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| 20. | Puan Nur Izzatul Fatimah Abdullah | <i>Kementerian Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan Sarawak</i>                                                                                                   |
| 21. | Puan Rosline anak Dominic Maon    | <i>Kementerian Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat Sarawak (MEITD)</i>                                                                                       |
| 22. | Puan Azah Mohamad Jally           | <i>Kementerian Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan Sarawak</i>                                                                                                 |
| 23. | Puan Nurhaida binti Amin          | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Kawasan Sarawak, Jabatan Penyiaran Negeri Sarawak</i>                                                                                         |
| 24. | Puan Valarie Jane anak Aitman     | <i>Pejabat Pembangunan Persekutuan Negeri Sarawak, Unit Penyelarasan Pelaksanaan, Jabatan Perdana Menteri</i>                                                      |
| 25. | Puan Margaret anak Francis Bohui  | <i>Lembaga Penyatuan dan Pemulihan Tanah Sarawak</i>                                                                                                               |
| 26. | Puan Leidiana binti Azahari       | <i>Pejabat Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier Sarawak (Penyelaras Projek untuk Agnesi Pembangunan Wilayah, Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara dan Hal Ehwal Islam)</i> |

#### **JURURAKAM PERSIDANGAN**

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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. | Puan Siti Nazilafatullaini binti Sukri | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |
| 5. | Puan Sandora anak Jelema               | <i>Jabatan Penyiaran Sarawak</i> |

#### **JURUCETAK**

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| 1. | Encik Mohd. Nor Majidi Bin Marekan | <i>Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Berhad</i> |
| 2. | Encik Gabriel Jimmy                | <i>Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Berhad</i> |

#### **JURUTEKNIK IT**

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| 1. | Encik Hasmadi bin Abang Wahab | <i>SAINS</i> |
| 2. | Puan Natasya Abdullah         | <i>SAINS</i> |
| 3. | Encik Bong Siak Fong          | <i>SAINS</i> |

#### **MESSENGER**

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| 1. | Encik Mohamad Zahari bin Hamden            | <i>Jabatan Agama Islam Sarawak</i>                                            |
| 2. | Encik Helmy bin Abdul Rahman               | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i>                                              |
| 3. | Encik Shah Riwandya Sia bin Ridzuan        | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i>                                              |
| 4. | Encik Mohammad Zaidi bin Rambli            | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i>                                              |
| 5. | Encik Lawrence Encharang                   | <i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i>                                              |
| 6. | Encik Mohamed Nazeerudin bin Gulam Mohamed | <i>Kementerian Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak</i> |
| 7. | Encik Fadillah bin Lokman                  | <i>Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Bahagian Kuching</i>                              |
| 8. | Encik Addison anak Fredrick                | <i>Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Bahagian Kuching</i>                              |

#### **SEKRETARIAT PERSIDANGAN DEWAN UNDANGAN NEGERI SARAWAK**

1. Tuan Haji Abang Zaabar bin Abang Ballia
2. Cik Noria binti Suut
3. Puan Nur Azira binti Abdul Kadir
4. Encik Nurkhairudin bin Osen
5. Puan Rabiah binti Abdul Kadir
6. Puan Aisha Parveen binti Badron
7. Cik Genang anak Timbung
8. Puan Siti Norhiza binti Mohammad Yusri

9. Puan Hanisah Abdullah
10. Cik Siti Halimah binti Mohamad Nawawi
11. Puan Hasfarini binti Hassim
12. Cik Nurhaffizah Abdullah
13. Puan Natasha Nadia binti Mohd. Saidi
14. Puan Angela Lisa anak Mathew Linol
15. Encik Felix Aaron anak Michael
16. Puan Calista Abbie anak Sapa @ Patrick Sapa
17. Cik Sharina binti Sopian
18. Encik Awang Mohammad Asyrul Jaya bin Awang Putra
19. Sarjan Terence anak Jayan
20. Puan Norziana binti Haji Ahmad
21. Encik Mohd Hasfia bin Abdullah
22. Puan Nur Eliana Abdullah
23. Puan Nazmah binti Darham
24. Puan Tracy Lyana anak Bana
25. Encik Mohd Zulkhairi bin Mohammad Hejemi
26. Puan Jasmine Sinja anak Robinson
27. Cik Parcelia Renyelia anak Pamg
28. Cik Nur Zafirah binti Affendy Michael
29. Puan Deidre anak Wilson
30. Encik Muhammad Elliyas bin Matali
31. Cik Siti Nur Marsitah binti Abdullah
32. Puan Nur Amira Lystiani binti Poniman
33. Encik Alwie bin Haji Ali
34. Cik Hawa binti Morsad
35. Encik Razali bin Awi
36. Puan Nora binti Atem
37. Encik Zahari bin Bolhi
38. Encik Lukas Jammany anak Kated
39. Encik Hazrin Syah bin Hamzah
40. Encik Salman bin Jaya
41. Encik Romzi bin Bujang
42. Encik Musa bin Julai
43. Puan Suraya binti Hamden
44. Puan Noraisah binti Ahmad
45. Cik Siti Zalilah binti Samsawi
46. Encik Iz Mohd. Haiqal Hakeem bin Mahamud

#### **PELAJAR PRAKTIKAL**

1. Cik Nur Azmina Izzatulrazan binti Ibrahim
2. Encik Mohammad Amir bin Mohammad Zamri
3. Encik Mohamad Aswan bin Ismail

*(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 9.10 pagi)*

*[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]*

**DOA**

**PEMASYHURAN DARIPADA TUAN SPEAKER**

**Tuan Speaker:** Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Selamat pagi dan Salam Sejahtera. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I had received a notice of motion under Standing Order 86 dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 from the Honourable Member for Padungan. I shall call upon the Honourable Member for Padungan to read out his motion.

**YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:** Thank you, Tuan Speaker. My motion reads as follows:

**WHEREAS** for the First Meeting of the Fourth Session of the Nineteenth Sarawak State Legislative Assembly, the Honourable Member for Pending has submitted a question seeking written replies on the detailed expenses of Yang Amat Berhormat Premier and Cabinet Ministers of Sarawak for official trips overseas.

**AND WHEREAS** the Speaker has on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 rejected the question on grounds that it contravenes public policy, and whereas the Speaker on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in this august House disallowed the question a second time, based on the Machiavellian Doctrine that the end justifies the means, and that given the huge foreign investments, the question be disallowed and leave be given to the Minister's refusal to answer the question.

**WHEREFORE**, I hereby move that the decision of the Speaker in disallowing the question and in giving leave to the Minister's refusal to answer the question be reviewed, reconsidered and overturned. And that the Minister be directed to provide written reply to the question from the Honourable Member for Pending. The grounds of my motion are as follows:

- (a) The Speaker's words on 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2025, as recorded in the Hansard, in rejecting the question, show that the Speaker did not appreciate the extent of the expenditure of these official overseas trips when the House was, on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025, asked to approve a supplementary supply of additional RM100 million under the Department of the Premier of Sarawak Development for rental air chartered service;
- (b) On 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2025, the Deputy Speaker, while chairing the assembly, said that reason for rejecting the questions was because of security and confidentiality reasons. Such reason given by the Deputy Speaker in the House on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 contradicts the reason given by the Speaker on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in the House;
- (c) The decision of the Speaker defies the very fundamental principles of parliamentary democracy whereby the executive's expenditure must be transparent and be accountable to the House;
- (d) The question as to whether the multimillion expenditure incurred by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier and the Cabinet Ministers in their official overseas trips are reasonable and justifiable is a matter for the general public to judge, not the Speaker to judge, and the general public has every reason to know exactly how much was spent for such overseas trips;
- (e) The Speaker's decision in rejecting the question interferes with the performance of duty by members of this Legislative Assembly in that it hinders and prevents the Honourable Members from making the executive accountable to the Legislative Assembly; and

- (f) All expenditure of the executives were approved by the Legislative Assembly and thus the Legislative Assembly has every right to know how the fund approved by the Assembly was spent by the executive.

These are my six reasons, six grounds, for tabling this motion. Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

**YB Encik Yap Yau Sin:** Tuan Speaker, can I speak?

**Tuan Speaker:** Okay.

**YB Encik Yap Yau Sin:** Thank you, Tuan Speaker. The motion filed by YB Chong, the Member for Padungan, under Standing Order 86 of the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly (DUN) to review and overturn your decision of a question regarding official expenditure. I'm sorry, I... *(Interrupted)*...

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

**Tuan Speaker:** You mentioned that the ruling impedes or prevents members to perform their duty. On that, I allow him.

**YB Encik Yap Yau Sin:** If I may continue. Tuan Speaker, you have acted within the scope of Standing Orders and in line with established parliamentary principles. Now, you acted within discretionary powers granted by Standing Orders, Standing Order 21 of the Sarawak DUN, which provides that the Speaker has the clear discretion to disallow any question that is deemed to contravene public interest, security or good parliamentary practice. Now, the rejection on the grounds of confidentiality and public policy, especially concerning sensitive matters, is well within the Speaker's discretion. Such discretion is critical to maintaining the integrity and operational security of government.

