggalakkan inovasi dan memperkasakan industri perabot tempatan untuk bersaing di peringkat tempatan serta antarabangsa. Langkah ini mencerminkan komitmen kerajaan dalam memastikan Sarawak terus maju dan berdaya tahan, sambil menyumbang kepada pembangunan ekonomi yang lestari.

PUSAKA juga memberi fokus kepada penghasilan produk bernilai tambah tinggi dan mampan melalui program penyelidikan dan pembangunan (R&D). Menerusi inisiatif ini, PUSAKA giat bekerjasama dengan institusi penyelidikan, institusi pengajian tinggi (IPTA dan IPTS) dan industri perakayuan untuk menghasilkan produk hijau iaitu *biofuel*, *activated carbon* dan kayu kejuruteraan.

### *Industri Buluh*

Tuan Speaker, industri buluh, berdasarkan kepada *Bamboo Global Market Report 2024*, saiz pasaran buluh peringkat global diunjurkan berkembang dari USD70.59 bilion pada 2023 kepada USD75.12 bilion pada 2024. Ini menunjukkan industri buluh mempunyai potensi besar yang perlu diterokai oleh Sarawak dan semua pihak termasuk komuniti tempatan dan haruslah mengambil peluang ini.

Setakat ini PUSAKA dengan kerjasama pihak swasta menyasarkan untuk membangunkan 10,000 hektar dengan penanaman buluh. Sehingga September 2024, seluas 3,900 hektar kawasan telah ditanam dengan pelbagai spesies buluh oleh 12 entiti komersial dan 33 komuniti yang telah berdaftar dengan PUSAKA. Kerajaan menggalakkan pihak swasta untuk terlibat dalam pembangunan ladang buluh. Sehubungan dengan itu, kerajaan juga bersetuju untuk pemegang lesen ladang hutan (LPF) sedia ada untuk menanam sebahagian daripada kawasan berkenaan dengan penanaman spesies buluh mengikut kesesuaian tanah.

Antara produk yang boleh dibangunkan dari sumber buluh ialah *biochar*, perabot, pulpa dan kertas, makanan, kosmetik, tekstil dan kraftangan. Secara langsung, ia merupakan produk hijau yang boleh menggantikan penggunaan plastik. Di samping itu juga, ia boleh mengekalkan alam sekitar sebagai sumber penyerapan karbon (*carbon sequestration*), mengurangkan pencemaran udara, mengawal hakisan tanah serta memulihkan kawasan terosot untuk menjadi habitat bagi spesies fauna.

Untuk memperkasakan industri buluh di Sarawak, PUSAKA telah bekerjasama dengan pelbagai pihak dengan memeterai Memorandum Persefahaman (MoU) seperti:

- (a) Sichuan Vanov New Material Co. Ltd bagi projek *Proposed Bamboo Pulp and Moulded Fibre Products* in Sarawak;
- (b) G-Cove Technology Company Limited bagi projek *Feasibility Study for the Proposed Plant to Produce Packaging Products From Bamboo* in Sarawak;

Banyaknya produk-produk untuk *packaging* ya, daripada buluh. Kita tengok dari slaid tu. Itu syarikat yang sudah mengusahakannya. Banyak ya, banyak yang boleh digunakan;

- (c) *Malaysian Community Care Resources Foundation* bagi penanaman buluh bersama komuniti di kawasan Baram; dan
- (d) Bintulu Port Holdings Berhad bagi program penanaman buluh di kawasan Bintulu Port Holdings Berhad.

#### *Program Pembangunan SME Industri Perabot*

Tuan Speaker, sebagai inisiatif berterusan PUSAKA untuk pembangunan SME Industri Perabot, kerjasama dalam penganjuran kursus dan latihan dengan *Wood Industry Skill Development Centre* (WISDEC), Selangor dan *Furniture Industry Technology Centre* (FITEC), Selangor telah dilaksanakan. Di samping itu, PUSAKA juga telah menaja lima orang peserta dari Sarawak untuk mengikuti program Diploma Teknousahawan Pembuatan Perabot di Institut Kemahiran MARA, Alor Setar, Kedah.

#### *Mining Sector in Sarawak*

Tuan Speaker, under the PCDS 2030, the Sarawak Government has prioritized the mining sector as one of the core drivers for economic transformations by 2030. Efforts are being undertaken to transform this sector, encompassing upstream to downstream industries. The government is currently in discussion with two international companies to establish state of the art solar glass and cement manufacturing plants in Sarawak with expected investment of RM8.22 billion and creation of approximately 5,700 direct and indirect employment opportunities.

In our pursuit of excellence in resource management and the mining industry, a technical study trip to Canada, one of the world's leading mining countries, was conducted in June 2024. The key objectives of this trip are to explore, among others:

- (a) the development of the mining industry and the entire ecosystem;
- (b) the legal framework that regulates the industry;
- (c) to study the ideal organization and the management of the industry;
- (d) the adaptation of the latest technology in mining;
- (e) the engagement and participation of local communities;
- (f) collaboration and industrial research and development (R&D) initiatives; and
- (g) the rehabilitation and conservation of ex-mining sites.

Pembelajaran lapangan turut dibuat ke kawasan lombong serta kawasan bekas lombong dan kuari yang telah dipulihara. Kita telah mempelajari bagaimana operasi perlombongan dapat dilaksanakan tanpa menjejaskan sebahagian besar alam sekitarnya. Begitu juga bagaimana sebuah kawasan bekas kuari dapat dibangunkan menjadi salah satu taman ternama dunia yang mampu menarik lebih daripada satu juta pengunjung; setahun ya, purata dan menghasilkan pendapatan melebihi RM140 juta (atau kurang lebih CAD40 juta) setahun. Bekas kuari tersebut diuruskan oleh pihak swasta, dipulihara dan dibangunkan sebagai tempat tarikan pelancongan utama di Canada.

Equally critical to the success of these industrial initiatives is the development of skilled workforce. Recognizing this, our Ministry, in collaboration with the Centre for Technology Excellence Sarawak (CENTEXS), recently organized a Talent and Workforce Development Workshop for the Upstream Mining Industry from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024. This workshop, which brought together key industry stakeholders, has identified 3,882 job opportunities in upstream industry between 2025 and 2030 of which 1,386 positions have been classified as critical workforce. Hence, the government will strive to provide appropriate training to ensure skilled workforce are available to support the upstream industry.

#### *Pengurusan Alam Sekitar*

Tuan Speaker, dengan kelulusan Rang Undang-undang Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar, 2024 yang telah dibentangkan dalam Dewan yang mulia ini, Lembaga Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar (NREB) akan merangka peraturan-peraturan untuk menguatkuasakan peruntukan baharu yang termaktub di dalamnya. NREB komited untuk melaksanakan tanggungjawab yang telah diberikan, termasuk pengurusan buangan terjadual yang bermula pada tahun 2025.

Bagi tempoh Januari hingga Oktober 2024, NREB telah berjaya melaksanakan *Post-EIA Inspection* terhadap 841 daripada 1,207 projek di seluruh Sarawak. Dari pemantauan tersebut, 79 kes ketidakpatuhan terhadap terma dan syarat kelulusan *Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)* telah direkodkan dengan 73 kes telah diambil tindakan pembedulan.

#### *Status Pelaksanaan Kawal Selia Kendiri Alam Sekitar Melalui Audit Pematuhan Alam Sekitar (Environmental Compliance Audit)*

Tuan Speaker, pelaksanaan penuh Audit Pematuhan Alam Sekitar (*Environmental Compliance Audit, ECA*) telah diwajibkan bagi sektor perhutanan yang dikuatkuasa mulai 1 Julai 2024, di bawah the *Natural Resources and Environment (Audit) Rules, 2008*. Sebanyak 11 Audit *ECA Dalaman (ECA Internal Audit)* telah dilaksanakan oleh pelesen balak dan ladang hutan sebagai persediaan untuk audit luaran (*external audit*).

#### *Isu-isu Spesifik*

Tuan Speaker, sekarang saya ingin menyentuh perkara yang dibangkitkan oleh beberapa Ahli Yang Berhormat berhubung dengan pengurusan hal ehwal Islam di Sarawak.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Datu, kerajaan melalui Majlis Islam Sarawak (MIS) akan membuat kajian terperinci berkenaan keperluan dan kesesuaian untuk mewujudkan perkuburan Islam berpusat di Daerah Lundu yang merangkumi Zon Sampadi, Zon Lundu dan Zon Sematan. Kajian tersebut antara lainnya akan mencadangkan lokasi dan saiz tapak yang sesuai bagi Daerah Lundu termasuk perancangan pembangunan perkuburan Islam berpusat tersebut.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong, Majlis Islam Sarawak dan Lembaga Amanah Kebajikan Islam Kabong (LAKIK) akan berbincang bagi memperincikan keperluan tapak perkuburan tambahan di daerah Kabong. Manakala, cadangan pembinaan Masjid Baru Kampung Sessang akan diteliti semula sebelum ianya dimuktamadkan.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Simunjan, kerajaan amat menghargai hasrat murni Yang Berhormat untuk meningkatkan ilmu agama dan membentuk akhlak yang mulia dalam kalangan masyarakat Islam melalui pembinaan pusat tahfiz. Kerajaan melalui Majlis Islam Sarawak akan meneliti permohonan peruntukan tambahan seperti yang dibangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, setakat ini, kerajaan belum ada cadangan untuk membina sebuah Sekolah Rendah Agama Antarabangsa di RGC Beladin. Untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, Kerajaan Sarawak akan membina Sekolah Menengah Islam Antarabangsa di Kuching dan dijangka mula beroperasi pada tahun 2027. Sekolah agama antarabangsa ini akan memberi peluang kepada murid-murid di seluruh Sarawak untuk melanjutkan pelajaran menggunakan kurikulum al-Azhar dan *International General Certificate Secondary Education* (IGCSE).

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka, untuk memastikan pelaksanaan *Rural Transformation Project* (RTP) berjalan dengan lancar, kerajaan telah meluluskan 556 jawatan teknikal berasaskan caruman (JBC) pada tahun 2018 dan 2020. Setakat ini, 466 jawatan telah diisi dan baki 90 jawatan akan diisi dalam masa terdekat. Mereka ini terdiri daripada Jurutera; Juruukur Bahan; Pegawai Perancang Bandar dan Desa; Arkitek; Pelukis Pelan (Kejuruteraan Awam)/ Penolong Jurutera; Penolong Juruukur Bahan; Penolong Juruukur; Pelukis Pelan (Seni Bina) atau Penolong Pegawai Seni Bina; dan Penolong Arkitek Landskap. Mereka ini ditempatkan di pelbagai agensi pelaksana seperti Jabatan Kerja Raya; Kementerian Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan Sarawak; Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran Sarawak; Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak; Jabatan Bekalan Air Luar Bandar; dan 12 Pentadbiran Bahagian. Tugas utama mereka adalah untuk membantu dari segi pelaksanaan RTP yang dilaksanakan oleh pelbagai jabatan dan agensi.

#### PENGIKTIRAFAN

Tuan Speaker, Kementerian bersama-sama dengan jabatan dan agensi di bawahnya sentiasa komited untuk memberi perkhidmatan yang berkualiti secara berterusan. Usaha-usaha ini telah diiktiraf melalui pelbagai anugerah yang telah diterima di peringkat Negeri, Kebangsaan dan Antarabangsa. Antaranya:

(a) Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar

Pengiktirafan Lima Bintang telah diperolehi semasa *Sarawak Civil Service Innovation Convention Award* (SCSICA) 2024.

(b) Jabatan Tanah dan Survei

- (i) Anugerah Inovasi Premier SCSICA 2024 dan Anugerah Inovasi Kategori Agensi Utama Sarawak semasa *Sarawak Civil Service Innovation Convention Award* (SCSICA) 2024 melalui Projek *Hybrid* bersama Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA); dan
- (ii) Anugerah Emas di *International Convention on Quality Control Circle* (ICQCC) 2024, yang berlangsung di Colombo, Sri Lanka, baru-baru ini, baru-baru ini. Ini adalah pengiktirafan di peringkat *international*.

(c) Jabatan Hutan Sarawak

- (i) Anugerah Kelestarian sempena Persidangan Ekonomi Digital Antarabangsa Sarawak (IDECS 2024) melalui projek *Greening Sarawak Campaign (Forest Landscape and Restoration): Turning Commitments into Canopies*; dan
- (ii) Pensijilan *MS ISO 37001:2016 Anti Bribery Management System* (ABMS) semasa Majlis Amanat Perdana Integriti (MAP-i) 2024.

(d) Sarawak Forestry Corporation

- (i) Tourism Industry Award 2024 untuk kategori *Best Eco Wildlife Initiative* dimenangi oleh Semenggoh Wildlife Centre di Kuala Lumpur anjuran Malaysia International Tourism Development Association (MITDA); dan
- (ii) Semenggoh Wildlife Centre dan Niah National Park telah memenangi Kategori Emas Malaysia *Tourism Quality Assurance Award 2024* anjuran Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MOTAC).

(e) Lembaga Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar (NREB) Sarawak

- (i) Pengiktirafan *the Malaysia Book of Records* untuk *Largest School Environmental Clubs Network* di bawah Program Kelab Pencinta Alam Sekitar (PALS).

*Pemandangan indah hingga ke Tanjong,  
Keluar rusa bersama rakan,  
Persidangan sudah tiba ke penghujung,  
Terkasar bahasa moga dimaafkan.*

*Gunung Santubong menjulang tinggi,  
Di waktu pagi kabus menyelimuti,  
Hutan menghijau indah berseri,  
Pesona Sarawak memukau hati.*

*Gunung tinggi berbalam di awan,  
Di sungai jernih riak berlabuh,  
Kemajuan dicapai hasil tangan,  
Sarawak gemilang, rakyat pun teguh.*

Tuan Speaker, pada kesempatan ini, saya ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Krismas bagi yang merayakannya dan selamat menyambut Tahun Baharu 2025 kepada semua. Demikianlah saja ucapan penggulungan saya bagi Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, we have a short break. Sitting resumes at 11.20 a.m.

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*(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 11.35 pagi)*

*[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]*

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah bin Ali Hasan, Timbalan Premier Sarawak dan Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa, Industri dan Pelaburan untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa, Industri dan Pelaburan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.82 Bukit Sari (YB Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah bin Ali Hasan):** Tuan Speaker, first and foremost, I would like to congratulate YAB Premier for continuing to table the people centric and development biased budget for 2025 to accelerate the developments and economic growth of Sarawak, with the theme “*Together Building a Prosperous Future*”. This reaffirms the government’s commitments for the prosperity of Sarawak and champions the welfare of the *rakyat* through vital people-centric programmes.

The eight strategic thrusts of this Budget embarks on economic, social, human capital and infrastructure development. These include Sarawak’s ambition to transform our economy by

establishing itself as a premier investment destination and promoting SME development. I would like to express my gratitude to YAB Premier for the allocation of funds to my ministry in the 2025 budget to implement various initiatives under this strategic thrust. These initiatives will foster a more business-friendly and thriving ecosystem by supporting local businesses and boosting industrial development, thereby, enhancing Sarawak's competitiveness in the global economy. This exemplifies our approach to further accelerating the growth of Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, the economic outlook for Malaysia in 2024 and 2025 remains positive, driven by robust domestic demand and investment with improving external environment. In 2024, Malaysia's GDP is expected to grow between 4.8% and 5.3%, supported by robust domestic demand, resilient consumer spending, and a recovery in exports. For 2025, growth is projected to remain strong between 4.5% and 5.5%, sustained by strong domestic demand and improved global trade, especially in the semiconductor industry.

The economic growth of Sarawak is forecasted to range between 5% and 6% in 2024, driven by stronger external demand and improved domestic activity. The manufacturing sector is anticipated to grow by 5.2% in 2024, bolstered by increased liquefied natural gas (LNG) output. On the demand side, LNG export volume rose by 3.3% from January to September 2024, compared to the same period in 2023.

Furthermore, rising demand for basic metals is expected to strengthen the growth of the manufacturing sector. The positive economic outlook for 2024 is expected to continue in 2025, strengthened by a recovery in a global trade and a resilient domestic economy.

## INVESTMENT

Tuan Speaker, as of the third quarter of this year, our preliminary approved investment in Sarawak was RM10.43 billion across 212 projects with approximately 5,400 new job opportunities. These investments have excluded the primary and services sectors for quarter three of 2024. Domestic Direct Investment (DDI) which included reinvestment by existing foreign investors utilising domestic funding amounted to RM7.18 billion, while Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) contributed RM3.25 billion.

The manufacturing sector was the largest contributor at 55.7 %, attracting investment worth RM5.81 billion, followed by the services sector at 28.5 % or RM2.97 billion and the primary sector at 15.8 % or RM1.65 billion. These manufacturing projects are mainly in chemical and chemical products: RM2.0 billion for urea, melamine and fertilizer; electrical and electronic products, RM1.2 billion for solar ingots, wafer, cell and module; and non-metallic mineral products, RM0.8 billion for cement and clinker.

Since 2020, 57% or 204 out of 356 approved projects in manufacturing and related services have been realised. Sarawak continues to attract and facilitate investors in high-tech industries including electronics, sustainable fuels, renewable energy and composite materials. These sectors are drawn to Sarawak due to our unique comparative advantage as an appealing destination for cutting-edge technology industries.

Amendments of the Electricity Ordinance (Cap. 50) in 2023, has created more opportunities for investors to be involved in low carbon power generation. For example, a recently signed joint-study agreement between Sarawak and an investor from Abu Dhabi will explore floating solar power project in Murum. This project will further transform Sarawak's energy landscape towards more renewable resources, spur industrial advancement as well as attract green and sustainable investment.

Indeed, Sarawak is strategically positioned to emerge as a high technology hub in Malaysia, encompassing industries such as petrochemical, semiconductors and aerospace by leveraging on renewable and sustainable energy. These strategic industries will serve as a catalyst to accelerate

industrial growth in this region, propelling Sarawak's economy to move up the value chain. By developing high-value and advanced technology sectors, these industries will transform Sarawak towards an economy driven by forefront innovation

## OIL AND GAS

Tuan Speaker, the oil and gas sector continues to be a key economic driver for Sarawak, contributing approximately 40% to our GDP in 2023. Seven years ago, we established PETROS, our state-owned oil and gas company to spearhead the development of this sector in Sarawak. PETROS has rapidly grown to an internationally recognised integrated oil and gas player, actively involved in all stages of the value chain, namely upstream, midstream and downstream.

Today, PETROS stands as Malaysia's third-largest oil and gas equity producer, actively participating in 20 Production Sharing Contracts (PSC) in Sarawak, in partnership with international oil and gas majors.

As part of Sarawak Gas Roadmap (SGR), PETROS is investing in midstream gas infrastructure to transport gas to four key hubs, that is Miri, Samalaju, Bintulu and Kuching. PETROS is also developing gas-fired power plants to support power supply expansion as Sarawak is transitioning to a low carbon power mix. These projects include Bintulu to Samalaju pipeline and Miri 500MW Combined Cycle Gas Turbine power plant.

As a strategic initiative, SGR aims to increase the domestic gas utilisation in Sarawak from the current 6% to 30%, creating over 100,000 high quality jobs for Sarawakian and boosting Sarawak GDP by 10 to 15%. SGR is expected to attract over RM150 to RM200 billion in FDI and DDI, aligning with Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030.

PETROS as the sole gas aggregator under the Distribution of Gas Ordinance, 2016, ensures a balance-rationale of export and domestic gas needs, enabling greater gas allocation for local industrial development and critical gas infrastructure such as Samalaju and Kuching Hubs to meet both short term and future gas demands. On CCUS, our landmass geology is estimated to have a CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity of three trillion cubic meters, which will position Sarawak as a leader in carbon capture and storage development. PETROS as the resource manager will lead the development of the carbon storage sites in Sarawak.

For 2024, PETROS has invested RM1.96 billion, which will increase to RM4 billion in 2025 to fund these projects. To date, PETROS has awarded 62% of its contracts to Sarawak-based vendors. PETROS is also committed to grow people-talent pipeline through initiatives such as PETROS Industrial Capability Programme in Sarawak, which trains school leavers in scaffolding, mechanical fitting, welding, painting and blasting trades with a target to train 1,000 school leavers by 2025. Upon completion of training, they will be offered employment opportunities for at least 12 months. PETROS promotes STEM education and career opportunities in oil and gas sector through PETROS Global Initiative for Future Talent (GIFT) Sarawak, targeting to enrol 1,000 undergraduates by 2025.

