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| 30. | Puan Nurhaida binti Amin | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Kawasan Sarawak, Jabatan Penyiaran Negeri Sarawak</i> |
| 31. | Puan Dzuridah binti Haji Sariee | <i>Pejabat Timbalan Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri (Perancangan Ekonomi dan Pembangunan), Jabatan Premier Sarawak</i> |
| 32. | Puan Valarie Jane anak Aitman | <i>Pejabat Pembangunan Persekutuan Negeri Sarawak, Unit Penyelarasan Pelaksanaan, Jabatan Perdana Menteri</i> |

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| 1. | Puan Nordiana binti Rabaee | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 2. | Encik Hussein bin Shuini | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 3. | Encik Vong Choon Chan | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 4. | Encik Wan Mohamad Zaki bin Wan Alias | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 5. | Puan Siti Nazilafatullaini binti Sukri | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |

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| 1. | Encik Awang Faizul bin Awang Aboone | <i>Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Berhad</i> |
| 2. | Encik Vincent Vyner ak Tubom | <i>Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Berhad</i> |

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| 2. | Encik Salihin Abu Seman | <i>SAINS</i> |
| 3. | Encik Sufian Sulaiman | <i>SAINS</i> |
| 4. | Encik Mohamad Fadzly | <i>SAINS</i> |

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| 2. | Encik Helmy bin Abdul Rahman | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i> |
| 3. | Encik Shah Riwandu Sia bin Ridzuan | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i> |
| 4. | Encik Mohammad Zaidi bin Rambli | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i> |
| 5. | Encik Edry Saiful bin Abdul Hamid | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i> |
| 6. | Encik Mohd Sahfizal Atoy bin Mohamad Faizal | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i> |
| 7. | Encik Mohamed Nazeerudin bin Gulam Mohamed | <i>Kementerian Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak</i> |

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1. Cik Noria binti Suut
2. Puan Nur Azira binti Abdul Kadir
3. Puan Rabiah binti Abdul Kadir
4. Puan Aisha Parveen binti Badron
5. Encik Abdul Rahman bin Suaidi
6. Puan Siti Norhiza binti Mohammad Yusri
7. Puan Hanisah Abdullah
8. Cik Siti Halimah binti Mohamad Nawawi
9. Puan Hasfarini binti Hassim
10. Cik Nurhaffizah Abdullah
11. Cik Natasha Nadia binti Mohd. Saidi
12. Puan Angela Lisa anak Mathew Linol
13. Encik Felix Aaron anak Michael
14. Cik Calista Abbie anak Sapa @ Patrick Sapa
15. Puan Norziana binti Haji Ahmad
16. Encik Mohd Hasfia bin Abdullah
17. Puan Nur Eliana Abdullah
18. Puan Nazmah binti Darham
19. Puan Tracy Lyana anak Bana
20. Encik Mohd Zulkhairi bin Mohammad Hejemi
21. Puan Dayang Nazira binti Abang Martaza
22. Puan Jasmine Sinja anak Robinson
23. Puan Dayang Noorazilla binti Jasni
24. Cik Parcelia Renyelia anak Pamg
25. Cik Nur Zafirah binti Affendy Michael
26. Puan Deidre anak Wilson
27. Encik Muhammad Elliyas bin Matali
28. Cik Siti Nur Marsitah binti Roslan
29. Puan Nur Amira Lystiani binti Poniman
30. Encik Razali bin Awi
31. Puan Nora binti Atem
32. Encik Zahari bin Bolhi
33. Encik Lukas Jammany anak Kated
34. Encik Hazrin Syah bin Hamzah
35. Encik Salman bin Jaya
36. Encik Alwie bin Haji Ali
37. Encik Romzi bin Bujang
38. Encik Musa bin Julai
39. Cik Hawa binti Morsad
40. Puan Suraya binti Hamden
41. Puan Noraisah binti Ahmad
42. Cik Siti Zalilah binti Samsawi

PELAJAR PRAKTIKAL

1. Cik Siti Zubaidah binti Arip
2. Cik Amyna A'eisya binti Ranani

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 9.10 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 leave notify all the Dewan Members are also Members of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), that there will be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) immediately after this Dewan is adjourn, *sine die* this afternoon as stated in the notice of AGM being circulated. Thank you.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I have granted leave of absence under Standing Order 81 to Yang Berhormat Datuk Michael Tiang Ming Tee, Deputy Minister for Public Health and Housing; and Honourable Member for N.54 Pelawan for today sitting.

**SAMBUNGAN PERBAHASAN ATAS BACAAN KALI YANG KEDUA
RANG UNDANG-UNDANG PERBEKALAN (2024), 2023 DAN USUL UNTUK
MERUJUK RESOLUSI ANGGARAN PERBELANJAAN PEMBANGUNAN BAGI TAHUN 2024**

[Perbahasan daripada Para Menteri]

Tuan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah bin Ali Hasan, Timbalan Premier Sarawak; Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.82 Bukit Sari 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. Pertama sekali saya ingin mengucapkan tahniah ke atas pelantikan semula Yang Berhormat Tuan Speaker sebagai Speaker Dewan Undangan Negeri yang mulia ini.

Saya juga ingin mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah kepada Ahli Yang Berhormat Encik Iskandar Turkee yang telah memenangi kerusi Dewan Undangan Negeri N.67 Jepak semasa Pilihan Raya Kecil pada 4 November 2023 dengan majoriti yang begitu besar sehingga calon-calon lawan kehilangan wang pertaruhan. Di kesempatan ini, saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada seluruh anggota jentera Pilihan Raya Kecil Jepak yang telah bekerja keras untuk memastikan kelancaran Pilihan Raya Kecil tempoh hari. Saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua pengundi di Kawasan N.67 Jepak yang telah memberi sokongan yang begitu padu kepada calon GPS dalam Pilihan Raya Kecil tersebut. Kemenangan besar dan bergaya ini menunjukkan kepercayaan dan keyakinan rakyat terhadap kepimpinan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier dan Kerajaan GPS. Tahniah kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier.

Tuan Speaker, ucapan setinggi-tinggi tahniah juga dizahirkan kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier kerana telah membentangkan Belanjawan 2024 yang merupakan belanjawan terbesar dalam sejarah, merangkumi seluruh sektor bagi membantu Sarawak mencapai status Wilayah Berpendapatan Tinggi Menjelang 2030. Belanjawan yang bertemakan *Development for All: Together, Building A Prosperous, Sustainable and United Sarawak* adalah merupakan *surplus budget and development-biased*. Ini adalah manifestasi kejayaan *revenue reengineering* yang dipelopori oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier sendiri dan Kerajaan GPS, di samping pengurusan kewangan yang kukuh serta pengurusan perbelanjaan yang berhemah.

Di kesempatan ini juga, saya ingin mengucapkan tahniah kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak di atas penganugerahan *Honorary Distinguished Fellow* semasa Persidangan

Persekutuan Pertubuhan Kebangsaan ASEAN yang Ke-41 (CAFEO-41) yang telah diadakan di Bali, Indonesia pada 22 November 2023.

Saya juga mengucapkan jutaan terima kasih kepada semua 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 dan beberapa perkara di bawah Jabatan Premier Sarawak.

Program Pengukuran Tanah NCR Inisiatif Baharu

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, Kerajaan Sarawak sentiasa mengiktiraf dan mempertahankan hak rakyat ke atas tanah NCR mereka yang sah dan diwujudkan selaras dengan peruntukan undang-undang tanah sedia ada. Pengukuran dan pengeluaran surat hak milik tanah NCR telah dilaksanakan sejak tahun 1960-an lagi, khususnya melalui Operasi Penyelesaian (*Settlement Operation*) selaras dengan Bahagian V Kanun Tanah Sarawak Bab 81.

Bagi memastikan pengukuran tanah NCR dilaksanakan secara lebih efisien dan efektif, Program Pengukuran Tanah NCR Inisiatif Baharu ini telah dilaksanakan bermula pada tahun 2010. Melalui inisiatif ini, sehingga 31 Oktober 2023, seluas lebih kurang 1,118,851 hektar atau 2,764,681 ekar telah berjaya diukur secara perimeter dan seluas lebih kurang 867,516 hektar atau 2,143,632 ekar daripadanya telah pun diwartakan sebagai Rizab Komunal Bumiputera (Pertanian) di bawah Seksyen 6 Kanun Tanah Sarawak. Ini merupakan satu pencapaian yang begitu tinggi sekali jika kita bandingkan sejak daripada tahun 60-an lagi hingga tahun 2010, kita cuma berjaya menyukat lebih kurang 260,000 hektar sahaja.

Tuan Speaker, pewartaan untuk baki kawasan yang telah diukur secara perimeter akan dilaksanakan secara berterusan. Kerja-kerja pengukuran ini adalah berdasarkan permohonan daripada pihak yang terlibat. Mana-mana kawasan yang terlibat dengan kes mahkamah, ianya hanya akan diukur setelah kes tersebut selesai atau pihak yang terlibat menarik balik tuntutan mereka di mahkamah dan membuat permohonan baharu untuk menyertai program ini.

Sejak tahun 2017, fokus pengukuran juga ditumpukan kepada pengukuran lot-lot individu di bawah Seksyen 18 Kanun Tanah Sarawak. Bagi kawasan yang telah diwartakan di bawah Seksyen 6 Kanun Tanah Sarawak berdasarkan permohonan dan kesediaan penuntut-penuntut tanah tersebut.

Sehingga 31 Oktober 2023, sebanyak 77,954 lot individu telah berjaya diukur yang melibatkan kawasan seluas 94,979 hektar atau 234,693 ekar yang telah dan akan dikeluarkan surat hak milik tanah di bawah Seksyen 18 Kanun Tanah Sarawak.

Bagi mempercepatkan pengukuran lot individu tanah NCR ini, penuntut tanah hendaklah hadir semasa pengukuran di lapangan, menandakan 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, Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Serembu, Tebedu, Meluan, Katibas, Tellian, Opar, Bukit Semuja dan Batu Danau telah menyarankan agar pengukuran tanah NCR sama ada pengukuran perimeter dan individu bagi tujuan pengeluaran Surat Hak Milik Tanah dipercepatkan.

Sebagaimana yang telah saya nyatakan tadi, di samping pengukuran perimeter di bawah Seksyen 6 Kanun Tanah Sarawak, Jabatan Tanah dan Survei juga akan memberi fokus kepada pengukuran lot individu untuk pengeluaran surat hak milik tanah di bawah Seksyen 18 Kanun Tanah Sarawak. Bagi memastikan kelancaran kerja pengukuran ini, para penuntut tanah yang telah

diwartakan tanah mereka di bawah Seksyen 6 hendaklah memohon secara rasmi dan bersedia untuk memastikan pengukuran lot individu berjalan lancar.

Jabatan Tanah dan Survei memerlukan kerjasama, komitmen serta penglibatan langsung daripada semua Ahli Yang Berhormat dan para pemilik tanah dalam menjayakan pengukuran lot-lot individu. Kita memerlukan mereka berada di lapangan, kerana merekalah yang tahu mana sempadan-sempadan tanah mereka. Sudah diberi notis, kita akan berada di lapangan, kadangkala ada yang tak hadir. Kalau dibuat kerja-kerja penyukatan, dah diputuskan, tiba saat kita untuk mengeluarkan surat hak milik, adalah rungutan, ini tak betul, itu tak betul. Susah begitu, jadi Jabatan Tanah dan Survei komited untuk memastikan kerja-kerja pengukuran ini berjalan dengan cepat, tetapi kita memerlukan kerjasama. Mereka yang terlibat sepatutnya berada di lapangan. Tuan Speaker, Jabatan Tanah dan Survei amat memerlukan kerjasama dan komitmen mereka yang terlibat.

Dalam pada itu, Kerajaan menghargai usaha *land documentation* yang telah dilaksanakan oleh Dayak Bidayuh National Association (DBNA) di Bahagian Kuching, Samarahan dan Serian. *Land documentation* tersebut ternyata membantu dan menjadi rujukan bagi kerja pengukuran di lapangan. Walaupun ia tidak 100% tepat, tetapi ia nya membantu kita di dalam usaha untuk mempercepatkan kerja-kerja pengukuran ini. Sebahagian daripada kawasan yang terlibat dengan *land documentation* ini telah pun diwartakan di bawah Seksyen 6 di mana sebahagiannya telah pun diukur secara individu dan dikeluarkan dengan Surat Hak Milik Tanah Seksyen 18 Kanun Tanah Sarawak.

Jabatan Tanah dan Survei akan sentiasa meningkatkan kerjasama dengan pihak DBNA dan *Land Committee* yang ditubuhkan bagi meningkatkan *output* pengukuran dan keluasan tanah yang diukur.

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 (RMK4) merupakan komitmen dan keprihatinan Kerajaan Sarawak terhadap rakyat berpendapatan rendah yang memerlukan tanah untuk mendirikan rumah.

Di bawah peruntukan Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 (RMK12) dan peruntukan Projek Rakyat sehingga 31 Oktober 2023, sebanyak 71 projek SPS dan SPK telah diluluskan yang akan menyediakan sebanyak 7,113 lot kediaman dengan kos pelaksanaan dianggarkan berjumlah RM1.13 bilion. Daripada 71 projek tersebut, 15 projek telah pun siap sepenuhnya mengikut skop pembangunan dan baki 56 projek akan diteruskan sehingga penghujung Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 (RMK12).

Sejak 6 Mei 2018, projek-projek SPS dan SPK yang dilaksanakan menggunakan spesifikasi infrastruktur yang telah ditambah baik seperti jalan yang berturap, parit konkrit, lot-lot yang ditembok dan sistem retikulasi bekalan air serta bekalan elektrik. Kerajaan Sarawak juga telah menetapkan bayaran premium tanah tidak melebihi RM2,500 bagi setiap lot kediaman di dalam SPS dan SPK walaupun kos penyediaan setiap lot tersebut dalam lingkungan RM120,000 hingga RM150,000. Ini membuktikan keprihatinan Kerajaan GPS yang senantiasa memberi perhatian kepada rakyat yang memerlukan bantuan.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Katibas, berhubung dengan permohonan Skim Penempatan Semula (SPS) dan Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) di Pekan Song, Jabatan Tanah dan Survei telah mengenal pasti satu tapak seluas 37 ekar yang terletak di sebelah SPK Jalan Takan Song Fasa 2 untuk tujuan penempatan baharu iaitu Skim Penempatan Semula Song Fasa 3. Skim tersebut dianggarkan menyediakan sebanyak 148 lot kediaman bagi menampung keperluan penduduk di Pekan Song. Cadangan untuk menyediakan infrastruktur berspesifikasi baharu bagi SPS ini akan dikemukakan dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka, SPK Pagan, Saratok akan dilaksanakan secara berfasa. Fasa 1 projek ini akan ditender pada suku pertama tahun 2024 bagi kerja-kerja infrastruktur berspesifikasi baharu melibatkan 144 lot kediaman yang akan disiapkan dalam tempoh 24 bulan. Daripada jumlah tersebut, keutamaan akan diberikan kepada penyediaan infrastruktur untuk 78 lot kediaman bagi penduduk yang menghadapi masalah hakisan sungai yang serius dengan tempoh pembinaan 12 bulan dan dijadualkan siap pada suku pertama 2025. Manakala, kemudahan infrastruktur bagi menampung keperluan penduduk lain yang juga terlibat dengan hakisan sungai akan disediakan apabila keseluruhan skop Fasa 1 siap pada suku pertama 2026.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, Kerajaan telah meluluskan pembangunan infrastruktur berspesifikasi baharu bagi SPK Tellian Fasa 1 di bawah Projek Rakyat dengan peruntukan RM30 juta. Jumlah lot kediaman yang disediakan ialah sebanyak 168 lot dengan infrastruktur berspesifikasi baharu. Projek ini akan ditender pada suku pertama tahun 2024 dan dijadualkan siap pada suku kedua tahun 2026. Bagi SPK Tellian Fasa 2 Peringkat 1 pula, cadangan pelaksanaan skim ini telah diluluskan di bawah Kajian Separuh Penggal Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12. Nilai siling yang diluluskan ialah RM500,000 untuk skop kerja reka bentuk dan akan dimuktamadkan pada tahun 2024. Jabatan Tanah dan Survei akan memohon peruntukan bagi pembinaan infrastruktur berspesifikasi baharu bagi SPK Tellian Fasa 2 Peringkat 1 dan SPK Petanak Fasa 2 serta cadangan baharu bagi pelaksanaan SPK Sungai Ragei/ Sungai Pegei dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13. Saya harap sebutan saya betul.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Lingga, cadangan untuk menaik taraf infrastruktur sedia ada kepada infrastruktur berspesifikasi baharu bagi Skim Penempatan Semula (SPS) dan Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) di daerah Lingga akan dikemukakan untuk pertimbangan di bawah peruntukan Projek Rakyat atau Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, pelaksanaan Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) Beladin yang berkeluasan 80 ekar telah diluluskan di bawah Kajian Separuh Penggal Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 dengan nilai siling berjumlah RM2,034,000 untuk kos reka bentuk dan pengambilan balik tanah bagi sebahagian tapak yang terlibat. Jabatan Tanah dan Survei akan memohon peruntukan bagi pembinaan infrastruktur berspesifikasi baharu bagi SPK Beladin untuk pelaksanaan dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13. Manakala, permohonan peruntukan bagi SPK Beting Maro, SPK Sepinang, SPK Tambak dan SPK Kalok akan dikemukakan semula bagi pelaksanaan dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ngemah, Jabatan Tanah dan Survei akan mengemukakan semula cadangan untuk mewujudkan SPK Nanga Ngungun dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13 untuk pertimbangan. Manakala, untuk pewujudan skim penempatan Nanga Jagau dan Nanga Tada, Jawatankuasa Kemajuan dan Keselamatan Kampung (JKKK) terlibat dinasihatkan untuk mengemukakan permohonan rasmi serta justifikasi kepada Penguasa Tanah dan Survei Bahagian Sibul untuk pertimbangan selanjutnya.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan, permohonan pembaharuan Surat Hak Milik Tanah (*Renewal of Land Lease - RLL*) akan diluluskan sekiranya tanah tersebut tidak terlibat dengan perancangan pembangunan Kerajaan dan penggunaan tanah tidak bercanggah dengan syarat guna tanah yang telah ditetapkan. Ini yang saya bagi tahu dalam Persidangan Dewan yang lepas.

Berhubung dengan permohonan yang tidak diluluskan termasuk kes-kes yang telah dibangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan, ianya telah disemak semula oleh Jabatan Tanah dan Survei di mana ianya telah didapati melanggar syarat guna tanah yang ditetapkan. Sebagai contoh, permohonan ke atas Lot. 1350, Block 8 Senggi-Poak Land District telah ditolak memandangkan hasil siasatan Jabatan Tanah dan Survei ke atas lot berkenaan mendapati masih terdapat sebuah rumah kediaman, sebuah rumah yang dijadikan stor, sebuah rumah yang dijadikan sebagai bengkel kereta. Ianya didirikan di lot yang sama dan masih beroperasi.

Oleh yang demikian, Jabatan Tanah dan Survei telah menasihatkan agar pemohon membuat *remedy* dan mengemukakan permohonan RLL yang baharu. Sekiranya mereka ingin meneruskan aktiviti yang jelas bercanggah dengan syarat tanah yang ditetapkan seperti mengusahakan bengkel kereta, adalah disarankan agar mereka membuat permohonan tukar syarat tanah dan pecah bahagi tanah (AVTC) untuk pertimbangan.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan juga, di Bahagian Kuching, sejumlah 64 lot tanah pertanian yang mana telah didirikan dengan lebih daripada sebuah rumah kediaman telahpun diluluskan permohonan RLL dalam tempoh 2020 hingga 31 Oktober 2023 kerana kesemuanya masih lagi digunakan untuk rumah kediaman dan aktiviti yang memenuhi syarat kelulusan tanah tersebut.

Untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, sejak polisi baharu RLL ini diperkenalkan pada tahun 2007, setakat ini sejumlah 72,140 lot bagi pembaharuan Surat Hak Milik Tanah telah diluluskan di seluruh Negeri Sarawak ini. Jabatan Tanah dan Survei mahu mempercepatkan proses ini asalkan ianya memenuhi syarat. Saya memerhatikan Jabatan Tanah dan Survei adalah di antara Jabatan-jabatan yang mempunyai komitmen yang tinggi untuk meningkatkan mutu perkhidmatan mereka.

Mereka senantiasa berusaha untuk meningkatkan perkhidmatan dan tanggungjawab mereka dilaksanakan penuh amanah dan berintegriti. Jadi, adalah tidak *fair* untuk menyatakan bahawa Jabatan Tanah dan Survei sengaja nak lewat-lewatkan permohonan sedemikian.

Tuan Speaker, ini yang saya nak jelaskan bahawa kita mahu memastikan bahawa perkhidmatan itu akan dapat dipertingkatkan, kalau ada syor yang bagus bagaimana untuk kita nak memperbaiki lagi perkhidmatan kita, kita akan terima, kita akan terima tapi janganlah menuduh sebarangan begitu sahaja tanpa ada syor-syor atau cadangan yang baik yang perlu kita timbangkan dan kita menerima apa juga cadangan untuk mempertingkatkan perkhidmatan kepada rakyat yang tercinta.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan juga, permohonan pembaharuan tempoh surat hak milik tanah kegunaan pertanian (*Renewal of Land Lease – RLL*) yang dikenakan premium sebanyak RM5,000 seekar bagi Tanah Bandar adalah masih rendah dan sangat berpatutan jika dibanding dengan nilai pasaran tanah di kawasan yang telah disebut oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan iaitu kawasan Sejjjak, Jalan Kim Choo Sing dan Jalan Sin San Tu. Sebagai contoh, Lot 170 Block 10 Matang Land District dalam kategori Tanah Bandar yang telah diperbaharui surat hak milik tanah pada 31 Julai 2023, premium yang dikenakan ialah pada kadar RM5,000 seekar sahaja (*one off*) untuk tempoh 60 tahun berbanding dengan nilai pasaran semasa yang dianggarkan melebihi RM500,000 seekar.

Di samping itu, Kerajaan juga telah memansuhkan semua cukai tanah untuk kegunaan kediaman dan pertanian sejak 2016 dan saya ingin nak menjelaskan, sebelum polisi kadar premium baharu bagi permohonan RLL diperkenalkan pada tahun 2007, premium yang dikenakan ialah di antara 25% hingga 61% daripada harga pasaran semasa mengikut kegunaan dan kategori tanah. Mengambil contoh Lot 170 Block 10 Matang Land District yang berkeluasan 1.97 ekar, premium yang dikenakan bagi permohonan RLL berdasarkan polisi lama sebelum ianya diperbaharui, berdasarkan polisi lama ialah RM295,500 iaitu pada kadar 30%. Kita tidak pergi ke maksimum 60%. Kita tetapkan 30% *of the market value* daripada harga pasaran semasa. Namun, berdasarkan kadar premium permohonan RLL semasa, premium yang dikenakan ke atas lot yang sama hanyalah RM9,850 iaitu pada kadar purata RM5,000 seekar. Tanah ini keluasan nya ialah 1.97 ekar tanpa dipengaruhi oleh harga pasaran semasa tanah tersebut yang semakin tinggi. Perbezaannya ialah sejumlah RM285,650 iaitu hampir 30 kali ganda lebih rendah daripada kadar lama. Kalau kita tidak ada polisi baharu ini, mereka akan membayar lebih daripada RM5,000.

Saya ingin menjelaskan sedikit. Sebelum polisi kadar premium baharu bagi permohonan RLL diperkenalkan pada 2007, premium yang dikenakan ialah di antara 25% hingga 61% daripada harga pasaran semasa mengikut kegunaan dan kategori tanah.

Mengambil contoh Lot 170 Block 10 Matang Land District yang berkeluasan 1.97 ekar, premium yang dikenakan bagi permohonan RLL berdasarkan polisi lama ialah RM295,500 iaitu pada kadar 30% daripada harga pasaran semasa. Namun, berdasarkan kadar premiun permohonan RLL semasa, premium yang dikenakan ke atas lot yang sama hanyalah RM9,850 sahaja iaitu pada kadar rata RM5,000 seekar tanpa dipengaruhi oleh harga pasaran semasa tanah tersebut yang semakin tinggi. Perbezaannya ialah sejumlah RM285,650 iaitu hampir 30 kali ganda lebih rendah dari kadar lama.