The expenses incurred during official overseas trips often encompass classified logistical arrangements, diplomatic engagements and investment strategies that involve confidential agreements and with foreign entities. The Deputy Speaker's reference to security and confidentiality was entirely consistent with a spirit of responsible governance and does not contradict the Speaker's reference to public policy. Rather, these justifications are complementary facets of the same underlying concern to protect the broader interests of the state.

While it is a cornerstone of parliamentary democracy to hold the executive accountable, accountability must be balanced against state security, operational confidentiality, and strategic discretion. It is not the role of the Speaker to adjudicate on the reasonableness of government expenditure in the abstract, but to ensure that parliamentary questions adhere to the House rules and are not weaponised for political spectacles. The Speaker's role is procedural and not investigative.

The motion suggests that the Speaker's decision interferes with the duties of assembly members. This accession is misplaced and misleading. The Speaker is tasked with upholding the rules and order of the assembly, not enabling unchecked access to every detail of executive function.

To imply that a procedural ruling constitutes interference is to misunderstand the very nature of parliamentary oversight. Frequent and baseless challenges to the Speaker's authority, especially those grounded in populist appeal, risk eroding the neutrality and dignity of the Chair. The invocation of terms like Machiavellian Doctrine is inflammatory and unbecoming of serious parliamentary debate.

It seeks to politicise a legitimate procedural ruling and should be roundly rejected...*(Interruption)*...

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

**YB Encik Yap Yau Sin:** You use the word Machiavellian Doctrine. You know what Machiavelli is?...*(Interruption)*...

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

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

**YB Encik Yap Yau Sin:** Anyway, I am concluding. Okay, I am concluding. In conclusion, the Speaker's decision to disallow the question regarding overseas expenditure is procedurally sound, justified by concerns of public policy and confidentiality, and reflective of responsible legislative leadership.

The motion under Standing Order 86 brought forth by the Member for Padungan is legally weak, procedurally unsound, and politically charged, and was correctly rejected in full. As the Kota Sentosa Assemblyman, I fully support and have full confidence in the Speaker's impartiality and commitment to upholding the dignity and integrity of the Sarawak Legislative Assembly.

Perhaps the Member for Padungan, as the Member of the Parliament for Stampin, should ask the same question in Parliament, requesting for a detailed breakdown of the overseas travelling expenses for Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister and his entire Cabinet Ministers. Thank you.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, this is my ruling...*(Interruption)*...

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

**Tuan Speaker:** No, I am giving my ruling. I am giving my ruling...*(Interruption)*...

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

**Tuan Speaker:** It is not a matter of privilege and contempt. This is my ruling. The motion, Honourable Member for Padungan, is made under Standing Order 86.

Standing Order 86(1) reads, "*The decision of the Speaker upon any point of interpretation of any of these Standing Orders, or upon any matter of practise, shall, subject to a substantive motion for that purpose, be final, and that the Speaker may from time to time, issue rulings thereon*".

Under Standing Order 86, the decision and ruling of the Speaker is final subject to a substantive motion. This motion is fatally flawed. As the motion under Standing Order 86 is flawed, therefore Standing Order 86 stands as if there is no substantive order. Ruling of the Speaker is final.

Standing Order 82(1) states, "*No member may, whether within or outside the Dewan, by conduct, action or words, ridicule, dispute, show contempt for or deliberately refuse to obey such ruling of the Speaker*".

This motion stated in its opening preamble states, "*Whereas, for the First Meeting of the Fourth Session of the Nineteenth Sarawak State Legislative Assembly, the Honourable Member for Padungan (N.9) has submitted a question seeking written replies on the detailed expenses of Yang Amat Berhormat Premier and Cabinet Ministers of Sarawak for official trips overseas*".

Therefore, it is for the Member for Pending to seek a review of the ruling made by the Chair, not for the Member for Padungan. The Member for Padungan is not privy to Question Number 9 of Member for Pending. *Ipsa facto* the motion is inherently incurably defective.

According to Erskine May 24<sup>th</sup> Edition, page 398, any motion must not exceed 250 words. This motion contains 411 words and therefore should be rejected. Pursuant to Standing Order 23(1) any

motion must be, “*Except as otherwise provided in these Standing Orders, not less than 10 days’ notice of any motion shall be given unless*

- (a) *it is in the name of a Minister; or*
- (b) *the Speaker’s authority has been signified in writing”.*

This motion, dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025, was received on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 3.30 p.m. Today is 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025. This is not exactly 10 days to comply with Standing Order 23(1) by any stretch of the imagination. Therefore, the motion is dismissed...*(Interrupted)*...

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

**Tuan Speaker:** I have given my ruling.

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

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

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak; Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar Kedua; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.82 Bukit Sari (YB Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah bin Ali Hasan):** Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Saya berharap Dewan ini kembali tenang.

Terlebih dahulu saya ingin mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi kepada Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar atas ucapan perasmian persidangan Dewan yang mulia ini pada 19 Mei yang lepas.

Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak dalam ucapan perasmiannya, antara lain, menekankan usaha berterusan kerajaan di bawah pimpinan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier dalam menghadapi cabaran semasa dan meneroka peluang ekonomi strategik seperti tenaga hijau, teknologi digital, penyelidikan dan inovasi.

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

#### *Program Pengukuran Tanah NCR Inisiatif Baharu*

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

Melalui Program Pengukuran Tanah NCR Inisiatif Baharu yang telah dijalankan dari Oktober 2010 sehingga 30 April 2025, seluas lebih kurang 1,200,766 hektar atau 2,967,093 ekar telah berjaya diukur secara perimeter. Daripada jumlah itu, seluas lebih kurang 935,760 hektar atau 2,312,263 ekar telah pun diwartakan sebagai Rizab Komunal Bumiputera (Pertanian) di bawah Seksyen 6 Kanun Tanah Sarawak. Kerja-kerja pengukuran ini adalah berdasarkan permohonan dari pihak yang terlibat.

Sejak 2017, pengukuran turut fokus kepada lot individu bagi pengeluaran surat hak milik di bawah Seksyen 18 untuk kawasan yang telah diwartakan berdasarkan permohonan dan kesediaan penuntut. Sehingga 30 April 2025, sebanyak 99,438 lot individu telah berjaya diukur yang melibatkan

kawasan seluas 118,749 hektar atau 293,429 ekar yang telah dan akan dikeluarkan surat hak milik tanah di bawah Seksyen 18.

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

#### *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 (RMK-4) merupakan komitmen dan keprihatinan Kerajaan Sarawak terhadap rakyat berpendapatan sederhana dan rendah yang memerlukan tanah untuk mendirikan rumah.

Sejak 2018, pembangunan infrastruktur spesifikasi baharu yang dilaksanakan melibatkan jalan raya yang berturap, parit konkrit, lot-lot yang ditembok dan sistem retikulasi bekalan air serta bekalan elektrik di SPS dan SPK melibatkan purata kos sebanyak RM150,000 bagi setiap lot. Atas keprihatinan Kerajaan Sarawak, bayaran premium tanah bagi setiap lot ditetapkan tidak melebihi RM2,500 dan pembayarannya boleh dibuat secara ansuran tahunan sehingga 10 tahun.

Di bawah peruntukan Rancangan Malaysia ke-12 (RMK-12) dan peruntukan Projek Rakyat sehingga 30 April 2025, sebanyak 82 projek SPS dan SPK telah diluluskan yang akan menyediakan sebanyak 7,932 lot kediaman dengan kos pelaksanaan dianggarkan berjumlah RM1.539 bilion. Daripada 82 projek tersebut, 25 projek telah siap sepenuhnya mengikut skop pembangunan dan baki 57 projek akan diteruskan sehingga penghujung Rancangan Malaysia ke-12 (RMK-12) serta dalam Rancangan Malaysia ke-13 (RMK-13).

#### *Pembaharuan Bandar (Urban Renewal)*

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, sebanyak tujuh (7) Projek Pembaharuan Bandar sedang dilaksanakan secara berfasa iaitu Pembangunan Darul Hana dan Sungai Bedaun di Kuching, Pembangunan Semula Kampung Datu dan Kemuyang di Sibul, Skim Pembesaran Kampung Jelutong (In-Situ) dan Tatau Kampung Extension, Tatau di Bintulu dan Pembangunan Padang Kerbau, Lopeng, Miri.

Bagi Darul Hana Fasa I dan II, setakat 30 April 2025, sejumlah 557 daripada 564 buah rumah telah diagihkan kepada Ketua Isi Rumah dari Kampung Semarang, Panglima Seman Lama, Pulo Ulu dan kawasan sekitarnya. Keperluan Ketua Keluarga Tambahan juga diambil kira dengan menyediakan 209 buah rumah kediaman di Sungai Bedaun. Setakat 30 April 2025, sebanyak 185 buah rumah telah diagihkan dan bakinya akan diagihkan dalam masa yang terdekat ini. Kita tengoklah gambar-gambar ini, itulah antara rumah-rumah yang sudah siap dan ada sebahagiannya sudah diagihkan kepada yang layak. Cantik, begitu cantik sekali. Inilah bukti bahawa kerajaan ini begitu komited untuk melihat kepentingan masyarakat kita pada keseluruhannya.