In addition, PETROS launched Youth Ambassador Programme in 2022. This program is intended to inspire and engage primary and secondary students to pursue STEM education. To date, more than 1,000 students have benefited from this initiative. In Bintulu, an investment in Rosmari-Marjoram Onshore and Offshore Gas Plant worth RM9 billion by Shell is progressing well. Construction activities are on track for the first gas production by late 2026.

As of third quarter of 2024, PETRONAS through its PSCs has invested over RM17 billion in Sarawak's upstream oil and gas sector, with RM11 billion for capital expenditure on new projects. These new projects include:

- (a) the first production of hydrocarbons from the Jerun field in July and the Kasawari field in August this year serve to meet the growing domestic gas demand and to sustain supply to the Malaysia LNG Complex in Bintulu; and
- (b) two PSC blocks, namely DEWA Complex Cluster and Ketapu Cluster, were awarded in October 2024.

PETRONAS has also achieved a localisation rate of 90.6% within its Sarawak workforce. This includes 77.8% at senior management level, 64.2% among managers, 83.8% among executives and 98.6% among non-executive staff. Furthermore, RM2.49 billion worth of contract works were awarded to 270 Sarawakian vendors, which accounted for 32% of the total contract works awarded in Sarawak during the same period.

## PETROCHEMICAL

Tuan Speaker, the petrochemical industry in Sarawak is poised to be a significant economic contributor to Sarawak. We can be a major petrochemical hub in the region. The immense growth potential of this industry is underpinned by our resources such as power, gas and CCUS which are cost-competitive and enable low-carbon intensity. These resources, together with supportive policies, make Sarawak a highly competitive region to “*win over*” new investments in this energy transitioning world.

The RM7 billion Sarawak Methanol Complex epitomises the state-of-the-art plant, being the first mega methanol facility developed and built by Sarawak. Inaugurated during Sarawak Day this year, this project represents our unrelenting dedication to sustainable development and technological innovation. It embodies our commitment and vision to transform Bintulu into a leading petrochemical hub in the region, driving progress and setting new standards for future growth.

The realisation of the Sarawak Methanol Complex marks a significant milestone for Sarawak to become a prominent global player in methanol production, further solidifying our position in the global market. This complex has a capacity of up to 1.75 million metric tons per annum. Aligning with our vision to advance a high value low carbon economy, Sarawak is actively involved in several sustainable projects such as green methanol, low carbon ammonia and green power generation. These projects will place Sarawak as a regional green energy hub, spur economic growth and unlock new, profitable ventures in sustainable development.

## AEROSPACE

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak aspires to be a key player in Malaysia’s aerospace industry. We have the potential to capture a share of the Asia Pacific aerospace aftermarket, which is projected to be worth RM15 trillion for the next 20 years. Our plan to build a new airport in Kuching would provide modern infrastructure to develop and expand the aerospace industry. This is in tandem with the proposal by Federal Ministry of Investment, Trade, and Industry (MITI) to develop Sarawak as the aerospace hub for Borneo, which will further broaden our economic growth strategy. As such, Sarawak Government has taken strategic measures to create a supportive and sustainable ecosystem for the aviation and aerospace sector. Among them include:

- (a) establishing the Aerospace Academy at CENTEXS to equip local workforce with expertise to support aerospace manufacturing and aviation technology;
- (b) forming strategic collaboration with international aerospace organizations such as Airbus and Boeing to solidify our presence in the global arena; and
- (c) developing a centre of technology for the design, development, manufacturing, integration, and testing of aerospace systems.



## SEMICONDUCTOR

Tuan Speaker, the global semiconductor industry is expected to experience robust growth, reaching USD1 trillion by 2030 as reported by McKinsey in 2022. This is sustained by strong market recovery and the increasing demands for semiconductors such as AI, computing and consumer electronics. Sarawak, with political stability stands to attract companies seeking alternatives to relocate or expand their operations to avoid uncertainties. Years of strategic investments in the electrical and electronic (E&E) sector have led to the success of E&E cluster at Sama Jaya Free Industrial Zone. This achievement paves the way to build a vibrant local semiconductor industry.

Sarawak will develop a fully integrated and resilient semiconductor ecosystem, with the launch of Sarawak Semiconductor Strategic Framework and Investment Roadmap 2030. The goal of the roadmap is to attract RM2 billion in private investment and create 3,000 high-skilled jobs by 2030. Under this roadmap, we have successfully secured strategic industry partnerships and over RM400 million investments from companies like X-FAB and Melexis.

The Federal Government recognises Sarawak as a key player in the National Semiconductor Strategy. Sarawak is making significant strides and emerging as a global hub for the semiconductor industry. Among these key developments are:

- (a) establishment of Sarawak Microelectronics Design Semiconductor Sdn Bhd (SMD) in 2022, focusing on designing sustainable semiconductor solutions for next generation technologies like 5G, autonomous vehicles, and generative AI;
- (b) partnerships with global players such as Melexis Technologies from Belgium; CSA Catapult, Silicon Catalyst, Weeteq and Cambridge Microelectronic from United Kingdom; and THE HIVE CLIMATE AI from Luxemburg to design integrated chips and develop local talent;
- (c) signing of an MoU between SMD Semiconductor and CSA Catapult, UK at the House of Commons in April 2024 marked the beginning of a collaboration to advance compound semiconductor technology for cutting-edge applications in electric vehicles, hydrogen energy systems, and space technology. Following this MoU, the Sarawak government has approved an investment of RM50 million to SMD Semiconductor to support this project; and
- (d) commitment to nurturing top-tier talent, emphasising integrated circuit design through collaboration with universities and technical institutions.

Therefore, Sarawak Government will collaborate with the Federal Government to advance our roadmap for a comprehensive semiconductor supply chain ecosystem in Sarawak, expanding the development and growth of this industry in the region.

## DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE

Tuan Speaker, as at third quarter of 2024, Sarawak's trade has shown signs of recovery. Total trade increased by 4.7% from RM140.9 billion to RM147.5 billion, compared to the same period in 2023. This growth reflects improved trade performance across the main economic sectors, with increases of 13% in agriculture, 6.8% in mining and 1.3% in manufacturing.

Our top foreign trading partners are Japan, China, the Republic of Korea, India, and Thailand. Major traded products include LNG, crude petroleum, palm oil, aluminium and refined petroleum products. Consumption good rose from RM8.3 billion to RM9.8 billion during the same period, indicating stronger domestic demand and economic growth. Exports increased by 5.9% to RM99.8 billion from RM94.3 billion in the same period of 2023. LNG, palm oil, crude petroleum and aluminium products remained the top exports. Imports rose by 2.5%, expanded to RM47.7 billion, with top imported goods being refined petroleum products, aluminium ores and concentrates as well as motor vehicles.

The Sarawak Government is dedicated to strengthening trade, investment, and tourism ties within Southeast Asia. The Sarawak Government has taken another strategic move to establish a new Sarawak Trade and Tourism Office in Brunei Darussalam (STATOB), expanding its network of existing Sarawak Trade and Tourism Office in Singapore. STATOB began operation in October this year. The establishment of STATOB will strengthen socio-economic collaboration between Sarawak and Brunei Darussalam, marks a pivotal step that drives sustainable growth and mutual economic benefits across these regions.

## DEVELOPMENT OF ENTREPRENEUR

Tuan Speaker, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) remain the core engine of growth throughout the global economy. In Malaysia, MSMEs accounted for 39.1% of the national GDP and employed 48.5% of the workforce in 2023. Moreover, MSMEs played a notable role in exports at 12.2% to the total export of Malaysia. MSMEs continue to be a backbone of the Malaysian economy, promoting a resilient and equitable economic landscape.

In Sarawak, MSMEs is the cornerstone of progressive economic development. They contributed substantially in terms of GDP and employment, particularly in agriculture, manufacturing and services sectors. In 2023, more than 74,000 establishments in Sarawak were MSMEs. Majority of the establishments were micro-enterprises and mainly in services sector. MSMEs contributed RM29.7 billion or 17.9% to Sarawak's economy in 2022.

Despite their significant contribution to the economy, MSMEs also face challenges which can limit business growth potential. According to the surveys conducted in 2023 and 2024 by SME Corporation Malaysia, among the challenges are:

- (a) high cost of doing business due to rising cost of raw materials, labour and rental;
- (b) low adoption of Environment, Social and Governance practices;
- (c) limited integration between MSMEs and large firms in Malaysia due to limited capacity and inability to meet the scale and quality of standards required by bigger firms; and
- (d) lagging in digitalisation of their operations.

Tuan Speaker, we acknowledged that MSMEs are the key catalysts of economic growth, spurring innovation driven by digital information, sustainability initiatives and the development of new industries. Their success is closely linked to the prosperity of Sarawak, which depends on their adaptability, ability to leverage on resources from both government and private sector, investing in digital transformation, strengthening governance frameworks and fostering deeper collaboration with larger organizations.

My ministry remains committed to strengthen MSMEs to navigate in this rapidly evolving landscape through robust policies, capacity building programmes, business premises and funding. We will continue to play a key role to assist and empower MSMEs to diversify, grow and tap into global markets.

## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

Tuan Speaker, capacity building program that for MSMEs is a critical investment to enhance competency and competitiveness, as well as to address skills gap among the workforces. As such, my ministry is committed to entrepreneurship, technical and digital skills training programmes to boost competitiveness, encourage innovation and improve access to the markets.

To date, my ministry together with other relevant agencies such as Sarawak Digital Economy Corporation (SDEC), INSKEN, Institut Koperasi Malaysia, Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak

and TEGAS have organised over 900 capacity building programmes and benefited more than 67,000 MSMEs. These programmes include promotion and marketing, financial management as well as technical and digital entrepreneurship.

Moving forward, my Ministry and SDEC are embarking on a transformative journey to promote our local platform globally, Sarawak Digital Mall through collaboration with TikTok Shop. This initiative aims to provide training and upskilling for 1,000 MSMEs across Sarawak. The MSMEs are required to complete the tasks set by TikTok such as participation in limited and special mission, including content creation, exclusive deals campaigns and tapping on promotional tools through the TikTok Shop platform. The best performing 500 MSMEs will be able to enjoy the incentive worth RM1 million for a period of two years provided by my ministry. This incentive includes ads credit for livestream and video content, cash and free shipping vouchers as well as affiliate and creator promotion.

To enhance sustainable growth and integration of MSMEs into the global market, my ministry has actively supported participation of MSMEs in national and international showcase and expositions such as MIHAS, Showcase Usahawan Sarawak, Selangor International Expo and Salon International de l'Alimentation in Paris. As of October 2024, the value of sales generated from more than 30,000 participating MSMEs has exceeded RM350 million. These international showcase and expositions have provided MSMEs with opportunities to gain market insights and build connections with potential buyers and distributors.

#### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Tuan Speaker, financial assistance is crucial for MSMEs to overcome financial constraints, maintain healthy cash flow, and allocate resources effectively in critical areas such as business expansion, technology adoption and innovation. Access to funding will bridge capital shortfalls and make MSMEs to be more agile. My ministry will continue to provide various financial assistance programmes such as Graduan Ke Arah Keusahawanan (GERAK), Usahawan Teknikal and Vokasional (USTEV), Go Digital Program, Sarawak Micro Credit Scheme (SKMS) and Skim Pinjaman Industri Kecil dan Sederhana (SPIKS). As of October 2024, more than 8,900 MSMEs have benefited from these schemes totalling RM193 million.

In addition, over 177,000 MSMEs in Sarawak have benefited from various financial assistance programmes with the total approved funding surpassing RM2.6 billion since 2021. These include the financial assistance programmes offered by SME Bank, Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia, TEKUN, Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad, MARA and Suruhanjaya Koperasi Malaysia, which strengthen MSMEs' financial position, enabling them to grow and remain competitive.

It is crucial that MSMEs to be on board to join the sustainability journey. To support this, the ongoing outreach and education programmes along with financing schemes, have been made available to MSMEs. These initiatives will encourage empower more MSMEs to take their first steps towards sustainable practices. To date, more than 250 MSMEs have benefited from ESG Outreach Programmes and green financing initiative totalling RM223 million through collaboration initiated by my ministry between Invest Sarawak and financial institutions.

My ministry has recently launched an integrated and centralised database, known as ENBASE. ENBASE is designed to facilitate data-driven decision making for effective planning and resource allocation. By integrating data-driven approach, we can design comprehensive programmes tailored to the needs of MSMEs. Ultimately, this will lead to more effective and targeted solutions for a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem in Sarawak.

#### **DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES**

Tuan Speaker, investment is a key driver of economic growth for Sarawak. We will continue to create a conducive environment by providing industrial infrastructure and facilities to attract both

foreign and domestic investors. My ministry is committed to ensure timely completion of infrastructure and facility projects designed to meet the diverse needs of investors. For 2025, a total budget of RM40 million has been allocated to develop 14 industrial estates in Sarawak including Kuching High-Tech Park as an expansion for Sama Jaya Free Industrial Zone. This park will create attractive investment opportunities in E&E sector, drive innovation in semiconductor and advanced manufacturing.

The Sarawak Government has endorsed a green technology park with Special Economic Zone status – Kota Petra Green Technology Park (KPGTP). It is a collaboration between SDEC, CENTEXS and private sector to create a high-tech industrial hub. This development is expected to generate RM12 billion investments and create 10,000 jobs during the construction phase in 2030. KPGTP is designed as a modern industrial park, which focused on attracting investment in green technology sectors. The park will serve as a hub to foster collaboration among industry leaders, research institutions and startups through a supportive ecosystem.

To further promote and inculcate entrepreneurship culture among rural and remote communities, a total of RM8.4 million will be allocated in 2025 for the establishment of 18 *Anjung Usahawan* throughout Sarawak. This initiative will build a competitive local economy that drives inclusive growth across Sarawak. In fact, Sarawak needs more conducive business premises for small traders and hawkers particularly in rural areas. In 2024, the Federal Ministry of Entrepreneurs and Cooperatives Development has approved approximately RM8 million to upgrade 38 *Tamu Desa* across Sarawak. The objective of the project is to further improve the facilities for small traders and hawkers in rural areas. An additional 37 *Tamu Desa* Projects worth RM9 million has been proposed for 2025. This initiative is being carried out in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health, Housing and Local Government to enhance facilities for local entrepreneurs.

Tuan Speaker, my ministry has established the Industrial Park Management Committee (IPMC) to effectively manage, resolve issues and improve conditions in industrial parks, promoting long-term sustainability. To begin with, we have formed IPMC for Sama Jaya Free Industrial Zone and Demak Laut Industrial Park. IPMC will forge strong rapport, close collaboration and coordination between the government and private sector located in the industrial parks. IPMC will act as a liaison platform to address tenant concerns and facilitate communication with the relevant government agencies. This initiative will be extended encompass all other government-developed industrial parks throughout Sarawak.

The high-quality infrastructure and essential utilities will bolster industrial growth and widen the socio-economic development. With shared amenities and vital support services, these projects will enhance the business competitiveness, promote innovation, and create greater synergies and efficiencies. Ultimately, they will open new opportunities for businesses to thrive and expand in a dynamic and evolving market.

All these initiatives are envisioned to propel Sarawak towards a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable region. In line with this vision, my Ministry is dedicated to enhancing the ease of doing business, attracting high-value-added industry as well as providing well-equipped industrial infrastructure and facilities. We are also focused on nurturing and growing our local business community. We will continue to work closely with the Federal Government to bring the development of Sarawak to new pinnacles of growth and prosperity.

#### ISU-ISU YANG DIBANGKITKAN

Tuan Speaker, saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat atas cadangan-cadangan yang berkaitan di bawah bidang kuasa kementerian saya.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Balingian, any large-scale infrastructure project, particularly in the oil and gas sector, requires meticulous planning, detailed assessment and study to ensure commercial viability, operational efficiency and sustainability. Partnerships between

PETROS and project proponent remain focused on exploring commercially viable options for onshore oil terminal in Sarawak. Efforts are ongoing to explore nearby prospects and monetise the Sirung discovery.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Batu, Bintulu Port Sdn. Bhd. as the authorised operator of Bintulu Port, is in incorporated plans for a free zone within its proposed Port Development Master Plan. Meanwhile, the Sarawak Government is also assessing the feasibility to establish a similar free zone in Samalaju Port.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Telang Usan, the government has recently approved the siting for *Anjung Usahawan* and Mini Industrial Park Long Lama. Land acquisition is expected to be completed by the first half of 2025.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Katibas, the proposed site for Song Mini Industrial Park has been submitted to State Planning Authority for the consideration and approval.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tamin, *under Program Pembangunan Premis (Tamu Desa) Sarawak 2024*, upgrading works of Pasar Tamu Selangau had been completed with approved allocation of approximately RM200,000. The government will study the proposal to establish an *Anjung Usahawan* in Sarawak.

#### MALAYSIA AGREEMENT 1963

Tuan Speaker, kita telah mendengar Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat membangkitkan isu mengenai Perjanjian Malaysia 1963 *or commonly known as the MA63*. Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier Sarawak (Undang-Undang, MA63 dan Hubungan Negeri-Persekutuan), dan Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Samariang, semasa sesi soal jawab juga telah pun menerangkan beberapa isu berkaitan MA63. Pelbagai reaksi dan ulasan telah diberikan mengenai MA63 ini dan apa yang pasti semua pihak bukan saja dalam kalangan kita wakil-wakil rakyat dan keseluruhan rakyat Sarawak ini mahukan MA63 dilaksanakan dan tuntutan mengenainya dipenuhi oleh Kerajaan Persekutuan. Itu yang pasti.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform this august House that both the Federal and Sarawak Governments remain actively engaged in ongoing discussions to address and fulfil the demands made by the Sarawak Government under MA63. These negotiations have yielded significant progress, with several key achievements secured through mutual agreement with the Federal Government.

#### *Achievements*

Among the achievements are as follows:

- (a) The amendment to Article 1(2) of the Federal Constitution. This is a major achievement which restores Sarawak and Sabah as equal partners in the Federation;
- (b) The amendment to Article 160(2) of the Federal Constitution. With this amendment, the Malaysia Agreement 1963 and the Inter-Governmental Committee (IGC) Report has been embedded into the Federal Constitution, giving it the legal recognition that it deserves;
- (c) The amendment to Article 161A of the Federal Constitution. This amendment empowers Sarawak to determine who qualifies as a "*native*" in Sarawak without the need to amend the Federal Constitution in the future. Hence, allowing Sarawak to safeguard its heritage and identity of our indigenous communities while ensuring that no one is left behind;
- (d) The signing of the Commercial Settlement Agreement (CSA) between the Sarawak Government and PETRONAS, facilitated by the Federal Government. This was a pivotal step in affirming Sarawak's rights over its oil and gas resources, ensuring equitable revenue sharing

and socioeconomic benefits through a collaborative framework with PETRONAS and the Federal Government;

- (e) the imposition of State Sales Tax on petroleum product exported from Sarawak. This was a historic achievement for Sarawak not only in terms of affirming our special right to impose sales tax under the Federal Constitution but marked a significant milestone in increasing Sarawak's revenue;
- (f) the handing over of regulatory authority for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) to the Sarawak Government. This represents a critical step in reclaiming control over our natural resources, ensuring that Sarawak benefits directly from its wealth;
- (g) empowerment of the Sarawak Government to issue deepsea fishing licence. This allows Sarawak to have greater control over its maritime resources and further develop the local fisheries industry;
- (h) the handing over of Bintulu Port to Sarawak, through the recent passing of the Bintulu Port Authority (Dissolution) Act 2024 and the Declaration of an Area Within Bintulu District to be a Federal Port (Repeal) Act 2024 in Parliament. This is another major achievement as it allows the management of all ports in Sarawak to be centralised under one port Authority, which would strengthen Sarawak's control over its strategic economic assets;
- (i) the recent endorsement of the new Natural Resources and Environment Ordinance 2024 by this august House demonstrates Sarawak's readiness to implement regulatory control over environmental matters including scheduled waste, which were previously under federal legislative jurisdiction;
- (j) the recognition of JKR and DID as Technical Departments under Treasury Instruction 182. This empowers these agencies to manage federal development project in Sarawak, with a value limit of up to RM50 million, without prior approval of the Federal Government;
- (k) the appointment of Sarawak's representative in the Inland Revenue Board (LHDN). Sarawak now holds permanent representation in LHDN, secured through the amendment of the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia Act 1995; and
- (l) special guidelines have been established for the reversion of federal land to Sarawak, ensuring that land designated for federal purposes is returned to Sarawak once no longer required or which remains undeveloped for five (5) years, as agreed in the previous MA63 meeting.