Tuan Speaker, saya perlu jelaskan di sini kerana kadang-kadang isu seperti ini dijadikan isu untuk memanipulasikan sebahagian daripada masyarakat kita. Tuan Speaker, saya harap saya dapat memperjelaskan kedudukan yang sebenar berhubung dengan perkara ini.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kota Sentosa, lesen kuari milik Sara Kuari Sdn. Bhd. (Stabar Quarry) telah tamat tempoh pada 29 November 2020 dan tidak diperbaharui lagi. Bekas tapak kuari ini terletak di atas tanah berhak milik. Sebagai langkah pemulihan bekas tapak kuari, pemilik tanah sedang memperhalusi pelan pembangunan hartanah di atas tanah berkenaan.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Batu, isu berkaitan setinggian di Sungai Sebiew dan beberapa pendudukan di kawasan tersebut telah pun dibincangkan di dalam Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Bahagian Bintulu. Mesyuarat tersebut telah bersetuju untuk menubuhkan Jawatankuasa Pasukan Petugas Projek Sungai Sebiew yang dipengerusikan oleh Lembaga Kemajuan Bintulu dan dianggotai oleh Jabatan Tanah dan Survei, Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran, Jabatan Kerja Raya, Pejabat Daerah dan agensi lain yang berkaitan. Jawatankuasa tersebut akan meneliti perkara-perkara teknikal dan isu-isu komuniti setempat dalam usaha untuk menempatkan semula penduduk yang terlibat di Skim Penempatan Semula atau Projek Perumahan Rakyat sedia ada di Bintulu.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Machan, bagi mempercepatkan pelaksanaan projek RTP, kelulusan pertapakan (*siting*) bagi semua projek tersebut telah diperturunkan kepada semua Residen Bahagian masing-masing sejak tahun 2018 di mana urus setianya ialah Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Bahagian dan prosedur ini masih berkuat kuasa sehingga kini. Ini adalah untuk memastikan keputusan berhubung dengan kelulusan pertapakan dapat dibuat dengan cepat untuk memastikan projek RTP dilaksanakan dengan lebih efisien.

Pembaharuan Bandar (Urban Renewal)

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, Kajian Separuh Penggal Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 (RMK12) telah memperuntukkan kos siling berjumlah RM601 juta untuk melaksanakan 14 projek sambungan dan tiga projek baharu di bawah Program Pembaharuan Bandar (*urban renewal*). Ini adalah inisiatif berterusan Kerajaan dalam meningkatkan taraf dan kualiti hidup rakyat selaras dengan hala tuju Sarawak Maju Menjelang 2030. Tiga projek baharu yang diluluskan adalah Projek Pembangunan Semula Kampung Seberang Kedai Lawas, kajian untuk Projek Pembangunan Semula Bukit Assek dan satu projek *non-physical* iaitu *Sarawak Urban Development Policy*.

Projek Pembangunan Darul Hana merupakan salah satu projek dalam pelaksanaan yang mana Fasa Pertama melibatkan 318 Ketua Isi Rumah (KIR) dari Kampung Semarang dan Kampung Panglima Seman Lama. Setakat 31 Oktober 2023, seramai 258 KIR telah berpindah ke Darul Hana dan baki seramai 60 KIR dijangka akan berpindah dalam suku pertama tahun 2024. Manakala, Fasa Kedua akan melibatkan sejumlah 253 KIR dari Kampung Pulo Ulu yang juga akan berpindah ke Darul Hana dalam suku kedua tahun 2024.

Di bawah Pembangunan Darul Hana Fasa 1, Kerajaan juga turut mengambil kira keperluan Ketua Keluarga Tambahan (KKT) dengan menyediakan rumah kediaman di Sungai Bedaun yang boleh menempatkan seramai 209 KKT dari Kampung Semarang, Kampung Panglima Seman Lama dan Kampung Pulo Ulu.

Selain itu, Projek Pembangunan Semula Kampung Datu, Sibul juga semakin rancak dilaksanakan di mana sejumlah 251 unit rumah di Kampung Datu Baru dan Kemuyang telah sedia untuk ditawarkan...*(Applause)*... Baguslah ada sambutan begitu, tanda kita berterima kasih dan ini akan memberi semangat lagi untuk agensi pelaksana untuk melaksanakan projek-projek yang perlu dilaksanakan dengan cepat. Jadi, Kampung Datu Baru dan Kampung Kemuyang telah disediakan untuk ditawarkan kepada 239 KIR dari Kampung Datu, sebahagian Kampung Baharu dan sebahagian Kampung Hilir, Sibul yang akan berpindah pada suku kedua tahun 2024.

Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Nangka, senyum lebarnya.

*Pembangunan Bandar Baharu (New Township), Pekan Baharu dan
Pusat Perkhidmatan (Service Centre)*

Tuan Speaker, bagi memastikan jurang ekonomi antara kawasan bandar dan luar bandar dapat dirapatkan, pembangunan di kawasan luar bandar turut diberi perhatian khusus. Antara inisiatif Kerajaan dalam membangunkan kawasan tersebut adalah dengan mewujudkan pembangunan bandar baharu (*new township*), pekan baharu dan pusat perkhidmatan (*service centre*).

Oleh itu, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui Lembaga Pembangunan dan Lindungan Tanah (LCDA) dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 akan meneruskan projek-projek yang berada dalam pelbagai peringkat perancangan dan pelaksanaan seperti berikut:

- (i) Bandar Baru Sebuyau, Samarahan;
- (ii) Bandar Baru Simunjan, Samarahan;
- (iii) Bandar Baru Daro Fasa II, Mukah;
- (iv) Pekan Baru Kabong, Betong;
- (v) Lingga Service Centre, Sri Aman;
- (vi) Matu Service Centre, Mukah;
- (vii) Igan Service Centre, Mukah;
- (viii) Matadeng Service Centre, Mukah; dan
- (ix) Ulu Merapok Service Centre, Lawas.

Kerajaan Sarawak melalui LCDA akan meneruskan kerja-kerja penyediaan infrastruktur dan pembinaan komponen lain seperti perumahan, pasar tamu, kedai mampu milik dan *cottage industry* dalam pembangunan bandar baharu dan pusat perkhidmatan ini mengikut skop yang diluluskan dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 dengan anggaran kos pelaksanaan berjumlah RM207 juta.

Selaras dengan hasrat Kerajaan untuk memenuhi permintaan tinggi rakyat untuk membeli rumah dengan harga berpatutan, LCDA turut terlibat aktif dalam pembinaan rumah mampu milik dengan menggunakan kaedah *Industrial Building System (IBS)*. Kilang IBS secara usaha sama antara LCDA dan CTR Technology Sdn. Bhd. akan mula beroperasi pada Disember 2023 ini bagi menyokong usaha Kerajaan menyediakan rumah kediaman yang mencukupi kepada rakyat Sarawak.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Meluan, Kerajaan telah menyediakan Pelan Struktur Julau yang telah diluluskan oleh Majlis Perancangan Negeri pada tahun 2014. Cadangan pelan pembangunan ini juga telah mengambil kira cadangan *Julau New Township* serta impak pembangunan jajaran projek Lebuhraya Pan Borneo. Komponen-komponen pembangunan yang dicadangkan adalah seperti komersial dan perkhidmatan, kediaman, perindustrian, institusi dan kemudahan masyarakat, infrastruktur dan utiliti serta pembangunan kawasan lapang dan rekreasi. Dari segi pelaksanaannya pula, ia adalah tertakluk kepada keperluan dan peruntukan jabatan dan agensi Kerajaan yang berkaitan serta inisiatif pemaju swasta untuk membangunkan komponen-komponen yang dicadangkan bagi pekan Julau.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, status penyediaan Pelan Pembangunan Pusat Pentadbiran Daerah Pusa 2030 adalah di peringkat deraf akhir di mana pihak Kementerian sedang menambah baik pelan tersebut berdasarkan maklum balas daripada Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pemandu yang telah diadakan pada 23 Jun 2023 dan juga Mesyuarat Pengesahan Data dan Maklumat yang diadakan pada 27 September 2023.

Di samping itu, bagi menghasilkan pelan yang berdaya laksana, praktikal dan komprehensif, semakan dan verifikasi data terkini pembangunan sedang dikemas kini dan dilaksanakan sebelum ia dikemukakan kepada Majlis Perancangan Negeri untuk pertimbangan dan kelulusan.

Melestari Khazanah Hutan

Tuan Speaker, melestari khazanah hutan merujuk kepada usaha untuk mempertahankan dan melestarikan kepelbagaian biologi serta ekosistem hutan. Ini merangkumi amalan pengurusan hutan yang mampan, pemeliharaan habitat flora dan fauna serta penghindaran kegiatan yang menjejaskan khazanah hutan.

Menerusi penambahbaikan dan pemerkasaan polisi sedia ada serta pelaksanaan pelbagai program pengurusan hutan secara lestari, setakat ini, Sarawak masih mengekalkan 7.65 juta hektar atau lebih kurang 62% kawasan litupan hutan di Sarawak. Sarawak merupakan penyumbang terbesar kawasan litupan hutan di Malaysia iaitu sebanyak 42.4% daripada 18.05 juta hektar keseluruhan kawasan berhutan di Malaysia.

Penghijauan Malaysia dan Greening Sarawak Campaign

Tuan Speaker, Program Penghijauan Malaysia yang telah dilancarkan secara serentak di seluruh negara pada 5 Januari 2021 menyasarkan untuk menanam 100 juta pokok dalam tempoh lima tahun. Sebagai komitmen kepada program Penghijauan Malaysia tersebut, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (JHS) komited untuk menanam 35 juta pokok melalui *Greening Sarawak Campaign*. Setakat 31 Oktober 2023, sejumlah 29,295,498 pokok telah ditanam dan merupakan rekod penanaman yang tertinggi di Malaysia. Di samping itu juga, satu program khas yang dianjurkan oleh Jabatan Hutan Sarawak iaitu *Le Tour de Restoration 2.0* telah diadakan dengan menanam sebanyak 60 pokok belian di setiap Bahagian di Sarawak sebagai simbolik Sambutan 60 Tahun Sarawak Merdeka. Ini turut memberi peluang kepada generasi muda untuk mengenali pokok warisan Sarawak dengan lebih dekat memandangkan habitat asal pokok ini jauh di pedalaman.

Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) juga telah melaksanakan project *Rewilding* untuk memulihkan kawasan terosot (*degraded area*) di Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya (TPA). Sehingga Oktober 2023, sebanyak 88,000 pokok telah ditanam di kawasan seluas 85 hektar di dalam TPA seperti di Samunsam, Samajaya, Similajau, Taman Tun Ahmad Zaidi, Piasau, Bukit Lima dan Kuching Wetland.

Pengiktirafan Dunia kepada Khazanah Hutan Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak Delta Geopark (SDGp) yang berkeluasan 3,112 kilometer persegi merupakan kawasan yang terdiri daripada sistem delta yang unik dan dinamik dari Dataran Bengoh menyusuri Sungai Sarawak sehingga ke Laut China Selatan. Selain daripada kaya dengan kepelbagaian geologi dan biologi, ia juga terkenal dengan warisan sejarah, budaya, kepelbagaian etnik dan cerita legenda. SDGp merupakan satu-satunya *geopark* yang berkonsepkan morfologi delta yang luar biasa di dunia ini. Bagilah tepukan...(*Applause*)...yang luar biasa; bukan yang biasa. Ini yang luar biasa di dunia.

Setelah diiktiraf sebagai *geopark* kebangsaan pada tahun 2022, Kerajaan menyasarkan untuk mencalonkan SDGp sebagai UNESCO *Global Geopark* (UGGp) pada tahun 2024 dan dijangka

diiktiraf menjelang tahun 2026. Sebagai persediaan ke arah pengiktirafan global, tadbir urus SDGp telah menyediakan sebuah *roadmap* yang komprehensif bagi mencapai tujuan ini.

Kerajaan juga, melalui SFC telah mendaftarkan Taman Negara Niah ke dalam senarai tentatif sebagai calon Tapak Warisan Dunia UNESCO pada 26 Januari 2021. Pada bulan September 2023, penilaian oleh penilai dari *International Council on Monuments and Sites* (ICOMOS) telah dilaksanakan. Keputusan pengiktirafan akan diketahui pada pertengahan tahun 2024.

Kedua-dua pengiktirafan ini akan meningkatkan imej Sarawak di peringkat antarabangsa dalam pemeliharaan dan pemuliharaan biodiversiti serta meningkatkan sektor ekopelancongan di Sarawak.

Inisiatif Karbon

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak juga merupakan wilayah yang pertama di Malaysia menggubal undang-undang bagi mengawal selia aktiviti karbon di wilayahnya melalui sektor tanah dan perhutanan yang terkandung dalam pindaan Kanun Tanah Sarawak dan *Forests Ordinance* yang masing-masingnya diluluskan oleh Dewan yang mulia ini pada 18 dan 19 Mei 2022.

Melalui pindaan ke atas *Forests Ordinance, 2015* dan penggubalan *The Forests (Forest Carbon Activity) Rules 2022*, perdagangan karbon di Sarawak kini dapat dilaksanakan. Aktiviti perdagangan karbon merupakan potensi baharu untuk menjana pendapatan dari nilai sumber hutan di Sarawak. Setakat ini, satu permit kajian karbon telah dikeluarkan kepada sebuah syarikat tempatan untuk membuat kajian dan menilai potensi sebenar kawasan tersebut bagi menjalankan aktiviti karbon. Tiga lagi permit kajian karbon sedang dalam proses akhir di mana satu daripadanya melibatkan kajian karbon biru di kawasan hutan bakau.

Karbon biru ini merujuk kepada karbon yang disimpan dalam ekosistem laut terutamanya oleh hutan bakau dan rumput laut. Ekosistem ini memainkan peranan penting dalam penyerapan dan penyimpanan kuantiti karbon dioksida yang besar dari atmosfera. Oleh itu, aktiviti melibatkan konservasi berkenaan dengan karbon biru amat penting untuk mengimbangkan penyerapan karbon secara konsisten di masa hadapan.

Manakala bagi aktiviti penyimpanan karbon, satu kawasan berkeluasan 1.318 juta hektar atau 3.257 juta ekar di kawasan perairan Miri-Bintulu telah diluluskan secara prinsip untuk dikeluarkan dengan *Licence for Carbon Storage* kepada Petroleum Sarawak Berhad (PETROS).

Bagi memudah cara aktiviti perdagangan karbon agar lebih sistematik dan teratur serta menyokong komitmen Malaysia untuk mengurangkan gas rumah hijau kepada sifar bersih (*net zero*) menjelang 2050, *the Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Bill, 2023* telah diluluskan oleh Dewan yang mulia ini.

Kerajaan Sarawak turut menjalankan kajian bertajuk *Sarawak Climate Change Policy and Low Carbon Society Blueprints in Cities and Towns, that involves Kuching, Miri, Sibul and Bintulu* bagi merangka langkah mitigasi dan adaptasi untuk mengurangkan pelepasan gas rumah hijau dan memperkukuh daya tahan terhadap perubahan iklim (*climate resilience*).

Sarawak Logs Tracking and Forest Revenue System (REVLOG)

Tuan Speaker, dalam mempertingkatkan penyampaian perkhidmatan kepada pelanggan, Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (JHS) telah membangunkan pelbagai sistem yang diguna pakai berdasarkan aplikasi digital. Salah satu daripada sistem berkenaan adalah *Sarawak Logs Tracking and Forest Revenue System (REVLOG)* iaitu sistem untuk memantau pergerakan dan pengeluaran kayu-kayu balak di seluruh Sarawak serta bagi memastikan tiada ketirisan dalam kutipan hasil cukai hutan.

Sistem REVLOG telah diperakukan keberkesannya dan telah merangkul beberapa anugerah iaitu Pemenang *Sarawak Digital Economy Awards 2023* bagi kategori *Digital Government Award and Silver Award* untuk *Public Service Innovation Asia* di *Malaysia Technology Expo 2023*.

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

Sebagai langkah pemeliharaan hutan dan hidupan liar, Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan Sarawak Forestry Corporation telah dan sedang giat menjalankan aktiviti penguatkuasaan. Sejak tahun 2021 hingga November 2023, Jabatan Hutan Sarawak merekodkan sejumlah 297 kes kesalahan hutan. Sebanyak enam kes telah didaftar untuk pendakwaan di mahkamah, di mana kesemua kes telah diselesaikan, dengan lima orang tertuduh telah disabitkan kesalahan. Dalam tempoh yang sama, nilai jualan kayu rampasan adalah sejumlah RM4,398,786 manakala kompaun yang dikutip bagi kesalahan hutan adalah berjumlah RM1.3 juta.

Manakala dari 2020 sehingga Oktober 2023, Sarawak Forestry Corporation merekodkan sejumlah 419 kes kesalahan berkaitan Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya (TPA) dan hidupan liar. Daripada jumlah tersebut, sebanyak 48 kes telah didakwa di mahkamah, di mana 41 kes dikenakan hukuman denda atau penjara, dua kes *Discharged Not Amounting To Acquittal* dan baki lima kes masih dalam proses perbicaraan. Sementara itu, sebanyak 178 kes telah dikompaun dengan nilai kompaun berjumlah RM537,000 dan baki 193 kes lagi masih dalam pelbagai peringkat siasatan.

Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya/ Totally Protected Areas (TPA)

Tuan Speaker, terdapat sebanyak 67 Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya atau *Totally Protected Areas (TPA)* telah diwartakan dan dikawal selia oleh Sarawak Forestry Corporation dengan jumlah keseluruhan kawasan seluas lebih kurang 2.12 juta hektar. Kawasan TPA ini merangkumi kawasan marin seluas lebih kurang 1.24 juta hektar dan kawasan daratan seluas lebih kurang 872 ribu hektar.

Kerajaan Sarawak menyasarkan kawasan daratan seluas satu juta hektar sebagai Kawasan TPA menjelang 2025. Kesyukuran kepada usaha ini, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui Sarawak Forestry Corporation telah menetapkan lima lagi kawasan daratan untuk diwartakan sebagai TPA iaitu:

- (a) Taman Negara Tutoh-Apoh;
- (b) Rizab Semulajadi Bukit Lima (*Extension 1*);
- (c) Taman Negara Kubah (*Extension 1*);
- (d) Rizab Semulajadi Matang; dan
- (e) Taman Negara Bako Buntal Bay.

Kesemua kawasan ini sudah di peringkat pewartaan awal dan dijangka akan menyumbang kepada pertambahan keluasan kawasan daratan yang akan diwartakan sebagai TPA.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Datu, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (JHS), sedang giat melaksanakan program restorasi pesisir pantai di mana sebanyak 767,389 pokok bakau dan lain-lain spesies pokok pesisir pantai telah ditanam setakat ini. Daripada jumlah ini, sebanyak 20,500 pokok bakau telah ditanam di Pulau Perepat Nature Reserve melibatkan kawasan seluas 6.8 hektar di DUN N.3 Tanjong Datu. Ada gambar dalam slaid, bagus juga. Pada tahun 2018, kawasan *Heart of Borneo* telah diperbesarkan daripada 2.1 juta hektar kepada 2.7 juta hektar, yang turut melibatkan sebahagian kawasan DUN Tanjong Datu.

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Opar, Kerajaan mengambil maklum perkara yang telah diutarakan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bahawa terdapat kawasan Hutan Simpan Gunong Poi yang telah diterokai sama ada untuk aktiviti pertanian atau pembinaan struktur bangunan. Berdasarkan rekod pewartaan, sejak tahun 1927 lagi, kawasan tersebut telah diwartakan sebagai *Gunong Poi Forest Reserve* di bawah Warta GN. CXLV tahun 1927 dan *First Extension*

pula diwartakan melalui GN. 732 pada tahun 1958. Ya, kita melihat ada pertindihan, ada kawasan yang jelas diterokai.

Oleh yang demikian, Kementerian saya akan mengarahkan semua jabatan dan agensi yang berkaitan untuk meneliti semua dokumen, imej satelit dan *orthophoto* yang sedia ada bagi mengesahkan status sebenar tanah berkenaan sebelum sebarang tindakan lanjut dapat diambil.

Sarawak Reef Ball Project

Tuan Speaker, *Sarawak Reef Ball Project* Fasa 1 yang tamat pada tahun 2021 telah berjaya melabuhkan sebanyak 16,800 unit *Reef Ball* sejauh 746 kilometer di sepanjang perairan Sarawak. Pada bulan Julai tahun ini, 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. Yang terpanjang, di seluruh dunia, bagi lagi tepukan...*(Applause)*... Pengiktirafan ini merupakan satu penghargaan tertinggi terhadap usaha dan kesungguhan Kerajaan Sarawak dalam mengurus sumber biodiversiti serta ekosistem marin secara holistik dan mampan.

Kesinambungan kepada projek Fasa 1, *Sarawak Reef Ball Project* Fasa 2 telah dimulakan pada tahun ini dan dijangka tamat pada tahun 2027. Melalui projek ini, sebanyak 5,000 unit *Reef Ball* lagi akan dilabuhkan di 100 kluster yang telah dikenal pasti. Projek ini juga akan memfokuskan kepada pembangunan sosioekonomi penduduk setempat seperti pembangunan kawasan selam SCUBA, kawasan memancing dan projek marikultur batu karang (*coral mariculture*) bernilai tinggi selaras dengan *Sarawak Blue Economy Policy and Roadmap* yang telah diumumkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier baru-baru ini di *41st Conference of the Asean Federation of Engineering Organizations (CAFEO-41)* di Bali, Indonesia.

RIMBA Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, *Research for Intensified Management of Bio-Rich Areas (RIMBA)* Sarawak adalah program penyelidikan yang dijalankan oleh Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) yang menyasarkan pemeliharaan, perlindungan dan pengurusan sumber biodiversiti secara mampan. Pada masa yang sama, RIMBA Sarawak juga menjadi platform antarabangsa di dalam pertukaran pengetahuan, kepakaran dan teknologi di dalam pemeliharaan biodiversiti serta penyelidikan saintifik. Sehingga kini, program ini telah berjaya merekodkan 17 spesis baharu yang terdiri daripada lapan spesis pokok Begonia, tiga spesis serangga, satu spesis reptilia, satu spesis burung dan empat spesis ketam.

Perhutanan Sosial dan Pembangunan Komuniti (Social Forestry and Community Development)

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan Sarawak Forestry Corporation telah melaksanakan pelbagai inisiatif untuk meningkatkan sosioekonomi komuniti yang tinggal di kawasan berhampiran dengan Hutan Simpan Kekal (PFE) dan Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya (TPA). Antara projek dan program yang telah dijalankan adalah:

- (a) Pembinaan sistem bekalan air graviti di Long Kerong, Baram dan Rumah Manggat Batang Ai;
- (b) Pembinaan tujuh buah jambatan gantung di beberapa kawasan di Sri Aman, Baram, Limbang dan Lawas;
- (c) Membekal bahan binaan bumbung rumah untuk Komuniti Segah Selaan Ulu Baram yang melibatkan Long Murung, Long Lamam dan Ba' Sebateu;
- (d) Membangunkan sistem tagang perhutanan di 15 lokasi terpilih;
- (e) Projek penternakan ikan sangkar bagi komuniti Rh. Manggat dan Rh. George, Batang Ai, Sri Aman;
- (f) Penganjuran ekspo Hasil Hutan Bukan Kayu (NTFP) dan *Beyond Timber Carnival (BTC)* setiap tahun; dan

- (g) Penganjuran kursus pertukangan kayu, pembuatan perabot, membaiki enjin sangkut, pembuatan bot gentian kaca dan kursus pendawaian elektrik serta Kursus Lanjutan Kraf Kreativiti NTFP untuk komuniti di pelbagai lokasi di seluruh Sarawak.

Projek dan program yang dijalankan ini mampu meningkatkan pendapatan serta menyediakan kemudahan asas kepada penduduk yang tinggal berdekatan dengan TPA dan PFE selari dengan aspirasi PCDS 2030 dan pada masa yang sama akan memberi impak positif terhadap pemeliharaan khazanah biologi di Sarawak.

Industri Perakayuan Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, sehingga tempoh suku ketiga 2023, nilai eksport produk perakayuan menunjukkan penurunan sebanyak 23% kepada RM2.3 bilion berbanding RM3.0 bilion pada tempoh yang sama tahun 2022. Penurunan nilai eksport ini adalah kesan daripada pengurangan jumlah isipadu eksport produk utama iaitu papan lapis. Jepun masih merupakan pengimport utama bagi produk perakayuan khususnya papan lapis yang menyumbang sebanyak RM1.2 bilion atau 52% daripada keseluruhan nilai eksport Sarawak.

Pasaran utama lain ialah India sebanyak RM381 juta, negara-negara Timur Tengah sebanyak RM189 juta, Taiwan sebanyak RM121 juta dan China sebanyak RM104 juta.

Eksport produk perakayuan masih lagi tertumpu kepada eksport produk utama (*primary product*). Justeru itu, pemain industri perakayuan disyorkan untuk lebih komited melaksanakan transformasi aktiviti dan operasi mereka ke arah pengeluaran produk kayu nilai tambah tinggi (*high value-added products*) dengan menggunakan lebih banyak bahan-bahan mentah dari ladang hutan dan buluh. Untuk tujuan ini, Kerajaan akan terus memperkasakan industri hiliran antaranya industri biojisim (*biomass*), industri perabot, industri berasaskan buluh dan kayu kejuruteraan (*engineered wood*).