Bagi Kampung Datu Baru, Sibul pula, sebanyak 64 daripada 104 buah rumah telah diagihkan kepada Ketua Isi Rumah. Manakala, baki 40 akan diagihkan dalam masa yang terdekat. Di Kemuyang pula, sebanyak 117 daripada 148 buah rumah telah diagihkan kepada Ketua Keluarga Tambahan dari Kampung Datu, sebahagian Kampung Baharu dan sebahagian Kampung Hilir, Sibul. Manakala, baki sebanyak 31 akan diagihkan sebelum penghujung tahun ini.

Di Skim Pembesaran Kampung Jelutong, Jepak dan *Tatau Extension Scheme* pula, sebanyak 184 buah rumah dijangka siap sepenuhnya pada penghujung tahun ini. Pengagihan kepada Ketua Isi Rumah dan Ketua Keluarga Tambahan dijangka bermula pada suku pertama tahun 2026.

Bagi memastikan inisiatif berterusan di bawah Projek Pembaharuan Bandar, Projek Pembangunan Darul Hana Fasa III diteruskan dengan penyediaan sejumlah 94 unit rumah yang sedang dalam pembinaan dan 749 lagi akan dilaksanakan dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13. Inisiatif yang sama juga akan dilaksanakan di Kampung Datu Lama Blok A dalam Projek Pembangunan Semula Kampung Datu, Sibul dan Pembangunan Padang Kerbau, Lopeng, Miri di mana kerja-kerja penyediaan tapak dan infrastruktur akan dimulakan sebelum penghujung tahun ini.

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

Tuan Speaker, pembangunan bandar baharu (*new township*), pekan baharu dan pusat perkhidmatan (*service centre*) di luar bandar turut diberi perhatian di mana Kerajaan Sarawak telah meluluskan siling peruntukan sebanyak RM243.89 juta telah pun disediakan dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 kepada Lembaga Pembangunan dan Lindungan Tanah (LCDA) bagi melaksanakan projek ini. Ianya merangkumi Bandar Baru Sebuyau dan Simunjan di Samarahan, Bandar Baru Daro Fasa II, Mukah dan Pekan Baru Kabong, Betong.

Projek-projek pembangunan pusat perkhidmatan (*service centre*) di Lingga, Matu, Igan dan Ulu Merapok sedang dalam peringkat pelaksanaan. Manakala, komponen medan selera bagi *Metading Service Centre* telah pun siap dan diserahkan kepada Majlis Daerah Dalat dan Mukah.

*Pembangunan Rumah Mampu Milik*

Tuan Speaker, LCDA juga turut melaksanakan pembangunan Rumah Mampu Milik di Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK), Pusat Pertumbuhan Desa (RGC) dan Bandar Baru Sebuyau. Sejumlah 573 unit Rumah Mampu Milik telah diluluskan di bawah RMK-12 dan Projek Rakyat dan kini berada dalam pelbagai peringkat pelaksanaan dengan jumlah peruntukan sebanyak RM247.5 juta.

*Dasar Pembangunan Industri Mineral dan Pengkuarian Sarawak*

Tuan Speaker, sebagai usaha dalam memperkasakan industri perlombongan dan pengkuarian, Kerajaan Sarawak kini sedang merangka dasar yang lebih komprehensif yang memberi fokus kepada kaedah perlombongan berteknologi tinggi serta mampan bagi mengurangkan impak ke atas alam sekitar.

*Potensi Sumber Mineral Sarawak*

Susulan daripada penemuan baharu deposit emas di kawasan Bau, Kerajaan Sarawak sedang menilai potensi perlombongan emas berkenaan dengan mempertimbangkan pelaksanaan projek perintis di kawasan tanah lombong berkeluasan lebih kurang 5.281 hektar. Projek perintis ini penting bagi menentukan kebolehlaksanaan projek serta kawalan dan mitigasi impak projek sebelum perlombongan secara komersil dipertimbangkan.

*Pembangunan Modal Insan Industri Perlombongan dan Pengkuarian*

Sebanyak lebih kurang 1,400 peluang pekerjaan baharu pelbagai tahap dan bidang telah dikenal pasti bagi industri perlombongan hulu dan pengkuarian di Sarawak. Susulan itu, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui Centre for Technology Excellence Sarawak (CENTEXS) akan terus menyediakan Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional (TVET) kepada pelajar lepasan sekolah atau universiti untuk mengisi keperluan tenaga kerja berkenaan. Selain itu, Kerajaan Sarawak juga sedang berusaha untuk mengadakan kerjasama dengan University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada bagi tujuan penyelidikan dan pembangunan (R&D) serta teknologi perlombongan dan juga melahirkan tenaga kerja profesional dalam industri ini.

*Sarawak Minerals Information System (SMIS)*

Satu sistem digital dikenali sebagai *Sarawak Minerals Information System (SMIS)* juga dicadangkan untuk dibangunkan di bawah Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13 bagi meningkatkan kecekapan pengurusan sumber mineral dan batuan di Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker,

*Pengurusan dan Pemeliharaan Hutan di Sarawak: Antara Kelestarian, Teknologi dan Inovasi*

Sarawak kini berada dalam fasa transformasi ke arah model pembangunan hijau, dengan tumpuan kepada pengurusan hutan mampan melalui pensijilan, pemuliharaan biodiversiti dan pendigitalan operasi. Ini adalah penting untuk kita memastikan khazanah hutan ini dimanfaatkan melalui pengurusan *natural capital* secara mampan. Sarawak berjaya mengekalkan kawasan hutan seluas 7.65 juta hektar merangkumi kira-kira 60% daripada keseluruhan keluasan Sarawak. Dari jumlah ini lebih kurang 1.83 juta hektar kawasan hutan telah dipersijilkan di bawah *Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS)* yang diperakui oleh *Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)*.

Antara inisiatif pendigitalan operasi, Jabatan Hutan Sarawak telah membangun dan mengadaptasi sistem satelit dan *Geographic Information System (GIS)* yang dikenali sebagai *Enterprise Forest Information Management System (EFIMS)*. Selain itu, *Forest Licence Portal* yang merangkumi modul *Electronic Removal Pass (ePASS)* turut diperkenalkan bagi menggantikan penggunaan Pas Pemindahan Kayu Pra- Cetak (*Pre-printed Removal Pass*). Manakala, *Sarawak Logs Tracking and Forest Revenue System (REVLOG)* digunakan untuk pemantauan hasil hutan dan kebolehejakan (*traceability*) kayu secara telus serta efisien.

Inisiatif ini menjadikan Sarawak peneraju dalam pengurusan hutan tropika secara mampan selain dengan prinsip utama dalam *Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS)* termasuk *European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)*.

*Pemulihan Hutan dan Perladangan Hutan*

Melalui Program Penghijauan Malaysia di bawah Kempen Penanaman 100 Juta Pokok pula, sehingga kini, Sarawak telah berjaya menanam 47.4 juta pokok, melepasi 35 juta sasaran yang telah ditetapkan di peringkat kebangsaan. Manakala, bagi inisiatif ladang hutan pula, seluas 615,172 hektar telah ditanam setakat Disember 2024 merangkumi *fast growing species Acacia mangium, Eucalyptus* dan *Kelampayan*. Pendekatan ini mengurangkan tekanan terhadap hutan asli dan menyediakan sumber kayu alternatif yang mampan.

Tuan Speaker,

*Kerjasama dan Penyelidikan Antarabangsa: Memperkasa Pengurusan Hutan Sarawak*

Kerajaan Sarawak terus mengukuhkan peranannya dalam pengurusan hutan dan biodiversiti secara lestari dan menangani fenomena perubahan iklim melalui pelbagai bentuk kerjasama penyelidikan dan pembangunan (R&D) di peringkat tempatan dan antarabangsa. Ianya adalah sejajar dengan komitmen Malaysia antara lainnya, *Paris Agreement 2015*. Contohnya, kerjasama Jabatan Hutan Sarawak bersama Jabatan Perhutanan Semenanjung Malaysia (JPMS), Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM), Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB), Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Sarawak dan Universiti Malaysia Sarawak.

Di peringkat ASEAN, kerjasama dengan Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) telah dimeterai. Di peringkat global pula, Jabatan Hutan Sarawak menjalin kerjasama dengan Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (FFPRI) dan National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Japan dalam pembangunan teknologi pemantauan hutan seperti *Light Detection*

*and Ranging* (LiDAR) dan latihan saintifik pegawai serta pengurusan biodiversiti di kawasan hutan terlindung di Sarawak.

Kolaborasi terkini bersama Forest Global Earth Observatory (ForestGEO) yang terdiri daripada institusi antarabangsa di Amerika Syarikat seperti Smithsonian Institution dan Harvard University, serta Osaka University, Jepun terus diperkukuhkan bagi membuktikan komitmen berterusan Kerajaan Sarawak dalam mengurangkan pelepasan karbon dan pemuliharaan hutan melalui penubuhan plot penyelidikan di Taman Negara Bukit Lambir.

#### *Ekonomi Karbon dan Perkhidmatan Ekosistem*

Sarawak terus memperkukuh inisiatif karbon hutan dalam memperkasa ekonomi hijau melalui pendekatan *Nature-based Solutions* (NbS). Setakat ini, tujuh (7) permit kajian karbon hutan dan satu (1) lesen karbon hutan telah dikeluarkan kepada pemohon. Manakala, enam (6) permohonan baharu telah diterima dan sedang diproses. Kadar caj statutori untuk projek karbon juga telah dikaji semula bagi meningkatkan daya tarikan pelabur.