These achievements are not merely the result of negotiation but a testament to the GPS Government's ability to deliver real and tangible outcomes for the people of Sarawak. This government's unwavering commitment to the rights of Sarawak and its people remains steadfast as we continue to push forward in securing the full implementation of MA63.

*On-going Demands (Partially Achieved)*

*Annual Special Grant under Article 112D*

Tuan Speaker, while we celebrate these achievements, we acknowledge that much work remains. The increase in Sarawak's annual Special Grant under Article 112D of the Federal Constitution, from RM16 million to RM300 million, represents a significant improvement, and we commend the Federal Government for agreeing to further raise to RM600 million starting 2025. However, this remains an interim measure. A fixed formula should be agreed upon, so that a comprehensive financial review, as guaranteed under the Federal Constitution, can be conducted without further delay.

### *Appointment of Judicial Commissioner*

On the matter of judicial appointments, the Sarawak Government remains hopeful that amendments can be made to the Federal Constitution to institutionalize the power to appoint judicial commissioners in Sarawak, rather than relying on the current administrative arrangement.

### *Parliamentary Representation*

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Government has proposed to increase the parliamentary representation for Sarawak and Sabah to 35 percent, as enshrined under the Inter-Governmental Committee Report 1962 (IGC), to uphold the principles of MA63.

At the most recent meeting of Majlis Tindakan Pelaksanaan Perjanjian Malaysia 1963 (MTPMA63) in 2024 held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, it was decided that the Federal Attorney General's Chambers would undertake a comprehensive legal review of the interpretation of "safeguards" as outlined in the IGC Report. Further discussions will be conducted with the Attorney General's Chambers of Sabah and Sarawak to assess and formulate the necessary policy positions within the applicable legal frameworks.

Rest assured that we will continue to pursue the implementation of this matter, as it is our right. We are adamant with this proposal to reaffirm and uphold Sarawak's rightful place and representation as stipulated in the IGC.

### *Education*

Tuan Speaker, on education, the Federal Government had agreed during the meeting of MTPMA63 on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024, among others, to delegate authority to Sarawak for approving state-funded educational projects. While this is a positive step, we remain steadfast in addressing unresolved issues.

### *Health*

In relation to health, dedicated committees have been established to address Sarawak's demands for improved healthcare facilities, better infrastructure, and strategic workforce planning. These discussions must lead to concrete and impactful outcomes. The Sarawak Government is committed to pursuing this matter.

We urge for more federal funding to upgrade Sarawak's education and healthcare infrastructure. Many schools, teachers' quarters and healthcare facilities such as clinics and hospitals are in very poor condition. These facilities required greater federal allocation to modernize, improve and upgrade the quality of education and healthcare facilities as well as services. These are Federal Government responsibility. Thus, these requests must be considered by the Federal Government to ensure a better quality of life for all Sarawakians.

### *Tourism*

Similarly, on tourism, we will continue to pursue and advocate for the inclusion of Tourism to be placed in the Concurrent List under the Federal Constitution, instead of currently under the Federal List. Tuan Speaker, Sarawak also seeks among others:

- (a) The recognition of Jabatan Bekalan Air Luar Bandar (JBALB) as a technical department under Treasury Instruction 182;
- (b) The creation of a trust fund to initiate development projects in Sarawak is to expedite implementation by entrusting these projects under Sarawak's control. To streamline the

process, we propose channelling of federal funding for Sarawak's development projects directly into a trust fund managed by the State Financial Secretary;

- (c) Implementation of Borneonisation of the federal public service in Sarawak; and
- (d) development along the Sabah-Sarawak-Kalimantan border.

*Non-negotiable items*

Tuan Speaker, let me take this opportunity to reaffirm the GPS Government's non-negotiable positions with regards to the following:

- (a) Immigration autonomy;
- (b) The enforcement of state-specific taxes, such as the State Sales Tax;
- (c) Protection of state rights that includes the Continental Shelf; and
- (d) Our sovereignty over natural resources over seabed and subsoil.

These four items are inviolable and must remain, must remain firmly within Sarawak's jurisdiction.

Tuan Speaker, walaupun banyak kejayaan yang telah dicapai, Kerajaan GPS akan terus memperjuangkan apa yang termaktub dalam MA63. Apa yang menjadi hak kepada kita ianya harus dikembalikan kepada Sarawak. Inilah pendirian kita. Komitmen kita adalah untuk menjaga keunggulan dan maruah Sarawak sebagai rakan sekutu dalam pembentukan Malaysia. Oleh itu, pelaksanaan sepenuhnya MA63 adalah penting untuk Sarawak dan keutuhan serta kestabilan negara kita, Malaysia pada keseluruhannya.

*Penutup*

Tuan Speaker, Sebelum mengakhiri ucapan penggulungan ini, saya menyampaikan penghargaan kepada Tuan Speaker dan semua pegawai-pegawai yang terlibat kerana berjaya mengendalikan persidangan DUN. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua pegawai yang terlibat dalam menjayakan persidangan ini. Akhir sekali, masih belum terlambat untuk saya mengucapkan Selamat Hari Deepavali kepada semua yang menyambut perayaan ini. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Krismas, Selamat Tahun Baharu 2025 dan Selamat Tahun Baharu Cina kepada semua Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dan seluruh rakyat Sarawak.

*Dari Ai ke angkasa raya,  
Langit Sematan menjadi saksi,  
Bersama teknologi kita berjaya,  
Terus membangun Ibu Pertiwi.*

*Pergi Batang Ai membeli ikan,  
Singgah di Gedong makan mi udang,  
Teknologi Hijau aras kemajuan,  
Memacu ekonomi Sarawakku Sayang.*

Sekian, terima kasih.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas, Timbalan Premier Sarawak dan Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, first of all, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my utmost congratulations to



Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar for being appointed as the Fourth Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Also my heartiest congratulations also go to our Premier, the Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg for being conferred with the following awards:

- (a) *Darjah Setia Negara Brunei Yang Amat Berbahagia Darjah Pertama* (P.S.N.B) which carries the title “*Dato Seri Setia*” in conjunction with the 78<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the Sultan of Brunei on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024; and
- (b) *Datuk Seri Panglima Darjah Kinabalu* (S.P.D.K) which carries the title “*Datuk Seri Panglima*” in conjunction with the 71<sup>st</sup> birthday celebration of Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sabah on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

I also would like to congratulate the newly appointed President of Dewan Negara, Yang Berhormat Senator Dato' Awang Bemee bin Awang Ali Basah. His appointment signifies a notable achievement, an accomplishment indeed and a source of pride and optimism for Sarawak as we play our role in nation-building.

I would also like to take this moment to extend my heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Encik Donald Lawan, former ADUN for Bukit Begunan, who passed away on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024. His absence is deeply felt, and his legacy will be cherished by all who knew him. May the cherished memories provide solace in his loved ones during this difficult time.

Tuan Speaker, the 2025 State Budget, which was presented by the Right Honourable Premier on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 with the theme, “*Together Building a Prosperous Future*” not only reflects our strong commitment to the economic and social well-being of every Sarawakian but also represents a forward-looking vision that addresses immediate needs to the *rakyat*, while laying a strong foundation for sustainable and inclusive development.

Budget 2025 gives priorities on building capabilities and seizing new opportunities amid a challenging global economic environment, enhancing measures to strengthen the *rakyat* well-being, fostering inclusiveness, as well as growing an economy that is balanced with environmental sustainability.

This focus serves as the core principle guiding our fiscal approach reflects our unwavering commitment to creating a prosperous Sarawak where every *rakyat* can have access to the resources opportunities essential for their personal and family well-being.

#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2025 STATE BUDGET

Tuan Speaker, the 2025 State Budget signifies a major step forward in our commitment to promoting equitable growth and sustainable development. With its expansionary trajectory, the Budget seeks to boost economic progress by addressing immediate needs while setting the groundwork for future growth. It also embodies a balanced fiscal approach that supports the need of low-and middle-income groups across Sarawak.

At the core of this Budget, there are eight strategic thrusts, focusing on key areas such as economic growth; digital transformation; environmental sustainability; and social inclusivity. These strategic thrusts underscore the government holistic approach, aiming not only at economic progress but also at broader social and environmental advancement. With an anticipated revenue of RM14.2 billion, the highest in Sarawak's history, the 2025 Budget demonstrates a strong, forward-looking fiscal strategy.

The 2025 Budget totalling RM15.8 billion is the largest Budget ever provided which comprises an operating budget of RM4.9 billion and a development budget of RM10.9 billion, an increase of RM2.2 billion from RM13.6 billion this year.

Despite being the largest budget, we anticipated generating a surplus of RM486 million, which serves as a testament to prudent financial management and successful revenue reengineering, strengthening the government's ability to achieve our development goals without compromising financial stability.

With RM10.9 billion to be allocated for development programmes and projects next year, the budget underscores focus on infrastructure and sectoral advancements, reinforcing the strength and resilience of Sarawak's economy. The successful implementation of these programmes and projects will require the dedication of all stakeholders and the flexibility of adapting to changing economic conditions.

Overall, the 2025 State Budget sets Sarawak on a path toward continuous growth and sustainable development. Through our strategic investment in key sectors and prudent fiscal management, the budget not only addresses current needs and challenges of the state, but also builds a resilient foundation for future progress. With record revenue projections and a healthy surplus, it reflect a balanced approach to economic development, ensuring long-term stability and prosperity for all Sarawakians.

#### PERFORMANCE OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MALAYSIA PLAN

Tuan Speaker, as we work towards building a prosperous and sustainable future for Sarawak, it is essential to assess and review the progress of the various initiatives against our development goals. The 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan, spanning from 2021 to 2025, serves as a strategic blueprint for Sarawak's socio-economic advancement, outlining key policies and objectives to guide our development effort.

This plan mark a critical phase in Sarawak's development, with substantial funding allocated to implement numerous federal and state projects and programmes aimed at improving infrastructure, enhancing public amenities, strengthening *rakyat's* well-being, and driving economic progress. However, the success of this plan depends on our ability to implement these projects effectively and manage our financial resources responsibly and efficiently. In this regard, allow me to update this august House on the progress of projects implemented under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan, funded by both the Federal and State Governments.

##### *Performance Of Federal Funded Projects*

For the 2025 Fourth Rolling Plan, a total allocation of RM5.8 billion has been approved for the implementation of 1,124 projects. Thus far, RM3.16 billion has been spent, accounting for 54% of the total allocation. In terms of physical progress, 249 projects have been completed, while the remaining projects are at various stages of implementation.

##### *Performance Of State-Funded Projects*

Sarawak, with its vast geographical landscape, requires substantial investments particularly for funding of its public infrastructure and utilities as to ensure it achieves balanced development across urban and rural areas. During the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan's Mid-Term Review, the ceiling has been increased to RM38 billion to fund 1,412 projects. The increased ceiling allows for the implementation of many more strategic development projects aimed at addressing critical infrastructure gaps and accelerating economic growth throughout Sarawak. Of these 1,412 projects, 1,006 or 71% are physical projects, while the remaining 406 or 29% are non-physical. The non-physical projects include grants, contributions, investments, activities, and events.

To date, 250 physical projects has been completed. The remaining 756 projects are at various stages of implementation. Cumulatively, RM23 billion of the total of Sarawak 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan's ceiling has been spent. The expenditure is expected to increase further as the ongoing project activities continue progressing.

*Performance of Projek Rakyat*

Tuan Speaker, we will continue to implement *Projek Rakyat* which focuses on people-centric projects with have high impact on the livelihood of the *rakyat*. These projects are very close to the heart of the local communities and cater to their needs particularly public facilities, mobility and connectivity, and other social amenities. To date, the number of approved projects is 712 with a total cost of RM9.5 billion, and out of this, 234 projects have been completed while the remaining 478 projects are under various stages of implementation. Among the completed projects are:

- (a) Upgrading of five critical roundabouts in Samarahan;
- (b) Sarawak Reefball Project Phase 1;
- (c) Construction of Sarawak Farmers Organization building;
- (d) Flood mitigation project and drainage at Taman Ecopark, Miri;
- (e) Marudi Bridge over Batang Baram;
- (f) Upgrading of Sungai Limbang Waterfront Phase 2;
- (g) Kampung Sundar Extension Phase 2, Lawas;
- (h) Upgrading of roads and drainage and residential lots at Igan Village Extension Scheme, Mukah; and
- (i) Development of Peace Park, Sri Aman.

In 2025, more projects are expected to be completed and among those projects are as follows:

- (a) Village Extension Scheme at Jelutong, Jepak;
- (b) Construction of roads at Kampung Medong/ Lebrasau/ Kampung Klid, Dalat, Mukah;
- (c) Relocation and reconstruction of SK Pulo, Kuching; and
- (d) Village Extension Scheme at Kampung Hulu Kabong, Betong.

The government will continue to implement new projects which include among others as follows:

- (a) Tar Sealing of Ulu Tinjar Road (from Pekan Lapok to Kampung Long Tisam);
- (b) Development of Public Facilities at Integrated Administrative Centre Mulu, Miri;
- (c) Sarawak Digital Innovation Center;
- (d) Tar Sealing of Long Teran Kanan Road and Construction of Bridge Crossing Sungai Tinjar to Long Teran Batu and Long Teran Kiri;
- (e) Dedicated pipeline from Berawan Reservoir to Lubok Tuan Booster Station, Limbang;
- (f) Integrated Village Extension Scheme at Matang Batu 10, Gita and Sungai Maong, Phase 1, Kuching; and
- (g) Construction of Penakub Ulu Bridge, Mukah.

*Performance of Alternative Funding Projects*

For progress of the projects under Alternative Funding initiative, to date, a total sum of RM14.4 billion has been expended. The total number of projects is 1,476 of which 921 projects or 62% have been completed, while 555 are currently at various stages of implementation. Among the ongoing projects are as follows:

- (a) Construction of Coastal Road and Second Trunk Road projects;
- (b) Sarawak Water Supply Grid – Stressed Areas;
- (c) Rural Electricity Scheme Project;
- (d) Implementation of projects under RECODA for URDA, HDA and NRDA;

- (e) Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS);
- (f) Construction of Sarawak Multimedia Authority Rural Telecommunication (SMART) tower and Sarawak Rural Broadband Network (MySRBN);
- (g) Construction educational facilities such as CENTEX and Sarawak International Schools; and
- (h) Construction of Bebulung STOLport in Betong.

*Minor Rural Projects – Program Penambahbaikan Rumah Rakyat Miskin Sarawak*

We have introduced Minor Rural Project – *Program Penambahbaikan Rumah Rakyat Miskin Sarawak*, meant for house repair works for needy families since 2018. The maximum cost for repair works is RM15,000 per house. To date, 55,009 families have benefitted from this project with an expenditure amounting to RM293.56 million.

*Performance of Rural Transformation Project*

Rural Transformation Project has been implemented since 2015 and aims at improving the quality of life of rural communities by providing and improving basic infrastructure, as well as public utilities including roads, bridges, drainage, water supply, and electricity. To date, RM3.59 billion has been expended out of an allocation of RM4.86 billion. Under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan, 10,600 projects have been approved with a total allocation of RM1.64 billion of which RM1.43 billion has been expended to date. Projects completed include 419 places of worship, 4,051 infrastructure projects, 349 school repairs, and 199 work related to water and electricity supply.

As we enter the final year of the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan next year, I would like to remind all Controlling Officers and their implementing agencies to intensify their efforts in ensuring that all projects under their purview are implemented expeditiously and completed on schedule. We must drive growth, not with words, but with action. This must be the commitment that we all need to fulfil for the *rakyat*.

**GOOD GOVERNANCE AND PRUDENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Tuan Speaker, we uphold the principles of good governance in our financial management. This is evidenced by the reaffirmation of our commendable investment-grade credit ratings by both international and domestic rating houses. Moody's and Standard & Poor's have reaffirmed the State's credit ratings at A3 and A- respectively, whilst Rating Agency Malaysia at AAA. These achievements underscore the State's sound financial management, underpinned by strong reserves and disciplined budgetary practices.

I am also pleased to report to this august House that this financial year 2023, the State has once again received a Clean Certificate for its Public Accounts. This marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year of a clean record, clearly shown a testimony of our effective governance and prudent financial management. This remarkable achievement over the past 22 years reflects our relentless dedication, commitment, and professionalism, and I must say this deserves a moment of commendation.

As such, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to all State civil servants for their steadfast dedication to upholding high standards of financial management and governance. Your commitment to integrity and professionalism is the backbone of our State's strength, and I urge everyone of you to continue embodying these values. It is through consistent adherence to these principles that we collectively build trust and resilience within our institutions, fostering an environment where public resources are managed responsibly and with high integrity.

We must remain vigilant, reinforcing our commitment to disciplined budgetary and prudent financial practices. This is crucial to safeguarding the State's wealth, ensuring sustainable economic growth, and securing prosperity for our future generations.

## FEDERAL FUNDING

Sarawak has contributed substantially to the Federal coffers. However, what is given back to Sarawak in terms of funding for development purposes is not commensurate with Sarawak's contribution to the Federal coffers, and it is far from enough. For instance, under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan, the total allocation to Sarawak is only RM25.27 billion including RM5.9 billion recently approved in the 2025 Federal Budget. In addressing this, we will continue to emphasise our significant contribution to the national coffer as a compelling rationale for the Federal Government's continuous financial support, ensuring that Sarawak's contribution to be reflected equitably in the amount of allocation we would receive from the Putrajaya in future.

We will constantly engage with the Federal Government to secure more funding to support our development agenda. This funding is critical to successful implementation of our key initiatives, such as the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030, the Sarawak Digital Economy Blueprint 2030, and the Sarawak Green Energy Initiatives.

We will also continue to seek greater Federal allocation for the development of our basic infrastructure, utilities, telecommunications, border security, health, and education through the negotiation platform under Malaysia Agreement 1963. For Sarawak to bridge the huge development gap with Peninsular Malaysia, we would need at least RM100 billion allocation to fund these development initiatives.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF RESULTS-BASED BUDGETING

Tuan Speaker, the adoption of Integrated Results-Based Management (IRBM), which links our Development Planning, Results-Based Budgeting, Personnel Performance Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Management Information and Decision Support System allows us to channel resources effectively, ensuring each initiative contributes directly to our PCDS 2030 goals.

With IRBM, Results-Based Budgeting (RBB), which is expected to be rolled out in 2026, is a transformative component that ensures accountability in public spending. RBB links allocated funds to specific, impactful results, transforming how we view budget allocations. This shift from traditional spending practices emphasizes transparency, as every allocation is scrutinized for its alignment with Sarawak's strategic objectives and the tangible benefits it will bring to our people.

The implementation of RBB, in collaboration with the World Bank, marks another milestone towards public financial management transformation. We have issued a policy circular in May 2024 outlining the guidelines of RBB's rollout across all government entities, including ministries, departments, local authorities, statutory bodies and government-linked company.

An inclusive, whole-of-government approach is essential for RBB's success, and in 2024, we have organised awareness programs and training sessions to familiarize key stakeholders with RBB's concepts and objectives. A significant part of these preparatory activities was the Training-of-Trainers program conducted between July and August this year for all Ministries, Departments, and Local Authorities.

Another critical component in the rollout of RBB is the development of the Inaugural Results Framework. It involves outlining specific Outcomes, Outputs, Key Performance Indicators, and Monitoring and Evaluation frameworks for each government entity. In 2025, a validation process will ensure these frameworks are aligned with the government's strategic goals. Heads of Departments and Controlling Officers are urged to embed RBB principles within their organizations through both top-down and bottom-up approaches, fostering ownership and participation at all levels.

As we approach the full implementation of RBB in 2026, this initiative demands a cultural shift towards accountability, where success is measured by results achieved rather than funds expended. The leadership and commitment of Heads of Departments and Controlling Officers are vital in driving

this transformation, ensuring that the public sector becomes a results-oriented and accountable institution dedicated to serving the *rakyat* effectively.

### PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Tuan Speaker, the government will continue to instil good governance in the government's procurement activities. In ensuring project delivery excellence and harmonisation of the business processes for State funded projects, a new financial limit for projects under works, mechanical and electrical category have been enforced effective 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024. The new financial limits with bigger thresholds are in line with CIDB's grade and financial limit.

To streamline the registration of contractors and consultants, we have also made improvements to UPKJ classifications for Works, Mechanical, Supplies & Services, and Consultants. Under this initiative, more new Heads, Sub-heads, and Categories are offered for contractors' and consultants' registration starting 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 which is more relevant to the scope of procurement activities of the state ministries, departments and agencies.

The new classification will be enforced by the government agencies in their procurement activities effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 and this will create more opportunities for contractors and consultants to participate in various government projects.

#### *Bumiputera Contractors Development Programme*

As I have reported in the last DUN sitting, we have been implementing the *Program Kontraktor Berdaya Saing* (PKBS) to increase the participation of *Bumiputera* contractors in Government projects through competitive bidding. For the first batch of the PKBS, a total of 350 contractors have been selected under this programme. A total of 159 projects with a total value of RM80.4 million have been approved for implementation under this programme.

Efforts are being vigorously pursued to further strengthen the capability of our *Bumiputera* contractors and suppliers through collaboration with the relevant agencies under the following programmes:

(a) *Program Peningkatan Usahawan Bumiputera*

As of October 2024, 386 *Bumiputera* contractors and suppliers have received assistance valued at RM2.15 million under this programme.

(b) *Pusat Inkubator dan Bimbingan Usahawan* (PIBU)

To date, 23 PIBUs are currently operating throughout the State with 6,391 participants, and two new PIBUs in Bario and Beluru, Miri have been approved this year.

(c) *Program Skim Pembiayaan Kontraktor Kecil Bumiputera*

To date, RM4.3 million in financial assistance has been disbursed to 34 contractors under this scheme.

(d) *Program Pembangunan Vendor Perabot Bumiputera*

A total of 33 *Bumiputera* furniture vendors have been appointed by STIDC for the supply of furniture to Government offices with a total contract value of RM5 million per year.

In terms of *Bumiputera* contractors' participation in State-funded projects, as of September 2024, 60% of works have been awarded to *Bumiputera* contractors amounting to RM1.74 billion out of the total contract value awarded worth RM2.89 billion. This indeed reflects the GPS Government's

continuous effort and commitment to developing and assisting the Bumiputera contractors for them to be competitive and capable.

The training and development programme for *Bumiputera* contractors and suppliers will continue to be conducted based on the industry needs and requirements, which cover competency, generic, and online courses. To date, 94 training programmes have been conducted, which have benefited 4,001 participants.

#### *State e-Procurement System*

In line with the State's digital economy initiative, we have embarked on the implementation of e-Procurement system in 2022. This system will increase transparency, improve cost efficiency, and reduce the cycle time of State procurement process.

The development of the system is being benchmarked against e-Procurement best practices. The system is divided into three categories. Stage 1 which covers development of e-Direct Purchase module has been completed. Stage 2 which covers development of e-Quotation with JKR Sarawak being selected as a pilot agency, has been completed and will go live by the end of 2024. Stage 3 which covers development of e-Tender module is scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2025.

#### ISSUES RAISED BY AHLI-AHLI YANG BERHORMAT

Tuan Speaker, please allow me to record an appreciation and to respond to various issues raised by the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat on matters under my purview.

On the issue raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Semuja concerning Proposed Revision of State Sales Tax (SST) Formula for Crude Palm Oil (CPO), I wish to inform that Sarawak Government has imposed SST on CPO since 1<sup>st</sup> October 1998. The rate of 5 percent is imposed once CPO price reaches RM1,500 and above per tonne. Since its imposition, this revenue source has become one of the significant contributors to State coffers and has greatly contributed to the socio-economic development in the state.

For the information of this august House, the SST rate imposed by the Sarawak Government is considered reasonable compared to SST imposed by Sabah of 7.5% at CPO price reaches RM1,000 per tonne.

We take recognition of the concerns raised by the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Semuja. Rest assured that the matters are also being reviewed at the federal level, where they are presently undertaking a study on Malaysia's palm oil industry. Depending on the outcome of the study, the State Government may review the matter accordingly.

Tuan Speaker, now I would like to address the issues raised by the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tamin regarding inconsistent application of scale of fees offered to the consultant, delay in payments from the government agencies, and additional scope of works or extra requirements beyond the scope of projects.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat, the determination of the cost of consulting services by the Sarawak Government is based on the guidelines in *Manual Perolehan Perkhidmatan Perunding Kerajaan Negeri* (Yellow Book), enforced since March 2021. This manual is outlined in accordance with the rules and procedures in *Pekeliling Kontrak* (PK3) issued by the Ministry of Finance, Malaysia, and has been practiced at the federal level all the while.

Furthermore, as stipulated under Section 27 of Registration of Engineers Act 1967 such states, such states, *"Nothing in this Act contained shall apply to anything done or omitted to be done by or*

*under the authority of the Federal Government or the government of any states”, the consultants are allowed to offer their consulting fees to the best value for money for consideration by the government.*

On the issues of delay in payments and additional scope of works, these studies matters been also addressed in the *Manual Perolehan Perkhidmatan Perunding Kerajaan Negeri*. The manual specifies that any additional work or extra requirement of project must be aligned with the original scope of the consultant agreement. Any variation beyond the scope must be approved by the respective implementing agencies under a supplementary agreement, failing which may hinder their approval process and subsequently affect the issuance of their payment. Therefore, as long as both parties comply with the requirements, there should not be any issue with payment to the consultants. In any case, if any consultant is facing delay in payment, I ask them to communicate directly with the department concerned, as there would be valid reasons that to lead to such situation which can be discuss.

Tuan Speaker, on the issue raised by the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan on the State Alternative Funding initiative, I wish to first of all, reiterate the fundamentals of our aspiration and economic agendas to the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan in order to refresh his understanding so that he can see the forests and not the trees, not just the trees.

Under the PCDS 2030, we aim to be a developed state by 2030 achieve our economic agendas to attain economic growth by ensuring equitable access to resources and opportunities for all *rakyat*. The vital goal is to foster a prosperous and equitable society where no one is left behind.

Among the key enablers under the PCDS 2030 that are crucial is to expedite growth in the state are provisions of basic infrastructures and utilities, digital infrastructures, transportation, education facilities, and renewable energy. These enablers are to be put in place and developed to ensure growth is attainable and sustainable.

In other words, accelerating the development of these strategic infrastructures throughout the state becomes imperative and necessary. Obviously, to realise this, significant resources and robust capital programme are required. The state hence needs to have fiscal and financial flexibility to strategize and implement its infrastructure programmes.

As such, we are compelled to source for different funding options to facilitate and expedite growth in the state by leveraging on external financing via DBOS and from capital market. This is to complement our current state’s development expenditure budget which is governed and confined to the five-year Malaysia Plan’s ceiling. The Alternative Funding initiatives then would further support in accelerating the development momentum throughout the state.

Tuan Speaker, we are able to source for competitive Alternative Funding due to our current sound financial position, stable political environment, and commendable investment credit ratings. This gives us the advantage and ability to attract capital market investors and hence, enable us to tap into the capital market and achieve the desired fiscal flexibility. Given this:

- (a) the state is able to balance and manage its cash flow requirements between the needs of meeting its current expenditures and saving of ample reserves for a sustainable future. As of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024, the state reserves stands at a healthy sum of RM26.63 billion. This amount of reserves exclude the amount we have floated to the Sarawak Sovereign Wealth Future Fund and fund amounting to RM4.05 billion. So, kalau you tambah 4 dengan 26 itu 30. So, our reserves is more than RM26 billion. At the same time, the state has fiscal flexibility Alternative Funding complementing State Budget which enables us to effectively...RM4.05 billion isn’t it?... funding completing State Budget which enable us to safely manage our cashflow to developing the strategic infrastructure throughout the state, without creating, whilst creating a multiplier effect in the economy. Tolong orang dagang. This is shown by our construction sector performance this year, which is projected to expand at the highest rate ever of 8.7%:



- (b) the state is able to leverage on Alternative Funding which shall ensure funds are readily available to keep development momentum throughout the state continues without funding uncertainty. It provides the opportunity to alleviate fiscal pressures or constraints, thus enabling us to undertake projects that might otherwise be delayed or cancelled;
- (c) the state is able to implement the infrastructure development now and hence, combat impacts of inflation particularly potential project cost escalation. Delaying infrastructure development might seem prudent in the short term but it would lead to higher costs and missed opportunities in the long run; and
- (d) the state is able to have fiscal flexibility to maintain a healthy reserve for a sustainable future to cushion itself against any unfavourable global economic conditions and ultimately to ensure financial autonomy of the state.

Tuan Speaker, statement by the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan that the state's financial reserves are at risk as the government continues to fund future projects by taking future debts is obviously incorrect and misleading.

Tuan Speaker, every year, we budget for servicing our obligations under the Alternative Funding programme, which was legitimately approved... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Are you giving way, Yang Berhormat?

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Ya, I don't want to sit, I stand, actually I look taller than him.

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** Ya, thank you, Tuan Speaker, thank you YB Deputy Premier for giving me this opportunity to seek clarification on your reply especially on the Alternative Funding. The amount of Alternative Funding is just shockingly large as compared to the approved development budget in the sense that it's almost 70%, 80% of the existing approved development budget, *ah*, development expenditure every year, starting from 2023.

In that sense, my question is that, why is the government embarking on such a huge amount of expenditure which are expenditures through the Alternative Funding, which in fact, is an expenditure in the current year and also in 2023, and which in fact is way above our revenue, and how long is the government going to engage on this, embark on this Alternative Funding initiative? For another few years? Because, the reason why I ask this question because, at the end of the day, you have to pay that.

Your Alternative Funding is a loan, taken out by the government, you have to pay that. And for 2023, we are paying two point something billion in terms of that repayment, so if the government is going to continue on with this RM17, RM18 billion expenditure, development expenditures for another few more years, the debt the government will take out were will far exceed the reserves we have, and so my question is that... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Okay, Ahli Yang Berhormat... *(Interruption)*...

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** How many more years are you going to embark on this Alternative Funding?

**Timbalan Speaker:** Okay, I think, point's taken.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** *Ah*, Let me go through this... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Timbalan Premier... (*Interruption*)...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Apparently, you do not understand what I have presented to you, the reason. Do you know that without this Alternative Funding, 2.1 million world population will not see roads and bridges which is now implemented under the coastal and second trunk road. (*Applause*). You hold on, be patient, *sabar*. Actually, I am shocked at your precision on this Alternative Funding. I will explain why later, I want to complete. Eh, mana saya tadi ya?

Funds raised from the programme to finance the projects that are injected into the economy ultimately spur economic growth. Hence, with the availability and certainty of capital outlay, we can expedite and accelerate the achievement of our economic agenda.

The statement by the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan on us circumventing the traditional budgetary process of the DUN is clearly not true and uncalled for, when servicing obligation of Alternative Funding budget is part and parcel of the yearly development expenditure, budget tabled for approval in this august House. It is important to note that our commitment is well contained, as of to date, it stands at about 12% over our GDP, 12%, Ahli Yang Berhormat. For Malaysia, as of June this year, the national debt stands at 65.4% over GDP...(*Interruption*)...ya, but you never said anything in Parliament.

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** I did.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** No. I watched you, everytime you speak, we're watching you, you're like... (*Interruption*)...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Order, order.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** You look like a small rat in there. (*Laughter*). The key catalytic projects funded under the Alternative funding, for you, you better take down the list so that you know... (*Interruption*)...

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** Ada.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Ada? Okay. Sarawak Coastal Road, Second Trunk Road, Northern Coastal Highway, Road link in the northern region, Sarawak Water Supply Grid Programme di Ulu – Stressed Areas, Rural Electrification Scheme, Kuching Urban Transformation System, Sarawak Multimedia Authority Rural Telecommunication (SMART), Sarawak Rural Broadband Network (MySRBN), Kuching Centralised Wastewater Management, and educational facilities.

All these projects tied to the key enablers which I have mentioned earlier which I hope you'll understand. I am sure you understand English. Without the Alternative Funding platform, Yang Berhormat, to complement our State Development Budget, we would not be able to achieve the desired economic outcome at its targeted timeline. Maybe that's what you want. You want Sarawak to be left behind, forever. Tuan Speaker,...(*Interruption*)...

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** ...(*Inaudible*)...

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

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Okay, I'll withdraw the statement. *Aiyoooo*, Why? What happen to you lady? Are you scared he will collapse *ahh*? The budgetary process of the Alternative Funding program is similar to our state's budgetary process. We have a process, we do not simply take here and go there you know. A review, seeking approval, subsequently monitoring of the fiscal performance and utilization of the budget will take place.

On top of this, we also need to comply and strictly adhere to the financial and regulatory components imposed by financial institutions, trustees, credit rating house and other regulatory bodies. Similar to projects funded under the State Budget, Alternative Funding projects are monitored by the State Implementation Monitoring Unit, and by various committees including the Alternative Funding Technical and Finance Working Committees. The projects would also have to go through the scrutiny and evaluation of the state's Cost Committee chaired by the State Financial Secretary.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Now I go back to your question *tadi*, actually I am shocked, I almost fainted, when I heard you raised this matter, because you are a very experienced Parliamentarian, *berapa puluh tahun?*

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** ...*(Inaudible)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** I am sure you know the process, maybe you never read the budget in the Federal Government. If you read this year's budget, it's mentioned here, the Budget Development Expenditure RM86 billion, budget estimates exclude...*Ada bacakah? Kalau ada baca*, then you shouldn't come here and complain. This is a process of the government's financial management, no government will have sufficient raised funds to finance all the projects they want including the Federal Government, Ohh no, no, you sit down. I'll finish this one first. I'll finish this one first. I have to finish this one first. After that...*yes*...I am not sure whether you want to stand up after this. Because at the federal level, our Pan Borneo Expressway is funded under the same mechanism.

Mass Rapid Transit (MRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT), these are at federal level, LRT and the second Penang Bridge all funded under the concept of Alternative Funding. That is why over here the Finance Minister with the Prime Minister mentioned, exclude in addition to the development expenditure, private finance initiative RM9 billion, direct domestic investment RM25 billion not within the RM86 billion of the development expenditure over the above. So if there is not...Obviously, funding of these projects does not appear in your budget, it was mentioned, so is ours, our YAB Premier mentioned all these, hold on, hold on, I want to finish my ....

If there are not, Yang Berhormat, why then Yang Berhormat for Padungan, who has been a Member of Parliament, has been a Member of the government before do not raise the issue with the Federal Government? Why don't you shout in the Parliament? *Mengapa hutang kita begitu banyak? Why target Sarawak? They want Sarawak people to be backward.* I am sure, *nanti* you ask me to withdraw that statement. I withdraw now. Maybe Sarawak, you don't want to see Sarawak progress.

Yang Berhormat, let me refresh your memory. In 2018, three of the bridge projects, Batang Lupar, Batang Igan and Batang Rambungan which was approved to be implemented under the federal fund allocations under RMK-11 and RMK-12 has been cancelled by the PH Government when they came into power. You are part of the government that day, you are the Deputy Minister. *Kejam.*

Given the importance of these project to the state, we have to step in, undertake these projects via Alternative Funding RM1.29 billion. Batang Lupar Bridge will be completed by the end of 2025,

please drive there, you can see the beauty of that bridge. Presently, the projects under construction completed between 2025 and 2027. And here we are, with all our efforts, we are being accused by you to stop our Alternative Funding.

So, I wonder if the Yang Berhormat for Padungan is either just ignorant or deliberately trying to mislead, which one ah? By suggesting that we are spending future money. He has even gone so far as to claim that within three to five years, read your Handsard, the government's debt will exceed its reserves. Remember in 2019? Your boss, Lim Guan Eng *kata* Sarawak will be bankrupt in three years from 2019.

Five years has gone by, Sarawak is progressing well. Our reserves just now plus the Sovereign Fund is RM30 billion, far from bankrupt and the World Bank has recognised Sarawak region as a high income region. Far from bankrupt. So, I am not sure what is the Yang Berhormat for Padungan trying to prove. To me, it is very embarrassing for you to indicate to all the Yang Berhormat here that you do not know the process of government's financing. Maybe that is why you had served for one year and seven months. You seem to excel only in provocation, manipulation and misleading the public. I don't think you have any other explanations to me. Tuan Speaker, I am not giving way anymore, *dah cukup... (Interruption)...*

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** ...*(Inaudible)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Proceed Deputy Premier, proceed... *(Interruption)...*

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** No. Because you are very unkind.

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** ...*(Inaudible)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** I have nothing to explain to you. I have explained everything to you already.

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** ...*(Inaudible)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Proceed, Deputy Premier, proceed... *(Interruption)...*

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** ...*(Inaudible)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** What are you trying to say? ...*(Interruption)...*

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** ...*(Inaudible)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Proceed. Yang Berhormat Deputy Premier, you are giving way? Okay, short and sharp, please.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Tidak malu kah?

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** Thank you, Tuan Speaker, for switching on my mic.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Yes, it is on.

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** To allow the question to be put. Tuan Speaker, it seems that the Deputy Premier is taking great pride in running or operating our budgeting, or running the Alternative Funding, emulating the way the Federal Government is running its funding, Alternative Funding... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** No, no, no. We are not emulating... *(Interruption)*...

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** My question is that, we all know that the Federal Government's financial management is very bad, number one and that, is running on a deficit that has exceeded the Prudent Financing Act's provision.

**Timbalan Speaker:** Okay, Yang Berhormat... *(Interruption)*...

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** But in Sarawak, in Sarawak, we are not, as it stands, running a deficit budget. But why is it that the government is running to, resorting to Alternative Funding to cover up what is in fact a deficit budget? And number two, number two, I said that, if the way you run this Alternative Funding's process continues in three years' time, the debt will be higher than the reserve... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Yang Berhormat... *(Interruption)*...

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** In fact, that is an understatement... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Yang Berhormat. Okay, Yang Berhormat... *(Interruption)*...

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

**Timbalan Speaker:** Order. Order. Order... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Tuan Speaker, nothing new, nothing new.

**Timbalan Speaker:** Order, order... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Sit down, you sit down... *(Interruption)*... There is nothing new. Nothing new.

**Timbalan Speaker:** Yang Berhormat Padungan... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Nothing new... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Yang Berhormat Padungan... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Nothing new... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Yang Berhormat Padungan... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Nothing new... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Yang Berhormat Padungan, I am not asking you to make any comments. Just confine to your points for clarification... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** What he is talking is nothing new... *(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Not making any judgment...*(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Tuan Speaker, I am not giving way. I am going to answer him now. Time. I am hungry.

**Timbalan Speaker:** No, you...*(Interruption)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** No. He's wasting my time. I am not giving way anymore. I want to answer him. I want to answer him.

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** ... *(Inaudible)*...

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** You, sit down. Sit down. Sit down. Sit down... *(Interruption)*...

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** ... *(Inaudible)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Yang Berhormat Padungan, order. Sit down, sit down. Please proceed, Yang Berhormat, Deputy Premier.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Okay, number one, this Alternative Funding in Sarawak is not emulating the Federal funding. This is a creativity by our Yang Amar Berhormat Premier Sarawak. Because his objective is to make sure that *orang* Sarawak will get the development according to the PCDS development. You are the one that is the *ular*. So, as far as your concern, you are only trying to, *apa kata*, I also lost words. No, Ahli Yang Berhormat for Padungan, I am really very disappointed with you because you are a very experienced Parliamentarian and here you are indicating you are ignorant of the management of finance of the government.

**Timbalan Speaker:** Proceed, Deputy Premier. Please proceed.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Okay, proceed. The 2025 State Budget reaffirms GPS Government's unwavering commitment to the people of Sarawak. You know, we set up sovereign fund, *sudah* RM4 billion *sudah simpan*, and yet you are talking about us going bankrupt again. What is in your mind? *Tadi you kata... (Inaudible)*... that is almost saying that we are going to go bankrupt... *(Interruption)*...

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** ... *(Inaudible)*...