Tuan Speaker, industri biojisim mempunyai potensi yang besar untuk diteroka dalam pembangunan ekonomi hijau. Produk biojisim seperti kayu pelet, biochar dan arang briket mempunyai permintaan tinggi di pasaran global kerana ianya merupakan bahan bakar yang lebih mesra alam berbanding bahan bakar fosil (*fossil fuel*). Sehingga suku ketiga tahun ini, Sarawak telah mengeksport produk kayu pelet ke Negara Jepun, Perancis dan Korea bernilai RM36 juta. Di samping itu, produk ini juga mempunyai potensi yang besar untuk penjana tenaga hijau di Sarawak selari dengan aspirasi Kerajaan Sarawak untuk memperkasakan Dasar Tenaga Hijau Sarawak. Produk kayu pelet ini boleh dihasilkan daripada pelbagai sumber bahan mentah seperti sisa buangan kayu, *oil palm trunk* (OPT), *empty fruit bunch* (EFB) dan buluh.

Dalam masa yang sama, pemain industri perakayuan disarankan untuk mengadaptasikan teknologi *Industrial Revolution 4.0* (IR4.0) yang menekankan penggunaan teknologi automasi dan digital untuk lebih berdaya saing sama ada di pasaran tempatan mahupun di pasaran global. Oleh yang demikian, pihak industri perlu berubah dan bersedia untuk melaksanakan *retooling* dalam operasi mereka.

Seiring dengan aspirasi untuk meningkatkan produk kayu nilai tambah tinggi (*high value-added timber product*), PUSAKA sedang menyiapkan *Engineered Wood Product Blueprint* bagi menyediakan garis panduan dan hala tuju pembangunan industri kayu kejuruteraan di Sarawak. Pembangunan industri ini dijangka akan menjadi *game changer* untuk mencapai produk nilai tambah tinggi serta mengoptima penggunaan sumber bahan mentah dari ladang hutan.

PUSAKA juga sedang giat melaksanakan inisiatif penyelidikan dan pembangunan produk atau R&D secara kerjasama pintar dengan institusi penyelidikan dan pengajian tinggi. Ianya juga melibatkan kerjasama langsung pihak industri perakayuan. Dengan usaha ini, Kerajaan berharap

PUSAKA dapat menjadi peneraju dalam menggalakkan penghasilan produk bernilai tambah tinggi dan mampan seterusnya boleh memberi kesan positif kepada peningkatan nilai eksport.

Industri Buluh

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan melalui PUSAKA telah mengambil inisiatif untuk membangunkan industri buluh di Sarawak. Pelan Pembangunan Industri Buluh Sarawak telah disediakan oleh PUSAKA pada tahun 2019 bagi membangunkan industri ini dengan lebih terancang. Antara inisiatif yang dilaksanakan ialah:

- (a) mewujudkan tapak semaian buluh dan *Bambusetum*;
- (b) membangunkan plot perintis (*pilot project*) di Sabal dan Tanjung Manis;
- (c) membangunkan ladang buluh secara komersial dan melalui program penanaman dalam komuniti;
- (d) membangunkan industri hiliran berasaskan buluh; dan
- (e) mempergiatkan aktiviti penyelidikan dan pembangunan.

Produk berasaskan buluh mempunyai potensi pasaran yang luas. Nilai eksport global produk berasaskan buluh pada tahun 2022 ialah USD66.2 bilion dan dijangka akan berkembang pada kadar 4% setahun. Pada tahun yang sama, jumlah nilai eksport produk buluh Malaysia mencecah RM8.4 juta. Manakala bagi Sarawak, nilai pasaran produk buluh ialah sebanyak RM1.2 juta.

Menurut kajian oleh *International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)* yang berpusat di Beijing, China, buluh berupaya menyerap karbon empat kali lebih tinggi dan menghasilkan oksigen 35% lebih tinggi berbanding spesies pokok. Oleh itu, selain daripada menjadi sumber bahan mentah bagi industri hiliran, aktiviti penanaman buluh juga berpotensi tinggi untuk dibangunkan bagi tujuan perdagangan karbon. Kerajaan Sarawak melalui PUSAKA telah menyasarkan 10,000 hektar kawasan untuk penanaman buluh menjelang tahun 2030 sebagai sumber bahan mentah industri hiliran. Sehingga kini, seluas 3,661 hektar kawasan telah ditanam dengan pelbagai spesies buluh oleh pihak industri dan komuniti.

Pembangunan Modal Insan

Untuk memastikan pembangunan industri hiliran dan nilai tambah tinggi dapat dilaksanakan dengan jayanya, PUSAKA melaksanakan program pembangunan modal insan bagi melahirkan tenaga kerja yang mahir, produktif dan berdaya saing. Program latihan kemahiran ini merangkumi *soft skill* dan *technical skill* yang dilaksanakan secara kolaborasi dengan agensi-agensi Kerajaan, universiti dan pihak industri termasuk program SayD'SignerSarawak untuk menghasilkan pereka muda dalam industri pembuatan perabot. Selain daripada itu, PUSAKA juga telah merancang dua program baharu pada tahun 2024 iaitu:

- (a) Program Pembangunan SME untuk pasaran eksport perabot; dan
- (b) *Young Entrepreneur Development Programme (YEP)*.

Pengurusan Alam Sekitar

Selaras dengan hala tuju "*Sarawak Maju Makmur*" menjelang 2030, Kerajaan Sarawak sentiasa memastikan pemeliharaan dan perlindungan sumber asli dan alam sekitar diutamakan. Sehubungan itu, semua projek yang tertakluk kepada *Natural Resources and Environment (Prescribed Activities) Order 1994* diwajibkan untuk menghantar laporan *Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)* untuk kelulusan Lembaga Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar (NREB). EIA merupakan kajian impak terhadap alam sekitar dan langkah mitigasi yang perlu dilaksanakan oleh pihak pemaju. Manakala bagi projek berskala kecil dan dikenal pasti memberi kesan terhadap alam sekitar, pihak pemaju dikehendaki untuk mengemukakan *Environmental Management Plan (EMP)*. Setakat 31 Oktober 2023, sebanyak 49 laporan EIA dan 78 EMP telah diterima. Daripada jumlah tersebut,

sebanyak 48 laporan EIA dan 72 EMP telah diluluskan manakala selebihnya masih dalam pelbagai peringkat penilaian.

Setakat ini, sebanyak 1,003 daripada 1,261 projek telah dipantau melalui *Post EIA Inspection*. Berdasarkan pemantauan tersebut, didapati sebanyak 110 kes ketidakpatuhan terhadap terma dan syarat kelulusan EIA dan EMP telah direkodkan. Daripada jumlah ini, sebanyak dua kertas siasatan dibuka manakala 84 notis dan 24 notis akhir telah dikeluarkan kepada pihak pemaju. Sebanyak 108 kes telah diselesaikan di mana pihak pemaju telah mengambil tindakan sewajarnya untuk memperbetulkan ketidakpatuhan tersebut.

Status Kualiti Udara di Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, seluruh dunia sedang mengalami keadaan cuaca yang tidak menentu kesan daripada perubahan iklim. Malaysia juga turut tidak terkecuali daripada fenomena ini. Dalam tempoh Mei sehingga September 2023, Malaysia secara amnya telah mengalami cuaca panas dan kering. Walau bagaimanapun, pola kualiti udara di Sarawak bagi tempoh Mei sehingga Ogos 2023 berada dalam kategori baik ke sederhana. Namun, pada 1 hingga 5 September 2023, tiupan Angin Monsun Barat Daya telah membawa jerebu rentas sempadan menyebabkan kemerosotan kualiti udara di Kuching, Serian dan Sri Aman, yang masing-masing mencatatkan Indeks Pencemaran Udara (IPU) tertinggi 139, 152 dan 155.

Sepanjang tempoh Mei hingga September 2023, ASEAN *Specialised Meteorological Centre* (ASMC) yang berpusat di Singapura melaporkan sejumlah 11,115 titik panas telah dikesan di negara jiran dan 295 titik panas dikesan di Sarawak. Daripada jumlah ini, hasil pemeriksaan yang dilakukan oleh NREB di lapangan mendapati sebanyak 286 pembakaran terbuka telah dilakukan oleh pekebun-pekebun kecil untuk tujuan sara diri. Manakala, dua kes melibatkan ladang kelapa sawit, empat adalah *false alarm* dan tiga lagi tidak dapat diakses. Amaran lisan telah diberikan kepada pekebun-pekebun kecil manakala satu kes melibatkan ladang kelapa sawit sedang dalam siasatan.

Kerajaan Sarawak melalui NREB telah mengambil pelbagai langkah pencegahan dan penguatkuasaan untuk membendung jerebu punca tempatan (*local haze*), antaranya ialah memberhentikan pengeluaran permit pembakaran terbuka dan membatalkan permit yang telah dikeluarkan jika diperlukan.

Untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, Kerajaan melalui NREB sedang memperkasakan Pelan Strategik Pencegahan Kebakaran Tanah Gambut dan Pembakaran Terbuka Secara Haram untuk menangani pencemaran jerebu di Sarawak.

Status Kualiti Air Sungai Di Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui NREB menjalankan pemantauan kualiti air sungai ambien (*ambient river water quality*) secara berkala melalui pelaksanaan Program Pemantauan Kualiti Air Sungai atau *River Water Quality Monitoring Program* (RWQMP) sejak tahun 1999. Pada tahun 2022, berdasarkan pemantauan terhadap 66 batang sungai di seluruh Sarawak, sebanyak 10 batang sungai adalah dalam kategori Indeks Kualiti Air (IKA) "*Bersih*", 50 batang sungai dalam kategori "*Sederhana Tercemar*", manakala enam batang sungai dalam kategori "*Tercemar*".

Jumlah bilangan sungai yang dikategorikan sebagai "*Bersih*" dan "*Sederhana Tercemar*" telah meningkat kepada 60 pada tahun 2022 berbanding 44 pada tahun 2012, antaranya ialah Sungai Maong dan Sungai Sekama di Kuching, Batang Oya di Mukah dan Batang Tatau di Bintulu. Bagi meningkatkan kualiti air sungai, pihak NREB dan Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) Sarawak telah melaksanakan pelbagai inisiatif seperti:

- (a) memperketatkan syarat-syarat kelulusan EIA bagi projek-projek yang dilaksanakan di sepanjang sungai. Itu ialah merupakan inisiatif yang akan diagihkan;
- (b) mengadakan kempen kesedaran dan pendidikan alam sekitar; dan

- (c) melaksanakan program pemuliharaan sungai dari semasa ke semasa dengan kerjasama agensi lain yang berkaitan.

Di bawah Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12, NREB sedang melaksanakan *The Study on the Carrying Capacity of Rivers in Sarawak for Pollution Management* di Lembangan Batang Rajang. Kajian ini bertujuan untuk menilai dan menganggar keupayaan daya tampung sungai (*river carrying capacity*) bagi menampung beban pencemaran (*pollution loadings*) serta merangka plan pengurusan kualiti air di sungai tersebut.

Pendidikan dan Kesedaran Alam Sekitar

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui NREB komited melaksanakan pelbagai inisiatif pendidikan alam sekitar di seluruh Sarawak, bertujuan untuk meningkatkan kesedaran dan menanam sikap tanggungjawab dalam kalangan masyarakat serta membudayakan pemeliharaan alam sekitar dalam kehidupan seharian. Sehingga Oktober 2023, sebanyak 78 program pendidikan dan kesedaran alam sekitar dilaksanakan yang melibatkan pelbagai pihak berkepentingan, termasuk pemimpin masyarakat, komuniti, pelajar dari peringkat sekolah hingga institusi pengajian tinggi, pihak kerajaan dan swasta, serta pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO). Antara program yang diadakan ialah Perkhemahan Alam Sekitar, Persidangan Alam Sekitar, ceramah dan pameran alam sekitar.

Kempen Pengumpulan Buangan Elektrikal Dan Elektronik (BEE)

Tuan Speaker, sejak tahun 2022, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui NREB dengan kerjasama JAS Sarawak dan Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan (PBT) telah melaksanakan Kempen Pengumpulan Buangan Elektrikal dan Elektronik (BEE) atau *e-waste*, iaitu peralatan elektrikal dan elektronik yang telah rosak, tidak berfungsi, lama atau usang seperti mesin basuh, televisyen, telefon bimbit, peti sejuk dan sebagainya. Objektif program ini adalah untuk meningkatkan kesedaran orang ramai tentang kesan berbahaya BEE ke atas alam sekitar dan kesihatan awam, serta mempromosikan kaedah yang selamat dan mesra alam bagi pengendalian dan pelupusan BEE.

Melalui kempen ini yang telah dijalankan di 26 lokasi seluruh Sarawak pada tahun 2022, sebanyak 218,779 kilogram (218.78 tan metrik) telah berjaya dikumpulkan. Untuk tahun ini setakat 31 Oktober 2023, sebanyak 96,525 kilogram (96.52 tan metrik) telah berjaya dikumpul melalui kempen di 32 lokasi di seluruh Sarawak. Banyak juga tu.

Selain daripada kempen tersebut, Kementerian saya dan beberapa agensi berkaitan sedang bekerjasama untuk menyediakan tempat pengumpulan, pusat pengumpulan dan kemudahan pemerolehan kembali (*recovery facility*) BEE di Sarawak. Pada masa ini, kemudahan pusat pengumpulan berdaftar telah diwujudkan di Kuching dan Miri. Kita sedang mengenal pasti tempat pengumpulan tambahan untuk memudahkan orang ramai melupuskan BEE mereka pada bila-bila masa di lokasi-lokasi yang disediakan di seluruh Sarawak. Manakala, cadangan untuk penubuhan kemudahan pemerolehan kembali BEE di Sarawak sedang dalam penelitian untuk menentukan daya maju dan kebolehlaksanaannya.

Anugerah Alam Sekitar Premier Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, Pengiktirafan Kerajaan terhadap usaha dan komitmen berterusan penjagaan alam sekitar di Sarawak dilaksanakan melalui penganjuran Anugerah Alam Sekitar Premier Sarawak (*Premier Sarawak Environmental Award - PSEA*) secara dwi-tahunan sejak tahun 2001. PSEA 2023/2024 edisi ke-11 akan dilancarkan pada 6 Disember 2023. Buat pertama kali pada edisi ke-11 ini, *champion* bagi setiap kategori yang dipertandingkan akan menerima hadiah wang tunai selain daripada piala dan sijil. Sehubungan itu, saya menyeru semua pihak daripada pelbagai sektor untuk menyertai PSEA 2023/2024 ini.

Pengiktirafan

Tuan Speaker, Kementerian bersama-sama dengan jabatan dan agensi di bawahnya sentiasa komited untuk memberi perkhidmatan yang berkualiti secara berterusan kepada pemegang taruh dan *stakeholders*. Usaha-usaha ini telah diiktiraf melalui pelbagai anugerah yang telah diterima pada tahun ini antaranya:

(a) Anugerah Inovasi

- (i) Empat Anugerah Emas di *International Convention on Quality Control Circle 2023*, Beijing, China pada 30 Oktober hingga 2 November 2023 yang menerima pingat tertinggi ini ialah:
 - (1) Kumpulan SHARKS dari PUSAKA;
 - (2) Kumpulan Borneensis II dari Jabatan Hutan Sarawak; dan
 - (3) Kumpulan V-Tech 12 dan Kumpulan Sassoku Tech dari Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Sarawak.

Ini peringkat antarabangsa *tau*, bukan main-main.

- (ii) *Special Award International Alliance of Innovation and Invention Association (IAIA)* kepada Kumpulan V-Tech 12 dan tiga pingat emas semasa *Public Innovation Award, Malaysia Technology Expo (MTE) 2023* pada 17 Mac 2023 di Kuala Lumpur kepada Kumpulan V-Tech 12, Kumpulan Lands Tahai Q dan Kumpulan Sassoku Tech kesemuanya dari Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Sarawak; dan
- (iii) Anugerah Inovasi Premier Sarawak dan Anugerah Inovasi SCSICA Agensi Utama Negeri Sarawak kedua-duanya kepada Kumpulan Lands Tahai Q dari Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Sarawak semasa *Sarawak Civil Service Innovation Convention Award (SCSICA) 2023* pada 27 Oktober 2023.

(b) Anugerah Kecemerlangan Korporat

- (i) *The International Business Review Borneo Awards 2023* dalam kategori *Corporate Excellence in the Timber Industry for Economic Zone Development* kepada PUSAKA;
- (ii) *The International Business Review (IBR) Borneo Awards 2023* dalam kategori *Corporate Excellence in Community Development for Sustainability* kepada LCDA;
- (iii) *Euro Business Haller Poland* untuk *Continuous Monitoring and Surveillance System (COMOS)* kepada Jabatan Hutan Sarawak;
- (iv) *Gold Award in Public Service Innovation Asia Continuous Monitoring and Surveillance System (COMOS)* dan SARABOM kepada Jabatan Hutan Sarawak; dan
- (v) Anugerah GLC of The Year: *Community at Heart Award 2023* daripada CSR Malaysia di bawah naungan Pertubuhan Amal Tanggungjawab Kemampanan dan Korporat Malaysia kepada LCDA.

(c) *The Brand Laureate Best Brands Awards 2022 – 2023 (Nation Pride Category for Sustainable Forest Management)* dari *The World Brands Foundation (TWBF)* kepada PUSAKA.

(d) Anugerah Integriti

Anugerah Integriti, Tadbir Urus dan AntiRasuah (AIGA) 2022 Kategori Perak kepada PUSAKA dan Jabatan Hutan Sarawak.

Perkhidmatan Awam Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Meluan, Kerajaan Sarawak sentiasa memberi perhatian dan menghargai penjawat awam, lebih-lebih lagi dalam meningkatkan kompetensi mereka bagi memastikan penyampaian perkhidmatan yang bertaraf dunia. Untuk mencapai matlamat tersebut, pelbagai inisiatif telah dilaksanakan termasuk aspek latihan. Di antara program-program latihan yang dilaksanakan ialah *Senior Fellowship Program*, *Advanced Management Program*, *Oxford Centre of Islamic Studies (OXCIS) Sabbatical Program* dan *Lee Kuan Yew Senior Fellowship in Public Service Program*. Melalui program-program ini, beberapa pegawai kita telah pun dihantar ke universiti-universiti terkemuka antaranya Harvard University, Cambridge University, University of Oxford dan Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore.

Di samping itu, Kerajaan Sarawak juga telah melantik satu firma perunding sumber manusia untuk mengkaji dan memberi cadangan ke arah penambahbaikan Skim Perkhidmatan Awam Sarawak dari segi insentif, kemajuan kerjaya, kemudahan, ganjaran, kebajikan dan sebagainya. Hasil kajian ini nanti akan dijadikan garis panduan bagi menambah baik Skim Perkhidmatan Awam Sarawak.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Opar, bilangan pegawai teknikal sedia ada di Daerah Lundu ialah 13 orang. Bagi memantapkan pelaksanaan projek di Daerah Lundu, sebanyak tiga jawatan teknikal baharu telah diluluskan dan akan diisi pada tahun 2024.

Manakala untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pelagus pula, sebanyak 31 jawatan kumpulan pelaksana baharu diperuntukkan bagi Pentadbiran Bahagian Kapitan dan akan diisi pada bulan Disember 2023. Sementara itu, sebanyak 16 jawatan teknikal baharu telah diluluskan dan akan diisi pada tahun 2024.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tamin pula, pihak Unit Pengurusan dan Pembangunan Sumber Manusia, Jabatan Premier Sarawak bersama Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak akan mengkaji keperluan sumber manusia di Stesen Pertanian Selangau dan Stapang seperti yang dibangkitkan.

Tuan Speaker, pantun;

*YAB Premier umum belanjawan,
Undang-undang baru juga diumumkan,
Impian terlaksana tingkat pendapatan,
Maju dan makmur warga terangkum.*

*Memang berseri memakai tanjak,
Pakaian pahlawan di Bukit Sari,
Bijak bistari Premier Sarawak,
Berbilion ringgit boleh dicari.*

*Rembulan senja mula bercahaya,
Menyinari alam hingga ke fajar;
Sekian saja penggulungan saya,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

Demikianlah saya ucapan penggulungan saya bagi Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar serta beberapa perkara di bawah Jabatan Premier Sarawak. Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, we have break, sitting resume at 11.30 a.m.

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[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Tuan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah bin Ali Hasan, Timbalan Premier 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, firstly, I would like to congratulate Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak for tabling an expansionary budget that is people centric and development-biased to support the robust economic growth of Sarawak. As reported by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, our economy is expected to grow between 4.0% to 5.0% in 2023, supported by domestic demand. While the services sector will become the main driver of the growth, the manufacturing sector is expected to moderate to 3.3% in 2023 due to decline in LNG production and sluggish external demand.

The aptly themed 2024 Budget, *“Development for All: Together, Building a Prosperous, Sustainable and United Sarawak”* aims to stimulate economic growth. The Budget is framed across 12 Strategic Thrusts which includes promoting investment, entrepreneurship and SMEs development as well as transforming Sarawak into a competitive and resilient economy. These strategic thrusts not only address the need to create a conducive climate for investment, development of industrial parks and business premises, but also continue to facilitate our businesses and SMEs to revitalise and grow their businesses.

I would like to thank Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak for the budget allocated to my Ministry in 2024 to implement initiatives to facilitate investment, entrepreneurship development and industrialisation agenda. This exemplifies the seriousness in our approach to further accelerate the economic growth of Sarawak. My Ministry will continue to embark on measures to promote Sarawak as a preferred investment destination and nurture our Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). We will collaborate with all Federal and State Agencies to implement initiatives and strategies for sustainable economic growth.

Tuan Speaker, I will now report on my Ministry’s achievements thus far.

DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY AND INVESTMENT

Quality investment is crucial to create a complex supply chain and a right ecosystem for a globally competitive economy. Sarawak is now actively attracting high-value, high-growth investments that can catapult Sarawak economy to achieve high income status by 2030.

Based on preliminary figures for the first three quarters of this year, Sarawak recorded RM16.67 billion worth of investments despite the sluggish global economy. Manufacturing sector contributed 68% of the total investment, followed by 19% from primary sector and 13% from services sector. These investments are expected to create more than 4,500 employment opportunities.

The manufacturing sector was the largest contributor for investment, attracting RM11.37 billion worth of investment from 73 projects mainly in non-metallic mineral products, basic metal products and electrical and electronic products.

As the investment climate remains favourable, domestic and foreign investors continue to place confidence in Sarawak. This is evident in the newly approved manufacturing related investments, mainly in:

- (a) non-metallic mineral products (graphite) – RM6.3 billion;
- (b) chemical and chemical products (Epichlorohydrin or ECH and fertiliser) – RM769 million; and

- (c) basic metal products (steel pipe) – RM62 million.

Existing investors are also taking advantage of this and expanding their presence in Sarawak, mainly in:

- (a) basic metal products (copper foil and building materials) – RM2.3 billion;
- (b) electrical and electronics products (wafer probing & IC testing and solar ingot & wafer) – RM1.2 billion; and
- (c) chemical and chemical products (fertiliser) – RM154 million.

Sarawak has been receiving new investment proposals from both foreign and domestic investors, including:

- (a) components for batteries used in electric vehicle – RM5 billion;
- (b) green metal – RM2.59 billion; and
- (c) medical gloves – RM1.5 billion.

Investment in mining was the main contributor of the primary sector with four main projects from oil and gas upstream activities worth RM2.7 billion. These projects are located offshore of Miri and Bintulu, namely:

- (a) Helang – RM624 million;
- (b) D18 – RM766 million;
- (c) F6 – RM792 million; and
- (d) E11 Shallow Clastics – RM566 million.

Sarawak is now focusing on promoting digital and green economy, leveraging on our renewable energy and decarbonisation solutions such as carbon trading and innovative climate mitigation and adaptation technology. We aspire to be a regional leader in innovation and technology-based economy.

Sarawak is becoming more prominent as a destination for digital investment. We are evaluating a proposal for hyperscale green data centre worth RM17.6 billion. Sarawak will continue to diversify our digital investment portfolio to build a robust ecosystem.

Sarawak is at the forefront in embracing Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) technology in Southeast Asia, which opens up new avenues for economic opportunities associated with low carbon manufacturing activities.

The amendment of Forest Ordinance and Land Code as well as the just enacted Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions) Ordinance, 2023 enable Sarawak to be at the advanced stage to champion CCUS and carbon trading activities in Malaysia. These Ordinances provide legislative powers for us to regulate, manage and promote activities related to carbon trading, CCUS and nature businesses.

Tuan Speaker, PETROS has been appointed as the resource manager for Sarawak's natural CCUS assets with the first licence already issued to them by Sarawak Government for carbon storage. This development would unlock and commercialise the exploitation of stranded sour gas reserves offshore Sarawak.

Currently, PETROS is collaborating with PETRONAS on a "*Development and Storage*" Agreement and storage permit application for the first carbon capture and storage (CCS) at M1 depleted gas field in Sarawak in compliance with Land Code (Carbon Storage) Rules, 2022. PETROS is also finalising a "*CCS as a service*" Agreement with an international consortium which is expected to be announced by our Premier.

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak Government will continue to drive the sustainable development of oil and gas industry. PETROS is already participating in 17 Offshore Blocks in Sarawak, of which 10 exploration blocks have commenced exploration activities. These activities are in partnership with SKEO from Korea, INPEX from Japan, PTTEP from Thailand, Longboat Energy from Norway, Shell and PETRONAS, involving more than RM3.5 billion of investments over the next three years. For the other seven offshore blocks, five are in production and two are in development phase, with plan to invest more than RM8.5 billion CAPEX over the next three years.