#### *Sarawak Delta Geopark (SDGp)*

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak beriltizam untuk mendapatkan pengiktirafan UNESCO *Global Geopark Site* bagi *Sarawak Delta Geopark* pada tahun 2026. Kita kini berada di peringkat akhir persediaan bagi penilaian oleh pihak UNESCO yang dijadualkan pada 22 hingga 25 Jun 2025, tahun ini. Bagi memastikan segala persiapan berjalan lancar, dua (2) sesi pra-penilaian telah dilaksanakan pada April dan Mei tahun ini.

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

Tuan Speaker, sejak November 2024 hingga April 2025, Jabatan Hutan Sarawak telah merekodkan sejumlah 61 kes kesalahan hutan. Dalam tempoh yang sama, 13 kes didaftar untuk pendakwaan di mahkamah. Empat kes telah diputuskan oleh mahkamah dengan tujuh orang tertuduh disabitkan kesalahan. Manakala, sembilan kes masih dalam proses pendakwaan dan perbicaraan. Sebanyak RM80,892 kompaun dan RM751,150 hasil pelupusan melalui jualan kayu rampasan telah dikutip dalam tempoh tersebut.

Bagi tempoh Disember 2024 sehingga April 2025, SFC telah membuka 19 kertas siasatan bagi kes kesalahan berkaitan dengan TPA dan jenayah hidupan liar. Satu kes telah didakwa, tiga (3) kes pula telah dikenakan kompaun dan 15 kes lagi masih dalam siasatan. Selain itu, lima kes pada tahun sebelumnya telah didakwa, menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan sebanyak enam kes. Bagi tempoh yang sama, sejumlah RM65,500 kompaun telah dikutip.

Baru-baru ini, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier telah merasmikan Wisma Lestari yang juga menempatkan makmal *Sarawak Wildlife Forensics* (SWIF). Dapatan daripada makmal ini memperkasakan pembuktian di mahkamah melalui teknologi DNA dan memperkukuhkan pemantauan jangka panjang melalui pangkalan *data gene bank*.

#### *Pencalonan Taman Negara Bako dan Taman Negara Bukit Lambir sebagai ASEAN Heritage Park*

Tuan Speaker, selepas kejayaan inskripsi Taman Negara Niah sebagai Tapak Warisan Dunia UNESCO pada tahun lalu, dua (2) lagi Taman Negara iaitu Taman Negara Bako dan Bukit Lambir telah dicalonkan sebagai Tapak ASEAN Heritage Park (AHP). Penilaian oleh pihak *ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity* (ACB) telah dilaksanakan dan keputusan penilaian ini dijangka akan diketahui pada September 2025.

*Pemeriksaan Komuniti di sekitar Hutan Simpan Kekal (PFE)  
dan Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya (TPA) (Community Empowerment)*

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan Sarawak mengiktiraf peranan penting komuniti setempat di sekitar PFE dan TPA melalui penglibatan dalam program seperti Program Pembangunan Modal Insan iaitu untuk Renjer Hutan dan *Park Guide*, Karnival Tahunan Pembangunan Komuniti Perhutanan, Program Penanaman Pokok Bernilai Ekonomi dan Eko-Pelancongan.

Inisiatif ini bukan sahaja memperkasakan komuniti setempat di sekitar PFE dan TPA, malah membantu meningkatkan pendapatan mereka serta memupuk kesedaran terhadap pemeliharaan hutan.

*Konservasi dan Pewartaan*

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan Sarawak telah mewartakan 2.1 juta hektar TPA yang terdiri daripada 874 ribu hektar kawasan daratan dan 1.2 juta hektar kawasan perairan marin. Seluas 318 ribu hektar lagi kawasan tambahan telah diluluskan untuk tujuan pewartaan awal.

Bagi memperkukuh usaha konservasi hutan, SFC telah memeterai Memorandum Persefahaman (MoU) dengan Sarawak Infectious Disease Centre (SIDC) bagi kajian penyakit zoonotik, dengan Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC) bagi kerjasama teknikal biodiversiti dan dengan Universiti Malaya dalam penyelidikan genetik.

SFC juga bekerjasama dengan King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Thailand dalam Program Pemuliharaan Burung Pantai Hijrah. Bagi suku pertama 2025, Program Penandaan Burung Pantai Hijrah telah dilaksanakan di *Bako-Buntal Bay East Asian-Australasian Flyway site*.

Tuan Speaker,

*Prestasi Industri Perakayuan Sarawak*

Nilai eksport industri perakayuan Sarawak bagi suku pertama tahun 2025 mencatat RM625 juta. Papan lapis menyumbang nilai eksport RM317 juta peningkatan 4% berbanding RM305 juta bagi tempoh yang sama pada tahun 2024. Jepun kekal pengimport utama sebanyak RM359 juta diikuti oleh India RM85 juta, Negara Timur Tengah RM77 juta, China RM21 juta dan Filipina RM20 juta.

Seiring dengan perkembangan teknologi, PUSAKA turut bekerjasama rapat dengan Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) melalui platform *TimbeReality.my* untuk mempromosi dan memasarkan produk perakayuan melalui platform digital.

Bagi memperkasa peranan pengawalseliaan PUSAKA, Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri (MMKN) telah meluluskan *Sarawak Timber Industry (Licensing) Regulations, 2025*. Sehubungan itu, PUSAKA telah membangunkan *Timber Industry Regulatory and Compliance System (TRACE)* bertujuan meningkatkan kecekapan perkhidmatan seiring inisiatif transformasi digital.

*Industri Buluh*

Tuan Speaker, PUSAKA menyasarkan tidak kurang daripada 30,000 hektar untuk penanaman buluh menjelang tahun 2030. Sehingga April 2025, lebih kurang 4,900 hektar kawasan telah ditanam oleh 17 syarikat komersil dan 200 peserta dari komuniti. Hasil buluh ini penting sebagai sumber alternatif bahan mentah.

Dalam masa yang sama, PUSAKA juga telah menandatangani Memorandum Persefahaman (MoU) bagi tahun lepas bersama Malaysian Community Care Foundation Resources Sdn Bhd, Bintulu Port Holdings Berhad, Pertama Ferroalloys Sdn Bhd dan Bintulu Development Authority (BDA) yang menyasarkan kawasan penanaman buluh seluas 10,000 hektar. Bagi memperkasakan lagi industri ini, beberapa syarikat tempatan dan antarabangsa khususnya daripada China telah pun

menunjukkan minat untuk melabur dalam industri hiliran bagi menghasilkan *high-value product* berasaskan buluh seperti kertas tisu, bahan pembungkusan, tekstil dan *biochar*.

**POLICY STATEMENT ON MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY AND  
ASSOCIATED ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN SARAWAK AND  
SARAWAK BIODIVERSITY MASTER PLAN (SBMP)**

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak is proud to pioneer biodiversity and natural resource sustainability through mainstreaming and a whole-of-government approach, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). My ministry has developed a policy statement on Mainstreaming Biodiversity and Associated Ecosystem Services, aligning with local and global frameworks such as PCDS 2030, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. This policy underscores the importance of integrating biodiversity into governance and decision-making across all ministries and sectors.

To bring this policy into action, Sarawak has formulated the Sarawak Biodiversity Master Plan, which focuses on six key thematic areas as follows:

- (a) Economic Planning and Economic Approach;
- (b) Sustainable Financing for Biodiversity and Biodiversity Mainstreaming
- (c) Effective Communication and Information on Biodiversity;
- (d) Sectoral Policy and Legal Reform;
- (e) Institutional Collaboration on Biodiversity Related Matters; and
- (f) Biodiversity Mainstreaming Tools.

On Earth Day 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025, the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak had launched this policy statement and master plan, alongside the appointment of a biodiversity ambassador who will help engage the public and communicate our ongoing progress and commitments in conserving Sarawak's rich biodiversity.

*Pengurusan Alam Sekitar Yang Lestari*

Tuan Speaker, bagi memastikan pembangunan dapat dilaksanakan secara mampan, pelaksanaan EIA dikuatkuasakan di bawah *Natural Resources Environment Ordinance* serta *Prescribed Activities Order, 1994*. Bagi suku pertama tahun 2025, NREB telah menerima sejumlah 20 laporan EIA dan lapan (8) laporan *Environmental Management Plan (EMP)*. Daripada jumlah tersebut, sebanyak 18 laporan EIA dan enam (6) EMP telah diluluskan manakala empat (4) laporan masih dalam pelbagai peringkat penilaian.

Sebanyak 376 daripada 1,115 projek di seluruh Sarawak telah dipantau melalui *Post-EIA Inspection* bagi tempoh Januari sehingga April 2025. Hasil pemantauan mendapati 40 kes ketidakpatuhan terhadap terma dan syarat kelulusan EIA. Daripada jumlah ini, sebanyak 35 notis telah dikeluarkan dan 14 kertas siasatan telah dibuka. Manakala, empat kes telah dikompaun dengan jumlah keseluruhan RM90,000 bagi kesalahan pada tahun 2021 hingga 2024.