**Timbalan Speaker:** Proceed, Deputy Premier. Proceed.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** This budget is not just a plan, it is a promise to the people of Sarawak who have supported GPS. A promise to advance together to a brighter and more equitable and prosperous future for all Sarawakians. Don't go back yet *ah*.

As we move forward, let us continue to uphold the values of integrity, accountability and good governance, the main pillars of a strong and effective administration. Our path to success will not be without challenges, especially some people who doesn't understand the budgeting system, but with the collective strengths of our people, we will overcome obstacles and turn aspirations into achievements.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the Right Honourable Premier for laying out a far-sighted 2025 State Budget. His insights and vision reflected his able leadership and also exemplify an unflagging commitment to bringing greater prosperity to Sarawak.

I also wish to thank all the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat who participated in the debate and unanimously supported the Supply (2025) Bill, 2024. Yang Berhormat for Padungan, you support the Bill or not? We have come together with a shared purpose, to serve the people who have put their trust in us and to work relentlessly for a brighter, more prosperous future.

I wish to express my appreciation to Tuan Speaker and Deputy Speaker also for ensuring that our proceedings are conducted with exemplary order and decorum, giving the opportunity to ask questions. I did not sit down because I *sakit duduk naik, duduk naik*. At the same time to extend my gratitude to the staff of the Dewan and all State Civil Service for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the smooth running of the Dewan.

As we approach the holiday, I would like to wish our Christian friends, a Merry Christmas and to everybody, Happy New Year. To the Chinese, Selamat Tahun Baru Cina. May all these seasons be filled with peace, love, and happiness. Everyone, Happy and Prosperous New Year, including to the two DAP friends here. May the coming year bring new hope, prosperity, and unity. Please join us. *(Laughter)*

**Timbalan Speaker:** Thank you, Yang Berhormat Deputy Premier, Menteri Kewangan Kedua dan Ekonomi Baru Kedua. Thank you. I am fully amazed at your candid, graceful way of rebutting or answering questions. I think it goes with experiences, I believe. I hope that the Yang Berhormat Padungan take it with some humility, I believe. Thank you, Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, we shall have a break for one hour, that means we will come back roughly in one hour. Thank you.

*(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 1.47 tengah hari)*

*(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 2.55 petang)*

*[Timbalan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]*

**Timbalan Speaker:** Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas, Timbalan Premier Sarawak dan Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker.

*Jambatan Marudi siap kini,  
Kebanggaan semua rakyat Miri,  
Izinkan saya berdiri disini,  
Ucapan MIPD saya bentangi.*

## INTRODUCTION

### *Congratulatory Messages*

Tuan Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I convey my warmest congratulations to Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar on His Excellency's recent appointment as the fourth Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) in October 2024.

I would like to express my profound congratulations also to our Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg for being conferred with the Bintang Darjah Setia Negara Brunei Yang Amat Bahagia Darjah Pertama (P.S.N.B.) from the Sultan of Brunei in July 2024, and the Seri Panglima Darjah Kinabalu (S.P.D.K.) from the Yang di Pertua Negeri Sabah in October 2024. These honours are well-deserved, reflecting his exemplary leadership and steadfast dedication to the development of Sarawak and the nation.

Congratulations also to the newly appointed President of Dewan Negara, Yang Berhormat Senator Dato' Awang Beme bin Awang Ali Basah.

I also wish to convey my congratulations to Yang Berhormat dari Repok who has been honoured with Panglima Gemilang Bintang Kenyalang (P.G.B.K). Datuk-Datuk, my congratulation also goes to Tupong, Yang Berhormat bagi Tupong, Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong; both have been honoured with the Darjah Panglima Setia Bintang Sarawak (P.S.B.S.).

### *Condolences*

I would like to offer my condolences to the family of the late Encik Donald Lawan, former ADUN for Bukit Begunan who passed away on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

## REMARKS ON 2025 STATE BUDGET

Tuan Speaker, the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak has demonstrated a solid commitment to the state's continued growth and prosperity by tabling the Supply (2025) Bill, 2024, on the first day of this session with the theme "*Together Building a Prosperous Future*".

The 2025 State Budget proposal aims to promote growth in Sarawak by ensuring equitable access to resources and opportunities for all *rakyat*. A vital goal of this budget is to foster a "*prosperous and equitable society where no one is left behind*".

This budget represents a significant milestone in Sarawak's history, surpassing previous years' allocations. I am delighted that the 2025 State Budget will have a surplus of RM486 million.



The GPS Government has introduced an important new initiative to provide financial support, help ease financial burdens, and ensure that all households have access to food. This initiative, known as “*Sumbangan Keperluan Asas Sarawak*”, reflects the government’s dedication to addressing economic disparities and ensuring that all basic needs are met, regardless of background or location. This forward-looking approach reflects the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier’s commitment to socio-economic welfare with targeted inclusive investments that support Sarawak’s ongoing growth and resilience.

## SARAWAK INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak’s infrastructure development guided by the Sarawak Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030 priorities enhancing road network, port facilities and rural-urban links to improve access and spur economic growth across the state. Essentially, this too reflects the continued focus to upgrade infrastructures in rural areas to close the gap.

I wish to thank Yang Amat Berhormat for allocating RM1.31 billion for my ministry; the Ministry of Infrastructure and Port Development (MIPD), an increase of 64% compared to RM799.52 million this year. This will allow us to undertake four basic infrastructure programs:

- (a) RM1.01 billion for land infrastructure;
- (b) RM83.30 million for riverine infrastructure;
- (c) RM211.59 million for government buildings; and
- (d) RM5.08 million for public buildings.

Tuan Speaker, allow me to update this august House on the progress of infrastructure development projects under my purview.

## STATE-FUNDED PROJECTS

### *Projects Under State Development Funding*

I would like to inform this august House that my ministry through JKR Sarawak has been entrusted to implement 496 projects amounting to RM40.83 billion under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan which consist of the following:

- (a) 239 under Development Expenditure (P001, P002, P003 and P004);
- (b) 188 under *Projek Rakyat* (P029); and
- (c) 69 projects under Alternative Funding.

These projects comprise of the following:

- (a) 298 road projects worth RM27.17 billion;
- (b) 69 bridges worth RM5.37 billion;
- (c) 105 buildings worth RM3.54 billion;
- (d) 22 riverine structures worth RM4.40 billion; and
- (e) Two airports worth RM350.82 million.

The status of these projects is as follows:

- (a) 203 have been completed;
- (b) 109 are under construction; and
- (c) 184 are at a pre-contract stage.

*Projects Under Development Agencies*

To date, my Ministry through JKR Sarawak is also responsible for implementing 276 projects under six development agencies (IRSDA, SADA, BDDA, RADDA, MiRRDA and GKCD) worth RM3.48 billion.

These projects collectively signify the GPS Government proactive approach to infrastructure development targeting enhanced accessibility, public safety, promoting rural-urban connectivity and sustainable growth.

*Maintenance of Roads in Sarawak*

Tuan Speaker, for the information of this august House, the Sarawak Government has allocated RM391.17 million under MARRIS (Malaysia Road Records Information System) up to October 2024 for a total road length of approximately 15,314 km.

*Maintenance of Ex-Logging Roads*

Tuan Speaker, ex-logging roads are roads constructed and maintained by timber concessionaires. Once not maintained, these timber roads gradually deteriorate over time.

These roads serve as crucial links used by communities living in the interior areas to facilitate the movement of people and goods where there are no other alternative access.

For the information of this august House, the pilot program for rural road maintenance in Baram area had commenced in June 2024. With RM5 million allocated annually to each zone:

- (a) In Zone 1, which includes the Bario Sub-District, Tinjar Sub-District and Telang Usan District, RM4.90 million has been spent;
- (b) In Zone 2, covering the Miri District, Beluru District and Marudi District, RM4.96 million has been utilised; and
- (c) In Zone 3, which spans the Telang Usan District and Bario Sub-District, RM1.53 million has been spent.

It is indeed imperative that these ex-logging roads are not neglected, but rather serve to enhance connectivity, particularly in rural areas. Hence, we are reviewing the performance of the rural road maintenance pilot program to optimise execution and accelerate project delivery. Hoping to come up with a new model to be more efficient and more effective to maintain those rural roads.

*Emergency Response Work*

The impact of climate change has very much disrupted and affected the lives of our people especially in the rural areas. The occurrences of floods and landslides can inflict severe damages to land infrastructures such as roads and bridges. These in turn will cause mobility challenges and inconveniences to the community. To address this, the government has established the following mitigation programs:

- (a) Emergency Response Works for Damaged Public Infrastructure In Sarawak under P001; and
- (b) Minor Emergency Works Assistance Fund (MEWAF), this is for the project below RM500k.

To date, since the implementation of the essential emergency repair works in 2023, a total of 75 projects has been approved worth RM129 million under the State Disaster Management Committee (SDMC). The status is as follows:

- (a) 37 have been completed;
- (b) 21 are under construction; and
- (c) 17 are at pre-contract stage.

To support temporary measures of minor emergency infrastructure repair works caused by natural disasters, the Sarawak Government has approved 44 projects amounting to RM11.23 million under the Minor Emergency Works Assistance Fund (MEWAF) as at 2024. The provision of funding for these projects highlights the Sarawak Government's strong commitment to help settlements adversely affected by natural disasters, by swiftly repairing damaged infrastructure and facilities.

## FEDERAL-FUNDED PROJECTS

### *Projects Under AP182*

Tuan Speaker, JKR Sarawak is given the authority to implement Federal projects under AP182 valued at RM50.0 million and below. As of October 2024, JKR Sarawak is implementing 146 projects worth RM2.26 billion and the progress is as follows:

- (a) Three have been completed;
- (b) 20 are under construction; and
- (c) 123 are at pre-contract stage.

### *Pan Borneo Highway*

As of October 2024, all 25 sections are opened to public, except 2 km is Sarikei section and 5 km Lambir, accounting for an overall progress of 99.62%. In addition, the Federal Government is also looking into the rehabilitation of the existing dual carriageway which was excluded from the Pan Borneo upgrading. The 136 km upgrading project is also known as the Pan Borneo Redline. For this program, funding of RM120 million has been approved for part of the redline works, which is expected to commence in third quarter of 2025.

### *Trans Borneo Highway*

Tuan Speaker, the project comprises of three sections, namely:

- (a) Miri Section (Kuala Baram to CIQ Sungai Tujuh) (4.95 km);
- (b) Limbang Section (CIQ Tedungan to CIQ Pandaruan) (54.6 km); and
- (c) Lawas Section (Lawas town to CIQ Merapok) (33.7 km). The Limbang, Lawas, and Miri sections are all currently at the pre-contract stage.

The Limbang and Lawas projects are targeted to be tendered in the first quarter of 2025, while the Miri section is planned to be tendered in the fourth quarter of 2025.

### *Sarawak-Sabah Link Road (SSLR)*

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak-Sabah Link Road (SSLR) Phase 1 spans 76 km, with a project cost of RM1.02 billion, covering the stretch from Simpang Gelugus to Long Luping. SSLR Phase 2 spans approximately 322 km, with a project cost of RM7.15 billion. The contractor commenced site clearing and earthworks for Package 2 in August 2024, covering the stretch from Long Seridan to Nanga Medamit.

## RURAL ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS UNDER KEMENTERIAN KEMAJUAN DESA DAN WILAYAH (KKDW)

Tuan Speaker, KKDW has approved a total of 107 projects valued at RM6.73 billion, 13 of these projects have already been completed, 18 are under construction, while 76 are in the pre-contract stage.

#### *Abandoned Logging Roads*

KKDW has approved a total of RM686.47 million for the upgrading of 10 abandoned logging roads projects. To date:

- (a) Five under construction; and
- (b) Five are at pre-contract stage.

#### *Improvement of Jiwa Murni Road Projects*

The Federal Government had allocated RM84.05 million to further improve four *Jiwa Murni* roads packages. Currently, one out of four packages has been completed on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

The remaining three packages are under construction:

- (a) Jalan Rumah Satu, Kuala Mendalam, Limbang;
- (b) Jalan Kuala Mendalam ke Meruyu dan Kampung Kerangan Ma, Limbang; and
- (c) Jalan dari Ba'Kelalan ke Simpang Bario.

### CRITICALLY DELAYED PROJECTS

Tuan Speaker, since over the responsibility of leading this Ministry, one of my primary focuses has been tackling the issue of critically delayed projects and ensuring their timely implementation. I was acknowledged that there is an urgent need to confront the pressing issues at hand. For the information of this august House, my ministry had introduced several policies to address this, among them are the “*One-Month Rule*” policy, where once a project is awarded to a contractor, they must start work immediately. If they cannot commence within one month, their contract would be revoked. To date, we have successfully reduced the number of critically delayed projects to four under Federal funded and one under State project. We will remain committed to overseeing all this projects closely monitored to ensure they are completed in a timely and efficient manner.

### INTENSIFYING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

#### *Adoption of Building Information Modelling (BIM) For State Projects*

In line with The National Construction Policy 2030 to promote digital change in the construction industry, JKR Sarawak is collaborating with Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) to encourage the use of Building Information Modeling (BIM) technology. Since 2016, JKR Sarawak has actively adopted this technology through 33 pilot projects and targeted training, which ultimately led to the creation of the JKR Sarawak Digital Lab. For a start, JKR Sarawak is implementing projects valued above RM10 million for buildings and RM100 million for infrastructure, aim of improving productivity and long-term cost savings for the construction lifecycle. By 2030, JKR Sarawak is targeting 100% BIM integration.

This strategic journey not only strengthens our construction standards but also prepares our workforce for the demands of a digital economy. Looking ahead, JKR Sarawak is adopting digital readiness by integrating cutting-edge technologies like Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) within BIM. This approach ensures that our public projects will set new benchmarks for sustainability, smart design and resilience.

## PORT DEVELOPMENT

### *The Change of Status of Bintulu Port From Federal Port to State Port*

The Sarawak Government is moving steadily towards the full transfer of Bintulu Port from the Federal Government, a significant milestone that will reinforce the state's control over its critical maritime assets. This exercise, expected to be completed by the end of this year, marks an essential step in Government's strategic vision to consolidate Sarawak's port network under a single, unified authority. The handover will enable Sarawak to fully harness the economic potential of Bintulu Port, aligning its management and operations more closely with the state's development priorities, including the PCDS 2030. The transition reflects the close cooperation between the Sarawak Government and the Federal Government, a collaborative approach that has been crucial in advancing the handover of the process. The integration is expected to drive operational efficiencies and streamline logistics across Sarawak's ports, strengthening their role as key enablers of trade and economic growth in the region.

### *Update on Sarawak Ports Authority*

In May, the Sarawak Ports Authority Bill, 2024 was successfully tabled and passed in this DUN, marking a significant step toward a unified and centralised port governance structure for the region. The GPS Government will conduct a comprehensive study of the corporatisation of its existing port authorities. The study aims to explore sustainable models that will improve operational efficiency, attract investment, and strengthen the competitive positioning of Sarawak's ports. The study is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2025, providing a roadmap for future port governance and operational strategies.

### *Update on Tanjung Embang Deep Sea Port*

The feasibility study for the Tanjung Embang Deep Sea Port is currently in progress, with technical site surveys and investigation works well underway to address challenges such as shallow waters and heavy sedimentation. Planned as a strategic southern terminal, this port aims to serve as a logistics hub and gateway for the hinterland of Borneo, benefiting townships like Kuching, Samarahan, Serian, Gedong and Sri Aman, especially with the completion of the Second Trunk Road. By providing all-weather access and minimizing maintenance dredging requirements, the port is expected to enhance connectivity and efficiently serve the hinterland of Borneo.

Collaborative efforts with the National University of Singapore (NUS) are undertaken to support site-specific research and optimisation of port design, which envisions an integrated port city and facilities to support PETROS's requirements for the development of Kuching Low-Carbon Gas Hub project. Building on the Sarawak Gas Roadmap, the Kuching Low-Carbon Gas Hub will establish world-class carbon capture and storage (CCS) infrastructure in Kuching and unlock offshore gas development in Western Sarawak. With its offshore location and deep-sea capabilities, the Tanjung Embang Deep Sea Port will enable larger vessels to support PETROS's operations.

### *Port Performance*

To update this august House on the development and performance of Sarawak's ports.

### *Kuching Port*

Kuching Port Authority (KPA) as September 2024, recorded a profit of RM14.47 million, a significant increase from RM9.22 million during the same period in 2023. The deployment of two new electric-powered quay cranes in March 2024 has significantly enhanced container handling efficiency at Senari Terminal, with vessel productivity doubling from 26 to 50 gross moves per hour. The new cranes have received positive feedback from port users, reflecting smoother operations

and improved service quality. At present, the construction of the Vehicle Yard and Associated Facilities at Senari Terminal in Kuching is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2025.

This expansion aims to facilitate the diversion of vehicle carrier vessels (RORO) from Pending Port to Senari Port to ensure uninterrupted service due to the vertical clearance restrictions of the proposed bridge over Sungai Sarawak at Sejingkat. As of October 2024, the physical progress of the project is at 84.15%. Furthermore, by December 2024, an additional annual container yard capacity of 100,000 TEUs will be completed, supporting Senari Terminal's growing operational needs.

My ministry is working with the Ministry of International Trade, Industry and Investment (MINTRED) Sarawak to seek Federal Government funding for the free zone development at Demak Laut Industrial Estate with about 323.75 hectares (800 acres) in land size. The proposed free zone will attract investment and increase cargo throughput at the port and thereby enhancing Sarawak's strategic position in this region.

#### *Rajang Port*

Rajang Port shown resilience with a 4.8% increase in cargo throughput, reaching 1.09 million tonnes by September 2024 as compared to 1.04 million tonnes last year. Container volumes rose by 1.8%, achieving 63,702 TEUs as compared to 62,594 TEUs handled for the same period in the preceding year, reflecting ongoing growth in trade and cargo handling efficiency. However, despite the operational gains, Rajang Port Authority (RPA) recorded a decline in profit attributed to higher operating cost, earning RM4.04 million as compared to RM5.71 million in the same year last year.

#### *Miri Port*

Miri Port Authority (MPA) achieved a remarkable financial performance doubling at profit RM 5.34 million compared to RM2.45 million during the same period in 2023. Miri Port Authority has started the dredging of the Batang Baram Delta project with a contract worth RM208.9 million. It commenced on 1 July 2024 and is set for completion in March 2027. As of 30 September, the progress is satisfactory. Once completed, the enhanced channel will improve navigation safety, reduce operational costs, and enabling Miri Port to accommodate larger vessels up to 10,000 DWT (Deadweight Tonnes), effectively achieving the yard capacity throughput of 3.5 million tonnes annually.

#### *Tanjung Manis Port*

Tanjung Manis Port remains a vital hub for the central region, recording a 14.8% increase in cargo throughput to 1.32 million tonnes from January to September 2024, compared to 1.15 million tonnes during the same period in 2023. This growth was driven by a significant rise in bulk cargo, particularly cement, and increased operations at its anchorage.

#### *Samalaju Port*

Samalaju Port experienced a 15.2% increase in cargo volume for the January to September 2024, increasing from 4.35 million tonnes in 2023 to 5.01 million tonnes, driven primarily by higher import volumes, particularly manganese ore. However, despite the growth in cargo, Samalaju Port Authority (LPS) reported a decline in profit for January to September 2024 period, which dropped from RM3.41 million in 2023 to RM0.86 million in 2024 due to land lease collection.

Several Samalaju Industrial Park investors have shifted their export preference from Bintulu Port to Samalaju Port due to Samalaju Port's capability to handle specialized bulk and packaged cargo, such as billet, aluminium ingots and wire rods.

Sarawak's ports play a vital role as regional trade facilitators, serving as gateways that connect the State to international markets. A well-developed port infrastructure supports Sarawak's ambitions for economic growth, acting as a critical hub for imports and exports across key industries, including timber, oil and gas, agriculture and manufacturing. By enabling efficient transportation of these goods, enhance the competitive edge of Sarawak's industries on the global stage.

### *REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Government proactively established regional development agencies to drive significant growth in rural areas. I am pleased to present an update on the impressive progress made by the Upper Rajang Development Agency (URDA), the Highland Development Agency (HDA) and the Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA).

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

Currently URDA is entrusted with 43 projects as follows:

- (a) 26 road and bridge projects;
- (b) 11 water supply projects;
- (c) Three master plan studies;
- (d) One acquisition of the URDA office; and
- (e) Two renovation projects on the office building.