In addition, PETROS and PETRA Energy has commenced drilling activities in Onshore Block SK433 in Miri. PETROS has already completed the prospectivity study for Onshore Block SK334 in Limbang and Lawas area. Going forward, PETROS will continue to be actively involved in upstream activities especially in rejuvenating onshore exploration and commercialisation.

In midstream and downstream activities, Sarawak is in the midst of developing four hubs namely in Bintulu, Samalaju, Miri and Kuching under the Sarawak Gas Roadmap. These hubs will provide access to gas, green energy and carbon capture infrastructure to enable the industries to achieve Net Zero target by 2050.

For the Bintulu hub, the Petchem Industrial Park is rapidly developing. The RM7 billion methanol project is at pre-commissioning stage and the RM363 million medical glove project is under construction. Meanwhile, one sour gas commercialisation project of RM23 billion is at the construction stage and three projects are expected to reach final investment decision (FID) in 2024, comprising two hydrogen projects worth RM24 billion and one sour gas commercialisation project of RM23 billion.

For the Samalaju hub, PETROS will be investing in pipeline to deliver gas to Samalaju Industrial Park by end of 2025. This will enable the commissioning of 1GW Combine Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power plant by Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB). Whilst in Miri, PETROS is developing 500MW CCGT power plant in collaboration with SEB and to be operationalise by 2027.

For the upcoming Kuching Gas Hub, PETROS has completed feasibility study and will complete the concept select by 2024. The Sarawak Gas Roadmap is gaining momentum, as such, we welcome foreign and domestic investors to participate in the opportunities outlined.

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak's strong renewable energy potential presents a major attraction for investors to meet their Net Zero Carbon target. Consequently, these will lead to high value and quality investment to Sarawak to support our development agenda, particularly on green and digital economy.

My Ministry is currently reviewing the recommendations from the Master Plan for the Development of Industrial Terminals in Sarawak in the effort to further enhance the attractiveness and competitiveness of Sarawak as the preferred investment destination. These include:

- (a) park management for Sama Jaya and Samalaju;
- (b) potential value chain development for new energies such as hydrogen, ammonia, solar and biomass;
- (c) SME positioning and value creation; and
- (d) Sarawak-Nusantara integration repositioning.

I am happy to inform this august House that InvestSarawak has started operation since August this year to facilitate investors in all economic sectors. InvestSarawak will serve as the One Stop Centre for all foreign and domestic investments as part of our efforts to improve the ease of doing businesses in Sarawak.

Among the roles and functions of InvestSarawak include providing advisory services, facilitating investment and trade, formulating attractive incentive packages for investors, organising

business networking and familiarisation programmes as well as evaluating strategic project. InvestSarawak will work closely with all ministries, agencies and Sarawak Trade & Tourism Offices to promote investment and trade in Sarawak.

Sarawak Trade & Tourism Office Singapore (STATOS) which was established in 2019 has been playing the role as a facilitator for trade, investment and tourism. STATOS aims to connect Sarawak to the global market through Singapore. Among the efforts to connect Sarawakian enterprises to Singapore market for food and promote tourism activities, including hosting webinars, participating in Singapore Trade Shows and introducing Sarawak Ambassador programme as well as the Promotion Assistance Scheme.

To date, these activities have successfully generated more than RM70 million of export, with more than 35 local suppliers to export their products and services globally through Singapore including 19 Sarawakian enterprises supported under the Promotion Assistance Scheme offered by STATOS. In addition, these activities also attracted three Singaporean corporates to organise business retreats and events in Sarawak, involving more than 400 participants. In terms of investment, a Singaporean company is in negotiation to invest approximately RM45 million in floating solar manufacturing project.

Recognising the important roles and functions of Sarawak Trade and Tourism Offices within this region, Sarawak Trade & Tourism Office Brunei (STATOB) has been established in Brunei Darussalam and expected to be in operation by 2024. We are also planning to set up a similar office in Kalimantan, Indonesia.

To ensure all these initiatives and efforts are more effective, my Ministry will develop the Sarawak Investment Policy with the aim to provide a comprehensive investment promotion strategy, including formulating well-structured and targeted investment incentives to attract both domestic and international investors.

DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE

Tuan Speaker, for the period of January-September 2023, Sarawak's total trade was valued at RM140.3 billion which was lower by 12.7% as compared to the same period last year. Exports were valued at RM93.7 billion, decreased by 16.8% and imports stood at RM46.6 billion, contracted by 3.2%. This was due to slower global demand, uncertainties in commodity prices and high base effect last year. Subsequently, trade balance was recorded at RM47.1 billion.

My Ministry has introduced two new pilot programmes to further enhance the competencies of SMEs especially those export-oriented entrepreneurs to penetrate global markets, namely:

- (a) MINTRED Connects which aims to provide more opportunities for SMEs to directly engage with international partners. In June and September this year, 13 memorandums of understanding and two memorandums of agreement were signed in Guangzhou and Beijing, China. These MOU and MOA will foster greater collaboration in the areas of trade and technology. We have also matched 10 Sarawak SMEs with over 100 partners in China for Sarawak products and services to have wider access to the China market; and
- (b) Export Boot Camp programme which intends to build the capabilities of SMEs to have better access to the global export market. To date, this programme has benefited over 100 SMEs.

SMEs, particularly those involved in export-oriented businesses, are encouraged to leverage on the various Free Trade Agreements signed by Malaysia to venture into new markets and enjoy preferential tax.

DEVELOPMENT OF ENTREPRENEUR

Tuan Speaker, in 2022, World Bank reported that MSMEs play a vital role in the global economy, accounting for approximately 90% of businesses worldwide. Their significance is not only in numbers but also in the substantial impact they have on employment, with MSMEs providing jobs for over 50% of the global workforce.

In Malaysia, MSMEs formed an integral part of the economy by constituting up to 97.4% total business establishments. The contribution of MSMEs to Malaysian GDP is 38.4%, which also provided 48.2% of employment opportunities. These numbers could be significantly higher when informal sectors are included.

In addition, the surveys by Huawei and SME Corp. Malaysia showed that the online presence among the MSMEs through websites, social media and e-commerce platforms is accounted at 80.6%. However, 53.8% of our MSMEs are still lacking in back-end digitalisation solutions that can increase productivity, especially in finance and accounting, HR management and operation management.

For Sarawak, Department of Statistics Malaysia reported that the number of business establishments for MSMEs increased from 61,036 in 2015 to 83,708 in 2022. These establishments comprise 81.5% micro enterprises, 16.7% small enterprises and 1.8% medium enterprises. The statistics indicated that the MSMEs are resilient in countering the unprecedented aftermath of pandemic COVID-19.

Therefore, we will continue to nurture and support the growth of our MSMEs to harness their economic potential as they are the key drivers of socio-economic growth and job creation in Sarawak.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MSMEs

Tuan Speaker, my Ministry will continue to strengthen our MSMEs through various financial assistance. The financial assistance offered by my Ministry under the 12th Malaysia Plan totalled RM166 million for six programmes, namely:

- (a) Program Graduan ke Arah Keusahawanan (GERAK);
- (b) Program Usahawan Teknikal & Vokasional (USTEV);
- (c) Program Go Digital;
- (d) Skim Kredit Mikro Sarawak (SKMS);
- (e) Skim Pinjaman Industri Kecil dan Sederhana (SPIKS); and
- (f) Interest subsidy schemes for the Special Relief Fund (SRF), Targeted Relief & Recovery Facility (TRRF) and PENJANA Tourism Financing (PTF).

To date, more than 7,300 businesses have benefited from these financial assistance totalling RM155.67 million.

My Ministry has recently launched a collaboration between Invest Sarawak, United Nations Global Compact Network for Malaysia & Brunei and Alliance Bank to provide RM1 billion of green financing to all Sarawakian MSMEs towards adopting sustainable business practices in Environment, Social and Governance (ESG).

There are many, many more financing facilities in the pipeline to assist MSMEs towards ease of access for funding. We believe only with a strong and sustainable business value chain, Sarawak can attract the best investments.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Tuan Speaker, my Ministry will continue to enhance the capacity and capability of our entrepreneurs. Therefore, my Ministry has been allocated RM49.4 million during the 12th Malaysia Plan to enhance entrepreneurs' competitiveness and adaptability in dynamic business environment.

To date, more than 41,000 MSMEs have participated in the capacity building program provided by my Ministry. Among these programs are:

- (a) basic, technical & skills entrepreneurship as well as digital entrepreneurship; and
- (b) product promotion and market access through participation in national & international exposition and showcase.

Tuan Speaker, in addition to the assistance provided by my Ministry, I am pleased to inform this august House that other agencies such as Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia, SME Corp. Malaysia, Suruhanjaya Koperasi Malaysia, SME Bank, MARA, Unit Pembangunan Kontraktor dan Pembekal (UPKP), SEDC and SDEC are providing similar assistance amounted to RM1.76 billion to more than 205,000 Sarawakian entrepreneurs.

Tuan Speaker, my Ministry has established Sarawak Entrepreneur Development Coordination Committee (SEDCC) with the aim to coordinate the various entrepreneurship initiatives by more than 60 Federal and State agencies in Sarawak. These initiatives include financial assistance, capacity building, marketing, business premises, digital as well as technology and innovation.

My Ministry will also develop a master plan to enhance the competitiveness of MSMEs in Sarawak. The master plan will develop strategies and action plans to address the identified challenges as well as to promote entrepreneurs' growth, competitiveness, and sustainability within each sector.

DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUSINESS PREMISES

Tuan Speaker, I wish to inform this august House that five industrial parks and one Anjung Usahawan have been completed this year, namely:

- (a) Sematan Industrial Estate Phase 1;
- (b) Sri Aman Industrial Estate;
- (c) Betong Industrial Estate Phase 1;
- (d) Kapit Industrial Estate;
- (e) Samalaju SME Cluster Phase 1 and 2; and
- (f) Anjung Usahawan Gedong.

There are 41 projects still at the various stages of implementation such as under construction, tender, design, land acquisition, appointment of consultant or siting application.

The proper and orderly development of industries, particularly through the clustering of industries in designated areas will create synergy and bring positive multiplier effects that benefit the economic development of Sarawak. For example, the high-tech industries in Sama Jaya and energy intensive industries in Samalaju, Bintulu have collectively:

- (a) created more than 23,000 employment opportunities with locals filling up most of the positions;
- (b) paid RM1.3 billion in annual wages;
- (c) contributed RM6.3 billion to the local economy; and
- (d) exported more than RM27 billions of locally produced products.

In line with PCDS 2030, my Ministry is committed to ensure a conducive environment for our industry players and business communities to grow and prosper. We will intensify our efforts to

upgrade our industrial infrastructure, enhance and strengthen the capacity and capability of our MSMEs, attract quality investments, as well as grow our international trade to achieve economic prosperity, social inclusivity and environmental sustainability.

Tuan Speaker, saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Meradong, Katibas, Kalaka, Simunjan, Kabong dan Tellian yang telah membangkitkan isu berkaitan dengan keusahawanan dan pelaksanaan Anjung Usahawan.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Meradong, a total ceiling of RM3.3 million for Anjung Usahawan and Mini Industrial Park Meradong was approved under 12th Malaysia Plan. Currently, the Land and Survey Department is acquiring the land which is expected to be completed in 2024. My Ministry is currently in the process of appointing consultants for the project.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Katibas, my Ministry is currently evaluating alternative site for Anjung Usahawan Song. I hope Ahli Yang Berhormat for Katibas can assist us to identify the most suitable site for the purpose.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Simunjan dan Kabong, Kementerian saya telah mengemukakan permohonan pertapakan bagi Anjung Usahawan Simunjan pada Mei 2023 dan pertapakan semula bagi Anjung Usahawan Kabong pada September 2023. Sehubungan itu, bagi mempercepatkan pelaksanaan projek-projek tersebut, pelantikan perunding-perunding projek telah diselesaikan pada Oktober 2023.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui Pekeliling SPA No.3/2014: *Procedures and Guidelines to apply for the usage of Residential Premises for Business Activity* pada tahun 2014 telah membenarkan penggunaan premis perumahan bagi menjalankan perniagaan berskala kecil sebagai premis sementara untuk tempoh 5 tahun. Aktiviti-aktiviti perniagaan yang dibenarkan adalah aktiviti yang tidak akan menimbulkan masalah kesihatan, ancaman keselamatan dan kacau ganggu awam. Contohnya, perniagaan dalam talian, perkhidmatan, kedai runcit, barang kecantikan dan kesihatan. Tapi bukan lah untuk projek yang mengganggu dari segi masyarakat itu sendiri, macam yang saya cakap tadi dalam penggulungan saya sebelum ini, ada rumah dijadikan sebagai garaj, dijadikan sebagai *workshop* dan dijadikan sebagai seolah-olah *warehouse*. Tak boleh lah.

Sebab itu, garis panduan tersebut telah mensyaratkan para usahawan yang menggunakan rumah kediaman sebagai premis perniagaan sementara perlu mendapatkan persetujuan daripada Ketua Masyarakat dan jiran-jiran mereka. Mereka juga perlu mengemukakan permohonan tersebut kepada Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Bahagian untuk pertimbangan. Hanya dengan itu dengan kelulusan Jabatan Tanah dan Survei, barulah dapat dilaksanakan apa jenis perniagaan yang dibenarkan mengikut syarat-syarat daripada *circular* yang telah pun dikeluarkan itu untuk tempoh 5 tahun. Sekiranya perniagaan mereka telah berkembang, mereka perlu berpindah ke premis perniagaan yang bersesuaian.

Penutup

Tuan Speaker, sebelum mengakhiri ucapan penggulungan ini, saya ingin menyampaikan penghargaan kepada Tuan Speaker kerana berjaya mengendalikan persidangan DUN dengan tegas dan baik yang memudahkan urusan kita berjalan dengan begitu lancar. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua pegawai yang terlibat dalam menjayakan persidangan ini.

Akhir sekali, saya ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Krismas dan Selamat Tahun Baru 2024 kepada semua Ahli Yang Berhormat dan seluruh rakyat Sarawak.

*Sik lamak gik ART beroperasi,
Dari Rembus sampei ke Damai,*

*Ekonomi berteknologi tinggi pemangkin aspirasi,
Sarawak maju makmur, aman dan damai.*

*Pokok rendang janganlah ditebang,
Tempat berteduh duduk bersebang,
Minyak lumut Sarawak udah terbang,
Nun di langit luas terbentang.*

Dengan itu, saya mengakhiri ucapan penggulungan bagi Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa, Industri dan Pelaburan. Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas, Timbalan Premier 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 dan Selamat petang pada Yang Berhormat Tuan Speaker. First, I would like to join other members of this august House in congratulating Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Mohamad Asfia yourself Sir, on your reappointment as a Speaker of Sarawak State Legislative Assembly. This appointment marks your ninth consecutive terms making you the longest serving Speaker in Malaysia and second longest in the Commonwealth. Congratulations Sir.

Tuan Speaker, I wish to congratulate Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg for tabling and presenting the 2024 State Budget with the theme: *“Development for All: Together, Building a Prosperous, Sustainable and United Sarawak”*.

The theme reflects a multi-dimensional, inclusive, and holistic approach to the development of Sarawak. It aims at benefitting all the *rakyat* while fostering unity and collaboration among diverse communities in Sarawak.

Allow me to also express my sincere appreciation to all Ahli Yang Berhormat who have participated in the debate and fully supported the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023.

The Key highlights of the 2024 State Budget

Tuan Speaker, the 2024 State Budget marks a significant step in the Sarawak Government's effort towards inclusive growth and sustainable development.

The 2024 State Budget is indeed an expansionary budget, with large public investments thus far. The Budget is poised to stimulate the State's economic growth by addressing both immediate challenges and lay the foundation for long-term economic growth. This reflects our commitment in addressing the financial pressures faced by both the low and middle-income groups, while making targeted investments in critical areas and undertaking a balanced approach to financial planning and management.

The Budget's twelve strategic thrusts encompass vital areas such as economic growth, digital transformation, environmental sustainability, and social inclusivity. These priorities indicate an integrated approach to development, ensuring that progress is not only in economic areas but also covering social and environmental aspects. Notably, the Budget projects Sarawak's highest-ever revenue collection of RM12.749 billion in 2024.

The substantial allocation for operating and development expenditures shows our commitment to address immediate operational needs and long-term developmental goals. The 2024 Budget is

expected to generate a budget surplus of RM386 million, a testament to effective revenue reengineering and a prudent financial management.

The development estimates of RM9.038 billion underscore the Government's focus on infrastructural and sectoral development. This significant investment in development projects aims at enhancing the robustness and the resilience of the Sarawak's economy. While the Budget is extensive and forward looking, its success will hinge on effective implementation by all stakeholders and adaptation to economic changes.

Overall, the 2024 State Budget for Sarawak represents a progressive and comprehensive plan to build a prosperous, sustainable, and united Sarawak, balancing immediate needs with long-term strategic goals.

Performance of Project Implementation Under The 12th Malaysia Plan

Tuan Speaker, the 12th Malaysia Plan is a strategic and comprehensive five-year plan that outlines Sarawak's development policies and objectives and serves as a blueprint for socio-economic development for the year 2021 to 2025. It is a pivotal phase in Sarawak's development trajectory, where a significant budget has been allocated for State and Federal projects with the objectives to bolster infrastructure, enhance public amenities, and stimulate economic growth.

Allow me to update this august House on the performance of projects implemented under the 12th Malaysia Plan, funded by both the Federal and the State Governments as the project performances are of significant importance to the overall development progress in Sarawak.

Performance of Federal Funded Projects

Under the Third Rolling Plan of the Federal 12th Malaysia Plan (RP3 12MP) an allocation of RM5.69 billion has been approved for the implementation of 1,038 projects. Up to the third quarter of 2023, 55% or RM3.12 billion of the allocation was spent. All these projects are at various stages of implementation.

Performance of State-Funded Projects

At the outset of the 12th Malaysia Plan, a ceiling of RM30 billion had been approved to fund 1,104 development projects across Sarawak. Following a mid-term review this year and to align with the objectives of the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030, the Sarawak Government has raised the 12th Malaysia Plan ceiling to RM38 billion. The increase aims to accelerate the development momentum in the State as to ensure realisation of our strategic economic agenda come 2030 are achieved.

The increased 12th Malaysia Plan ceiling also enables the implementation of more strategic development projects with the goal of ultimately benefiting the *rakyat*. The number of approved projects has increased from 1,104 to 1,433, with 72% or 1,036 being physical projects and 28% or 397 being non-physical, including grants, contributions, investments, programmes, and events.

As of October 2023, 171 of the 1,036 physical projects or 17% have been completed. The remaining 865 projects are at various stages of implementation. The slow progress in many of these projects was mainly due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic over the last three years. However, the pace of project implementation now is already in full swing as the economy has been opening up since early last year.

The cumulative expenditure from the year 2021 to October 2023 stands at RM16.6 billion, or 45% of the Sarawak 12th Malaysia Plan's revised ceiling of RM38 billion. The expenditure is expected to increase further as the project activities continue progressing.

Performance of Projek Rakyat

For the implementation of *Projek Rakyat*, which presently comprises 627 projects, a total ceiling of RM2.072 billion was approved under the 12th Malaysia Plan. To date, 271 projects have been completed, while the remaining are at various stages of implementation.

Performance of Rural Transformation Projects (RTP)

Under RTP, there is a total of 7,731 projects with an approved ceiling of RM1.29 billion. As of October 2023, 4,145 projects or 54% of the projects been completed, while the remaining 3,586 projects or 46% are at various stages of implementation.

A total of RM436.4 million or 34% out of the RM1.29 billion approved ceiling was spent between the year 2021 to October 2023. Since the introduction of RTP in 2015, over 20,400 projects have been implemented, which have benefitted the *rakyat*, especially those in the rural areas.

Despite numerous challenges, including rising construction materials prices and a labour supply shortage, the projects' implementation has made significant progress, with overall 2023 financial performance of RM5.7 billion or 71% achieved to date.

Nonetheless, I wish to point out that there are certain Ministries recording a fairly low execution performance of less than 30% for the almost entire year despite the availability of fund. In this regard, I would like to remind these Ministries to address issues that hinders the project implementation and where necessary, to review their processes and procedures in ensuring that these projects can be delivered timely and effectively.

Thus, I would like to urge all Controlling Officers and their implementing agencies to step up their efforts in ensuring that all projects under their purview are implemented expeditiously and that the approved budget for this year is progressively spent. This is crucial to spur our economic growth and provide well developed infrastructures towards improving the livelihood of our *rakyat*.

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND PRUDENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Tuan Speaker, we have always carried out and emphasised the importance of maintaining good governance practices in order to achieve and sustain our sound financial position. This is proven with the reaffirmation of our commendable investment-grade credit ratings by both international and domestic rating houses, whereby Moody's and Standard & Poor's reaffirmed the State's ratings at A3 and A- respectively, whilst Rating Agency Malaysia (RAM) at Triple A (AAA). The State's ability to obtain and maintain commendable high investment-grade credit ratings is the testimony of our sound financial performance, underpinned by strong reserves and good budgetary practices.

I am also pleased to report to this august House that the State is again being accorded a Clean Certificate for its Public Accounts for the financial year 2022 (*Applause*). This is the 21st consecutive year of its clean record, which is a clear proof of our good governance practices and prudent financial management in managing our financial affairs. This outstanding achievement since the last 21 years, resulting from our consistent display of professionalism and prudent financial management which to me, deserves a moment of commendation (*Applause*). This achievement is not just any milestone but a consistent narrative of sustained commitment to financial excellence by the GPS Government.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the State Civil Servants for steadfastly practising good financial management and governance while also urging them to continue maintaining professional ethics and the highest level of integrity. At the same time, my Ministry will continue to ensure excellent financial management of the State by adopting international best practices, managing risks and performance and having robust internal control. This is being

done by leveraging on digital technologies and strengthening the professionalism and competencies of our State Civil Service.

I am proud of our effective and good financial management. However, we must not rest on our laurels. We must continue to focus on budgetary discipline and emphasise on prudent financial management. Only then we can sustain our wealth, build greater prosperity, and maintain financial health.

REVENUE REENGINEERING INITIATIVES

Tuan Speaker, the Government remains committed to improving its fiscal position while supporting growth momentum and enhancing the State's long-term financial capacity and sustainability. The efforts to strengthen and broaden the State's revenue base, as aspired and driven by our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, will be one of the key priorities in the State financial transformation programme.

For information of this august House, the State revenue has increased remarkably since the introduction of State Sales Tax (SST) on petroleum products effective from 2019. SST on petroleum products has contributed RM14.7 billion to the State coffers since its imposition until October this year, an average collection of about RM3.5 billion annually. This revenue stream has become one of the major revenue generators, contributing about 33% to the State's overall revenue.

We have witnessed in this Sitting the tabling and the passing of the Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Bill, 2023. The Bill, as we all know, aims to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, promote carbon capture and storage, and mitigate climate change effects as to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. However, it is also important to note that this new Bill will open the opportunity for the State to tap new sources of revenue that will ultimately enhance our financial flexibility in managing our economic development agenda, including climate change initiatives.

Apart from that, we will also continue to strengthen our revenue administration, focusing and effectively managing on areas that can facilitate revenue generation and collection by leveraging on digitalisation, enforcing greater compliance on revenue collection, alleviating revenue leakages, and promoting a strong culture of accountability and transparency in public finance.

SARAWAK PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRANSFORMATION

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Government will continue to inculcate financial excellence and accountability in the management of State financial resources. In this regard, we are presently embarking on the transformation of the State's Public Financial Management with the following major initiatives:

Transformation of State Statutory Bodies and Government-Linked Companies (GLCs)

As part of the financial transformation journey, the Sarawak Government is undertaking the transformation of Statutory Bodies and its group of companies and State Government-Linked Companies (GLCs) through enhanced governance structure, which covers monitoring, financial, and performance management frameworks.

The Sarawak Government, in collaboration with the World Bank, is undertaking an initiative to review existing Statutory Bodies' and Government-Linked Companies' regulatory and monitoring frameworks. This transformation programme is implemented in three phases from 2022 to 2025 as follows:

- (a) Phase 1 (2022) – Undertake a study to formulate a State Statutory Bodies and Government-Linked Companies Governance Framework. Phase 1 of the study assessed the adequacy of

the current governance framework of Statutory Bodies and Government-Linked Companies, collectively known as State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs), in performing effectively towards delivering their objectives and mandates. Phase 1 of the study, which commenced in June 2022, has been completed. We are currently implementing the recommendations of the study towards strengthening SOEs' governance mechanisms.