*Kawal Selia Kendiri Alam Sekitar Melalui Audit Pematuhan Alam Sekitar*

Tuan Speaker, melalui pelaksanaan audit pematuhan alam sekitar untuk sektor perhutanan bagi tempoh Julai 2024 hingga April 2025, sebanyak 43 audit dalaman untuk *Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA)* telah dilaksanakan. NREB juga telah melantik 33 juruaudit untuk melaksanakan audit luaran ECA. Untuk meningkatkan kompetensi dan bilangan juruaudit ECA di Sarawak, empat siri Kursus Persijilan Juruaudit ECA telah dijalankan sejak 2024 dan seramai 99 peserta yang terdiri daripada pihak industri dan perunding EIA telah menghadiri kursus berkenaan.

*Pendidikan dan Kesedaran Alam Sekitar*

Sepanjang tempoh Januari hingga April 2025, NREB telah menganjurkan sebanyak 24 program pendidikan alam sekitar yang menyasarkan komuniti, pelajar dan guru sekolah serta pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO). Bagi memperkasakan program pendidikan alam sekitar di peringkat sekolah, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak telah meluluskan geran khas berjumlah RM13.7 juta, bagi tujuan menubuhkan 1,459 Kelab Pencinta Alam Sekitar (PALS) untuk tempoh 2025 hingga 2030. Sehingga kini, sebanyak 570 Kelab PALS telah ditubuhkan. Ini amat penting Tuan Speaker, kita mahu mendidik anak-anak kita supaya mencintai alam sekitar itu bermula daripada peringkat rendah. Disebabkan itu, kita menggalak penubuhan kelab ini di peringkat sekolah.

*Premier of Sarawak Environmental Award (PSEA)*

Sebagai pengiktirafan kepada amalan kelestarian alam sekitar, Majlis Penganugerahan Premier of Sarawak Environmental Award (PSEA) 2023/2024 Edisi ke-11 telah diadakan pada 23 Januari 2025 dengan tema *Incorporating Environmental Sustainability into Practices*. Penyertaan PSEA Edisi ke-11 ini telah meningkat kepada 217 berbanding 144 pada Edisi ke-10.

*Transfer of Autonomy on Environment under Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63)*

Tuan Speaker, saya ingin memaklumkan Dewan yang mulia mengenai perkembangan terkini proses *Transfer of Autonomy on Environment under the Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63)*. Fasa pertama pengambilalihan fungsi ini melibatkan pengurusan buangan terjadual (*scheduled wastes*). Manakala, untuk aspek pengurusan efluen industri, kawalan kualiti udara dan pengurusan EIA pula akan diambil alih pada fasa berikutnya.

Kerajaan juga sedang dalam proses menggubal peraturan-peraturan yang baharu bagi memperkukuh penguatkuasaan *Natural Resources and Environment Ordinance, 2024* yang telah diluluskan pada sidang Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak yang lepas. NREB juga telah melaksanakan perkara-perkara berikut:

- (a) Menggunakan pakai struktur organisasi yang baharu bermula pada 1 Julai 2024;
- (b) Mengadakan 32 penguatkuasaan bersama Jabatan Alam Sekitar Sarawak;
- (c) Menyediakan pembangunan Modul Pengurusan Buangan Terjadual dalam *Environmental Information System Sarawak (EnvISS)* sebagai platform pemantauan dan pengurusan data buangan terjadual;
- (d) Menyediakan garis panduan pengurusan buangan terjadual dan manual kerja bagi lesen premis yang ditetapkan buangan terjadual dan pembawa yang ditetapkan; dan
- (e) Meningkatkan kompetensi pegawai NREB melalui kursus *Certified Environmental Professional in Scheduled Waste Management, Certified Person in Scheduled Waste Sampling Protocol*, Kursus Pengurusan Buangan Terjadual dan Kursus Pengendalian Tumpahan Minyak.

*Pengiktirafan dan Pensijilan*

Tuan Speaker, kementerian bersama-sama dengan jabatan dan agensi di bawah kementerian ini sentiasa komited untuk memberi perkhidmatan yang berkualiti secara berterusan. Ini terbukti melalui pelbagai anugerah yang telah diterima di peringkat negeri, kebangsaan dan antarabangsa.

Pada Majlis *Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP) Planning Excellence Awards 2024* yang telah diadakan di Kuala Lumpur pada 24 Januari 2025, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak

telah dianugerahkan Felo Kehormat daripada *Malaysian Institute of Planners* (MIP); tepuklah. (*Applause*). Siapa yang bagus, sebagai penggalakan, ya.

Pada majlis yang sama, *Sarawak Electronic State Planning Authority System* (*eSPA System*) telah dinobatkan pemenang *President Award* oleh MIP. (*Applause*).

Di bawah *Public Service Innovation Asia* (PSIA) *Award and International Innovation Awards* (IIA) di *Malaysia Technology Expo* (MTE) in February 2025 di *World Trade Centre*, Kuala Lumpur, kementerian ini juga telah menerima Anugerah Emas untuk projek *eSPA System*. Manakala, jabatan dan agensi di bawah Kementerian telah menerima sembilan Anugerah Emas iaitu 15 oleh Jabatan Tanah dan Survei, tiga Jabatan Hutan dan satu lagi LCDA. Empat Anugerah Perak di mana tiga oleh Jabatan Tanah dan Survei dan satu PUSAKA. Manakala, satu Anugerah Gangsa oleh PUSAKA. Selain itu, sebanyak tujuh Anugerah Khas Antarabangsa dimenangi agensi-agensi berkenaan di mana empat oleh Jabatan Tanah dan Survei, dua Jabatan Hutan dan satu LCDA.

Dalam mengukuhkan lagi penyampaian perkhidmatan, Jabatan Tanah dan Survei telah mendapat pensijilan bagi:

- (a) MS ISO 9001:2015 Registration of Instruments in Sibu Land Registry Office, Sarawak; dan
- (b) MS ISO 37001:2016 Anti-Bribery Management System.

#### *Isu-Isu Spesifik*

Tuan Speaker, seterusnya, izinkan saya menyentuh perkara-perkara spesifik yang telah dibangkitkan oleh Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat semasa perbahasan di Dewan yang mulia ini.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, seperti yang telah saya maklumkan dalam ucapan penggulungan pada November 2024 yang lepas, Pelan Pembangunan Pusat Pentadbiran Daerah Pusa, *nasit bait* dapat dibetulkan sebutan itu, kalau tidak dia membawa makna berlainan. Kadang-kadang kita pun konfius, banyak bahasa-bahasa baharu seperti melancar, meluncur, kita, *well*, apa yang penting ialah kita buat kerja kita. Di mana saya, ya?

**Tuan Speaker:** Beting Maro. Respond to Beting Maro.

**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):** Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, seperti yang telah saya maklumkan dalam ucapan penggulungan pada November 2024 yang lepas, Pelan Pembangunan Pusat Pentadbiran Daerah Pusat, *okay*, 2035 telah diluluskan dengan pindaan. Kementerian ini adalah dalam peringkat akhir pengemaskinian pelan tersebut sebelum ianya dapat dilaksanakan.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Opar, permohonan pertapakan bagi 22 dewan serbaguna di kawasan DUN Opar telah diluluskan oleh Majlis Perancangan Negeri (SPA). Mana Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Opar? Banyak juga di Dewan, 22. Ini bererti, Padungan, Pending betapa kerajaan ini begitu prihatin terhadap keperluan rakyat.

**YB Encik Billy anak Sujang:** Kekuatan Kerajaan GPS buat untuk rakyat.

**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):** Ya, betul.

**YB Encik Billy anak Sujang:** Sebab itulah kita buat banyak sebenarnya di Opar, ada 40 dewan yang akan kita buat.

**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):** Ada kebenarankah untuk beritahu itu semua daripada Tuan Speaker?

**YB Encik Billy anak Sujang:** ... (*Inaudible*)...

**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):** Minta kebenaran daripada Tuan Speaker dulu. I like it. So, I bagi, I think you are... (*Inaudible*)...

**YB Encik Billy anak Sujang:** Tuan Speaker, untuk kawasan Opar, kita tahu Opar ini masih dalam hutan. Kawasan dalam hutan jadi kebanyakan kampung-kampung, dewan pun tidak ada, balai raya pun tidak ada, *now I come to save these problem for Opar*. Thank you.

**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):** Bagi tahu dengan penduduk-penduduk di kawasan Yang Berhormat.

**YB Encik Billy anak Sujang:** Okay.

**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):** Ini adalah peruntukan daripada Kerajaan Negeri, Kerajaan GPS.

Sementara itu, kuasa melulus bagi permohonan pertapakan projek-projek di bawah RTP yang tidak melibatkan pengambilan balik tanah telah diturunkan daripada SPA kepada *Divisional Siting Board* (DSB) yang dipengerusikan oleh Residen Bahagian. Ini bagi mempercepatkan proses.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka, sebanyak lima (5) Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) telah diluluskan dalam RMK-12 di DUN Kalaka. SPK tersebut ialah SPK Roban Fasa 2, SPK Paloh, SPK Hulu Saratok Fasa 2, SPK Baharu Kupang dan SPK Pagan. Status pelaksanaan bagi SPK Roban Fasa 2 dan SPK Paloh sedang dalam peringkat reka bentuk. Manakala, bagi SPK Hulu Saratok Fasa 2 dan SPK Baharu Kupang ianya sedang dalam proses pengambilan balik tanah.