The status:

- (a) 14 have been completed;
- (b) 18 are under construction; and
- (c) 11 are at the pre-contract stage.

Additional four completed projects as compared to 10 reported, the following:

- (a) Cadangan Naik taraf Jalan Ke SK. Tegulang, Penempatan Semula Tegulang, Belaga;
- (b) Proposed Improvement of Existing Timber Logging Road to Lusong Laku, Sungai Linau (Phase 1);
- (c) Proposed New Access Road to Tunoh Scheme (Phase 1); and
- (d) Proposed New Road to Nanga Geremai, Kanowit.

URDA is also responsible for executing four approved road infrastructure projects under RMK-12, Mid-Term Review, State-Funded Projects that aim to resolve the traffic congestion in Kapit.

Under the Socio-Economic Development Plan (SEDP), a total of RM2.0 million has been allocated for socioeconomic development in the URDA region. A collaboration with UNIMAS has resulted in the Socio-Economic Development Plan 2022-2026, aimed at improving rural communities' quality of life and identifying growth opportunities.

After conducting stakeholder engagements in the rural communities in the URDA region, RECODA conducted two study visits to delve deeper into the two economic growth opportunities that have been identified, namely the stingless-bee honey and coffee industries.

#### *Highland Development Agency (HDA)*

Highland Development Agency (HDA), overseeing 43 projects with:

- (a) 25 road and bridge projects;
- (b) 17 water supply projects; and
- (c) One (1) electricity supply project.

To date:

- (a) 16 projects have been completed;
- (b) Eight (8) are under construction; and
- (c) 19 are at pre-contract stage.

The “*Proposed Roads Linking Miri-Marudi, Marudi-Mulu (Long Melinau) and Long Panai-Long Lama (MMMLL)*”, the project is targeted to be tendered in the first quarter of 2025 and construction expected to commence in the second quarter of 2025.

*Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA)*

Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA) oversees 335 development projects totalling RM1.4 billion. These projects:

- (a) Infrastructure Development;
- (b) Social and Women’s Affairs Development;
- (c) Agriculture and Food Industry Development;
- (d) Business, Industrial, and Entrepreneurship Development;
- (e) Tourism and Environmental Development; and
- (f) Utility and Telecommunication Development.

Various agencies are involved in the planning and implementation of these projects, with 59 projects completed, while the remaining:

- (a) 17 are under construction; and
- (b) 259 are at pre-contract stage.

A recent benchmarking trip to Thailand exploring agricultural best practices to enhance BDDA’s operations.

During the visit, the delegates visited key locations and farms specializing in the outcome takeaways:

- (a) Creating collaborative business hubs for farmers, producers, and traders to network and exchange knowledge;
- (b) Strategies for enhancing market efficiency through robust quality control systems and dedicated sections for premium products;
- (c) Establishing innovation centers to advance food processing;
- (d) Fostering partnerships with local coconut farmers; and
- (e) Promoting agro-tourism.

These initiatives have the potential to optimize agricultural practices, elevate the value of local produce and strengthen the overall economic resilience of the region.

The progress made by URDA, HDA and BDDA exemplify the Sarawak Government commitment to fostering regional development. The focus on rural development through these three regional agencies is vital for realising the aspirations outlined in PCDS 2030.

**OTHER PORTFOLIO UNDER THE PURVIEW OF DEPUTY PREMIER**

*Unit for Other Religions (UNIFOR)*

For the year 2024, a grant of RM110 million was allocated:



- (a) RM90 million was allocated for the construction, repair and upgrading of Houses of Worship; and
- (b) RM20 million was allocated for mission schools.

As of October 2024, a grant of assistance totalling RM80.42 million has been disbursed to 197 Houses of Worship to assist them.

As for Mission Schools, RM20 million in grants for 120 mission schools have been approved and disbursed in August this year for their respective physical development projects.

I wish to report on the construction progress of the UNIFOR complex. Construction of the UNIFOR Complex was finally completed on 19 October 2024. The Occupation Permit (OP) was issued on 8 October 2024 and officially presented to the Board of Trustees of the Sarawak Unit for Other Religions Charitable Trust on 30 October 2024.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge the people of Sarawak, from diverse racial and religious backgrounds, to uphold and strengthen tolerance, acceptance and mutual respect for one another. By fostering peace and harmony, we lay a solid foundation to achieve our shared development goals.

*State Disaster Management Committee (SDMC)*

*Northeast Monsoon*

The Northeast Monsoon is expected to bring heavy rainfall. The Malaysian Meteorological Department has forecasted that Malaysia will experience heavy rain from November onwards, with Sarawak expecting the heaviest rainfall between December 2024 and February 2025, particularly in January 2025. As a result, the Malaysian Meteorological Department has declared the Northeast Monsoon season to begin on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and continue until March 2025.

The National Disaster Management Committee chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister, had conducted the Northeast Monsoon preparation meeting on 3 October 2024 in Johor Bahru.

I am pleased to inform you that the relevant agencies, including the Royal Malaysia Police, Malaysian Fire and Rescue Department, and the Malaysian Civil Defense Force, are fully prepared and equipped to handle the upcoming monsoons and any potential disasters. They are supported by a total of 5,727 personnel, along with 564 ground assets, 1,269 marine and river assets, 25 air assets, and 154 supporting assets, all on standby. The Divisional and Districts Disaster Management Committees and monitoring agencies will remain on full alert to respond to any emergency that may arise.

The Sarawak Social Welfare Department has stocked up disaster relief supplies in all storage depots, office warehouses, and frontline bases. A total of 31 forward bases have been established throughout Sarawak to facilitate the timely distribution of food aids during disasters, especially as part of the preparation for the monsoon season.

Presently, there are 661 temporary evacuation centers located throughout Sarawak, with the capabilities of accommodating up to 160,819 disaster victims. A sum of RM2.97 million has been provided to all 12 divisions to further improve and upgrade the active temporary evacuation centers.

With support from the Jabatan Kerja Raya Sarawak and other technical agencies, the upgrading works are set to be implemented and completed by early 2025. This initiative will enhance the centers' readiness and functionality for future emergency.

*Financial Aids for Home Fire Victims (Bantuan Ehsan Kebakaran Rumah)*

The Sarawak Government provides financial aid of maximum RM70,000 per household to fire victims, based on percentage of damages to the building as assessed by the Malaysian Fire and Rescue Department. From May to November 2024, a total of 456 longhouses pintu and individual houses have been approved for financial aid totalling RM29.9 million.

The SDMC had conducted a lab from 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to review the existing policies and procedures for Bantuan Ehsan Kebakaran Rumah.

The lab was attended by representatives from relevant agencies, including the State Financial Secretary's Office, Internal Audit Unit, Administration Unit, Malaysian Fire and Rescue Department, Sarawak Social Welfare Department, Malaysian Civil Defense Force, and the Residents' and District Offices is to find way how to ensure the services provided to the victim will be optimise.

*Public Responsibilities during Disasters*

Disasters can strike without warning, particularly during the monsoon seasons. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to remain vigilant and stay informed about weather alerts issued by the Malaysian Meteorological Department, especially those in low-lying areas. The public is advised to follow the directives of relevant authorities during disasters to ensure their safety to facilitate efficient rescue efforts.

With this, I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the frontliners who have been working tirelessly alongside the State Disaster Management Committee during disasters, providing the necessary assistance. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA) for their support and assistance.

**ISSUES RAISED BY AHLI-AHLI YANG BERTHORMAT**

*Roads Construction*

In response to Ahli Yang Berhormat for Engkilili, the project upgrade the 8 km Sebeliau-Nanga Entalau Road, valued at RM68 million, had its LoA issued on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

For the proposed Jalan Sri Aman-Lidong upgrade, which has an estimated cost of RM63 million, is expected to be put out for tender first quarter of 2025. Additionally, two projects have been approved for Jalan Ulu Skrang:

- (a) Jalan Ulu Skrang Phase 2, worth RM28.5 million, currently under tendering process; and
- (b) Jalan Ulu Skrang, involving the upgrading of 43km of road and construction of three bridges worth RM300 million, is expected to be tendered in the first quarter of 2025.

As for the project to upgrade 36.6 km Jalan Sebeliau- Bilararap worth RM228 million, a Letter of Intent is expected to be issued in December 2024.

As for the Proposed Basi Road (Brayun-Sg. Basi to Kuching/ Sibu Trunk Road) project in the Sri Aman Division (Phase 1), which connects the area from Pak to Basi, has received approval for implementation from the Sri Aman Development Agency (SADA). The tender documentation is currently in the final stage.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ngemah, the project status of the Nanga Ngungun/ Nanga Bat/ Nanga Pera/ Nanga Jagau is as follows:

- (a) The section from Nanga Bat to Nanga Pera is under construction and is 62.2% completed;
- (b) The tender for the section from Nanga Pera to Nanga Jagau closed on 22 October 2024, and

- (c) The section Nanga Ngungun to Nanga Bat is in the final stage of design and is expected to be tendered first quarter of 2025.

As for the construction of a new road from Skim Penempatan Nanga Ngungun (RASCOM) ke Rumah Suzie Lily anak Jenau, Sg Baloh, Nanga Ngemah, the project is currently at the design stage.

I would like to inform the Ahli Yang Berhormat for Katibas that the project to construct Serandong/ Perpat, sorry not Katibas, Kalaka project to construct the Serandong/ Perpat/ Paloh/ Batang Maro road in Betong region expected to be awarded by the end of the year. Regarding the Kupang-Bajau road, the tender is currently awaiting a decision from the Ministry of Finance.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Machan, the road project from Nanga Jerangku to Rumah Lajang, Ulu Machan is expected to be re-tendered by the end of this month.

To respond to Ahli Yang Berhormat for Katibas, the current progress of the proposed construction of the Nanga Makut/ Nanga Engkuah Road in Katibas at 32.05%, compared to the scheduled progress of 76%. RECODA will take necessary actions to expedite the recovery of the project. Regarding the proposed construction Nanga Banjar/ Nanga Makut Road in Katibas, the tendering process is expected to begin in first quarter of 2025.

On the concern raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tellian, I would like to update you on the status of these projects:

- (a) For Jalan Tellian Bypass, Mukah, LOA has been issued 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024;
- (b) Naik taraf Jalan Sebakong, Ulu Sikat Phase 2, is under documentation;
- (c) For the Proposed Sebakong/ Ulu Sikat/ Lubok Bemban Phase 3, under design stage;
- (d) Project Alternative Access Road to Petanak Scheme also design stage;
- (e) For the proposed SK Nanga Baoh/ Baoh Ulu Mukah project, JKR Sarawak is currently assessing plans to realign the road. Tenders will be issued once the planning and design work is done; and
- (f) Regarding Jalan SRK Bukit Engkerbai/ Rumah Kundong/ Nanga Sikat, JKR Sarawak is in the process of studying improvements to the drainage system.

For Ahli Yang Berhormat for Daro, the dual carriageway road to Daro is currently in planning stage implemented under the 13th Malaysia Plan (2026-2030).

#### *Roads Upgrading*

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat Opar, the project to Menaik taraf Jalan Dari Jalan Biawak Ke Kampung Kendaie, Lundu, Bahagian Kuching, Sarawak, approved by the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development (KKDW) under the 12th Malaysia Plan (Rolling Plan 4) in 2024. The implementation in the third quarter 2025.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Beting Maro, proposed construction of a 30 km road from Kampung Buda to Beladin worth RM240 million has been approved under Rolling Plan 4 KKDW.

To Ahli Yang Berhormat for Balingian, thank you for concern regarding the road condition from Balingian to Sungai Anak to Pan Borneo. My ministry will submit a proposal considering your request under the 13<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan (2026-2030).

For the information for Ahli Yang Berhormat for Batu Danau, the project to upgrade the Jalan Simpang Sagan to Ulu Lubai, currently in the tender evaluation stage. Bagi Jalan Bawang Ubor (Jln Ulu Tubai) Tanah Merah project, the agency included the proposal to upgrade Bawang Ubor Road in the 13<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan under Program Jalan Luar Bandar KKDW.

*Pan Borneo Highway*

In response to the concerns raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat Bukit Semuja, Krian and Repok, JKR Sarawak has submitted the request for funds to construct additional P-turns to the Ministry of Works for their consideration.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tamin, regarding the outstanding consultant payment for the Pan Borneo Highway Project related to additional works, JKR Sarawak has submitted the necessary documentation to the Ministry of Works for further action. The payment is expected to be made early next year.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Meluan, the Pan Borneo Highway is designed with partial access control. Therefore, it is important to note that the gazetted speed limit for the Pan Borneo Highway has been set at 90 km per hour. This limit has been established to ensure the safety of all road users and minimize the risk of accidents. So I emphasize just now is designed with partial access control.

From the year 2015 to mid-2024, it was reported that 2,541 road accidents occurred along Pan Borneo Highway. These include approximately 177 fatal cases and 115 cases involving severe injuries. Therefore, I urge everyone to comply with the speed limit.

*Ferry*

To respond to Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kabong, JKR Sarawak currently finalising the location for the construction of ferry ramp expected to commence work in the second quarter of 2025.

For Ahli Yang Berhormat for Daro that JKR Sarawak is now considering the possibility of introducing additional ferry to improve service levels at Batang Paloh through a feasibility study.

*Bridges*

In response to Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Kalaka, the second bridge across Sungai Krian is currently at pre-contract stage. KKDW is in the process of increasing the project cost from RM90 million to RM122 million.

*Road Safety*

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Bukit Semuja, the proposal to construct a road pedestrian bridge behind SMK Serian has been submitted to the Ministry of Works for consideration.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Krian, to address the issue related to road accidents, JKR Sarawak is collaborative with the Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) and other relevant agencies will continue to implement road safety initiatives for all road users.

**OTHERS**

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, thank you for bringing forward the requests for bridges, roads, there is a new request-flyovers, and signages on behalf of your constituencies of Katibas, Machan, Pelagus, Opar, Telang Usan, Meluan, Krian, Tamin, Ngemah, Tellian, Engkilili, Batu Danau, Bukit Semuja, and Kabong.

My ministry acknowledges the significance of these projects and will give it a thoughtful consideration.

## CONCLUSION

Tuan Speaker, I would like to dwell a bit on our current political scenario. We are very fortunate now we enjoy a good degree of political autonomy. This accords us the position and privilege to push the greater recognition of Sarawak's rights under the MA63.

Our enduring spirit of *Segulai Sejalai* too has made us more united to allow our government to forge ahead and achieve new, unprecedented achievements.

Our beloved Sarawak is now in the World Map with its insights and insistence on green energy and green economy. Another icing on the cake, Sarawak is now also recognised as a high-income region.

Closer home, Sarawak is a model of racial and religious harmony in Malaysia. Perfectly characterising this is the mutual respect and cohesion among its diverse communities.

As Sarawak moved forward toward 2030, the socioeconomic, political and technology transformation challenges will require collaboration efforts from the government, the private sector and the civil society.

An unwavering focus on sustainable development, inclusive growth and our social cohesion will be very critical to create a resilient and prosperous future for Sarawak.

Sarawak has not only overcome many challenges but has emerged stronger, more resilient and better poised to face the uncertain, turbulent future including the impacts of climate change.

At the heart of our success lies the vision and the leadership of Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, our Premier Sarawak whose steadfast guidance has steered us towards a higher, brighter and more prosperous future. (*Applause*)

Therefore, now I call upon all Sarawakians to give the wholehearted support to Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg in his sacred mission and rock-solid commitment to build Sarawak that is prosperous, inclusive and sustainable.

Tuan Speaker, before I wind up my speech, I would like to express sincere appreciation and gratitude to all Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat for their unwavering support and thoughtful insights throughout this session.

I also must thank Tan Sri sekarang, Tan Sri Datuk Amar Speaker, for your exemplary leadership proficient management of the proceedings in this august House. And I would like to record my appreciation to Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar State Secretary and the Sarawak Civil Service.

Additionally, I wish to acknowledge the dedication and steadfast support from my both Deputy Ministers Yang Berhormat Datuk Ir. Aidel Lariwoo and Yang Berhormat Dato Majang Renggi, the media, my MIPD team other agencies under my purview, all of whom have contributed significantly to the smooth execution of this Dewan sitting.

Together, let us continue to build a Sarawak that is strong, stable, and united—Sarawak where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Lastly, I wish Happy Deepavali to those celebrated this festival. Happy Blessed Christmas, Happy Chinese New Year and Happy New Year will bless us with happiness, prosperity and may 2025 bring us greater success and fortune to all Sarawakians.

*Kalau ikut resmi padi,  
Semakin tunduk semakin berisi,  
Sokong GPS bersatu hati,  
Segala janji wajib ditepati.*

*Menua Lingga cukup manah,  
Tanah emperan tanah kerap,  
Pan Borneo tembu gaga perintah,  
GPS Rayat lantang ati gaga.*

*Pelabuhan Bintulu sudah ditangan,  
MASwings pula bakal menjelang,  
Premier Sarawak tiada tandingan,  
Maju makmur Sarawak gemilang.*

Thank you and wish everybody good luck.

**Tuan Speaker:** Dengan segala hormatnya, saya menjemput Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru, Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar, dan Menteri Tenaga dan Kelestarian Alam Sekitar untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

**Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru; Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar; Menteri Tenaga dan Kelestarian Alam Sekitar; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong (YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg):** Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Tuan Speaker, saya ingin mengucapkan penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang telah mengambil bahagian dalam perbahasan serta sokongan mereka terhadap Rang Undang-Undang yang telah dibentangkan iaitu:

- (a) Supply (2025) Bill, 2024;
- (b) Supplementary Supply (2024) Bill, 2024;
- (c) Distribution of Gas (Amendment) Bill, 2024; *dan*
- (d) Natural Resources and Environment Bill, 2024.

Dalam ucapan penggulungan saya pada petang ini, saya akan memperincikan pencapaian utama Sarawak sepanjang tahun 2024 dan menggariskan hala tuju strategik dalam merealisasikan visi Sarawak mencapai aspirasi PCDS 2030.

#### SARAWAK'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak's Economic Development Strategy, as we work together to shape our shared future, I recall the powerful insights from Nobel Laureate Dr Joseph Stiglitz at the Sarawak Future Forum last month. His economic theories resonate with our vision for Sarawak under the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030.

Dr Stiglitz underscored the urgent need for an economic model that prioritises sustainability, inclusivity and resilience for a holistic development. His call for a green economy as a pathway to true resilience and equality reminds us that economic progress must not only advance growth but also nurture our environment and lift every segment of society.

The Nobel Laureate for Economic Sciences commended Sarawak's holistic approach through PCDS 2030. This validates our commitment to moving beyond conventional GDP metrics and measures of success. His support strengthens our pursuit for a future where progress reflects prosperity for all and ensures equal access to resources especially for the most disadvantaged groups.

Additionally, his advocacy for social inclusivity aligns perfectly with Sarawak's ongoing efforts to empower our people. Our budget continues to prioritise investment in initiatives that uplift communities across Sarawak, particularly through renewable energy, eco-friendly infrastructure and efficient resource management. Alongside this, our investments in digital transformation and education are ensuring that every Sarawakian is equipped to seize emerging opportunities.

In this journey, technology plays a key role. During IDECS 2024, Australian futurist, Dr Jordan Nguyen echoed this sentiment by championing responsible innovation in AI as a vital tool to reduce inequality and enhance well-being. Together, these perspectives support our drive for an economy that values people, the environment and sustainable growth, creating a brighter, more inclusive future for Sarawak.

## PREPARATION FOR THE 13TH MALAYSIA PLAN

Tuan Speaker, preparation for the 13<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan. PCDS 2030 lays a solid foundation for reshaping Sarawak's socio-economic landscape. This vision has already begun taking shape through a series of transformative initiatives under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan (2021 – 2025). Looking ahead, the 13<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan (13MP) (2026 – 2030) will mark the second and final phase of PCDS 2030. Preparations are already underway with extensive consultations across ministries, industries and civil society to ensure an inclusive and comprehensive strategy.