- (b) Phase 2 of the study, covering the period of 2023 to 2024, will begin in December 2023. Under this phase, we will be embarking on strengthening the regulatory framework and ownership policy by reviewing the existing laws and regulations, as well as digitalising the monitoring method to be more systematic, effective and deliver real-time information to the stakeholders. The World Bank will also provide capacity-building training for our officers to elevate the relevant analytical skills required to implement this new initiative.
- (c) Phase 3 of the study is scheduled to be implemented in 2025 to review the performance and make recommendations on areas of enhancement to the overall transformation programme.

Apart from that, as part of the continuous efforts to strengthen the corporate governance of SOEs, the following initiatives are also being undertaken:

- (i) Formulation of Investment Policy for State Statutory Bodies and State Local Authorities;
- (ii) Formulation of Annual Report Guidelines to provide uniform reporting across SOEs; and
- (iii) Development of an online monitoring system for SOEs, namely, e-SOEs, to improve the overall monitoring process and analyse the performance of SOEs effectively, efficiently, and in a timely manner.

The collaborative efforts of the Sarawak Government and the World Bank in transforming the operational dynamics of SOEs mark another milestone in corporate governance and strategic oversight. The initiatives undertaken are not just about enhancing current practices but also geared towards building future-ready, transparent, and accountable SOEs that can effectively meet their obligations and contribute to the broader socio-economic goals of Sarawak.

Sarawak Accounting System

I have enlightened this august House in May sitting this year on the implementation of the Sarawak Accounting System (SAS), which was rolled out in January 2023, replacing the State Integrated Financial, Budgeting and Accounting System to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency in managing the State finances.

To recap, SAS is an integrated financial administration system comprising 20 modules of Budgetary, Financial Management and Accounting System. SAS interfaces with various other related systems, such as Asset management system, Project management system, Revenue system, Collection system, and administrative system. It is a fully integrated system and operates in real-time with secured data integrity.

SAS can produce a modified cash basis financial statement for reporting and tabling to this august House in compliance with the Financial Procedure Act 1957. It is also intended to prepare for the implementation of accrual accounting for the Government in accordance with the requirement of Malaysian Public Sector Accounting Standards (MPSAS).

For the information of this august House, the Sarawak Government would be migrating from a Modified Cash basis to an Accrual Accounting basis financial statement at a later stage upon approval by the Parliament on the amendments of the Financial Procedure Act 1957, which is to cater for the implementation of accrual accounting at the State level.

Accrual accounting facilitates better planning, strengthens financial management, provides better information for decision-making, and measurement of public policies' efficiency and effectiveness. It would also give us a long-term view of public finance, ensuring good value for money and enhancing the transparency of financial information.

PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Tuan Speaker, in the evolving landscape of procurement and contractor registration, the Sarawak Government is dedicated to fostering excellence in project delivery and improving efficiency in procurement processes. Given the need to create greater accountability, transparency, and efficiency in State procurement management, we will continue to enhance our procurement processes through the implementation of various initiatives, among others, are as follows:

Improvement of Contractors and Consultants Registration

The Sarawak Government has recently approved the revision of the Financial Procedure (Registration of Contractors) Instruction, 1999 and The Fees (Registration of Contractors) Order, 1999. This revision is timely and necessary to address the gaps in matching the Unit Pendaftaran Kontraktor dan Juruperunding (UPKJ) and Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) registration for the Sarawak Government procurement exercise. It is also to improve the existing registration guidelines and procedures so that they are updated, streamlined, and more business-friendly.

With the revision and the Instruction is now amended to The Financial Procedure (Registration of Contractors and Consultants) Instruction, 2023, which, among others, covers the following:

- (a) Inclusion of registration of consultants;
- (b) Reclassification of registration and financial limits for works, mechanical and electrical categories;
- (c) Revision of registration validity period from three years to two years; and
- (d) Inclusion of clauses on Disciplinary Actions.

Whereas, the Order is now amended to The Fees (Registration of Contractors and Consultants) Order, 2023, of which the Sarawak Government has agreed to revise the following:

- (a) Inclusion of fees for registration of consultants, processing of new applications for registration, renewal of registration, and upgrading of consultant's registration category; and
- (b) Cancellation of fees that are no longer collected and obsolete.

Collaboration with Construction Industry Development Board, Malaysia

To strengthen the contractors' registration mechanism and promote more effective ways to monitor the contractor's performance, as well as to eliminate defaulted and non-compliance contractors, the Sarawak Government is collaborating and sharing expertise with CIDB in the following areas:

- (a) Contractors' registration;
- (b) Contractors' monitoring and compliance;
- (c) Development and training programs for contractors; and
- (d) Sharing and exchanging information through system integration.

Bumiputera Contractors Development Programme

As mentioned by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier in his 2024 Budget Speech, the Government has introduced a new programme called *Program Pembangunan Kontraktor Berdaya Saing* (PKBS). PKBS is implemented with the following objectives:

- (a) Developing genuine and competitive Bumiputera contractors in Sarawak;
- (b) Increasing at least 30% of Bumiputera contractor's participation in Government contracts;
- (c) Promoting healthy competition among selected Bumiputera contractors; and
- (d) Developing capability and competency of Bumiputera contractors through a structured development programme.

The Sarawak Government also continues to implement various other contractor and entrepreneur development programmes, including the following:

- (a) *Program Peningkatan Usahawan Bumiputera (PUTERA)* in collaboration with Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) to assist Bumiputera entrepreneurs in expanding their existing businesses. As of October 2023, 472 Bumiputera contractors/suppliers have benefitted from this programme, involving a total assistance of RM2.84 million;
- (b) *Program Skim Pembiayaan Kontraktor Kecil Bumiputera (SPKB)*, which provides financial assistance with the maximum loan amount of RM200,000 or 80% of contract value, whichever is lower. As of October 2023, 30 Bumiputera contractors have received financial assistance with the total disbursements of RM3.70 million; the next programme is
- (c) *Program Pembangunan Vendor Perabot Bumiputera* is designed to promote the participation of Bumiputera furniture vendors in the State-funded supply contracts through collaboration with Public Works Department and Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC). As of October 2023, 31 Bumiputera furniture vendors have been appointed by STIDC for the supply of furniture with a total contract value of RM5 million; next programme is a
- (d) *Program Pusat Inkubator dan Bimbingan Usahawan (PIBU)* in collaboration with SEDC to provide office spaces and facilities for Bumiputera contractors and suppliers. As of October 2023, 23 PIBUs are operating throughout the State;
- (e) Implementation of capacity building programme for Bumiputera contractors and suppliers through *Program Pembangunan dan Latihan*. As of October 2023, 95 series of courses have been conducted, benefitting 3,702 participants.

STATE ALTERNATIVE FUNDING

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak has been envisioned by our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier as a high-income and developed region by 2030, in line with the PCDS 2030. In achieving this aspiration, the State has embarked on Alternative Funding (AF), a financial model that facilitates and enables the leapfrogging and accelerating of our infrastructure development. This development covers catalytic and strategic initiatives, which include roads and bridges, water and electricity supply, digitalisation project, administrative buildings and public transportation.

Roads and Bridges

The Sarawak Coastal Road Network and the Second Trunk Road Project are, among others, the two significant projects being undertaken via Alternative Funding. For this initiative, RM11 billion has been allocated to improve coastal access and connectivity while enhancing road safety.

The Sarawak Coastal Road Network Project contains eight work packages with 37 sub-packages, whereas the Second Trunk Road Project has three main packages with 11 sub-packages in total. 13 projects under the Coastal Road Network and Road Rehabilitation Project have been completed, while the remaining work packages are expected to be completed between 2024 and the third quarter of 2025. To date, a total of RM3.2 billion has been spent on these projects.

Water and Electricity Supply

On the water and electricity supply projects, the State aims for full coverage for water supply by 2030 and electricity supply by 2025. A sum of RM4.0 billion has been allocated for water supply projects under Alternative Funding, whilst RM2.4 billion was allocated for the Rural Electricity Scheme. To date, RM2.6 billion and RM1.4 billion have been spent on water supply and electricity projects, respectively.

Digitalization Project

As we strive to accelerate digital transformation and better connectivity, the State has allocated RM1.76 billion to construct the SMART towers and Sarawak Rural Broadband Network (MySRBN) via Sarawak Digital Economy Corporation (SDEC). On top of that, Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA) was provided RM260 million to implement a digital empowerment programme and construction of digital infrastructure and telecommunication towers.

To date, RM213 million and RM113 million have been expended by SDEC and SMA respectively, which have improved the coverage of settlement areas where mobile broadband has increased to 64 percent and Internet coverage to 76%.

Administrative Buildings

The Government recognises the need to provide a safe, supportive, and conducive working environment for the State Civil Service, enabling them to perform their daily task efficiently and effectively. These, the development of office complexes at Jepak, Limbang, and Lawas are presently under construction and expected to be completed at the end of 2024. For this purpose, a sum of RM499 million has been set aside under Alternative Funding.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Sarawak has made a nationwide headline as we received our first prototype hydrogen-powered Automated Rapid Transit (ART) unit in August this year. This prototype unit was tested at Isthmus, and it will now move on to the Proof-of-Concept testing along the Kuching-Samarahan Expressway. A depot and hydrogen plant are also being built to support the ART's services in Rembus, Kota Samarahan. As mentioned in the 2024 Budget, a sum of RM900 million will be allocated next year for this project, also under Alternative Funding.

SARAWAK SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUTURE FUND

Tuan Speaker, the GPS Government has made a momentous and progressive step to safeguard Sarawak's future economic prosperity by establishing the Sarawak Sovereign Wealth Future Fund (SWF). SWF, which is scheduled to commence operations in early 2024. This is a testament to the GPS Government's unwavering commitment in fostering economic resilience, growth, and prosperity in Sarawak that will benefit all Sarawakians not only today but also in the future.

SWF is one of the best initiatives of GPS Government that serves as an essential instrument to support the State's economic resilience moving forward and sustain the State's fiscal position via revenue diversification and the creation of ample reserves, replacing oil and gas revenues in the years to come.

As a step forward in realising the setting up of the SWF and establishing financial disciplinary measures, the Government is reviewing the by-law to make initial and annual appropriations of moneys to SWF.

The initial appropriation to SWF will be at RM8 billion, with targeted subsequent annual appropriations as follows:

- (a) RM300 million annually from year two to year five,
- (b) RM550 million annually from year six to year 10, and
- (c) RM650 million annually from year 11 to year 20.

With prudent management, the State through diversifying revenues from the oil and gas industry, can proficiently establish a natural hedging against the disruptive effects of fluctuating commodity prices and future eventualities. This will also strengthen Sarawak's financial sustainability and, ultimately, create an endowment and security for our future generations.

ISSUES RAISED BY AHLI-AHLI YANG BERHORMAT

Tuan Speaker, please allow me to respond to various issues raised by Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat on matters under my Ministry's purview.

On the issue raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Padungan on the so-called big variation or discrepancy in the 2024 Operating Expenditure, I wish to clarify that the amount of RM12.363 billion is an Ordinary Expenditure meant to fund an Operating Expenditure of RM4.563 billion and appropriation to the Development Fund Account of RM7.3 billion. As shown on the first page of Command Paper 11 of 2023, the total 2024 Operating Expenditure was at RM12.363 billion, which included the sum of RM7.8 billion meant for appropriation to the Development Fund Account. This RM7.8 billion has been inadvertently taken up as part of the Operating Expenditure due to a technical error. The matter has been rectified accordingly, and the affected page has been replaced and laid on the table in this Dewan Undangan Negeri Sitting on 23rd November 2023.

Therefore, I wish to reiterate that with the projected revenue of RM12.749 billion and total Ordinary Expenditure of RM12.363 billion, the 2024 State Budget is expected to generate a surplus of RM386 million, as mentioned by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier in his 2024 Budget Speech.

Tuan Speaker, on the issue raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Daro pertaining to MARRIS allocation, I wish to inform this august House that the State's road grant is provided by the Federal Government pursuant to Article 109(1)(b) of the Federal Constitution. The road grant allocation is calculated based on road length registered in Malaysian Road Records Information System or, in short, MARRIS. Therefore, registering and updating the road data at the respective agencies in MARRIS is important in enabling the State to receive the road grant.

In view of this, all the implementing agencies responsible for State's road maintenance, and this includes Majlis Daerah Matu dan Daro, to step up their efforts to register and update roads under their respective jurisdictions in MARRIS, so that we can achieve receive more allocation under this entitlement for further disbursement. We hope the authorities are all taking initiatives to register these roads under MARRIS so that they can get the allocation.

CONCLUSION

Tuan Speaker, in conclusion, I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Yang Amat Berhormat Premier for his comprehensive and inspiring 2024 Budget, which will serve as valuable guidance and direction for managing the State economy and its affairs.

I also wish to thank all Ahli Yang Berhormat for your constructive contributions and support for the 2024 Budget. This august House has witnessed a fruitful session that has given due attention to significant issues affecting the social and economic well-being of our people.

I wish to express my appreciation also to Tuan Speaker, for ensuring the orderly conduct of this session. I also wish 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 this Dewan.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish my Christian friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all of us in Sarawak. *My pantun is:*

*Tanjung Batu ke Pantai Damai,
Batang Ai terus ke Bukit Semuja;
Bajet tu pengabis besai,
Ke Alai mujur ngatur belanja.*

*Jentera GPS pimpinan Premier,
Teguh berdiri tiada bandingan;
Semangat perpaduan laungan Premier,
Segulai Sejalai jadi pegangan.*

Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, we'll have a lunch break. Sitting resumes at 2.30 p.m.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 1.08 petang)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 2.43 petang)

[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas, Timbalan Premier; dan Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

Timbalan Premier Sarawak; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas): Very good afternoon, Tuan Speaker *dan terima kasih*. First of all, I would like to express my heartiest congratulations to YAB Premier of Sarawak Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg for being awarded the Distinguished Honorary Fellow by the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations last week in Bali, Indonesia. Yang Amat Berhormat Premier make us all proud.

Today, I would also like to extend my congratulation our ADUN N.14, Batu Kawah, Deputy Premier Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Professor Dr Sim Kui Hian for being conferred the *Darjah Utama Yang Amat Mulia Bintang Kenyalang Sarawak*, which carries the title "*Datuk Amar*".

My congratulations are also extended to Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, Dato Sri John Sikie Tayai ADUN Kakus, Yang Berhormat ADUN Sebuyau and Yang Berhormat ADUN Tarat for being conferred *Darjah Panglima Negara Bintang Sarawak* which carries the title "*Dato Sri*" and congratulation also all Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat *yang* received been conferred with respective honours.

JEPAK STATE BY-ELECTION

I would like also to extend my congratulations to Yang Berhormat Encik Iskandar bin Turkee for his landslide victory in retaining the Jepak Constituency in the recent State by-election. The victory is a strong endorsement from the *rakyat* and reflects their confidence in the GPS Government's efforts to bring more structured development to Sarawak, especially in Bintulu.

REMARKS ON 2024 STATE BUDGET

Tuan Speaker, first of all, on these remarks on the Budget 2024, I also like to congratulate YAB Premier of Sarawak for successfully tabling the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023. This is the largest budget ever in Sarawak history which is a testimony to the success of our revenue re-engineering efforts and prudent financial management.

I am delighted that the 2024 State Budget will have a surplus of RM386.0 million. It has an estimated Total Revenue of RM12.74 billion and an Ordinary Expenditure of RM12.36 billion.

It is indeed a remarkable and brilliant budget with the theme *“Development for All: Together, Building a Prosperous, Sustainable and United Sarawak”*.

RURAL BASED BIASED BUDGET

Out of RM9.04 billion proposed by for Development Expenditure Estimates, RM5.70 billion or 63% will be for development in rural areas. The allocation of funds in the budget demonstrates a clear instances of a rural-biased approach. This is not merely rhetoric by GPS Government, but a stark reality reflected in our budgetary decisions of our commitment to develop rural areas.

On behalf of the rural committees in Sarawak, I would like to record my appreciation to YAB Premier for his continuous commitment to develop rural areas Sarawak so that our people will not be left behind and the gap between urban and rural areas be reduce. This budget truly reflects the GPS Government’s determination to build Sarawak under its ethos of *“Sarawak First”*.

DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Tuan Speaker, the 2024 Development Budget has allocated a total sum of RM799.52 million for my Ministry - the Ministry of Infrastructure and Port Development (MIPD). This will allow us to undertake four basic infrastructure programs,

- (a) RM441.755 million for land infrastructure;
- (b) RM82.781 million for riverine infrastructure;
- (c) RM259.600 million for Government buildings; and
- (d) RM15.385 million for public buildings.

The investment in basic infrastructure is a testament to the Sarawak Government’s commitment to improve our economic development and public services. We are confident this allocation will positively impact the Government’s progress and our State’s prosperity. We remain committed in working closely with all agencies to implement these infrastructure programs efficiently and effectively to benefit the Rakyat.

SARAWAK INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Tuan Speaker, infrastructure development is an essential investment for social and economic advancement particularly in the rural areas. It fortifies the fundamental approach of the Sarawak Government, the GPS Government and generates prospects for economic expansion and the well-being of our *rakyat*. These investments demonstrate the GPS Government’s unwavering commitment to improve the liveability and mobility of the rural population.

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

STATE-FUNDED PROJECTS

My Ministry through JKR has been entrusted to implement 592 State-funded projects amounting to RM20.66 billion under the 12th Malaysia Plan. Out of these, 107 projects worth RM1.90 billion have been completed, 117 projects worth RM12.15 billion are under construction while the remaining 368 projects worth RM6.61 billion are at a pre-contract stage.

For the information of this august House, 67 out of the 592 projects were newly approved under the 12th Malaysia Plan Mid-Term Review. These projects are:

- (a) 25 for new roads and roads to be upgraded worth RM3.2 billion;
- (b) 20 *Projek Rakyat* worth RM2.6 billion;
- (c) 11 Rural Connectivity Roads worth RM1.1 billion;
- (d) Six bridges cost RM39.0 million;
- (e) One jetty and three wharves worth RM37.8 million; and
- (f) One Government building worth cost RM2.0 million.

COASTAL ROAD NETWORK

Tuan Speaker, the Coastal Road Network consists of 13 new roads and bridges packages, and 29 rehabilitation works packages valued at RM5.42 billion which is set to provide better access and seamless connectivity along the Sarawak's coastal area. To date, all 13 new roads and bridges packages are under construction and are expected completion dates ranging from the second quarter of 2024 to the third quarter of 2026.

As for the rehabilitation works packages, 17 out of 29 have been completed as compared to 11 packages reported in the last DUN sitting.

SECOND TRUNK ROAD PROJECT

Tuan Speaker, the Second Trunk Road consists of 20 projects with a total value of RM5.58 billion. 12 projects are at various stages of construction, namely:

- (a) New Batang Samarahan Bridge including a 9 km Dual Carriageway Road;
- (b) Batang Samarahan – Batang Sadong (13 km) Dual Carriageway Road;
- (c) Batang Sadong – Batang Lupar/ Sebuyau Road;
- (d) Batang Saribas Bridge No. 2;
- (e) Batang Saribas to Roban (Interchange) Road;
- (f) Sebuyau – Lingga Road;
- (g) Sungai Lingga Bridge;
- (h) Road Connecting Sungai Lingga Bridge Approach to Existing Lingga – Sri Aman Road;
- (i) Upgrading of major existing road in Sri Aman town;
- (j) Batang Lupar Bridge No. 2;
- (k) Batang Lupar to Betong (Interchange) Road; and
- (l) Ulu Paku/ Ulu Kota Link Road and Upgrading of Existing Ulu Paku Road (Betong – Pakan Road).

These 12 projects are scheduled for completion from as early as the third quarter of 2024 to the second quarter of 2028. The remaining eight packages are at various stage of pre-contract stages as follows:

- (a) Four in the design stage;
- (b) Three under tender documentation; and
- (c) One at the tender stage.

All these projects expected to commence by 2024.

PROJEK RAKYAT

Tuan Speaker, to briefly recap, *Projek Rakyat* is a comprehensive development program implemented by multi technical agencies. It is the brainchild of our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak and has been designed to improve the infrastructure and social facilities related to roads, bridges, water, electricity, housing and other necessary amenities. The implementation of these project will be continued to uplift the quality of life of the rural communities.

As of today, my Ministry is entrusted to implement 254 *Projek Rakyat* comprising the following:

- (a) 140 road projects costing RM9.25 billion;
- (b) 53 bridges costing RM2.61 billion;
- (c) 56 buildings costing RM1.32 billion;
- (d) One STOLport costing RM296 million; and
- (e) Four jetties costing RM1.47 million.

The progress are as follows:

- (a) 114 completed;
- (b) 47 under construction; and
- (c) 93 at a pre-contract stage.

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS IN SARAWAK

Tuan Speaker, for the information of this august House, the roads that are maintained by JKR are *Jalan Raya Persekutuan*, *Jalan Raya Negeri* and *Jalan Kampung*. As for the maintenance of *Jalan Raya Persekutuan*, the works are implemented under Federal Road maintenance concession.

Meanwhile, the maintenance of *Jalan Raya Negeri* registered under Malaysia Road Record Information System in short (MARRIS) is implemented under the Long-Term Management and Maintenance Program. The management and maintenance of this program consist of five packages, namely:

- (a) Package 1: Kuching, Samarahan, Serian, Sarikei, Sibul and Kapit;
- (b) Package 2: Sri Aman and Betong;
- (c) Package 3: cover Mukah;
- (d) Package 4: cover Miri; and
- (e) Package 5: Bintulu and Limbang.

For *Jalan Kampung*, which is also registered under MARRIS, its maintenance is to be done on an “*As and When Required*” basis through implementation by multiple agencies. However, the maintenance of other *Jalan Kampung*, including abandoned logging roads, is not carried out regularly due to the constraints faced by implementing agencies, such as difficulties in moving machinery and supplying resources to the construction site. The people in this area of course very unhappy due to these issues.

To address this issue, JKR is now, been studying the feasibility of a remote rural road maintenance mechanism to service the roads for rural communities, especially those relying on abandoned logging roads. For this purpose, the Cabinet has approved a pilot program implemented in the Baram area to maintain 1,730 km of rural roads, most of which are abandoned logging roads. This is a pilot program, if it is found to be successful, we will adopt it in some other areas in similar circumstances.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORK FOR DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE

Tuan Speaker, over the years, our land infrastructure has been frequently damaged and disrupted due to natural disaster for example; flood and therefore it is imperative for us to continue improving and speeding up our response to this natural disaster not only to save lives, protect our land and to recover faster from these devastating events. Apabila jalan putus atau pun jambatan runtuh.

To facilitate this program, the Emergency Response Work for Damaged Infrastructure Program was introduced and approved by the Cabinet recently. For this purpose, the Sarawak Government had approved 55 projects with a total cost of RM97.27 million to ensure immediate rectification and reconstruction works of infrastructure damaged by flood or erosion.

FEDERAL FUNDED PROJECTS

Projects Under AP182

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak technical departments are given the authority to implement Federal projects under AP182 valued at RM50 million, any project that is valued at RM50 million and below, the JKR and DID are recognised as a technical department recognised under MA63.

Initially, Kuala Lumpur gave us 92 projects worth RM1.09 billion for implementation under Rolling Plan 3 with 88 projects assigned to JKR and four projects to Department of Drainage and Irrigation in 2023 this year.

Out of the 88 projects assigned to JKR, 22 projects worth RM102 million were withdrawn by the Federal ministries such as Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia, Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia, Kementerian Pengajian Tinggi, Kementerian Perumahan Kerajaan Tempatan, Kementerian Dalam Negeri; and Kementerian Kemajuan Desa dan Wilayah. Mereka beralasan beberapa projek yang di bawah RM1 juta telah pun diurus maka mereka tidak membenarkannya diguna pakai di bawah *mechanism* yang telah diluluskan.

Thus finally, only 66 projects worth RM918.0 million is to be implemented by JKR Sarawak. Out of the RM918.0 million *peruntukan* estimate for this project, they have only allocated to us RM56.0 million that is already channelled to JKR Sarawak for implementation, not even 10% from the amount.

While implementing these AP182 projects, JKR Sarawak has encountered several issues, such as:

- (a) Unresolved land issues;
- (b) Insufficient informations; and
- (c) Insufficient ceilings.

Therefore, in future, JKR Sarawak only accept to implement the projects whereby the three mentioned issues above are resolved by the Federal Agencies and Ministries. This is to ensure seamless implementation of projects in the future. We have the capacity Tuan Speaker *tetapi kita berhadapan dengan berbagai masalah seperti saya sebut di atas itu tadi*. So, I hope Federal Government will not take this as an excuse not to continue with this delegation of authority to JKR and DID in future.

Pan Borneo Highway

Tuan Speaker, in September 2023 we witnessed the historic occasion of *Kembara Kenali Borneo* by Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah

Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah and his royal family and warm well welcome from all Sarawakian.

It is evident that the implementation of this mega project has motivated His Majesty's desire to drive the length and width of the Pan Borneo Highway, the Sarawak portion. This seamless driving experience by His Majesty has served as a testament to the near completion at 98.08% of the Pan Borneo Highway project in Sarawak.