Bagi SPK Pagan pula, kerja-kerja infrastruktur telah bermula pada 19 September 2024. Namun, kerja tersebut ditangguhkan sejak 23 Disember 2024 disebabkan oleh injunksi mahkamah bertarikh 12 Disember 2024. Kerajaan Sarawak telah memfailkan bantahan terhadap perintah injunksi tersebut dan masih menunggu keputusan mahkamah.

Sementara itu, Jabatan Tanah dan Survei akan mengadakan sesi libat urus bersama Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka dan JKK Kampung Pagan untuk menyelesaikan perkara ini. Berhubung dengan cadangan untuk menukar tapak SPK yang telah diluluskan, ianya tidak digalakkan. Ini kerana tapak yang telah diluluskan telah memenuhi keperluan perancangan dan proses pengambilan balik tanah (sekiranya berkaitan) telah diselesaikan. Pemindahan ke tapak baharu bukan sahaja akan menjejaskan perancangan dan pelaksanaan tersebut tetapi juga akan memberi implikasi kepada perancangan pembangunan keseluruhan kawasan yang terlibat dan memerlukan peruntukan kewangan baharu.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Assek, bagi surat hak milik tanah yang belum tamat tempoh, pemilik tanah berhak untuk memohon pembaharuan tempoh surat hak milik tanah tertakluk kepada syarat-syarat yang ditetapkan. Permohonan tersebut boleh dipertimbangkan selagi ianya tidak melanggar syarat guna tanah. Bagi tanah di kawasan yang terlibat dengan perancangan *Bukit Assek Redevelopment* pula, pertimbangan sewajarnya akan diberikan kepada semua pemilik tanah agar pembangunan ini memberi manfaat menyeluruh dari pelbagai aspek.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, kerja-kerja menaik taraf infrastruktur spesifikasi baharu bagi SPK Tellian Tengah Fasa 1 telah bermula pada 19 September 2024 dan dijadual siap pada 18 September 2026. Setakat ini, kemajuan fizikal pelaksanaan projek adalah mengikut jadual iaitu 28.85%.

Bagi SPK Tellian Tengah Fasa 2 Peringkat 1, kerja-kerja reka bentuk telah dimuktamadkan. Pembinaan infrastruktur pula dicadang untuk dilaksanakan di bawah *Rolling Plan 1* (RP1) dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke 13 (RMK-13). 72. Manakala bagi SPK Petanak Fasa 2, kerja-kerja reka bentuk akan dimuktamadkan dalam suku ketiga dan ditender dalam suku keempat tahun ini.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Katibas, Tebedu dan Tamin, 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, 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 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. Kita dah bagi notis untuk menjalankan kerja-kerja pengukuran, pegawai kita berada di lapangan. Yang menuntut, ada yang datang ada yang tidak datang. Sekali buat macam itu, dua kali buat macam itu dan mereka yang tidak disukat tanah mereka ini menyalahkan kerajaan, macam mana. Ini berlaku dalam beberapa kawasan.

Walaupun kita berada di luar kawasan, kalau sudah ada notis pegawai-pegawai kita sudah nak turun ke lapangan untuk mengerjakan penyukatan, balik lah supaya kerja-kerja penyukatan itu berjalan dengan lancar. Ini yang perlu kita kerjasama dan saya mahu Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat mengambil iktibar perkara ini dan kita mahu bekerjasama dengan mereka. Jabatan Tanah dan Survei memerlukan kerjasama, komitmen serta penglibatan langsung daripada semua Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dan para pemilik tanah dalam menjayakan pengukuran lot-lot individu.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Katibas juga, kerajaan sentiasa memastikan peruntukan yang mencukupi bagi Program Pengukuran Tanah NCR Inisiatif Baharu. Bagi tahun 2025, peruntukan sebanyak RM15 juta telah diluluskan di mana RM7 juta telah pun diterima daripada Kerajaan Persekutuan. Manakala, sejumlah RM40 juta telah diluluskan oleh Kerajaan Sarawak yang boleh dipohon secara berperingkat mengikut keperluan.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, pembangunan perumahan di Taman Desa Kenanga melibatkan Lot 124 Block 50 Mukah Land District dan Taman Desa Cempaka melibatkan Lot 303 Block 52 Mukah Land District. Pengeluaran surat hak milik lot pecahan individu untuk kedua dua lot ini tidak dapat dikeluarkan kerana para pemilik tanah sedia ada enggan memeterai *Memorandum of Surrender and Alienation* (MOSA) dan syarikat pemaju yang dilantik sebagai pemegang *Power of Attorney (Irrevocable)* telah dibubarkan. Jabatan Tanah dan Survei telah diarahkan untuk menjalankan siasatan terperinci bagi menyelesaikan perkara ini.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ngemah, berhubung dengan permohonan pengeluaran surat hak milik tanah bagi kawasan penempatan di RASCOM, Jabatan Tanah dan Survei telah diarahkan untuk meneliti keperluan dan membuat siasatan terperinci berhubung dengan kedudukan tanah tersebut.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Stakan, Jabatan Tanah dan Survei akan mengemukakan semula cadangan pelaksanaan SPK Stakan Melayu dan SPK Pangkalan Kuap dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13 (RMK-13) untuk pertimbangan.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) Beladin akan dimuktamadkan pada penghujung tahun 2025 dan skim ini akan menggunakan spesifikasi SPK baharu. Jabatan Tanah dan Survei akan memohon peruntukan bagi pembinaan

infrastruktur untuk pelaksanaan secara berfasa di bawah Rolling Plan 1 (RP1) dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13 (RMK-13).

Bagi SPK Kampung Pusa *Extension* pula, LCDA telah menyediakan cadangan pelan susun atur dan akan dikemukakan untuk pertimbangan Majlis Perancangan Negeri (SPA). Pelaksanaan pembinaan infrastruktur untuk projek ini dan lain-lain SPK (SPK Spinang, SPK Tambak, SPK Pusa dan SPK Kalok Fasa 2) yang dinyatakan oleh Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat akan dikemukakan untuk pertimbangan dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13 (RMK-13).

Untuk makluman Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Lingga dan Bukit Begunan, permohonan pertapakan bagi cadangan SADA : *Proposed Lingga – Banting Road, Sri Aman Division* boleh dikemukakan semula dengan mengemukakan justifikasi yang terperinci mengenai keperluan pembinaan jalan tersebut untuk pertimbangan Majlis Perancangan Negeri (SPA).

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Opar, kerajaan telah mengenal pasti sebahagian kawasan di dalam *Gunong Poi Forest Reserve (First Extension)* merupakan tanah hak adat Bumiputera. Sehubungan dengan itu, kerajaan melalui Jabatan Hutan Sarawak akan mengambil tindakan untuk mengeluarkan kawasan tanah hak adat Bumiputera tersebut daripada warta *Gunong Poi Forest Reserve (First Extension)*. Setelah kawasan tersebut dikeluarkan daripada warta *Gunong Poi Forest Reserve (First Extension)*, penuntut tanah yang terlibat bolehlah mengemukakan permohonan kepada Penguasa Tanah dan Survei Bahagian Kuching bagi pengukuran tanah dan pewartaan di bawah Seksyen 6 Kanun Tanah Sarawak.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Bukit Asek, setakat ini sebanyak 567 lesen penternakan burung walit telah dikeluarkan. SFC telah menerima sebanyak 128 permohonan daripada ahli Persatuan Walit Kenyalang Sibu dalam tempoh 2022 hingga 2024. Daripada jumlah tersebut, enam (6) permohonan telah dikemukakan kepada Jabatan Tanah dan Survei (JTS) untuk pertimbangan SPA, 56 permohonan telah ditolak, 37 permohonan masih menunggu maklum balas teknikal dari pelbagai agensi manakala baki 29 permohonan sedang dibuat penilaian akhir oleh Jawatankuasa *One-stop Centre*. SFC dalam proses menambahbaik prosedur dan peraturan di bawah *Wildlife Protection (Edible Birds' Nests) Rules, 1998* bagi memastikan kawal selia industri burung walit selaras dengan keperluan industri.

Ini bertujuan untuk memudah cara permohonan sekali gus mengharmonikan prosedur dari agensi berkaitan ke arah proses yang lebih efisien. Program kesedaran kepada pihak industri dan komuniti tempatan juga giat dijalankan semenjak 2021 hingga kini.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, di bawah Projek Sarawak *Reef Ball* Fasa 1, sejumlah 5,880 unit tukun *reef ball* telah dilabuhkan dalam 294 kluster di perairan Mukah bermula daripada Kuala Rajang sehingga Kuala Balingian. Manakala, di bawah Projek Sarawak *Reef Ball* Fasa 2 pula, sebanyak 1,400 unit lagi tukun *reef ball* telah dilabuhkan dalam 28 kluster menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan tukun *reef ball* yang dilabuhkan di perairan Mukah adalah sebanyak 7,280 unit.