The 13MP will be pivotal in scaling up our catalytic initiatives, addressing pressing challenges and accelerating Sarawak's journey towards achieving the high-impact outcomes outlined in PCDS 2030. It will be a critical milestone in our path to progress. Broadly speaking, our efforts under the 13MP will remain multifaceted, focusing on key pillars – economic diversification, digital innovation, environmental sustainability, and social equity. These are the pillars that will guide us as we build a future that is prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable for all Sarawakians.

## ENERGY SECURITY

Tuan Speaker, energy has always been at the core of human progress, driving economies, shaping societies, and underpinning global stability. Yet, history has shown us the fragility of this lifeline when it is disrupted. The energy crisis of 1973 stands as a stark reminder of how geopolitical decisions can send shockwaves through the global economy. It is clear that the abrupt halt of oil exports by key producers left nations scrambling, triggering economic downturns, unemployment, and uncertainty.

In more recent memory, the Ukraine-Russia war has further illustrated the vulnerabilities of energy dependency. The restriction of energy supplies to Europe by Russia highlighted the critical need for nations to safeguard their energy security. These events serve as an urgent call for all of us. Energy security is not merely a technical issue, it is an existential one.

Sarawak has taken bold steps to address these challenges, guided by a clear vision and a comprehensive energy roadmap. By advancing hydropower, hydrogen innovation, and solar energy projects, we contribute to Malaysia's Net Zero 2050 goals while bolstering energy security and economic growth. In supporting this transition, we are also contributing to global efforts to combat climate change under the mandate of the Conference of Parties (COP). Now is COP 29 in Bakun.

## PARTNERSHIPS IN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Tuan Speaker, in this evolving landscape, Sarawak stands proud, leading the way with our abundant renewable energy resources. We are committed to building a sustainable energy ecosystem that not only meets today's needs but secures a brighter, greener future for all. Recognising the importance of diversifying to clean energy, Sarawak was invited to participate in the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC) 2024 by Mubadala Energy.

Tuan Speaker, I had the honour of joining a distinguished panel, "*Regional Spotlight – Asia's Role in Defining the Hydrogen Market*," alongside with industry leaders, where I highlighted Sarawak's strategic initiatives in hydrogen production and our readiness to meet the rising global demand for clean hydrogen.

This working visit to Abu Dhabi was highly productive for Sarawak. We showcased our energy and sustainability efforts on a global stage and forged key partnerships that will support our future development. A landmark Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB), Gentari and Masdar to conduct a joint study on a potential floating solar project in Sarawak's Murum reservoir. When completed, this project will be the largest hybrid floating solar-hydro installation in the world. This collaboration demonstrates our commitment to expanding renewable energy capacity through strategic international partnerships.

The technical tour at Masdar City gave us a great look at some of the latest developments in the sustainable city model through the adoption of a carbon free city featuring cutting-edge technology. The advancements of Masdar City in Abu Dhabi will serve as a model for the future development of Kuching, particularly in new areas. I am inspired by Masdar's approach and hope to adopt some of their ideas like solar power, low-carbon solutions, and environmental conservation.

We are also considering establishing a Sarawak Trade and Tourism Office in Abu Dhabi. This office will be managed and financed by PETROS and SEB, with the goal of enhancing connections and providing a platform for continuous engagement with UAE stakeholders, fostering further collaboration in renewable energy, tourism and trade.

## HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

Tuan Speaker, a few of the Members of our august House have expressed their doubts about the future of the hydrogen economy. A similar sentiment was expressed at the dawn of the renewable energy revolution. I would like to reiterate that hydrogen presents immense potential as a sustainable energy source worldwide. In fact, Elon Musk, known for his work with electric cars, has recently acknowledged the value of hydrogen. While he has long championed electric vehicles, he now sees hydrogen as a viable solution for mobility.

Hydrogen's versatility makes it a crucial piece in the clean energy transition as it can store energy, support energy security and decarbonise sectors like heavy industry and long-haul transportation. I recognise that the journey to clean and green hydrogen is not without its costs, particularly in the early stages of development. Producing green hydrogen using renewable energy to split water remains costly at present, ranging from USD3 to USD6 per kilogram compared to USD1 to USD2 per kilogram for grey hydrogen made from natural gas.

Despite these challenges, the International Energy Agency (IEA) in 2021 forecasts that green hydrogen costs could decrease by over 50% by 2030, as technology advances and renewable electricity becomes more affordable. This trajectory mirrors the remarkable reduction in solar energy costs which was once expensive but saw an 80% drop in costs between 2010 and 2020 due to technological advancements and economies of scale. Likewise, hydrogen is expected to become more affordable and scalable serving as an efficient energy carrier.

The world market for green hydrogen is becoming increasingly competitive. Countries rich in renewable energy resources, such as India, Australia, Chile and the Middle East are positioning themselves as major exporters of green hydrogen. We are already seizing this valuable opportunity for Sarawak to become a key player in the hydrogen economy. High energy demand nations especially in East Asia are partnering with Sarawak for hydrogen production.

Significant projects are underway, with a vision to produce 240,000 tons of green hydrogen annually by 2028. These initiatives could add RM2.5 billion to RM3.6 billion annually to Sarawak's



GDP and create high-paying jobs nearly four times the current average wage, in line with our PCDS 2030 aspirations.

### THE FUTURE OF ENERGY IN SARAWAK

Tuan Speaker, several transformative projects in Sarawak are setting benchmarks for sustainable energy in Malaysia. The 50MW Batang Ai Floating Solar Farm, will be Malaysia's largest floating solar facility by the end of 2024, integrating seamlessly with the existing 108MW Batang Ai Hydroelectric Plant. Additional floating solar projects are advancing at the Murum, Bakun and Bengoh Dams, alongside ground-mounted solar systems with battery support in Baram, Mukah and Kuching. To address solar energy's intermittency challenges, Sarawak is making strides in smart grid technology and Energy Storage Systems. A proposed high-voltage green grid, utilising the Right-of-Way of the Sabah-Sarawak Gas Pipeline, will connect renewable energy sources to key demand centres.

Feasibility studies for Pumped Storage Hydro systems further support grid stability, storing excess energy for use during high-demand periods and reducing reliance on fossil fuels. Biomass energy generation is another promising area. Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to visit the Drax Power Station in UK (United Kingdom) which was once coal-powered but is now 100% fuelled by biomass. After seeing this transformation firsthand, I returned to Sarawak and encouraged our local companies to explore opportunities in the biomass energy industry.

Today, Tuan Speaker, I am proud to say that Sarawak is home to the world's first large-scale Napier grass biomass pellet manufacturer and exporter. I just bring the grass, this is the pellets that become energy *daripada rumput, kita boleh banyak tanam rumput* and produce this pellets. Now is already in UK used by Drax. What's even more exciting is that we are already selling these pellets to Drax, the very same power station that I visited! Now, grass Sarawak *sudah ada* di UK. Napier grass, which grows rapidly and requires minimal replanting, offers applications beyond energy, including Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), fertilisers and animal feed, promoting a circular economy while enhancing energy and food security. We must dare to look beyond our 2030 target for renewable energy.

Tuan Speaker, this is not the end of our journey but merely a milestone in a much larger vision. Sarawak is exploring innovative renewable solutions like Ocean Energy Systems, which harness tidal, wave and ocean thermal energy. Advanced technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Building Information Modelling (BIM) and Digital Twin are also being employed to optimise energy planning and infrastructure development. While Sarawak is progressing well with the development of our renewable energy, the oil and gas sector is still a major contributor to our economy, which we must continue to harness for socio-economic development and energy security.

### CONTINENTAL SHELF

Tuan Speaker, several Ahli Yang Berhormat had debated on the issue related to continental shelf. In this regard, I wish to reiterate and state categorically Sarawak's inalienable rights over that part of the Continental Shelf which lies within the territory of Sarawak, is non-negotiable. (*Applause*). At the risk of being repetitious, I must emphasise that Sarawak's seabed and subsoil, originally Crown land under the Land Code of 1958, became the property of the Sarawak Government upon Malaysia's formation on Malaysia Day, 1963. This is clearly provided for under Article 47(2) of Constitution of the State of Sarawak, as annexed to the Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63).

Tuan Speaker, may I quote Article 47. Succession to property 47 (1). Subject to the provisions of this Article, all property and assets which immediately before the commencement of this Constitution were vested in Her Majesty for the purposes of the Colony of Sarawak shall on the commencement of this Constitution vest in the State. (2) Any land in the State which immediately before the commencement of this Constitution was vested in Her Majesty shall on the commencement of this Constitution vest in the State, so it is ours. Succession to property, 47.

The MA63 and the United Kingdom's Malaysia Act, 1963 did not vest any land comprised in the Continental Shelf within Sarawak's boundaries on the Federation or the Federal Government, did not vest this land to the Federal, hence the Federal Government has no proprietary rights to Sarawak's seabed and subsoil or its continental shelf, as these were vested solely in the State of Sarawak by operation of law. The boundaries of Sarawak, protected under Article 2 of the Federal Constitution, cannot be altered without the consent of the State Legislature, further securing the state's territorial integrity. If I could quote Article 2 of the Federal Constitution, "*a law altering the boundaries of a state shall not be passed without the consent of that state (expressed by a law made by the Legislature of that State) and of the Conference of Rulers.*" Without being here, cannot, *tidak jalan*.

Tuan Speaker, the Continental Shelf (Amendment) Act 2009 explicitly protects state rights over the seabed and subsoil within state boundaries, aligning federal legislation with Sarawak's sovereignty. Sarawak asserts that its claims to oil and gas resources within its territory are neither baseless nor unreasonable, and it has historically exercised these rights both during the British colonial rule and post-independence. Therefore, nobody is entitled to question Sarawak's inalienable rights to the Continental Shelf within its boundaries. To do so would not only be against the MA63 but would also constitute an infringement of the State and Federal Constitutions. I stand here, Tuan Speaker, on oath to protect Federal Constitution and State Constitution and I will protect it.

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak maintains legislative authority over its resources through the Oil Mining Ordinance 1958 and the Distribution of Gas Ordinance, 2016. These two legislations are within the legislative competence of the Sarawak legislature to enact. Therefore, any entities engaging in resource exploration and extraction are required to adhere to Sarawak's laws, which regulate oil and gas activities both onshore and within its continental shelf. The rights of the Sarawak Government to see that its laws are complied with should not be questioned by any quarters and that Sarawak's rights and legislative authority expressly enshrined in the Federal Constitution are not encroached.

In summary, Sarawak's sovereign rights over its land, resources, and the Continental Shelf are entrenched in the MA63, State Constitution and Federal Constitution. These rights are constitutionally guaranteed and have been exercised consistently by Sarawak. Sarawak under the GPS remains resolute in defending its inalienable rights and ensuring compliance with its laws to safeguard its territorial sovereignty and resource control.

## SPACE ECONOMY

Tuan Speaker, as we embrace innovation in energy, we must also look to new frontiers. The space industry is growing rapidly, already worth USD570 billion in 2023. Based on the World Economic Forum (WEF) Insight Report published in April 2024, the space economy is expected to reach USD1.8 trillion by 2035.

This growth will largely be built upon space-based infrastructure and support, enabled technologies such as communications, positioning, navigation and timing as well as Earth observation. Sarawak stands uniquely poised to capitalise on this revolution. Our geographic location near the equator offers an undeniable advantage. Launching from an equatorial site reduces costs and increases payload efficiency, making us comparable to world-class facilities like the Guiana Space Centre, attracting global partnerships to establish Sarawak as a key player in space technology and services. This will position Sarawak as a key hub for satellite services, navigation systems, and space exploration for Southeast Asia. And of course, our production of green hydrogen and oxygen from the electrolysis process will fit synergistically with the requirement for space fuels to launch the satellites and other orbital equipment.

Beyond the infrastructure components, space technology has the potential to improve daily life, from enhancing Global Positioning Systems to providing better environmental monitoring. By

venturing into this exciting field, Sarawak can lead in innovation, open doors for new opportunities, and create a brighter future for all.

Tuan Speaker, the National Physical Planning Council chaired by the Prime Minister of Malaysia has identified Sarawak, leveraging on its geographical location, as an ideal hub for the space industry, particularly as a launching pad for satellites. We are initiating a feasibility study to assess the potential of the space industry and how Sarawak could position itself to tap into economic opportunities presented by this industry. Steps are also being taken to attract international investments, emphasising public-private partnerships to mitigate the significant costs associated with technology and infrastructure development. The recent Memorandum of Understanding between the Sarawak Multimedia Authority and MEASAT Global Berhad marks a pivotal step in advancing Sarawak's space economy. This partnership will also explore joint projects, including satellite operations and management, while focusing on nurturing local talent and expertise.

### **SARAWAK AS A REGIONAL LOGISTICS HUB**

Tuan Speaker, strategically located on the northern part of Borneo, Sarawak is an ideal logistics hub linking East Asia, Southeast Asia and Australia. By investing in strategic infrastructure such as seaports and airports, we are positioning Sarawak as a competitive player in regional trade and investment. We envisage to establish an integrated logistics hub that seamlessly connects sea and air transport into a highly efficient network. By combining these two powerful platforms, Sarawak can enable goods to flow with minimal delays, increase supply chain efficiency and attract global investment. An intermodal system, supported by advanced digital tracking and real-time data analytics, will provide precise, efficient handling from port to destination. Streamlined customs processes and smart technologies will further reduce transit times and improve transparency.

Earlier this year, I also launched the Borneo Oil and Gas Supply Base in Bintulu. Bintulu's strategic location offers a key midpoint between major Asian markets, presenting significant opportunities for Sarawak to expand its influence across ASEAN and beyond. This facility will provide essential services - storage, logistics, and transportation - to support offshore oil and gas operations, streamlining access to fields and ensuring efficient resource distribution. As Sarawak holds over 60% of Malaysia's gas reserves, this supply base reinforces Sarawak's role as a regional energy and logistics hub.

### *State Alternative Funding Initiative*

Tuan Speaker, as we know, Sarawak is at a critical stage where we need to leapfrog our strategic infrastructure development to facilitate economic growth throughout the State. Obviously to do so requires significant resources and a robust capital programme. Hence, in order to have the fiscal and financial flexibility and to be able to manage our cashflow requirement strategically and efficiently, we are leveraging on external financing via the Development Bank of Sarawak (DBOS) and the capital market. We are not alone in this strategic approach as other sound financial governments in the world particularly Singapore and South Korea are also sourcing funding from the capital market to facilitate growth under the Alternative Funding.

Under the State budget, a sum is budgeted yearly to service our obligations under the Alternative Funding Programme and legislatively approved by this august House. The funds raised from the programme are injected into the economy for project financing where in this case, capital outlay ratio stands at 1.7 times. With this, the state is able to effectively accelerate strategic infrastructure development throughout the state with certainty of funding. In other words, amortising our obligations would smoothen expenditure impact on budget, reduce immediate fiscal pressure and allow for better cashflow management at the state level.

On top of this, key major stimulus projects that have been carried out using alternative funding, which include development of roads and bridges, digital infrastructure, and transportation, are scheduled to be completed in the first half of 13<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan. All this coaster road, 12 bridges will

be completed first half of the 13<sup>th</sup> Malaysian Plan. By then, because we are amortizing and we also pay back, by then half of the Malaysian Plan most of our funding obligations will also be fully settled and discharged. You got the bridges, you got the road there, settled. *Tempat lain ada tol*, 12 bridges no toll. (*Applause*). That is the way to help the people. This will substantially lessen the Sarawak's overall financial commitments.

Thereupon, by the time we have finish this, we have paid all this, the development of our new Kuching International Airport, model on the wall and the new seaport will commence under the second half of the 13<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan. Projects of this scale will also require participation of the private sector, tapping into their technical expertise, effective management and financial capabilities in building quality, sustainable, and climate-resilient infrastructure.

Tuan Speaker, our financial capacity has been further strengthened with the additional source of revenue collected from the state sales tax of petroleum products, of which to date we have collected RM18.6 billion from this revenue source. So, I wish to remind the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan not to create unnecessary fear for the future of Sarawakians as we have established our Sarawak Sovereign Wealth Future Fund.

Here, we are committed on the appropriation of an initial RM8 billion into the future fund and followed by subsequent annual appropriation over a period of 20 years and until then the money from the fund cannot be withdrawn, even by successive governments because it is in the law. This is proof of our commitment in safeguarding and preserving the state reserves for the people of Sarawak. Thus, the claim that our reserves are at risk and depleting is baseless and totally uncalled for. The GPS Government is a responsible government. We will build a prosperous future for all Sarawakians.

The GPS Government is a responsible government. We will build a prosperous future for all Sarawakians. Tuan Speaker, there was a "*prophecy*" that Sarawak would become bankrupt during the first three years of my leadership. The first three years of my leadership, Sarawak will be bankrupt. As all of you know, this did not happen. Instead of becoming bankrupt, we managed to further increase our revenue, while at the same time, Sarawak became a high-income economy, recognised by the World Bank! So, *jangan takut*, as long as the GPS is in power.

Tuan Speaker, we have put robust and strategic measures to ensure the practice of good governance, strict financial discipline and prudent financial management are compiled to at all levels and at all times. We are very transparent in our disclosures related to the Alternative Funding programme, not just updating the physical and financial progress at every DUN session but also strictly adhering to other forms of reporting to other regulatory bodies. The allegation that we circumvent the budgeting process is mala-fide and baseless.

### *Human Capital for the Future*

Tuan Speaker, human capital is a vital asset that shapes our societies, drives our economies, and defines our potential. As we look to the future, we must ask ourselves, how can we harness this potential to not only adapt to change but to thrive and be resilient? As we move forward, it is essential that we broaden our horizons and embrace the possibilities before us. Frontier industries such as space exploration, renewable energy breakthroughs, and the transformative power of generative AI are no longer the dreams of tomorrow.

They are shaping the global economic landscape today. These noble fields, coupled with rapid advancements in AI and automation, are fundamentally changing how we work and live. I recognise that the nature of work is changing before our eyes. Traditional jobs are evolving, some are fading away, and entirely new opportunities are emerging.

This is the reality of our time, and it is a challenge Sarawak must confront with courage, adaptability, and an unwavering commitment to learning. To rise to this challenge, we must transform

the way we approach education. Our systems must evolve to cultivate critical thinking, inspire creativity, and nurture adaptability. By fostering learning environments that spark curiosity and empower individuals to pursue their passions, I believe we can equip our people to meet the demands of a rapidly changing world. I urge our Sarawak institutions of higher learning, as well as our Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions to continuously innovate and adapt the curriculum and teaching methods.

Tuan Speaker, Sarawakian students studying in higher learning institutions are the talent pipeline for our future. Upon graduation, they will be the ones contributing to the advancement of Sarawak. I want our students to be able to focus 100% on their studies and not worry about sourcing enough funds for food or transportation. During the *Lan Berambeh* 2024 recently, I announced a special financial assistance in the form of pocket money for tertiary students. In my Budget 2025 speech, Tuan Speaker, I provided more details on this pocket money of RM1,200, provided to students from low-income groups with household per capita income of RM1,500 or below.

A few Honourable Members of this august House have raised their worries about using the per capita income as the eligibility criteria for this assistance. I listened to them and their concerns, and I am pleased to announce that all Sarawakian students in higher learning institutions throughout Malaysia will be eligible, irrespective of their family's income. This is the GPS Government's commitment to ensuring that the welfare of our young talents are well-cared for. Tuan Speaker, the RM1,500 per capita is no longer relevant, kasih semua.

#### SARAWAK CIVIL SERVICE

Tuan Speaker, as we advance towards our vision for Sarawak, the driving force behind our progress is the dedication and hard work of the Sarawak Civil Service. These committed individuals work tirelessly behind the scenes, turning our plans into reality. The Sarawak Government remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting our employees. As we face new challenges and embrace growth, we must ensure that our workforce is equipped and ready to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving future.

My administration has already launched several important initiatives to improve the work, workforce, and workplace, all with the goal of making the civil service more effective and efficient, without compromising the welfare of our civil servants. To make sure these investments translate into real improvements; the Sarawak Government under GPS is upgrading our Employee Performance Management System (EPMS). This will help to set clear expectations and encourage civil servants to maintain high standards, all while aligning with Sarawak's goals.