Trans Borneo Highway

Tuan Speaker, the Federal Government has approved the Trans Borneo Highway which involve three sections:

- (a) Kuala Baram to ICQS Sungai Tujuh, Miri (4.9 km);
- (b) ICQS Tedungan to ICQS Pandaruan, Limbang (54.6 km); and
- (c) Lawas town to Merapok Immigration Post, Lawas (34.1 km).

To update this august House, a Value Assessment Lab was conducted in September 2023 and construction work is expected to commence later in 2024.

Sabah-Sarawak Link Road (SSLR)

Tuan Speaker, the Federal Government has approved the construction of the Sabah-Sarawak Link Road (SSLR) which will connect Miri-Limbang-Lawas with a total length of 398 km. This will comprise of 76 km for SSLR Phase 1 (from Simpang Gelugus to Long Lopeng) and 320 km for SSLR Phase 2 which is divided into four packages.

The alignment of SSLR Phase 2 comprises the following:

- (a) Package 1: Mulu to Long Seridan (60 km);
- (b) Package 2: Long Seridan to Nanga Mendamit (101 km);
- (c) Package 3: Long Lopeng to Long Komap, Ba'Kelalan (63 km); and
- (d) Package 4: Rumah Aling to Long Merarap (96 km).

The construction of SSLR Phase 1 commenced in August 2021. To date, the physical progress of construction is 20.62% in comparison to 21.63% planned. The project is scheduled to be completed in later 2026. Meanwhile, all four packages under SSLR Phase 2 are currently in the pre-contract stage and are expected to commence later in 2024.

RURAL ROAD PROJECTS

Tuan Speaker, JKR Sarawak is currently implementing rural road projects consisting of:

- (a) Eight State-funded projects under 12th Malaysia Plan worth RM0.97 billion (119 km); and
- (b) 74 projects under Kementerian Kemajuan Desa dan Wilayah (KKDW) worth RM5.18 billion (1,328 km).

During the recent State Mid-Term Review, 12 rural road projects were approved for implementation. Another three rural road projects have been approved under Rolling Plan 3 (2023) by the Federal Government through Kementerian Kemajuan Desa dan Wilayah. These 15 projects will provide a total road length of 163.7 km.

Jiwa Murni Projects

Tuan Speaker, for the information of this august House, there are 16 Jiwa Murni Projects in Sarawak, five in Limbang, five in Miri, three in Kapit, two in Belaga and one in Lawas with a total

road length of 460.9 km. Out of which 16 Jiwa Murni Projects, 13 have been handed over to the Sarawak Government.

As promised, four out of the 13 Jiwa Murni Projects have received a disbursement of RM84.5 million for improvement of works to be done. These projects are:

- (a) Jalan ke Skim Rancangan Sepupuk Niah, Miri;
- (b) Jalan Rumah Satu, Kuala Mendalam, Limbang;
- (c) Jalan Kuala Mendalam ke Meruyu dan Kampung Kerangan Ma, Limbang; and
- (d) Jalan dari Ba'Kelalan ke Bario.

All these projects are currently at the tender stage and are expected to commence work in the first quarter of 2024. We would like to record our appreciation to Yang Amat Berhormat Deputy Prime Minister which is Minister of Rural and Regional Development for approving this project and we also thank him and Federal Government also that they agree to disburse this fund to our *Akaun Amanah Pelbagai Projek Pembangunan* because this fund is already burst after around third quarter of 2023.

The Sarawak Government expresses its aspiration that this financial delegation approach to be extended to other Federal funded projects implemented in Sarawak including all the *jalan luar bandar* so that we can manage it ourselves.

Abandoned Logging Roads

Tuan Speaker, abandoned logging roads are crucial links used by communities living in the interior area to facilitate the movement of people and goods where there is no other alternative access.

Kementerian Kemajuan Desa dan Wilayah has approved a total of RM543.1 million for upgrading abandoned logging roads. This has been approved for the last few years when the government has changed twice. These projects are:

- (a) Simpang Jalan Lubok Antu menuju ke Ulu Lemanak/ SK Uyau, Sri Aman (5.0 km);
- (b) Simpang Rumah Sang, Betong (2.5 km);
- (c) Pekan Pakan menuju ke Rumah Lugum, Sarikei (5.6 km);
- (d) Simpang Jalan Balak ke Jalan SK. Nanga Jambu, Julau, Sarikei (8.0 km);
- (e) Simpang masuk Nanga Dap menuju ke SMK Nanga Dap, Kanowit, Sibul (1.2 km);
- (f) Jalan Nanga Ngungun ke Nanga Bat, Kanowit, Sibul (5.0 km);
- (g) Jalan Nanga Pera ke Nanga Jagau, Kanowit, Sibul (8.0 km);
- (h) Jalan dari Rumah Jabat ke Rumah Assan Nanga Engkuah, Katibas, Kapit (6.5 km);
- (i) Jalan Balak ke Penempatan Semula Tegulang, Kapit;
- (j) Jalan Balak ke Penempatan Semula Metalun, Kapit;
- (k) Simpang Jalan Ulu Jelalong ke Rumah Umak Resa (4.4 km) dan ke Rumah Julaihi Keti (2.8 km), Bintulu; and
- (l) Jalan Long San ke Ba Mubui dan Long Tungan, Miri (14.7 km)

To date, the status of these projects are as follows:

- (a) Four projects under design;
- (b) Two under tender documentation; and
- (c) Six at the tender stage.

CRITICALLY DELAYED PROJECTS

Tuan Speaker, JKR Sarawak has taken several actions to reduce the number of critically delayed projects and to ensure their timely delivery. Amongst the actions taken are termination of contracts. As to date, a total of 22 contracts have been terminated, 16 of which were State-funded

while six were Federal. 15 of these terminated works have been revived through the appointment of rescue contractors while the remaining seven are in the pre-contract stage.

As of today, there are 21 critically delayed projects, consisting of five State funded and 16 Federal funded, compared to 34 reported during the last DUN and this is a stark decrease from a peak of 98 critically delayed projects identified in June 2022. My Ministry will continue to closely monitor all projects to ensure that they are completed expeditiously.

JKR Restructuring

JKR Sarawak is responsible for the implementation of infrastructure development works, among others, Rural Road Connectivity, *Projek Rakyat*, Coastal and Second Trunk Road, Sarawak-Sabah Link Road, Pan Borneo Highway, Trans Borneo Highway, Projects under AP182, Emergency Response Work, Rural Transformation Projects, *Sekolah Daif* as well as infrastructure works under the six Regional Development agencies. Thus, the responsibility entrusted to JKR Sarawak has increased tremendously as compared to 10 years ago.

Henceforth, it is imperative to strengthen the manpower capacity of JKR Sarawak to enable the Department to effectively support the extensive responsibilities that have been entrusted to it.

In November 2023, MMKN, the State Cabinet has approved an additional post of 414 as follows:

- (a) 160 posts under the management and professional group; and
- (b) 254 posts under the support group.

The recruitment process will be carried out in stages from year 2024 onwards.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Tuan Speaker, in line with the environmental sustainability agenda set forth by our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, the GPS Government is exploring the potential use of manganese slag, recycled plastic bitumen and other waste materials such as used tyres and crumb rubber in road construction without compromising on quality and environment.

Currently, JKR Sarawak is in the preliminary stages of studying the suitability and feasibility of incorporating these materials in construction projects throughout Sarawak. JKR Sarawak will work together with other agencies for this study.

In addition, JKR Sarawak is also embarking on the utilisation of 418 solar street lighting along two roads, it is pilot project, is done in Lundu – Sempadi Road and Kuching – Bau Road. If successful, these projects will be extended to other rural roads across Sarawak.

Intensifying Digital Transformation

In Yang Amat Berhormat Premier's Budget Speech, under Strategic Thrust Six, the Sarawak Government announced that it is intensifying digital transformation to drive service delivery efficiency for the *rakyat*. It is our commitment to scale our present digital capabilities into the next level of technological advancements in engineering to upgrade our efficiencies.

Among the service enhancements undertaken by my Ministry through JKR Sarawak are:

- (a) Adopting Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) technology for Sarawak road maintenance to detect and manage potholes efficiently;

- (b) Enhancing the existing JKR Sarawak project dashboard to utilise big data and incorporating A.I. where project data analytics can be used to drive efficiency in project implementation;
- (c) Developing an e-Tender system for JKR Sarawak contracts, to enable a more efficient and transparent handling of the tendering process while being environmentally friendly; and
- (d) Adopting a Bridge Health Monitoring System. It's high time for us to adopt this as a proactive maintenance strategy by using the latest engineering digital technology installed on cable stayed bridges to actively analyse the condition of the bridge structures.

These services enhancements will be developed in phases over the two years to improve the efficiency of the Department.

PORT DEVELOPMENT

Establishment of Sarawak Ports Authority

Tuan Speaker, there are five port authorities in Sarawak namely Kuching, Rajang, Miri, Tanjung Manis and Samalaju. The Sarawak Government is currently reviewing the need to consolidate them into a single entity, Sarawak Ports Authority.

This single entity will regulate, streamline and coordinate the management, operation, planning and development of all ports in Sarawak. The objective is to enhance Sarawak ports' efficiency in ensuring each of the ports plays its niche role in promoting trade and economic development and a catalyst to our development.

At present, my Ministry and the Sarawak Attorney-General's Chambers are in the midst of drafting a Bill to establish the new "*Sarawak Ports Authority*", which is expected to be tabled in May 2024 that is next DUN.

TAKING OVER OF BINTULU PORT

As for the taking over of the Bintulu Port agenda, I would like to take this opportunity to record our appreciation to YAB Prime Minister Malaysia for his agreement to handover Bintulu Port to Sarawak during his recent Budget speech in Parliament. Finally, this resolved.

The Sarawak Government, in collaboration with the Federal Government, deliberated on the mechanism for handing over Bintulu Port to Sarawak at has first Joint Federal-State Working Committee. The meeting was held in Putrajaya on 22nd November 2023.

The terms of the handing over are to be deliberated in the Joint Technical Committee meeting scheduled to be in December. The committee will also finalize the joint action to facilitate a smooth transition of the handing over.

PORT PERFORMANCE

Kuching Port

Up to the third quarter of 2023, Kuching Port recorded an 8.7% decrease of cargo throughput from 7.39 million tonnes to 6.75 million tonnes as compared with the same period in the previous year. The decrease is mainly in containerised, dry bulk and roll-on-roll-off cargo. I would like to update this august House on Kuching Port Development projects:

- (a) In line with Sarawak's Digital Economic Strategy, Kuching Port has implemented its Kuching Port Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS). The system has been fully operational since

1st November 2023. The VTMS has enabled the port to improve and efficiently manage the vessel traffic in real time along the Sarawak River from Tanjung Po to Pending.

- (b) In parallel with the low carbon initiatives at the ports, Kuching Port has taken the lead in acquiring two new electric-powered quay cranes for Senari Terminal. These cranes are currently under construction in China, delivery expected in the first quarter of 2024. With the acquisition of these cranes, Kuching Port will be able to improve its container handling productivity to 35 Gross Moves Per Hour.
- (c) The Senari Free Zone economic feasibility study is currently ongoing.
- (d) Sarawak Government has approved a proposed vehicle yard and associated facilities project to accommodate another 2,500 vehicles at Senari Terminal. As of October 2023, the physical progress is 36.9% against 34% planned. The project is scheduled to be completed in October 2024.

Rajang Port

Tuan Speaker, Rajang Port recorded an 8.8% decrease of cargo throughput from 1.14 million tonnes to 1.04 million tonnes as compared with the same period in the previous year. The reduction was mainly in containerised cargo.

Miri Port

Miri Port recorded 1.7% decrease of cargo from 2.4 million tonnes to 2.36 million tonnes as compared with the same period in the previous year. The decrease was mainly in the export of petroleum, logs, and other timber products.

On the progress of the capital dredging at Batang Baram, Miri Port Authority has completed the pre-qualification tender process for the proposed dredging and associated works. This project, costing RM238 million covers the dredging of Kuala Baram across channel to a depth of 5m below chart datum and the construction of 6km of training bunds.

Tanjung Manis Port

Similarly, to Kuching, Rajang, Miri, Tanjung Manis Port also recorded decrease of throughput from 8.7% to throughput from 1.26 million tonnes to 1.15 million tonnes. The decrease are mainly containerised cargo.

Samalaju Port

As for Samalaju Port, it handled 4.35 million tonnes, a decrease of 15.4% from 5.14 million tonnes. The decrease was mainly in bulk cargo handling due to overstocking of raw materials in the previous years.

To improve productivity, Samalaju Port has implemented an equipment re-fleeting exercise. This encompasses the replacement of aging equipment and rental of handling equipment such as excavators, wheel loaders, forklifts and dump trucks to support the wharf and yard operations.

In order to meet Samalaju port users' requirements, capital dredging is being carried out to deepen the barge berth alongside from 7m to 9m below chart datum to allow larger container vessels to call at Samalaju Port. This capital dredging is expected to be completed in December 2023.

Currently, Samalaju Port is also carrying out maintenance dredging along its navigational channel in order to maintain 15m draft. These works are also expected to be completed in December 2023.

Port Summary

After third quarter of 2023, Sarawak Ports registered a throughput of 15.65 million tonnes, a decrease of 9.7% as compared to 17.33 million tonnes handled in the same period last year. The decrease in cargo throughput handled by Sarawak Ports has also been experienced in many ports worldwide. My Ministry will continue to monitor the ports performance closely in order to be well prepared for any future eventualities.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Tuan Speaker, three regional development come under my purview Highland Development Agency, Upper Rajang Development Agency and Betong Division Development Agency as Sarawak moves towards achieving its goal of becoming a developed region, it is crucial to maintain a balance between the development of urban and rural areas. In the recent Budget speech Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak, he emphasized the importance of achieving this balance and his determination to make it a reality.

Under the Strategic Thrust Two: Initiative Two - Accelerating Rural Development, our GPS Government through the Regional Development Agencies, will continue to empower local communities via a bottom-up approach.

Upper Rajang Development Agency (URDA)

Upper Rajang Development Agency is the first agency established in 2017 to accelerate the development in the Upper Rajang basin, which encompasses districts within Kapit Division.

Sarawak Government has allocated RM1.5 billion to URDA to carry out 43 projects:

- (a) 27 roads and bridges;
- (b) 11 water supplies;
- (c) Three master plan; and
- (d) Two buildings.

To date, nine projects have been completed, 26 are under construction and the remaining eight projects are at various stages of implementation. The detailed Masterplans for Kapit, Bakun and Belaga have been submitted to the State Planning Authority for approval.

Under the third Malaysia Plan Review, four new infrastructure projects, with a totalling of RM4 million, have been approved for implementation. The implementation of these program aligns with the detailed Masterplan for Kapit, which calls for urgent road improvement to ease the traffic congestion in Kapit Town.

Tuan Speaker, meanwhile, RECODA and UNIMAS have collaborated and develop Socio-Economic Development Plan 2022-2026, which aims to improve the quality of life for rural communities. SEDP provides a comprehensive framework for socio-economic development, identifying growth areas and investment opportunities.

For 2024 to 2025, the approved allocation under the third Malaysia Plan Mid-Term Review for socio-economic development is RM2 million for URDA. SEDP is looking into potential for developing scaling-up programs for industries producing and distributing *madu kelulut* and coffee in URDA. To ensure the implementation of current infrastructure projects and socio-economic programs that are high-impact and people-centric, URDA established nine sub-committees chaired by the respective State Assemblymen. These representatives will ensure effective coordination and implementation of various project of development in URDA. Each sub-committee focuses on specific areas and will collectively to achieve the objectives outlined in URDA's development plan.

Highland Development Agency (HDA)

Tuan Speaker, The Highland Development Agency (HDA) was also established in 2017 to spearhead planning and development in the hinterlands Baram area. The Sarawak Government has allocated RM1.5 billion also to undertake 51 infrastructure projects which comprises of:

- (a) 29 roads and bridges;
- (b) 20 water supplies;
- (c) Two electricity supplies.

To date, 11 projects have been completed, seven are under construction and the remaining 33 projects are at various stages of implementation. The road project linking Miri-Marudi, Marudi-Mulu (Kuala Melinau) and Long Panai-Long Lama was approved under the Third Malaysia Plan Mid-Term Review and to be implemented in 2024. The road project will involve construction of a total length of 160.5 km single carriageway, nine major bridges and 13 minor bridges, as well as one passenger jetty.

Tuan Speaker, meanwhile, for 2024-2025, HDA also get the approval of RM2 million for the socio-economic project. SEDP are now identified the potential of economic project to be implemented within the area.

Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA)

This is a newly form agency. There are a total of 183 projects that have been approved under the Betong Division Development Agency comprises of 92 projects worth RM763 million Phase 1 and 91 projects worth RM687 million under Phase 2, like other agencies Betong Division Development Agency also allocated RM1.5 billion fund. These sectors are divided into six sectors with:

- (a) Infrastructure Development comprises 110 projects cost RM1.1 billion;
- (b) Social and Women's Affairs Development comprises 28 projects worth RM136.30 million;
- (c) Agriculture and Food Industry Development of 21 projects cost RM155.85 million;
- (d) Tourism and Environmental Development projects cost RM63.40 million;
- (e) Industrial, Commercial, Business, and Entrepreneurship Development cost RM57.50 million;
- (f) Utility and Telecommunication Development comprises of seven projects cost RM27.15 million.

14 projects under Phase 1 are scheduled to start in 2023 with a total cost of RM10.43 million. To date, one project has just commenced on the 2nd November 2022, while the remaining 13 projects are under tender stage.

I would like to reiterate here on the important role development and the role of URDA, HDA and realizing the PCDS 2030 aspiration. With the support of the stakeholders, I am confident we can improve connectivity improve the living standard and the economic growth in this region and ensure brighter future for all.

OTHER PORTFOLIO UNDER PURVIEW OF DEPUTY PREMIER

Unit for Other Religions (UNIFOR)

Tuan Speaker, I wish to inform this august House that Unit for Other Religions (UNIFOR) is approved RM100.0 million for this year. As of 14th November 2023, the expenditure for grant assistance for houses of worship is RM77 million out of RM80 million approved for 464 projects. The remaining RM3 million will be disbursed before the end of 2023. Out of the RM100 million granted, a total of RM20 million has been approved for 127 mission schools in Sarawak. I urge the houses of worship and mission schools to use the fund assistance wisely.

Tuan Speaker, allow me to update this august House on the construction of the proposed UNIFOR complex. This complex is vested to the Sarawak Unit for Other Religions Charitable Trust. This Trust is a separate entity set up under the Charitable Trust Ordinance.

As of 31st October 2023, the current construction progress is at 62.14% which is 0.25% ahead of schedule. Construction is expected to be completed in third quarter of 2024. Therefore, through UNIFOR, we hope and urge the people of various races and religions in Sarawak to extend their tolerance, acceptance, and mutual respect with each other.

State Disaster Management Committee (SDMC)

Tuan Speaker, now I would like to update this august House on the assistance provided to the disaster initiatives undertaken to prepare community to face due to natural disasters floods, fire, landslides, and so on.

Northeast Monsoon Season 2023/2024

It has been announced that The Northeast Monsoon season to start in November 2023 and is expected to continue until March 2024.

Sarawak Disaster Management Committee (SDMC) has met three times, the purpose of the meeting is to prepare all the committee from Districts to the Divisions to the State and the Agencies to get ready to face any possibilities during this Northeast Monsoon season. During the meeting, we were informed that there are 5,468 personnel from Police, Angkatan Pertahanan Malaysia, and Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia are on standby. Also, to support these personnel we have 422 land assets, 366 riverine and sea assets, as well as four air assets.

We have advised all the Chairman of the Disaster Committees from the Districts, to the residents, and department like Welfare Department to continue to ensure that all 627 Temporary Evacuation Centres throughout Sarawak are in good condition and ready to be used at any time.

Since Northeast Monsoon is coming, I would like to advise the public to always be prepared and be vigilant. The Meteorological Department will release weather warnings, take note on this warning. Also, if there is any incident in your area, please collaborate with the agencies concerned, take their instructions so that you will be safe.

The GPS Government is set up a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, this is established in 2010, there are 70 teams with 11,968 participants from 2,928 villages. The role of this team are to prepare, to work out among themselves the agencies *Polis Diraja Malaysia; Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia; Malaysia Civil Defence (APM);* and the Sarawak Welfare Department, guide them so that they will be ready to face any eventuality. *Kalau ada banjir di kawasan dia*, this committee will be able to take action before the arrival of the government agencies to manage the situation on the ground, since they able to manage, then we hope some incidents can be avoided. Indeed, it is important for them to know what must be done before the arrival of the agencies. And so far, they have shown they are very capable in playing their role and I hope more Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is to be established in some area. I hope Yang Berhormat *sama-sama memerhatikan mana kawasan masing-masing yang jauh yang perlu ditubuhkan* Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

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

The GPS Government is a caring and proactive Government and Yang Amat Berhormat Premier has approved that financial support to the maximum RM70,000 per door for longhouses or per unit for residential house to rebuild their gutted house.

This program started in 2020, and since 2020 we have assisted 2,041 units/ *pintu* comprising longhouses and individual houses and the GPS Government has spent RM130.83 million allocated for this program.

Agencies like Unit Penguatkuasaan dan Keselamatan Sarawak, Angkatan Pertahanan Awam, Jabatan Bomba Penyelamat have organized several courses to raise awareness and train local communities in preventing fire outbreaks or disasters in their longhouses, or in their *kampung*.

For this reason, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the relevant agencies for organising these courses to train the local communities in preventing fire outbreaks, prevention is always better than cure.

River Clearing Project

It has been noted that during the monsoon season a lot of rivers are the caused of the flood nearby village or *kampung*, and these rivers overflow as a result of excessive rainfall, and the river blockages caused by excess weeds along the riverbanks or accumulation of silt in the riverbed.

In an effort to prevent blockages and reduce flooding, the Department of Drainage and Irrigation (DID) Sarawak has proposed 422 river clearing projects throughout Sarawak. Realizing their importance, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak has approved a total sum of RM29.5 million in April 2023 for 422 river clearing projects, which has been carried out and will be carried out by DID Sarawak.

We fully hope by completion of these project, the impact of Northeast Monsoon can minimize prevent flooding in low lying areas.

ISSUES RAISED BY AHLI-AHLI YANG BERTHORMAT

Tuan Speaker, allow me to express my appreciation to Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat for your concern, active involvement, constructive feedback and matters that you have brought to my attention, to the Ministry attention.

Be assured these concerns are and will be adequately attended to and addressed promptly. I would now like to respond to the issues you have raised.

State-Funded Approved Projects

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Seremba, the upgrading of road from Batu Kitang, Kuching to Bau has been approved under the 12th Malaysia Plan Mid Review. The project is in the design stage.

On the concerns raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat from Tamin, the “*Proposed new road from Nanga Sekuau access road to SK Nanga Pakoh/ Rantau Lumbang, Selangau*” and “*Proposed new road Nanga Pakoh/ Rumah Enjah Bunau, Selangau*” are also approved under the Mid Term Review which currently are under pre-contract stage.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Daro, “*Jalan Sungai Passin to Kampung Jemoreng*” and “*Jalan Bawang Assan, Tanjung Manis, Sungai Illas, Kampung Sebena, Fasa II*” will be tendered first quarter this year, *ini projek sakit, kita harap dapat pulihkan*.

I wish to inform Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tebedu, the road from Kampung Temong ke Kampung Sibakar is within the scope of the “*Proposed Jalan Temong/ Tepoi/ Sadir, Tebedu*” and is expected to be tendered in the second quarter of 2024.

To respond to Ahli Yang Berhormat for Katibas, the proposed Jalan Ulu Sungai Bangkit and Ulu Katibas Bridge at Nanga Bangkit will be tendered in the first quarter of 2024 and the third quarter of 2024 respectively.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Simunjan, the "*Proposed Construction of New Road at Gunung Ngeli Service Centre Simunjan*" is expected to commence in the first quarter of 2024.

To address the issue raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat for Engkilili, the two projects, namely the Proposed Link Roads from R.C. Bridge Over Batang Ai River, Merebong to Engkilili Town, Bukit Tungku and Klampo and the Proposed Bukong By-pass Engkilili/ Kampung Bulu Road (Phase 1) are currently under design stage. The Proposed Basi Road (Brayun-Sungai Basi to Kuching/Sibu Trunk Road) (Phase 1) is expected to be tendered by end of this year.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Ngemah, the remaining works for the proposed RC Ramp at Sedaya has been awarded and the project is scheduled to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2024. While, the status of the "*Construction of Ngungun/Jagau Road, Kanowit*" is at 47.59% and expected to be completed next year.

Similarly, for Ahli Yang Berhormat for Bukit Assek, the upgrading of Oya Road to Dual Carriageway is currently at 61.52% and is expected to be completed next year.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Machan, the current progress for the "*New Road to Nanga Geremai, Kanowit*" is at 83.5% and is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2024.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Repok, the Proposed RC Commercial Wharf at Sungai Nyelong is approved under the 12th Malaysia Plan. Currently, JKR Sarawak and SRB are finalising the wharf location. For the installation of street lighting along Jalan Kwong-Ming/ Minah, the project will be tendered in the first quarter of 2024.