Manakala, Projek Sarawak *Reef Ball* Fasa 2 di perairan seluruh Sarawak telah dimulakan pada tahun 2024 dengan dana sebanyak RM30 juta yang dijangka siap penghujung tahun 2025. Melalui projek ini, sebanyak 5,000 unit tukun *reef ball* lagi akan dilabuhkan di 96 kluster yang telah dikenal pasti. Setakat ini 4,700 unit tukun *reef ball* telah dilabuhkan dalam 90 kluster dari Sematan ke Kuala Miri manakala baki 300 unit tukun *reef ball* lagi akan dilabuhkan di enam (6) kluster di perairan Lawas.

Kajian awal sejak 2020 menunjukkan potensi tukun *reef ball* sebagai habitat baharu ikan dan hidupan marin. Ini dijangka dapat meningkatkan hasil tangkapan sekaligus meningkatkan pendapatan dan taraf ekonomi nelayan tempatan.

*Pengurusan Hal Ehwal Islam di Sarawak*

Tuan Speaker, Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka, setakat ini terdapat 24 buah masjid dan surau di kawasan Kalaka iaitu enam buah masjid awam, sembilan buah surau awam dan sembilan buah surau dalam premis. Sebanyak tiga buah masjid dan empat buah surau telah dicadangkan untuk bina baharu dan naik taraf dengan anggaran kos berjumlah RM16.9 juta. Ianya akan dikemukakan di dalam RMK-13 untuk pertimbangan.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong, Jabatan Agama Islam Sarawak (JAIS) telah diarahkan untuk bekerjasama dengan Jabatan Tanah dan Survei bagi meneliti permohonan pembesaran tapak perkuburan Kabong dan pembinaan masjid baharu Kampung Sessang untuk diselesaikan dalam masa terdekat.

Tuan Speaker, kita amat bertuah mempunyai pemimpin yang berwawasan, rasional, progresif dan dinamik seperti Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, Member for Gedong yang sentiasa memastikan hak dan kepentingan rakyat Sarawak dipertahankan. Beliau merancang secara strategik fasa pembangunan di Sarawak dengan memfokuskan kepada infrastruktur asas serta membangunkan modal insan di dalam memastikan wawasan Sarawak maju makmur dapat kita capai.

Sarawak kini berada di landasan yang kukuh dan tepat. Sebaik sahaja menerajui Kerajaan GPS, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier kita mempelopori banyak idea baharu ke arah pembangunan mampan melalui inisiatif transformasi digital yang dilaksanakan sejak 2017. Ini diteruskan dengan dasar *Sarawak Climate Change Policy and Low Carbon Society Blueprint* yang diperkenalkan sebagai langkah mitigasi dalam menangani perubahan iklim dunia. Bidang-bidang baharu berkaitan dengan *carbon activity, carbon capture and storage, renewable energy* menerusi *hydro power*, menggunakan kaedah-kaedah baru seperti *cascading dam, solar power, hydrogen, biomass, waste-to-energy* dan *algae* diperkenalkan.

Yang terkini, inisiatif bidang aeroangkasa, *Artificial Intelligence (AI), semiconductor, circular and new economy*, sekaligus mencerminkan kepekaan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier kita terhadap perubahan lanskap global sehingga Sarawak menjadi *catalyst* kepada industri baharu ini dan menjadi model serantau dan antarabangsa. He dares to challenge the status quo. Inilah corak kepimpinan yang ditunjukkan oleh YAB Premier kita.

Inisiatif ini meletakkan Sarawak di persada antarabangsa dalam perancangan dan pembangunan yang mampan memenuhi 17 *Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*. Tidak hairanlah figura hebat kita ini, sering dijemput untuk berkongsi pandangan dan aspirasi beliau di peringkat nasional dan juga antarabangsa.

Sebagai rakyat Sarawak, orang Sarawak, anak Sarawak, marilah kita sama-sama berdiri teguh dan bersatu padu bersama kepimpinan Kerajaan GPS yang diterajui oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier kita. Kita mesti menjadi perintis bukan perantis, melonjak ke hadapan dalam membangun bakat tempatan serta memperkasa modal insan demi masa depan yang lebih gemilang. We want to build a better and sustainable tomorrow for our generations to come.

Sarawak kini berdiri megah sebagai hab pembangunan tenaga hijau. Dari rimba Borneo ke orbit langit, Sarawak melangkah gagah sebagai wilayah yang lestari berteknologi tinggi, bukti kecemerlangan yang dibina di atas visi berani dan strategik, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier kita. Kecemerlangan Sarawak bukan sekadar impian. Sejarah kecemerlangan Sarawak sedang kita lakar hari ini di bawah Kerajaan GPS yang dipimpin oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier kita.

Justeru, adalah menjadi tanggungjawab kita semua untuk mempertahankan kestabilan politik, meningkatkan kerjasama, perpaduan dan keharmonian hidup antara semua kaum. Walaupun kita berbeza dari segi budaya, kepercayaan, agama dan latar belakang, kita adalah satu, *that we are One Sarawakian*. Kita bersatu dalam kepelbagaian. Bersatu kita teguh, bercerai kita roboh. Inilah yang diajar oleh datuk nenek moyang kita dahulu dan ini amat *relevant* walaupun kita dalam zaman

yang begitu moden, zaman IT, zaman yang begitu canggih. Jika kita berpecah belah, kita tidak akan dapat melaksanakan tugas dan tanggungjawab kita. Kita tidak akan dapat memenuhi harapan rakyat kita yang memerlukan pembelaan, yang memerlukan pembangunan untuk meningkatkan kesejahteraan hidup mereka.

*Makmur bersatu di Bukit Sari,  
Gedong teraju nikmat merata;  
Inisiatif baharu peluang dicari,  
PCDS 2030 sejahtera jelata.*

*Menyelam skuba di Kuala Belawai,  
Lokasi ikan sering berubah;  
Selamat Menyambut Hari Gawai,  
Mari kekalkan semangat Muhibbah.*

*Ahli Dewan bijak berhujah,  
Ayat disusun penuh bersopan;  
Bila tiba sepuluh Zulhijjah,  
Aidiladha disambut penuh keinsafan.*

Tuan Speaker, di kesempatan ini, saya ingin merakamkan terima kasih kepada Tuan Speaker, Setiausaha dan semua kakitangan Dewan Undangan Negeri, pegawai-pegawai, termasuk pegawai-pegawai daripada kementerian saya, jabatan-jabatan dan agensi di bawahnya yang telah pun bekerja keras untuk memastikan persidangan Dewan ini berjalan dengan begitu lancar. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Gawai, *Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai, Lantang Senang Nguan Menua* dan Selamat Hari Raya Aidiladha bagi mereka yang meraikannya.

Demikianlah saya ucapan penggulungan saya bagi Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar. Sekian, terima kasih.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, we have a short break. Sitting resumes at 10 past 11 (11.10 a.m.).

*(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 10.50 pagi)*

*(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 11.30 pagi)*

*(Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat)*

**Tuan Speaker:** Sekarang saya dengan hormatnya 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, sebelum saya meneruskan penggulungan bagi Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa, Industri dan Pelaburan, saya ingin menyampaikan penghargaan sekali lagi kepada Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak atas ucapan pembukaan di Dewan yang mulia ini. Tuan Yang Terutama telah menitikberatkan pembangunan inklusif di Sarawak, khususnya dalam pertumbuhan industri, pelaburan dan perusahaan mikro, kecil dan sederhana.

Tuan Speaker the global economy grew by 3.2% in 2024, driven by strong performance in the U.S., China and emerging markets. Growth continued moderately, though geopolitical tensions and U.S. reciprocal tariffs created trade uncertainties. Malaysia's economy expanded by 5.1% in 2024, boosted by strong domestic demand and export recovery. Growth continued at 4.4% in first quarter

2025, led by consumer spending, a stable job market and private investment. Global trade risks may impact future growth.

Sarawak's economy is projected to grow at 5.0% in 2024, sustained by strong domestic and external demand. The trade recovery strengthened the transport and logistics sectors. The manufacturing sector performed well, with LNG as the primary driver. LNG exports rose 3.8%, driven by strong demand and higher prices. Steady growth is expected in 2025 despite global uncertainties.

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

In 2024, Sarawak recorded RM17.6 billion in approved investments across services, manufacturing and primary sectors, with Domestic Direct Investment (DDI) leading at RM13.5 billion or 76.6%, while Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) contributed RM4.1 billion or 23.4%. This investment involved 376 projects, potentially creating over 7,800 jobs.

The services sector accounted for RM7.6 billion or 43 percent, closely followed by manufacturing at RM7.5 billion or 42.9%, while the primary sector received RM2.5 billion or 14.1 percent. Despite similar investment values, manufacturing was the largest contributor to employment, generating 6,430 jobs or 81.8%.

The manufacturing sector recorded key investments in chemical products (urea, melamine, polycrystalline silicon and biodiesel) – RM2.9 billion, electrical and electronic (E&E) products, RM1.2 billion and non-metallic products clinker, concrete and cement RM800 million.

The first quarter 2025, the manufacturing sector received RM681 million in investments across 24 projects, expected to create more than 900 jobs. Investments focused on E&E (mobile energy storage, charging and robotics) – RM75 million; manufacturing related services (warehousing) – RM20 million; and non-metallic mineral products (cement and concrete) – RM16 million.