My administration is also making improvements for staff under the *Jawatan Berasaskan Caruman* (JBC) Scheme. The JBC Scheme was introduced in 2002, and it is high time we enhance the benefits of JBC staff. By aligning them with those of our permanent, pensionable staff, we are showing our commitment to recognising their contributions. This change also gives JBC employees more opportunities for promotion and career growth, offering them greater job security and long-term support. I envision a Sarawak Service Scheme that is specifically designed to meet the needs of Sarawak and our people. This will give us the flexibility and control to create policies that truly reflect our local values and objectives, helping us build a civil service that is more in tune with the future we want to create.

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan GPS di bawah kepimpinan saya sentiasa prihatin terhadap kebajikan anggota Perkhidmatan Awam Sarawak. Semasa Ucapan Belanjawan, saya telah mengumumkan bahawa Kerajaan Sarawak akan menerima pakai Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) yang diumumkan oleh Kerajaan Persekutuan. Ianya akan melibatkan penambah-baikkannya dan penyelarasan gaji semua anggota Perkhidmatan Awam di Sarawak dan saya telah memberi *indication* kepada mereka, bahawa Sarawak akan lebih baik daripada SSPA.

Maka hari ini, sebagai tambahan kepada penyelarasan gaji dalam SSPA, mulai Januari 2025, Kerajaan GPS juga bersetuju untuk memperkenalkan dan memberi elaun khas bulanan kepada anggota Perkhidmatan Awam Sarawak berdasarkan gred Kumpulan dengan kadar seperti berikut:

- (a) RM400 bagi Kumpulan Pelaksana Gred 1 hingga Gred 4 bermakna tambah daripada SSPA;
- (b) RM500 bagi Kumpulan Pelaksana Gred 5 hingga Gred 8;
- (c) RM600 bagi Kumpulan Pengurusan dan Profesional Gred 9 hingga Gred 15; dan
- (d) Kumpulan Pengurusan Tertinggi akan menerima elaun khas sebanyak RM 700.

Bermakna SSPA kita tambah lagi untuk mereka jadi gaji mereka lebih besar daripada kadar SSPA.

Tuan Speaker, tahun 2024 telah menyaksikan banyak kejayaan dicapai oleh Sarawak dalam pelbagai bidang termasuk *champion* SUKMA. Ini adalah hasil sumbangan semua pihak, termasuk anggota Perkhidmatan Awam Sarawak. Terpaksa minum dolok. Sebagai tanda penghargaan terhadap sumbangan dan komitmen anggota Perkhidmatan Awam Sarawak, sukacitanya saya mengumumkan Pemberian Bantuan Khas Kewangan (BKK) sebanyak dua bulan mengikut gaji pokok terakhir bulan November 2024 dan pembayaran BKK ini akan dibuat pada bulan Disember 2024, *next month*. Nak *holiday*, *holiday lah kitak*.

Kita juga Tuan Speaker berterima kasih atas sumbangan anggota Perkhidmatan Awam Persekutuan yang berkhidmat di Sarawak. Bagi menghargai jasa dan khidmat bakti mereka, saya juga ingin mengumumkan Bantuan Khas Kewangan sebanyak RM700 seorang secara *one-off* yang akan dibayar pada suku pertama Tahun 2025. Tahun lepas RM600 tahun ini tambah RM100 jadi RM700. Jumlah keseluruhan implikasi kewangan bagi kedua-dua insentif ini dianggarkan sebanyak RM190 juta. Mudah-mudahan rezeki kita bertambah lagi tahun depan.

#### KOMITMEN MELAKSANAKAN PCDS 2030

Tuan Speaker, Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dan seluruh anggota Perkhidmatan Awam di Sarawak, kita adalah peneraju kepada masa depan Sarawak. Kita seharusnya berbesar hati dan berbangga kerana diberi penghormatan besar untuk berkhidmat kepada rakyat Sarawak. Ini adalah amanah kita. Amanah yang dipertanggungjawabkan kepada kita, bagi merealisasikan aspirasi Ibu Pertiwi, aspirasi PCDS 2030.

Kita tidak boleh memandang remeh tanggungjawab ini. Jangan sesekali kita membiarkan sesiapa pun terlepas pandang, dalam kita menuju ke arah Sarawak Maju dan Makmur. Kita tidak boleh lagi menjalankan tugas seperti sedia kala, kita mesti mengubah cara kita berfikir, menerima strategi yang tidak konvensional, dan berinovasi dengan berani. No more business as usual.

Penjawat Awam Sarawak mesti melangkah ke hadapan. Kita mesti terus komited, bekerjasama dengan erat antara agensi-agensi Kerajaan, berkolaborasi dengan sektor swasta dan melibatkan diri dengan rakyat. Kita mesti sentiasa berinovasi dan bertindak secara kreatif untuk mencari jalan baharu bagi menyelesaikan masalah.

Saya dan rakan-rakan GPS telah berjanji untuk membina masa depan di mana semua rakyat Sarawak akan menikmati kemakmuran ekonomi, keterangkuman sosial dan kemampuan alam sekitar. Kita mesti menunaikan janji ini. Oleh itu marilah kita berusaha dan berganding bahu, untuk terus memberi khidmat bakti kepada rakyat, mengangkat komuniti setempat dan melakar masa depan yang cerah buat generasi mendatang.

#### PENUTUP

Tuan Speaker, akhir kata, saya juga ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Tuan Speaker, Timbalah Speaker, Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, Yang Berhormat Setiausaha Kerajaan Sarawak, Setiausaha Persekutuan Sarawak, Peguam Besar Negeri, Setiausaha Kewangan Negeri, Ketua-

ketua Jabatan, seluruh anggota Perkhidmatan Awam serta semua warga kerja Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak yang telah mengendalikan persidangan DUN dengan teratur dan cemerlang.

Tuan Speaker,

*Ikan bekut terkonang konang,  
Terkonang - konang di sungai Gedong,  
Kerajaan GPS sentiasa berjuang,  
Demi hak rakyat yang kami junjung.*

*Ambik cabik di atas jungkar,  
Pake berulam dengan pegaga,  
Rakyat Sarawak sik payah gusar,  
Membela Sarawak agenda utama.*

*Raon - raon di Tasik Biru,  
Singgah Serikin mencari makan,  
Selamat Hari Christmas, Selamat Tahun Baru,  
Semangat perpaduan kita raikan.*

Sekian, terima kasih.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I shall now call upon Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak and Minister for Finance and New Economy to move the motion that the Bill be read a second time.

**Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong (YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang:** Tuan Speaker, I beg to move that the Supply (2025) Bill, 2024 be read a second time.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the Supply (2025) Bill, 2024 be read a second time. As many as are of the opinion say "Yes".

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

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

*Bill is read a second time*

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the following Motion be passed and referred to the Committee of Supply, *"that this Dewan resolves to approve the Development Estimates, 2025 as contained in Command Paper No. 13 of 2024 laid on the Table on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024"*. As many as are of the opinion say "Yes".

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

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

## **COMMITTEE STAGE**

*[Tuan Pengerusi mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]*

**Tuan Speaker:** The House shall now resolve into the Committee of Supply.

**COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**

**Tuan Pengerusi:** Honourable Members, we shall now consider Command Paper No. 11 of 2024 on the Estimates of Revenue and ordinary expenditure for the year 2025 laid on the Table on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The question is that the amount of Expenditure on all Heads as set forth in the Estimates of Revenue and Ordinary Expenditure for the year 2025 be approved. As many as are of the opinion say "Yes".

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

**Tuan Pengerusi:** As many as are of the contrary opinion say "No". The "Yes" have it. The Estimates of Revenue and Ordinary Expenditure for the year 2025 are approved. We shall now consider the Supply (2025) Bill, 2024.

*The Schedule*

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

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

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

*Clauses 1 and 2*

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

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

**Tuan Pengerusi:** As many as are of the contrary opinion say "No". The "Yes" have it. Clauses 1 and 2 be ordered to stand part of the Bill.

*Enacting Schedule, Clauses and Title*

**Tuan Pengerusi:** We shall now consider command Paper No. 13 of 2024 on the development estimates 2025 laid on the Table on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The question is that the amount of expenditures on all Heads as set forth in the development estimates 2025 be approved.

**Tuan Pengerusi:** As many as opinion say "Yes"

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

**Tuan Pengerusi:** As many as are of the contrary opinion say "No". The "Yes" have it. The Development Estimates 2025 is approved. The House shall now resume.

**HOUSE RESUMED**

*[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]*

**Tuan Speaker:** Yang Amat Berhormat Premier.



**Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong (YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg):** Tuan Speaker, I wish to report that the Supply (2025) Bill, 2024 and the Motion of the Development Estimates for the year 2025 has been considered by the Committee of Supply and agreed to without amendment.

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

**SUPPLY (2025) BILL, 2024**

**Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong (YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg):** Tuan Speaker, I beg to move that the Supply (2025) Bill, 2024 be read a third time and do pass.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the Supply (2025) Bill, 2024 be read a third time and do pass. As many as are of the opinion say "Yes"

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

**Tuan Speaker:** As many as are of the contrary opinion say "No". The "Yes" have it. The Bill is read a third time and passed.

*Bill is read a third time and passed*

**USUL UNTUK MELULUS RESOLUSI ANGGARAN PERBELANJAAN PEMBANGUNAN  
BAGI TAHUN 2025**

**Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong (YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg):** Tuan Speaker, I beg to move that this House resolve to approve the Development Estimates for the year 2025 as contained in Command Paper No. 13 of 2024 laid on the Table of 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

*Question is put and agreed to*

*Motion is approved*

## **USUL PENANGGUHAN**

**Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier Sarawak (Buruh, Imigresen dan Pemantauan Projek); dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.78 Mulu (YB Datuk Gerawat Gala):** Tuan Speaker, first and foremost, thank you for giving me this opportunity to deliver the motion for adjournment of the Second Meeting of the Third Term of the 19<sup>th</sup> Sarawak Legislative Assembly which lasted eight days from 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024, today.

Tuan Speaker, before I proceed with my speech, I would like to join Members of this august House in congratulating our Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar on his appointment as the Fourth Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, the Premier of Sarawak on being conferred the *Darjah Setia Negara Brunei Yang Amat Bahagia Darjah Pertama* (P.S.N.B.) carrying the title "*Dato Seri Setia*", in conjunction with the 78<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Sultan of Brunei Darussalam on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and also for being conferred the *Datuk Seri Panglima Darjah Kinabalu* (S.P.D.K.) carrying the title "*Datuk Seri Panglima*" in conjunction with the official 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday celebration of Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sabah on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024. My congratulations also to all Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat who were conferred State Awards in conjunction with the 78<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration of Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Tuan Speaker, the highlight of this Dewan Undangan sitting is the State Budget 2025 tabled by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier which received all round and resounding support of members of this august House. Congratulations to Yang Amat Berhormat Premier for tabling a record-breaking budget of RM15.8 billion, being the highest ever budget for Sarawak, an increase of RM2.2 billion or 16% compared to the 2024 Budget. This record-breaking budget is also premised on the record-breaking state revenue for 2024 which is projected at more than RM14 billion as well as the forecasted revenue for 2025.

This outstanding achievement is a testament of the visionary, innovative, wise and dedicated leadership of our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier to propel Sarawak towards greater prosperity, resilience and unity to become a leading region in Malaysia. The 2025 Budget themed, "*Together Building a Prosperous Future*" is a people centric and inclusive budget containing various initiatives to benefit the whole strata of the population from children, students, youths, parents and the elderly giving every *rakyat* equitable access to opportunities and resources to thrive.

The State Budget is very robust and forward looking with RM4.9 billion for Ordinary Expenditure and RM10.9 billion for Development expenditure with an anticipated surplus. Our development budget is far in excess of the RM5.9 billion development budget by the Federal Government, which is very disappointing. While we continue to request for more development funding from the Federal Government, Sarawak Government will continue to expand and enhance its financial capacity to meet our development need and the need of our *rakyat*. The budget's focus on initiatives to develop and grow the new economy encompassing hydrogen, carbon and aerospace while ensuring environmental sustainability is very balanced and strategic to position Sarawak as a preferred destination for investors in order to accelerate the growth of our economy.

During this DUN Sitting, we have debated and approved four Government Bills and one Motion namely the:

- (a) Supply (2025) Bill, 2024;
- (b) Supplementary Supply (2024) Bill, 2024;
- (c) Distribution of Gas (Amendment) Bill, 2024;
- (d) Natural Resources and Environment Bill 2024; and

(e) Motion to amend the Standing Orders of the Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak.

The Supply (2025) Bill, 2024 setting out the record-breaking budget of RM15.8 billion for 2025 attracted much attention and was passionately and exhaustively debated by the Honourable Members of this Dewan who drew attention to various development needs in their respective constituencies and gave various suggestions for delivery of services and development projects for the *rakyat* in their constituencies. The Supply (2025) Bill 2024 which now has been passed together with the Motion on 2025 Development Estimate were fully supported by Members of this Dewan and just approved.

*Distribution of Gas (Amendment) Bill, 2024*

Tuan Speaker, I wish to commend the government for tabling the Distribution of Gas (Amendment) Bill, 2024 which make provisions for the regulation of activities relating to hydrogen. This is yet another forward-looking law and a strategic step to provide for a much needed regulatory framework for the development and growth of the hydrogen economy which our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier had been championing. Recognising that hydrogen is a green and sustainable power source and an important building block towards making Sarawak a powerhouse in this region, members of this Dewan have given all round support for the Bill.

The hydrogen economy for Sarawak is a Blue Ocean but the government through this law will ensure that any risks will be adequately managed so that we can reap the rewards in the future. Members of the Dewan also took the opportunity to highlight and re-affirm the position of PETROS as the sole aggregator of gas in Sarawak and the need for PETRONAS to respect and comply with our state laws especially relating to oil and gas and territorial rights. PETRONAS as a national and law-abiding corporate citizen should show a good example by complying with valid and applicable laws wherever they operate, including here in Sarawak.

*The Natural Resources and Environment Bill, 2024*

Tuan Speaker, this bill reflects the government's success in reinstating and reaffirming Sarawak's right to manage and regulate our environment consistent with the provisions of the MA63. This is part of the devolution of power from the Federal Government and the greater autonomy for Sarawak which the government has successfully secured as part of the MA63 negotiations with the Federal Government. This law makes provision for the better conservation, management and enhancement of the environment and natural resources, control of pollution and other matters related to management of the environment. This law will definitely help to ensure our environmental sustainability as we pursue the goals of the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030. Members debated and wholly supported the Bill.

*Motion for Amendment of the Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak Standing Orders*

Tuan Speaker, the amendment to the Standing Orders is intended to uphold the dignity, prestige and integrity of this House. The amendment is necessary to address the impact and influence of the fast evolving digital and technological development in the mass and social media. The amendment is to ensure a high level of discipline, conduct and integrity among members of this Dewan so as to be fit to be addressed as Honourable members.

With the passing of the amendments to the Standing Order, the Speaker will be able to manage the proceedings of this Dewan more effectively and efficiently. I wish to commend the government for the successful takeover of Bintulu Port from the Federal Government which is a major achievement in view of the strategic importance of Bintulu Port both from the logistical and financial aspect. The Bintulu Port is another additional revenue stream for the State Government.

Similarly, the acquisition of the single largest majority share in Affin Bank Bhd by our government is again another strategic achievement which is one of the catalysts to achieve our

PCDS 2030 target. The latest is PETROS taking over of PETRONAS role as the sole aggregator for gas in Sarawak which is clearly provided for in our Gas Distribution Ordinance leaving no room for negotiation.

We are confident that Sarawak under Yang Amat Berhormat Premier's stewardship will complete the takeover of MASWings in the near future. I must say that these major corporate acquisitions initiated by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier has achieved 100% success rate including the take over of Bakun. Our deepest thanks and appreciation to Yang Amat Berhormat for his visionary, innovative and courageous leadership which made all these possible. Yang Amat Berhormat Premier is always a step ahead and that has always been his edge. We all cannot help wonder what and when will be the next corporate raid or acquisition. Note that all these corporate successes are in addition to the successes secured in our MA63 negotiations with Federal Government under the able and courageous leadership of Yang Amat Berhormat Premier.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to thank our State Secretary and his counterpart the Federal Secretary of Sarawak, for leading the State and Federal Civil Service in making this sitting a success. In recognition of the contribution, dedication and continuing effort to improve the performance and delivery of our State and Federal Civil Servants serving in Sarawak, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier has graciously agreed to reward all of you with a generous bonus as announced a moment ago.

Congratulations to all the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat in this august House for their effort and dedication in voicing the needs and expectations of the *rakyat*. A word of thanks also to all Ministers and Deputy Ministers who have diligently answered questions highlighted in this august House in their pursuit to address and resolve all *rakyat*-related issues.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the officers and staff of the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly, and all the Sarawak and Federal Civil Service officers who have worked hard to make this session a success. I would also like to record my highest appreciation and thanks to Tuan Speaker and Timbalan Speaker for conducting the proceedings of this august House with dedication, distinction and excellence.

Finally, I would like to wish our Christian members of this Dewan and all Christians friends a blessed Christmas, and to all those celebrating Chinese New Year, *Gong Xi Fatt Choi*, and to all our Muslim colleagues and friends, *Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri* and a Happy New Year 2025 to everyone. Sorry, Selamat Gawai Dayak, to all our Dayak friends, my apologies, Tuan Speaker, I got carried away. (*Laughter*). I am happy the House is still alive. (*Laughter*). I stand corrected... (*Interruption*)...

**Tuan Speaker:** Yang Berhormat, a slip of the tongue, is not the fault of the mind. (*Laughter*)

**Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier Sarawak (Buruh, Imigresen dan Pemantauan Projek); dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.78 Mulu (YB Datuk Gerawat Gala):** Thank you very much and on that note Tuan Speaker, I move that the Second Meeting of the Third Term of the 19<sup>th</sup> Sarawak State Legislative Assembly be adjourned with a short *pantun*.

*Dari gua mulu ke Gunung Santubong,  
Jaraknya Panjang jalan terhubung,  
Persidangan ini sudah di penghujung,  
Tugas di kawasan terus disambung.*

*Ikan empurau di dalam Sungai,  
Angkat pukot di waktu pagi,  
Persidangan ini sudah selesai,  
Semoga kita berjumpa lagi.*

Thank you very much.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan ucapan usul penangguhan itu tadi, maka kita telah sampai ke penghujung Mesyuarat Kedua bagi Penggal Ketiga Dewan Undangan Negeri Ke-19.

Alhamdulillah, persidangan yang berlangsung selama lapan hari ini telah berjalan dengan lancar dan teratur atas kerjasama dan keperihatinan semua Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dalam menjaga ketinggian dan kemuliaan Dewan yang mulia ini. Saya berdoa agar semua Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat kembali ke kawasan masing-masing dengan selamatnya dan terus berkhidmat kepada rakyat.

Bagi pihak Dewan yang mulia ini, saya ingin juga mengucapkan jutaan terima kasih kepada Yang Berhormat Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, Yang Arif Peguam Besar Negeri, Yang Berbahagia Setiausaha Kewangan Negeri, Yang Berbahagia Setiausaha Persekutuan, Yang Berbahagia Timbalan-timbalan Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, semua Setiausaha Tetap Kementerian, semua Ketua Jabatan dan Agensi Kerajaan, para pegawai, para petugas khas, dan semua pihak yang telah bertungkus-lumus dalam menjayakan persidangan ini.

Bagi pihak Dewan yang mulia ini, saya ingin mengucapkan selamat menyambut Hari Krismas, Selamat Menyambut Tahun Baru 2025, dan Selamat Tahun Baru Cina kepada semua yang meraikannya, di dalam dan di luar Dewan yang mulia ini. Saya juga akhiri sidang Dewan pada kali ini dengan empat rangkap pantun.

*Lapan hari kita bersua,  
DUN bersidang dengan jayanya,  
Rang Undang-Undang dilulus semua,  
YB berdebat padat hujahnya.*

*Pemimpin sepakat berganding tangan,  
Demi Sarawak bumi tercinta,  
Premier Sarawak tiada tandingan,  
Belanjawan terbesar sejarah tercipta.*

*Regatta Sarawak acara penting,  
Medah berkayuh sungai bergelora,  
Bajet dilulus sky rocketing,  
Sarawak menuju ke bintang kejora.*

*Sungguh harum baru kuini,  
Gugur sebiji ke dalam perigi,  
Sidang November berakhir di sini,  
Tahun depan bersidang lagi.*

Insyallah. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the House is now adjourned *sine die*.

*(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 5.25 petang)*