Federal Funded Approved Projects

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Opar, the project "*Pembinaan Jambatan Selampit*" is expected to be tendered by the end of this year, *jadi tidak khawatir pasal buaya lagi*.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Engkilili, the project "*Membina Jalan Sri Aman/ Lidong*" is expected to be tendered by the end of this year. For the project "*Menaik taraf Bekas Jalan Balak Ulu Skrang*", I think I already mentioned just now Tuan Speaker.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Meluan, the project "*Membina Jalan di Nanga Maong/ Klinik Nanga Maong/SK Nanga Ju/Rumah Gerasi/Rumah Mengiring, Ulu Ju*" is also expected to be tendered in the first quarter of 2024.

Similarly, for the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kalaka, the project "*Jalan Dari Kampung Kupang ke Simpang Jalan Bajau, Saratok*" is expected to be tendered in the first quarter of 2024.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tamin, "*Projek Nanga Baoh/Nanga Tamin/ Stapan, Mukah*" is expected to be tendered in the third quarter of 2024.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Beting Maro, on project "*Membina Jalan Serandong/ Perpat/ Paloh/ Beting Maro*" and for the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kalaka, on project "*Jambatan Sungai Krian*", both are under pre-contract stage.

Others

Tuan Speaker, on the various requests for street lightings, roundabout, roads, upgrading of abandoned logging road, bridges, u-turn, pedestrian crossing, fly-over, underpass, road furnitures by Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat for Repok, Batu Kitang, Balingian, Krian, Katibas, Satok, Meluan, Tamin, Ngemah, Simunjan, Engkilili, and Batu Danau, JKR Sarawak will address all the proposals taking into consideration of their benefits to the *Rakyat*. I have also instructed all JKR Divisional Engineers to engage Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat to assist at their level best to deliver the needs of the *Rakyat*.

SARAWAK'S JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak today is a region with great challenges, but greater resources. In the coming years, we will witness a rapid transformation in the information technology (IT) landscape, driven by the ongoing development of digital technologies, the rise of artificial intelligence (AI), and the increasing demand for sustainable and inclusive solutions.

As we embark on this journey into the future of the digital era, we will face many uncertainties filled with exciting challenges and opportunities which will require great effort and determination for us to succeed.

The new era of technological change, also referred to as the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), will be part of our lives. While its development will undoubtedly face hurdles, it has the potential to reshape the way we live, work, and play in the digital age.

Tuan Speaker, we are indeed very fortunate to have Yang Amat Berhormat Premier as our leader. Yang Amat Berhormat Premier visionary, compassionate and transformational leadership takes the strategic approach to move towards long-term goals while also focusing on creating a positive change in the present.

Under his leadership, the GPS Government was able to adapt quickly with the ever-evolving digital landscape which offers us the unique opportunity and forces us to adopt to the challenges forced by this technological change.

Yang Amat Berhormat Premier wisdom and foresight in adopting innovative technologies to strategic decision have navigated us through this turbulent times and reap the full benefit of digital transformation.

Under the GPS Government, we have seen a lot of *rakyat*-centric development plans executed and many more in the planning to livelihoods of all Sarawakians. The Government is preparing Sarawak to pursue economic transformation more vigorously, navigate a changing external strategic landscape globally, while deepening its social component at home.

There are no obstacles that we Sarawak cannot overcome when we work together in the spirit "*Agi Idup Agi Ngelaban*".

For our plans to succeed, for our hopes and dreams to come true, we must be united. Therefore, I call upon all Sarawakians to unite through the Sarawak spirit of "*Segulai Sejalai*" and give your full support to Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) under the leadership of Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg. Together we prosper and safeguard our beloved region of Sarawak, "*Jaga Sarawak Intu Sarawak*".

CONCLUSION

Tuan Speaker, before I conclude, I wish to record my appreciation to thank all Yang Berhormat for their support and thoughtful comments throughout this sitting.

My gratitude goes to you also Tuan Speaker, for your gracious and competent handling, very patient *tahan tidak tidur* handling the proceedings of this august House. I wish to convey my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Sarawak Civil Service, Members of the Media, my MIPD team and other agencies under my purview, for their commitment and undivided support in ensuring the smooth running of this Dewan.

Last but not least, I hope it is not too late for me to wish Happy Deepavali to those who celebrated the festival of light. And to all Christians, I would like to wish you a Happy and Blessed Christmas. To everyone, I wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May the Year 2024 bring greater fortune and success to all Sarawakians. *Saya ada dua rangkap pantun sini,*

*Menangkap Ikan Menaiki Sampan,
Malamnya Pergi Subuhnya Pulang;
Ekonomi Digital Pembangunan Mapan,
Aspirasi Premier Sarawak Terbilang.*

*Bumi Kenyalang Namanya Digelar,
Sungai Tebilang Batang Rajang;
Premier Abang Jo Tuai Ke Pintar,
Ekonomi Sarawak Betambah Mansang.*

Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat we have a short break. Sitting resume at 4.00 p.m.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 3.45 petang)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada jam 4.05 petang)

(Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat)

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, 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, terlebih dahulu, saya 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 (2024) Bill, 2023;
- (b) Sarawak Ombudsman Bill, 2023;
- (c) Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Bill, 2023;
- (d) Distribution of Gas (Amendment) Bill, 2023; dan
- (e) Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2023.

Saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini juga untuk mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua Ahli Yang Berhormat yang telah menyokong sepenuhnya *Supply (2024) Bill, 2023* yang telah saya bantah pada hari pertama persidangan ini.

Rang Undang-Undang ini holistik untuk memastikan pembangunan untuk semua lapisan masyarakat ke arah kemakmuran, kemajuan, kemampunan dan kesepaduan Sarawak yang kita cintai.

Saya yakin dan percaya bahawa dengan kelulusan terhadap Rang Undang-Undang ini, ia akan membolehkan Kerajaan Sarawak melaksanakan tanggungjawab dengan lebih cekap dan berkesan untuk kesejahteraan rakyat.

Kelulusan Rang Undang-Undang ini juga akan dapat meningkatkan keyakinan para pelabur untuk terus meneroka potensi dan memacu pembangunan ekonomi di Sarawak.

Oleh itu, dalam ucapan penggulungan saya pada petang ini, saya akan menjelaskan beberapa inisiatif pembangunan secara makro yang akan memberi impak besar kepada pembangunan ekonomi Sarawak ke arah mencapai status ekonomi maju berpendapatan tinggi menjelang 2030.

Accelerating Growth Through Technology

Tuan Speaker, in recent times, we have witnessed rapid development in technological advancement. It took centuries for humanity to adapt to the agricultural revolution and decades for the industrial revolution. Now, we may have only a few years to adapt to the Artificial Intelligence (AI) revolution.

Quick adaptation to digitalisation allows for the integration of AI with other technologies, fostering synergies that can lead to breakthroughs in different fields. Digital technology adoption is essential for staying competitive, accelerating economic growth, creating new economic opportunities and jobs, driving entrepreneurship and improving decision-making. Generative AI will revolutionise industries, enhancing productivity across various sectors by automating tasks, providing valuable insights, optimising processes and solving complex problems.

What this means is that we could grow our economy faster in the era of digitalisation, combining machine and human intelligence. For Sarawak to remain relevant, we must work in tandem with global technological advancements. Digitalisation will be the catalyst for Sarawak to position itself as a dynamic and resilient economy. We need to diversify our economy, promote industrialisation, attract foreign investments, promote public-private partnerships, develop high skilled workforce and transform into a multifaceted economy. In doing so, we must actively embrace digital technologies, particularly generative AI to drive our economy, through data and innovation for a sustainable development.

I am confident that through the adoption of digital technologies, we can double the size of the economy and achieve our aspirations by 2030. According to the latest IMF Report in October 2023, the global economy's GDP recorded USD104 trillion. Additionally, according to Oxford Economics Report, it is projected that the digital economy will contribute, on average 24.3% to the world economy. In other words, the digital economy is expected to contribute approximately USD25 trillion to the world economy in 2022. In summary, if Sarawak can tap into 0.1% of the global digital economy GDP, this would contribute approximately USD25 billion or RM113 billion to Sarawak's GDP.

Tuan Speaker, five years ago, I launched the Sarawak Digital Economy Strategy 2018-2022 to accelerate our economic development through digital transformation. We have achieved numerous successes in our digitalization journey that set the foundation for our next phase of digital economy acceleration. Last month, I launched the Sarawak Digital Economy Blueprint 2030 to continue our effort to transform the whole-of-economy and society from a conventional resource-based economy to environmentally sustainable technology-based economy.

Our digital economy initiatives have been awarded with various international recognitions. Latest, last two weeks, Sarawak received prestigious Digital Government Award 2023 by Asian-Oceanian Computing Industry Organisation in Seoul, South Korea. This award recognised our role in positioning and realising digital infrastructure and technology in Sarawak.

PCDS 2030 on Track

Tuan Speaker, I would like to inform this august House that PCDS 2030 is on track. Based on the plan, private investment is the main engine of growth. We have been very successful in bringing investors to Sarawak in the past few years due to Sarawak's political stability, clear policies and strategies as well as the means to facilitate private investment.

Under the 12MP Mid Term Review, we have approved a substantial ceiling amounted to RM38 billion to accelerate our infrastructure projects for socio-economic development and at the same time, to meet the requirement of private investors. This amount is over and above the alternative funding that has been allocated for strategic infrastructure projects. In the last sitting, I have mentioned among the key issues of infrastructure development in Sarawak is the shortage of cement supply. Today, I wish to update this august House that we have made a significant progress to address the issue. Last Friday, on 24th November, we have received our maiden shipment of cement from Vietnam in Tanjung Manis Port. The supply of cement will meet the demand of the construction industry to accelerate our infrastructure development in Sarawak.

Catalytic Initiatives

Tuan Speaker, in this august House, I would like to inform on several key private sector-driven initiatives that would significantly contribute to our economy. These high impact initiatives are in various sectors particularly oil and gas, manufacturing, agriculture and services. These projects are at various stages of implementation such as projects that are ready for operation, awaiting Final Investment Decision (FID) and at the feasibility study stage. Using input-output analysis, 31 catalytic projects have been analysed to assess the impact to the economy. Based on the analysis, these projects are expected to generate an additional RM56 billion to Sarawak's GDP by 2030. This projection takes into consideration the direct, indirect and induced impact generated during the construction and operation period of the projects.

For oil and gas sector, six catalytic projects are projected to generate RM34 billion to Sarawak's GDP by 2030. The projects are:

- (a) Bintulu Petrochemical Hub and Sarawak Petchem Methanol Plant - RM16 billion;
- (b) Rosmari-Marjoram and Lang Lebah Onshore Gas Plants, Bintulu - RM13.9 billion;
- (c) Samalaju and Miri Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Power Plants - RM2.4 billion; and
- (d) RM1.7 billion from the proposed Lawas Petrochemical Development.

There are still more investment projects to be explored in the oil and gas sector. PETROS is currently undertaking a feasibility study to develop the Kuching Gas Hub, the first in the Southern Region with the development of the K5 oil and gas field. The gas hub will support a new CCGT for long-term power supply security to Greater Kuching. Meanwhile, the implementation of the large-scale green hydrogen manufacturing projects in Sarawak, namely Hornbill and Hibiscus projects in Samalaju are projected to generate an additional RM2.4 billion to Sarawak's GDP by 2030.

These projects are expected to come on stream in 2028 and they have the potential to produce up to 238,000 tonnes per annum of green hydrogen for Sarawak. At the same time, we are projecting that the new investment projects in Samalaju Industrial Park for the production of steel, copper foil and polycrystalline silicon to generate RM12.3 billion to Sarawak's GDP. The expansion of the electrical and electronic industries and the development of Kuching High Tech Park combined, are projected to contribute an additional RM2.7 billion of GDP by 2030.

Tuan Speaker, following our plan to achieve net food exporter and ensure self-sufficiency, we have embarked on the development of Agroparks in several areas, such as Sungai Baji and Bebulung, precision farming as well as cattle farms and breeding farms in Betong, Bau and Serian. These developments are projected to bring in an additional RM0.5 billion in GDP by 2030. Additionally, with the adoption of paddy seedlings variety from Vietnam, cultivation of 10,000 hectares of hybrid paddy seed at Lubok Punggor, Spaoh, Tanjung Bijan and Tanjung Purun could potentially produce 240,000 tonnes of paddy per annum thus contributing RM0.3 billion to Sarawak GDP by 2030. At the same time, aquaculture projects development at Batang Ai, Bakun, Murum and Rambungan as well as shrimp farming at Tanjung Manis, could potentially contribute RM1.2 billion to GDP by 2030. We must be bold enough to develop our agriculture sector through private investment, innovation, utilisation of smart and modern agriculture technology. A strategic approach must be introduced to encourage our young generation to pursue careers in food production and modern agriculture.

Development of Industrial Cluster

Tuan Speaker, catalytic projects play a crucial role in initiating and driving downstream activities as they create a ripple effect for further development. Therefore, we anticipate that the catalytic projects will trigger an additional economic impact of RM40 billion GDP or more for downstream industries. I take the example of the polycrystalline silicon industry. Demand for polycrystalline silicon products is expected to be majorly driven by the increasing number of solar PV installations. The global polycrystalline market is expected to hold a valuation of USD11.8 billion by 2028. In Sarawak, the existing market demand for polycrystalline from both OCIM Sdn. Bhd. and Longi (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. signifies the need to build an ecosystem encompassing the entire solar supply chain. This can be integrated spanning across polycrystalline and solar wafer manufacturing, module assembling, mounting structures and PV inverter production.

The RM56 billion contribution from identified major catalytic projects can also be higher due to the corresponding economic contributions from the services sector. Undeniably, a growing manufacturing sector often requires efficient supply chain and logistics services. As such, we foresee the services sector can benefit from increased demand for transportation, warehousing, distribution and other logistics-related services. These catalytic initiatives will also unlock a huge potential within the local downstream industries, where our local micro, small and medium enterprises can potentially participate. In this regard, I would like the Regional Development Agencies to plan the socio-economic development in their areas, taking into consideration the demand for these services and organise the community to participate.

Tuan Speaker, in total, we are expecting additional RM96 billion GDP from catalytic initiatives and its spillover impact to Sarawak economy. What it means is that we are on track to realise RM282 billion GDP by 2030. And these initiatives are not exhaustive. There are many areas which we can explore further, especially in green technology and digitalisation.

Tuan Speaker, I have to explain this because it is great leapfrog from the present about 140 billion GDP to 280 billion by 2030 but with this investment that is coming to Sarawak and also the spillover effect, we can achieve the 282 billion GDP by 2030, Insya-ALLAH.

Development of New Sources of Energy

Tuan Speaker, I would like to share the insights of the book that I have read, *"In Defence of Naval Supremacy"* by Jon Tetsuro Sumida. In this book, in 1911, the British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, when he became the First Lord of the Admiralty, had made a very brave decision to transform British Royal Navy. He decided to transform the naval battle ships from the use of coal to oil, because initially they are using steam and coal but then Winston Churchill decided with that was a time or transition energy from coal to oil as a means to enhance its efficiency and effectiveness despite objections from his Senior Naval Officials due to naval tradition of using coal. As a result of Churchill's bold decision, British ships were able to run faster and were more flexible during World

War I leading to the supremacy of the British Royal Navy. That was the period of transition from coal to oil.

Now 112 years later, we are in the transition from oil to renewable energy. We Sarawak have make a bold decision in leading the change of energy transition. We have transformed our energy production from coal and oil to produce power from renewable energy sources through our hydroelectric, solar and hydrogen projects.

Now, the world is also moving towards energy transition to green energy. Because of our bold decision, I am proud that Sarawak is currently the regional leader in green energy transition as other states and countries are looking to us as case studies for their own development.

Sarawak's sustainable hydropower serves as the foundation of our developmental journey, providing clean, environment friendly, contemporary and cost-effective energy solutions to meet its climate goals. By capitalising on renewable hydropower resources, Sarawak Government has been able to balance between ensuring energy security and sustainability in driving socio-economic transformation. Through the flexibility and storage services it provides, hydropower plays the key role of integrating and accelerating growth of other variable renewables such as solar and wind, as well as strengthening overall system resilience.

Sarawak Energy Berhad is currently developing a pilot 50MW floating solar farm at Batang Ai HEP's reservoir and this project is expected to be commissioned in 2024 and has the potential to offset around 52 kilo tonnes of carbon emissions annually. A pilot 60MW Battery Energy Storage System or BESS is currently underway, taking over a decommissioned coal power generating unit at the Sejingkat Coal Fired Power Plant. The BESS will provide critical grid services, such as peak shaving as well as spinning reserve and optimise generation assets – minimising the carbon emissions associated with traditional power generation.

We are also exploring the concept of cascading dam construction to produce power. Cascading dams does not require large reservoir or vast area of land, rather it relies on river flow. This new approach can be more sustainable, minimising environmental and social impacts. Despite the advantages of cascading dam, there are few Ahli Yang Berhormat who are still sceptical about the approach. I can assure you that we are going to adopt International Hydropower Sustainability Standards in carrying out the projects in line with Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) policies.

For the information of this august House, the cascading dam model for power production is internationally accepted and environmentally friendly and being implemented in Tasmania, the Nordic countries, River Danube in Europe and other parts of the world.

The communities and local leaders will be engaged early in the project implementation. I believe the locals will accept this idea for their benefits and I hope there will be no interference by outsiders influencing the local community in the area.

In order to strengthen our efforts in transitioning towards green energy, the Sarawak Government, through the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Sustainability Sarawak has embarked on the drafting of an Energy Transition Policy and Road Map for Sarawak, targeted for completion in 2024. This comprehensive roadmap will pave the way for a secure, equitable and sustainable energy future for Sarawak and its people.

Waste to Energy

Tuan Speaker, as we confront the dual challenges of climate change and waste management, waste-to-energy (WtE) technology has emerged as a promising solution. By converting waste into electricity or other forms of energy, WtE can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, minimise greenhouse gas emissions and divert waste primarily from our landfills, rivers and seas.

I encourage the exploration of various waste-to-energy technologies, including pyrolysis, gasification and anaerobic digestion to cater to different waste streams and energy needs. The source of waste can span from agricultural waste, timber or wood waste and municipal wastes. I am happy to inform this august House that we are going to establish a strategic partnership with the Swedish Government in managing our waste-to-energy system.

Wood Pellet

Tuan Speaker, the Future Market Insights has reported that the projected value of global wood pellet market in 2023 is about USD10 billion. The global sales of wood pellet are expected to register a compounded annual growth rate of about 10.2%, equivalent to approximately USD24 billion, 10 years from now. The robust growth in demand is geared by increasing global trend preferring renewable energy to mitigate global warming while reducing the usage of fossil fuels and coal.

During the first three-quarter of this year, Sarawak already produce about 64,263 metric tonnes of wood pellets from planted forest, wood and palm wastes. For the same period, 46,065 metric tonnes were exported to Japan, Korea and European markets contributing to an export earnings of about RM36 million. By developing new power plant fired with wood pellets will create domestic demand for this commodity. This new growth in domestic demand will provide investment opportunities for more pellet mills to capture both domestic and global demand. With vast untapped biomass resources, Sarawak has the potential to emerge as one of the production hubs for biomass pellets in this region.

Biotech Industries

Tuan Speaker, within both the global and regional Asia Pacific markets, there is strong growth in demand for biotech and biological industries. The global biotech revenue is expected to grow from USD414 billion in 2018 to USD600 billion this year. The biomedical industry represents the most dominant sector within the biotech industries, making up to 64% and 54% of the market revenues in the global and Asia Pacific market, respectively.

I see the economic potential in research on Sarawak's rich biodiversity and the findings of this research can be advanced and commercialised to create spillover effects to our economy. We have taken the initiative to establish the Sarawak Bio-industrial Park to expand the development of biotech industries in Sarawak. The core concept of this park is that it embraces the commercialisation of biodiversity research and promotes itself as a high-tech investment opportunity and resource node for biotech companies. The economic growth spurred by foreign direct investment in the park will have a ripple effect. It creates job opportunities, stimulate local businesses and contribute to the overall economic prosperity and social inclusivity for Sarawak.

Facilitating Private Investment

Tuan Speaker, in order to encourage active participation of private sector to grow Sarawak's economy, we must provide a favourable business environment and improve the ease of doing business by reducing regulatory burdens and bureaucratic procedures without compromising on integrity. This will reduce the cost of doing business, which in turn will increase profitability, productivity and our competitiveness.

InvestSarawak, a one stop agency, will facilitate investments in Sarawak. In addition, two new trade and tourism offices that are similar to the Sarawak Tourism and Trade Office Singapore, will be set up in Brunei and Kalimantan to promote Sarawak's tourism, local products and services and more importantly attract investments into Sarawak. Meanwhile, *Pasukan Petugas Pemudahcara Perniagaan Peringkat Sarawak (SAMUDAH)* will promote close collaboration between private and public sector in terms of regulatory processes, procedures and policies to enhance ease of doing business.

Transport and Logistics

Tuan Speaker, beyond the development of roads, we are dedicated to improving Sarawak's transport and logistics sector for better connectivity and to accommodate the growing demand of industries. We have made a bold step in our decision to acquire MASwings Sdn. Bhd. knowing that air transportation plays a crucial role in the economic and social development of Sarawak. Air travel, connects and provides fast and efficient mode of transportation within Sarawak, with other parts of Malaysia, Asian region and the rest of the world for business and tourism activities.

I wish to emphasise that the acquisition of MASwings is equivalent to our investment in infrastructure development as public goods. Therefore, it is not profit-motivated, rather it is essential to complete our transportation and logistics network in air connectivity within Sarawak and the region at a reasonable price. This Sarawak owned airline will be able to provide more guaranteed essential air services even on less profitable routes.

Last month, Sarawak Government, Hornbill Skyways Sdn. Bhd. and Malaysia Aviation Group Berhad have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the management of rural air services by acquisition of shares in MASwings Sdn Bhd. Through the acquisition, we are committed to upgrading MASwings from a rural air service provider to a regional airline. I am confident that this initiative will improve our air connectivity and open more opportunities in trade, business and tourism. The improvement will allow us to better promote Sarawak as a premium destination for responsible tourism and business events given Sarawak's natural settings and eco-friendly environment.

It is also our aspiration to elevate Sarawak's aviation sector to another level and expand air connectivity to nearby regions especially Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Singapore, Indonesia and other Southeast Asian countries. In order for us to be efficient in providing air services, we are also preparing Sarawak to become an Aviation Hub and tap the potential for Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities and training centre for aviators in this region.

Takeover Of Bintulu Port

Tuan Speaker, I would like to thank YAB Prime Minister for agreeing to hand over Bintulu Port Authority to Sarawak Government as announced in his Budget speech last month. I wish to inform this august House that we are now in the process of taking over Bintulu Port Authority from the Federal Government. The process of taking over is progressing well and facilitated by the Ministry of Transport Malaysia.

I, therefore, would like to thank Yang Berhormat Minister of Transport Malaysia on his effort. The takeover of Bintulu Port Authority will allow Sarawak to strategically manage the roles of the port and rationalise Sarawak's ports and infrastructure in a more orderly manner, thus create a vibrant economic development in the future. I am sure that once the acquisition is realised, we will be able to chart our way to expand shipping connectivity with other major global transportation and logistics hubs and simultaneously, create more investment opportunities for Sarawak via the trade and businesses.

Public Transport

Tuan Speaker, our initiative to utilise green hydrogen to fuel our public transport is well aligned with the UN goal to combat climate change and achieve a Zero Carbon Emission target by 2050. During the 2023 National Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Council Meeting, the United Nation's representative, Her Excellency Ms. Karima El Korri praised Sarawak's initiatives in promoting SDG and green energy. The Kuching public transportation system through Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) powered by green hydrogen are on the right track. The ART is currently undergoing the proof-of-concept (POC) exercise until 15th December 2023 and the United Nation is monitoring our public transport on hydrogen.

The recently awarded contract for the Blue Line, marked the beginning of massive construction activities for the ART project. I am confident that Kuching ART will be completed according to schedule and commence its operation in the fourth quarter of 2025. At the same time, we are planning for the ART project for Bintulu.

Transformation of our transport sector must be managed through a holistic and integrated approach. We need to strengthen our transport management and coordination to ensure its service delivery fulfils the public demand. As part of the strategic steps forward, the Sarawak Government is exploring the idea of establishing a single transport authority for Sarawak. We are studying Singapore's model of Land Transport Authority (LTA), where this Authority plans and manages the whole Singapore's public transportation system through active private sector participation.

Sharing Economic Wealth

Tuan Speaker, saya gembira Bank Dunia telah mengiktiraf Sarawak sebagai wilayah berpendapatan tinggi. Ini menunjukkan bahawa kita telah berupaya mencapai kemakmuran ekonomi. Namun begitu, agenda pembangunan kita melangkaui pertumbuhan ekonomi. Kerajaan GPS sentiasa prihatin dengan pendapatan rakyat berbanding pertumbuhan ekonomi semata-mata.

Oleh itu, saya ingin memaklumkan Dewan yang mulia ini bahawa Kerajaan Sarawak di bawah GPS akan juga terus memberi fokus kepada peningkatan pendapatan isi rumah melalui inisiatif keterangkuman sosial di mana tiada rakyat terpinggir dalam arus pembangunan agar hasil pembangunan dikongsi oleh setiap lapisan masyarakat. Untuk meningkatkan pendapatan isi rumah, adalah penting untuk kita meningkatkan produktiviti mereka melalui pendidikan dan latihan kemahiran, khususnya dalam bidang TVET dan STEM bermula dari peringkat awal hingga ke peringkat tinggi.

Forum Ekonomi Dunia (WEF) meramalkan akan berlaku perubahan dalam bidang pekerjaan dalam era transformasi digital, di mana 85 juta pekerjaan akan hilang dan akan wujud 97 juta pekerjaan baharu menjelang 2025 merentasi pelbagai industri dan sektor ekonomi. Oleh itu, kita menitikberatkan pembangunan modal insan kerana ia adalah aset masa depan Sarawak. Kita akan memastikan semua rakyat Sarawak mendapat akses kepada pendidikan dan latihan kemahiran yang berkualiti, khususnya bagi memenuhi permintaan industri baharu dalam era transformasi digital.

Sejajar dengan itu, dalam Bajet 2024 yang saya bentangkan minggu lepas, saya telah mengumumkan beberapa inisiatif ke arah pembangunan modal insan melalui bantuan pendidikan yang akan memanfaatkan anak-anak Sarawak di peringkat sekolah dan universiti:

- (a) peningkatan peruntukan Program Tuisyen Percuma dari RM10 juta ke RM15 juta, bagi pelajar Tingkatan 3 hingga Tingkatan 5 dari golongan B40;
- (b) tambahan Geran Khas sebanyak RM6 juta bagi Program Biasiswa Tempatan untuk meningkatkan bantuan untuk setiap pelajar dari RM400 ke RM800;
- (c) RM30 juta untuk bantuan pembayaran balik pinjaman PTPTN; dan

- (d) baucar buku sebanyak RM500 dan laptop percuma untuk anak-anak Sarawak dari isi rumah yang berpendapatan RM1,500 dan ke bawah dan berjaya memasuki IPTA atau IPTS.

Tambahan pula, Kerajaan Sarawak sedang mengkaji untuk memperkenalkan pendidikan tinggi secara percuma di institusi pengajian tinggi milik Kerajaan Sarawak menjelang 2026, iaitu:

- (a) University of Technology Sarawak;
- (b) Curtin University of Technology;
- (c) Swinburne University;
- (d) i-CATS University College; dan
- (e) Kolej Laila Taib.

Saya percaya, dengan adanya sumber kewangan yang kukuh kita mampu merealisasikan hasrat ini. Dengan adanya pendidikan dan latihan kemahiran berkualiti, kita akan dapat melahirkan tenaga kerja yang kompeten dan berdaya saing dan seterusnya dapat merebut peluang pekerjaan yang menawarkan gaji yang tinggi (*high-paying jobs*). Justeru dapat menyumbang kepada peningkatan pendapatan isi rumah dan kualiti hidup rakyat.

Untuk mencapai hasrat ini, Sarawak mempunyai 53 institusi pengajian tinggi dan 104 institusi latihan kemahiran awam dan swasta yang menawarkan pelbagai kursus dan latihan kemahiran untuk anak Sarawak. Kerajaan Sarawak juga komited untuk mencapai keterangkuman sosial dengan memastikan setiap rakyat mampu memiliki rumah kediaman. Sehubungan itu, kita melaksanakan dasar perumahan holistik yang mengambil kira keperluan semua lapisan rakyat terutamanya, golongan yang berpendapatan rendah di luar bandar.

Maka, Kerajaan Sarawak telah menyediakan pelbagai bentuk bantuan perumahan kepada golongan berpendapatan rendah seperti bantuan sewa, pembaikan dan pemilikan rumah. Antaranya Skim Pembesaran dan Penempatan Semula Kampung, Program Pembaharuan Bandar, Skim Pinjaman Rumah Panjang, Program Rumah Spektra Permata dan Projek Kecil Luar Bandar-Program Penambahbaikan Rumah Rakyat Miskin Sarawak (MRP-PPRMS).

Sebagai sebuah Kerajaan yang bertanggungjawab, kita komited menjaga kebajikan rakyat dengan menyediakan jaringan keselamatan sosial dan bantuan kebajikan. Kita berusaha membantu individu dan keluarga yang serba kekurangan untuk mencapai taraf hidup yang lebih baik. Kita memerlukan dasar bantuan sosial yang berkesan dan cekap dengan memberi tumpuan kepada golongan sasar. Dalam pada itu, adalah perlu bagi kita untuk memastikan rakyat terus produktif dan mengurangkan kebergantungan kepada subsidi dan bantuan kerajaan.

Malaysia Agreement 1963

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak GPS Government remains committed in resolving our claims under the Malaysia Agreement 1963. I wish to update this august House that the first Technical Committee Meeting under the Majlis Tindakan Pelaksanaan Perjanjian Malaysia 1963, chaired by the YAB Deputy Prime Minister was held on 18th July 2023 in Putrajaya. Under this Technical Committee Meeting, it was agreed that for the issues on Health and Education autonomy to Sarawak and Sabah, to be further discussed under the Special Coordination Committee, which will be co-chaired by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department with the Minister of Health and the Minister of Education.

In addition, through this Technical Committee Meeting, the Federal Government has agreed:

- (a) To return 57 lots of undeveloped Federal land back to Sarawak Government; and
- (b) Sarawak Government to acquire the land from FLC at its original acquisition cost.

For the information of this august House, our demand to have a representative in the Inland Revenue Board, has been agreed by the Federal Government. The Dewan Rakyat, on 11th October

2023, passed the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (Amendment) Act, 2023 to, amongst others, provide for the appointment of a representative from Sarawak as a permanent member of the Inland Revenue Board.

The appointment and revocation of a member representing Sarawak under this Act can only be exercised after consultation with the Premier of Sarawak. As for the autonomy on Environment which has been principally agreed to be handed over to Sarawak Government, we are currently preparing for the amendment of the Natural Resources and Environment Ordinance, 1993, in the anticipation of the transfer of autonomy on Environment to Sarawak.

Matters Still in Discussion

I am pleased to inform that our proposal to increase the number of parliamentary seats for Sarawak and Sabah to 35%, has received a positive response from the Federal Government.

I am optimistic that after a number of joint committee's discussions, this proposal will be endorsed by the MA63 Technical Committee meeting, and further taken to the Federal Cabinet meeting.

At the same time, our Sarawak Government will continue to negotiate and fight for the new formula for the Special Grants under Article 112D, with the Federal Government, to ensure that the Sarawak revenue is adequate to meet the cost of State services.

On behalf of the Sarawak Government, I would like to thank Putrajaya for their commitment and sincerity in restoring the rights of Sarawak, as stipulated under the MA63.

For other matters which are still under discussions, the Sarawak Government implore for a favourable outcome from the negotiations with the Federal Government, so that our rights as contained in the Malaysia Agreement, Cobbold Commission, IGC Report and Federal Constitution, can be restored and safeguarded.

Commercial Settlement Agreement (CSA)

Tuan Speaker, I wish to inform this august House that we have made significant progress on the Commercial Settlement Agreement (CSA) with PETRONAS signed three years ago. Thus far:

- (a) 91% or 4,200 of PETRONAS employees in Sarawak are local, exceeding our 85% target;
- (b) 40% or RM4 billion total jobs value in Sarawak have been awarded to Sarawakian vendors;
- (c) MRSM Bintulu funded by PETRONAS was completed in August this year and the first batch of students is expected to commence their studies in March next year;
- (d) More than 65,000 Sarawakian have benefitted from the programmes organised under CSA which includes (a) primary and secondary education, (b) sponsorship, tertiary education and professional learning and (c) upskilling and pre-employment;
- (e) Realisation of the first Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) project in Malaysia, the Kasawari (M1) CCS Project in Sarawak; and
- (f) PETROS Niaga Sdn Bhd will be the sole distributor for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in Sarawak by December this year.

Of late, there has been concern on CCUS rights. I would like to emphasise in this august House that our CCUS activities is enshrined with the amendment of the Sarawak Land Code (Carbon Storage) Rules, 2022. Therefore, rest assured that CCUS activity in Sarawak and its continental shelf is governed by our law.

Penutup

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak telah mencapai banyak kejayaan sepanjang tahun ini atas usaha dan komitmen semua pihak. Sebagai rakyat Sarawak, kita perlu terus memupuk semangat perpaduan, toleransi, berganding bahu dan berusaha dengan tekun untuk merealisasikan impian menjadi sebuah kuasa ekonomi yang cemerlang menjelang tahun 2030. Hanya dengan usaha bersama dan perpaduan dalam kalangan kita dapat menumpukan perhatian kepada pembangunan demi menjamin kesejahteraan masyarakat dan melindungi masa depan generasi yang akan datang.

Tuan Speaker, malam tadi, *last night*, semasa perasmian Global Muslim Business Forum 2023 di BCKK, Yang Amat Berhormat Perdana Menteri telah mengiktiraf sumbangan Kerajaan GPS dalam membentuk politik Malaysia yang stabil.

GPS telah menyumbang kepada 2/3 majoriti kerusi Parlimen dalam Kerajaan Perpaduan. Ini telah mengukuhkan kedudukan Kerajaan Perpaduan ke arah mewujudkan Malaysia yang stabil, maju dan makmur. Ini juga memberi keyakinan kepada para pelabur untuk terus menyumbang kepada pembangunan ekonomi negara.

Justeru, saya menyeru semua ahli komponen parti GPS untuk sama-sama mendukung kesepakatan dan kemuafakatan tanpa mengira kepentingan parti dan individu. Marilah kita mengenyepikan kepentingan peribadi dan kepartian serta memupuk semangat perpaduan dan kerjasama sebagai satu pasukan agar kita terus kuat dan gagah sebagai sebuah parti gabungan yang unggul di Malaysia. Pada masa yang sama, ini akan membolehkan kita menumpukan usaha untuk memajukan Sarawak dan mensejahterakan rakyat.

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan Sarawak di bawah GPS amat menghargai sumbangan penjawat awam Sarawak dalam melaksanakan mandat dan menggalas tanggungjawab dengan penuh amanah demi kesejahteraan rakyat. Sebab itulah pendapatan Negeri kita semakin bertambah, bertambah, bertambah. Perkhidmatan Awam bekerjasama dengan Kerajaan untuk memberi kesejahteraan kepada rakyat.

Bagi menghargai jasa penjawat awam, sukacitanya saya bagi pihak rakan-rakan saya mengumumkan Pembayaran Bantuan Khas Kewangan kepada semua Anggota Perkhidmatan Awam Sarawak termasuk Badan Berkanun Sarawak dan Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan Sarawak sebanyak dua bulan gaji pokok mereka.

Pembayaran bagi Bantuan Khas Kewangan ini akan dibuat sebelum penghujung tahun 2023. Dianggarkan seramai 28 ribu Anggota Perkhidmatan Awam Sarawak tersebut akan menerima Bantuan Khas Kewangan yang melibatkan anggaran perbelanjaan dan implikasi kewangan sebanyak RM172 juta.

Kita juga tidak melupakan Anggota Perkhidmatan Awam Persekutuan yang telah bersama-sama berganding bahu dan menyumbang kepada usaha pembangunan sosio ekonomi Sarawak sepanjang tahun ini.

Oleh itu, saya mengumumkan Bantuan Khas Kewangan sejumlah RM600 juga diberikan kepada semua Anggota Perkhidmatan Awam Persekutuan yang berkhidmat di Sarawak sepanjang tahun 2023 ini. Mereka terdiri daripada lebih kurang seramai 130 ribu Anggota Perkhidmatan Awam Persekutuan, termasuk Badan Beruniform, Anggota Keselamatan dan Badan Berkanun Persekutuan yang tertentu. Ini dijangka melibatkan anggaran implikasi kewangan sebanyak RM78 juta dan akan dibayar pada awal tahun hadapan.

Akhir kata, saya juga ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Tuan Speaker, Ahli-Ahli Yang Berhormat, Ketua-Ketua Jabatan, Anggota Perkhidmatan Awam serta semua warga kerja Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak yang telah mengendalikan persidangan DUN dengan teratur dan cemerlang.

Saya *tok* dari Gedong, Tuan Speaker. Jadi saya ikutlah pantun *kamek* di Gedong.

*Ikan bekut terkonang-konang,
Mari terkonang di dalam buluh,
Tamat sudah kita bersidang,
Ke arah Sarawak maju dan teguh.*

*Dari Gedong singgah ke Serian,
Ingin berteduh di Tasik Danu,
Akhir bicara saya ucapkan,
Merry Christmas, Selamat Tahun Baru.*

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; Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar; Menteri Tenaga dan Kelestarian Alam Sekitar; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong (YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg): Tuan Speaker, I beg to move that the Supply (2024), Bill, 2023 be read a second time.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 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 be referred to the Committee of Supply; *"that this Dewan resolved to approve the Development Estimate 2024 as contained in Command Paper No. 11 of 2023 laid on the table on 20th November 2023"*. As many as 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 and shall 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: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, we shall now consider Command Paper No. 9 of 2023 on the Estimate of Revenue and Ordinary Expenditure for the year 2024 laid on the table on 20th November 2023.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question before the Dewan is that the amount of expenditure on all heads as set forth in the Estimate of Revenue and Ordinary Expenditure for the year 2024 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 Estimate of Revenue and Ordinary Expenditure for the year 2024 are approved. We shall now consider the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023.

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 the Clauses 1 and 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 are ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Enacting Schedules, Clauses and Title

Tuan Pengerusi: Honourable Members, we shall now consider Command Paper No. 11 of 2023 on the Development Estimates, 2024 laid on the Table on 20th November 2023.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the amount of expenditure on all heads as set forth in the Development Estimate 2024 be approved. As many as 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 Development Estimate 2024 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; Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar; Menteri Tenaga dan Kelestarian Alam Sekitar; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong (YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg): Tuan Speaker, I wished to report that the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 and the Motion on the Development Estimate for the year 2024 Bill had been considered by the Committee of Supply and agreed to without amendment.

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

SUPPLY (2024) BILL, 2023

Premier Sarawak; Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru; Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar; Menteri Tenaga dan Kelestarian Alam Sekitar; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong (YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg): Tuan Speaker, I beg to move that the supply (2024) Bill, 2023 be read a third time and do pass.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 be read a third time and do pass. 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 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 2024**

SUPPLY (2024) BILL, 2023

Tuan Speaker: Yang Amat Berhormat Premier.

Premier Sarawak; Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru; Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar; Menteri Tenaga dan Kelestarian Alam Sekitar; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong (YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg): Tuan Speaker, I beg to move that this House resolves to approve the Development Estimates for the year 2024 as contained in Command Paper No. 11 of 2023 laid on the Table on 20th November 2023.

Tuan Speaker: Another Minister to second?

Timbalan Premier Sarawak; 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 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 Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan (Pembangunan Infrastruktur); dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.24 Sadong Jaya (YB Datuk Ir. Aidel bin Lariwoo): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh dan Salam Sejahtera, Salam Sarawakku Sayang.

First and foremost, thank you for allowing me to move a Motion of adjournment for the Second Meeting of the Second Session of the Nineteenth Dewan Undangan Negeri which took place from 20th to 29th November 2023.

I wish to congratulate our YAB Premier on his visionary foresight for Sarawak to set a foothold in the international economy, bringing Sarawak to a greater height, while at the same time remain focus in spearheading the development in the State, bridging the development gap between rural and urban, and uplifting the standard of living of the people of Sarawak...*(Inaudible)*...with his able leadership, we have full confidence that we will be able to achieve our aspiration to make Sarawak a high-income economy by 2030.

The strong support and confidence in the GPS Government under YAB Premier's leadership has also witnessed a landslide victory in the recent Jepak by-election.

I also wish to congratulate our YAB Premier for being accorded with the prestigious Distinguished Honorary Fellow Award from the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations on November 21st, 2023. This exclusive recognition is for his excellency's exceptional contributions to the engineering profession, institutional advancement, and significant national endeavours.

Tuan Speaker, during this Dewan Undangan Negeri session, five Bills and two Motions were tabled and passed namely:

- (a) The Supply (2024) Bill, 2023;
- (b) The Sarawak Ombudsman Bill, 2023;
- (c) The Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Bill, 2023;
- (d) The Distribution of Gas (Amendment) Bill, 2023;
- (e) The Electrical (Amendment) Bill, 2023;
- (f) The Motion on Development Estimates 2024; and
- (g) The Ministerial Motion of Sarawak Sovereign Wealth Future Fund.

The Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 and The Motion on Development Estimates 2024

The Bill was tabled and passed to authorise the withdrawal of funds from the State Consolidated Revenue Account to cover the 2024 State Operating and Development Expenditures. The 2024 State Budget with the theme "*Development for All: Together, Building a Prosperous, Sustainable and United Sarawak*" is indeed an expansionary budget and continues to be development biased and rural focused, reflecting the GPS Government's commitment to ensuring the holistic development throughout the State where nobody will be left behind.

Tuan Speaker, during the debate of the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023, most of the Honourable Members addressed their concerned on the provision and the implementation of roads and bridges, public amenities like electricity, water supply, telecommunication and other facilities in the rural areas, and how the Government could possibly speed up the delivery of these projects to the people.

We noted and thanked the Sarawak Government for providing substantial allocation for the Development Expenditure in 2024 which will enable more roads, bridges, public amenities, and facilities be implemented especially for the rural communities. However, in addressing the issue of slow project progress, it is hoped that the Government will undertake various measures including review of processes and procedures to expedite the project implementation so that the rakyat could

reaps the benefit from this development. This will also diminish inequalities between the urban and rural communities in accessing opportunities, be it business or job opportunities. All these initiatives, if implemented effectively and efficiently, will stimulate the growth of the local economy, and promote comprehensive socio-economic development across Sarawak.

Notwithstanding that, the Supply Bill together with the Motion on 2024 Development Estimates are fully supported by the members of this Dewan.

The Sarawak Ombudsman Bill, 2023

Tuan Speaker, most of the Honourable Members of this august House have debated on the Sarawak Ombudsman Bill, 2023 and given their strong support to the Bill. Being the first in Malaysia to implement ombudsman is a testament of the Sarawak Government's commitment to combatting corruption and administrative malpractice, making a significant impact in the eye of the international community.

Upholding the principles of high integrity and good governance within the civil service will position Sarawak favourably, attracting both domestic and foreign investors, ultimately contributing to our goal of achieving a high-income economy by 2030.

The Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Bill, 2023

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak Government is steadfast in its commitment to a Net Zero Carbon Future. The Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Bill, 2023 which was debated and passed in this Sitting, will regulate greenhouse gas emissions, promote carbon capture and carbon storage, and mitigate the effects of climate change. This bill while protecting the environment and addressing the climate change issue also allowing Sarawak to take into new sources of revenue for long term financial substantial.

Distribution of Gas (Amendment) Bill, 2023

Tuan Speaker, most of the Honourable Members have also debated and passed the amendment to the distribution of gas bill. The revision in the Gas Aggregator's role is of utmost significance as it encompasses the development, expansion, management, and maintenance of gas distribution networks and systems. This amendment will enhance the involvement of Sarawakian entities and companies in supplying gas within Sarawak at fair and reasonable prices. Hence, it will create more skilled job opportunities and broaden prospects for the people of Sarawak.

Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2023

Tuan Speaker, the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2023 has also been debated and passed in this Dewan Undangan Negeri Sitting. The amendment focuses on the shift to clean and renewable energy aimed at tackling climate change issue, curbing pollution, and securing a sustainable future for our young generations. In this regard, the Governments, businesses, and individuals play pivotal roles in propelling the transition to clean and renewable energy.

Tuan Speaker, the issue on Education Autonomy has been touched by some members of this Dewan and I would like to quote what has been transpired during question and answer session on Friday 24th November 2023 in this Dewan when Ahli Yang Berhormat for Kota Sentosa was asking for the timeline when Sarawak will have the Education Autonomy, Deputy Minister, Ahli Yang Berhormat for Nangka in his respond, one quote, *"If the ADUN for Kota Sentosa is asking for the timeline, it is not tomorrow, it is not next week, it is not next year, it is not another 16 years, but it is now for us to ask for the Rights under the Malaysian Agreement"*.

Revenue Re-engineering

Tuan Speaker, since YAB Premier took office in 2017, Sarawak Government with his wisdom and leadership had taken courageous steps to propel Sarawak into what we are today, most notably with the implementation of Revenue Re-engineering Initiative, and the introduction of new financial model to fund Government projects known as Alternative Funding Initiative, to step up the implementation of mega and high impact infrastructure projects throughout Sarawak. This is of course quite a departure from conventional finance for new financial strategy.

The Sarawak's revenue performance has been very encouraging and for 2023, as mentioned by YAB Premier in his 2024 Budget Speech, Sarawak Government is anticipated to collect a total revenue of RM12.718 billion, an increase of RM808 million from the actual collection for 2022 of RM11.9 billion. Congratulations to the Sarawak Government for the record breaking and highest ever revenue to be collected thus far and all this wouldn't be made possible without the great farsighted wisdom from the brain of YAB Premier.

Sarawak Sovereign Wealth Future Fund

Tuan Speaker, this Dewan Sitting has approved a motion to authorise the withdrawal of funds from the State Consolidated Fund over a period of 20 years for the purpose of appropriation to Sarawak Sovereign Wealth Future Fund (SWF). The initial sum of RM8 billion will be channelled to the Sarawak Sovereign Wealth Future Fund next year, we are happy to note that the Sarawak Sovereign Wealth Future Fund would be managed professionally and transparently by a Board of Guardians comprising finance and investment experts and professionals.

In a nutshell, this sovereign wealth fund is an excellent vehicle to preserve and grow the value of the State's fund in order to provide future generations of Sarawak with a solid savings base for such a time as the State's hydrocarbon reserves are depleted.

Conclusion

Tuan Speaker, in conclusion, the tabling and passing of these Government bills and motions by this Dewan Sitting reflects the Sarawak Government's commitments in bringing Sarawak to propel the economy to greater heights and enhancing its prominence and visibility on a global scale. All these initiatives that are to be undertaken with the passing of the Bills and Motions, and many other initiatives, policies and actions will place Sarawak on a robust platform for future growth in a stable and progressive environment.

Before I end, I wish to call on all the Members of this august House and all Sarawakians to celebrate our differences and uphold our precious unity for this beloved land. *Sayang Sarawak, Intu Sarawak*. A Prosperous, Sustainable and United Sarawak.

I would also like to thank and congratulate your good self, Tan Sri Datuk Amar Speaker, and your officers for the excellent job well done in ensuring the smooth running of the DUN's proceedings for the last eight days.

Lastly, I wish all my Christian friends, a Blessed Christmas, and for everyone, Happy New Year 2024. May the new year bring health, peace, and prosperity for all of us. I will end with two rangkap pantun:

*Pan Borneo Highway jadi realiti,
2nd trunk road menyusul lagi,
Martabat kita di julang tinggi
Hasil perjuangan dewan yang mulia ini.*

*Turun bersidang tanpa jemu,
Menggalas tanggungjawab yang diamanahkan,
Hingga berjumpa di persidangan baru,
Penuh hormat mohon ditangguhkan.*

With that Tuan Speaker, I beg to move.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan ucapan Usul Penangguhan itu tadi, maka kita telah sampai ke penghujung Mesyuarat Kedua bagi Penggal Kedua Dewan Undangan Negeri ke-19. Alhamdulillah persidangan yang berlangsung selama lapan hari ini telah berjalan dengan lancar dan teratur atas kerjasama dan keprihatinan semua 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-petugas, petugas khas, dan semua pihak yang telah bertungkus-lumus dalam menjayakan persidangan ini.

Bagi pihak Dewan yang mulia, saya ingin mengucapkan selamat menyambut Hari Krismas, selamat menyambut Tahun Baru 2024 dan Selamat Tahun Baru Cina kepada semua yang meraikan di dalam dan di luar Dewan ini. Saya akhiri sidang Dewan pada kali ini dengan lima rangkap pantun.

*Maju makmur cogan Negeri,
Rakyat harmoni Bersatu hati,
Premier Sarawak pemimpin bestari,
Bajet terbesar sudah terbukti.*

*Turun ke laut memancing siakap,
Sedap rasanya dimasak kari,
Sarawak bertuah pemimpinnya cekap,
Bijak dan hebat majukan Negeri.*

*Menang perang usaha Bersama,
Pemegang teguh Sang Perwira,
Perpaduan rakyat teras utama,
Rang Undang-Undang dilulus sebulat suara.*

*Kicauan burung si kakak tua,
Singgah berteduh di pohon lebat,
Mesyuarat kedua Penggal kedua,
Sidang lancar debat dan hebat.*

*Harimau mengaum di tengah bendang,
Terbang tinggi si burung murai,
Lapan hari kita bersidang,
Hari ini kita bersurai.*

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

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 5.32 petang)