Sarawak continues to attract investors due to our political stability, rich natural resources, strategic location and investor-friendly policies. Our government fosters a conducive business environment through incentives, regulatory support and infrastructure development.

Last year, 115 manufacturing and related services projects were approved, with over 65% successfully implemented, reflecting strong investment facilitation. Ongoing industrial infrastructure investments, including industrial parks, logistics and digital connectivity, reinforce Sarawak's long-term growth and competitiveness, positioning Sarawak as a prime destination for investors seeking stability and strategic market access.

Investor confidence remains robust, as reflected in the substantial reinvestments of RM6.8 billion within the manufacturing sector, primarily in chemical and basic metal. This underscores strong investors' confidence in Sarawak's current business environment and re-affirms Sarawak's growing reputation as a competitive and reliable investment destination.

Sarawak's push for renewable energy, especially solar power, has gained strong investor interest. Leading potential investors from Abu Dhabi, China and Singapore are actively exploring opportunities through feasibility assessments.

The 2023 amendment to the Electricity Ordinance has paved the way for increased investment in low-carbon power generation, bolstering the region's commitment to a sustainable energy solution. This initiative expands renewal energy capacity to meet investors' growing demand, ensuring a more reliable, scalable and resilient energy supply to support long-term business growth.

As part of these efforts, my ministry recently organised Sarawak Connects in London to promote and attract investment, focusing on semiconductors, renewable and sustainable energy. This event served as a strategic platform for forging global partnerships and attracting high value

investments. Invest Sarawak plays a key role in facilitating investors' engagement and continues to support them for a seamless investment experience.

To further enhance our investment appeal, the government is actively streamlining regulatory processes, reducing bureaucracy and improving policy transparency to boost business efficiency. We are adopting a whole-of-government approach to ensure a unified and strategic advancement of Sarawak's development priorities. Concurrently, we are addressing critical gaps in the investment ecosystem, including upgrading key infrastructure and investing in talent development to better align with the industry's needs. These efforts reaffirm our commitment to position Sarawak as a preferred destination for high-quality investments now and in the years to come.

## INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Sarawak is transforming industrial landscape through strategic diversification into hydrogen, Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS), oil and gas, petrochemicals, semiconductors, aerospace and renewable energy. We are advancing renewal energy through hydropower and solar, while exploring hydrogen and CCUS technologies to support sustainability. These developments complement growth in the oil and gas sector and expansion of high-value petrochemical downstream products. By integrating cutting-edge technologies and sustainable practices, Sarawak is shaping a dynamic economic hub in Southeast Asia, balancing economic growth with environmental responsibility while achieving manufacturing excellence to drive long-term prosperity.

## HYDROGEN

Tuan Speaker, we are emerging as a regional leader in Southeast Asia's hydrogen economy, leveraging strategic investment opportunities through the Sarawak Green hydrogen hub in Bintulu and the upcoming hub in Kuching. These integrated facilities operate on a *'plug-and-play'* model, enabling multiple investors to co-locate hydrogen projects without requiring standalone infrastructure. This approach optimises efficiency, reduces costs and accelerates hydrogen deployment, attracting global investors to Sarawak's hydrogen ecosystem.

SEDC Energy and Gentari continue to advance the Sarawak Green Hydrogen Hub, with plans for a joint venture company to develop centralised investor facilities. The hub is currently in its Scope Development and Engineering phase. Meanwhile, flagship projects Hornbill and Hibiscus are progressing toward Front-End-Engineering-Design completion by this year-end. Malaysia and Japan have also reaffirmed their commitment to hydrogen collaboration, solidifying Sarawak's leadership in the hydrogen production.

The Distribution of Gas Ordinance was amended in November 2024 to ensure safe, responsible and structured development of hydrogen activities. This milestone legislation, which came into force in March 2025, reinforces investor confidence and ensures the sustainable growth of Sarawak's hydrogen economy.

## CARBON CAPTURE, UTILISATION AND STORAGE

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak is poised to lead regional CCUS, leveraging over 65% of Malaysia's geological carbon storage potential. Sarawak is at the forefront of national and regional decarbonisation efforts, driving sustainable solutions and enhancing our pivotal role in the global low carbon economy. PETROS, as the appointed resource manager, has launched the Sarawak Bid Round 2024 – Asia's first carbon storage-focused bid round, offering three offshore storage sites with significant geological potential. PETROS is currently finalising the agreement and plans to award the successful bidders by end of quarter 2 of 2025.

Tuan Speaker, PETROS is establishing Kuching and Samalaju as key CCUS hubs, developing advanced infrastructure to create integrated carbon storage within the next decade. This initiative will enable Sarawak to offer carbon storage solutions for domestic and foreign emitters, creating new

opportunities for CCUS industry. PETROS, together with investors, has committed over RM100 million to assess Sarawak's carbon storage potential and build a comprehensive database. These efforts will create a globally competitive carbon storage portfolio, fortifying Sarawak's expertise, investment appeal and sustainable low-carbon economic growth.

## OIL AND GAS

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak recognises natural gas as a vital transition fuel in the global journey toward net-zero emissions. We are committed to its responsible development. The Sarawak Gas Roadmap (SGR) leverages Sarawak's abundant natural gas resources, which constitute over 60% of Malaysia's reserves, to drive industrialisation, improve energy security and attract sustainable investment. As part of this initiative, a RM100 million city gas trunkline in Bintulu will expand clean and affordable energy access for homes and businesses. The project is going to be implemented soon. Meanwhile, the RM1 billion Samalaju Pipeline will transport 300 mmscf per day of gas from Bintulu to Samalaju Industrial Park (SIP). The installation of this gas pipeline is expected to be completed by end of 2025. Kuching is emerging as a regional low-carbon gas hub, focusing on natural gas delivery, CCUS, offshore gas exploration, and development. The proposed Tanjung Embang deep-seaport is anticipated to support the development of Kuching low-carbon gas hub, attracting investment, and strengthening Sarawak's clean energy leadership.

PETROS recently signed a Strategic Cooperation Agreement with China Jiangsu International Economic and Technical Cooperation Group Ltd. (CJI), one of the anchor partners to develop the masterplan for Kuching Low Carbon Hub. PETROS has expanded upstream operations with 21 Production Sharing Contracts, including 12 exploration projects and equity in five producing fields, achieving 100,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day. The SK433 Adong Kecil West site in Miri will produce its first onshore oil in 2026. Looking ahead, PETROS has committed RM8.5 billion in capital expenditure over the next three years in infrastructure development and resource commercialisation. By 2030, the SGR is expected to attract RM60 billion in investments and contributing significantly to Sarawak's economy. These initiatives reinforce Sarawak's leadership in sustainable energy, driving economic growth while advancing global decarbonisation efforts.

In 2024, PETRONAS invested RM25 billion in Sarawak, including nine first hydrocarbon discoveries and two major production milestones – the Kasawari field at Block SK316 and the Jerun field at Block SK408. Ongoing offshore development and exploration projects are in progress to ensure future energy security. PETRONAS is intensifying frontier exploration through data enrichment and strategic partnerships for seismic processing, reinforcing Sarawak's role in Malaysia's energy sector, supporting long-term energy security and economic growth.

## PETROCHEMICAL

Tuan Speaker, the petrochemical industry in Sarawak is evolving rapidly, aligned with SGR, and aims to transform Bintulu into an Integrated Petrochemical Hub. Since December 2024 until today, the Sarawak Petchem has exported 25 shipments approximately 238,000 metric tonnes of methanol across Asia Pacific (China, Taiwan, Indonesia and Peninsular Malaysia).

Sarawak Petchem is broadening its downstream methanol applications, utilising natural gas as a value-added feedstock, and advancing green sustainable products. Building on this progress, the Green Methanol Project was launched in January 2025 by the Sarawak Premier, reinforcing Sarawak as a Green Energy Bunkering Hub, attracting investments and driving a sustainable economy.

Other future strategic initiatives include low-carbon ammonia for fertilisers, an Ethylene Glycol facility supporting polyester production and specialty chemicals to diversify methanol derivatives, which are in the early stages of feasibility studies. These advancements solidify Sarawak's commitment to sustainability, innovation and economic growth in the petrochemical sector.

## SEMICONDUCTOR

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak is poised to capitalise on the booming semiconductor industry, driven by generative AI and data centre expansion, with global sales reaching USD627 billion last year. The Sarawak Semiconductor Strategic Framework aims to attract investments across the entire semiconductor value chain from advanced chip design, manufacturing to testing, packaging and AI-integrated systems.

By 2030, Sarawak aspires to be a key contributor to the global semiconductor supply chain, spearheaded by SMD Semiconductor Sdn. Bhd. (SMD) through the Semiconductor Roadmap 2030, designed to accelerate innovation and enhance local capabilities. Over the next five to 10 years, this roadmap will create over 3,000 high-skilled jobs, commercialise intellectual property and promote talent development.

SMD is exploring collaborative investments in the United Kingdom, leveraging Sarawak's cost advantages and renewable energy. With strong government support and global partnerships, Sarawak is positioned to become a key semiconductor hub in Southeast Asia, offering promising investment and trade potential.

## AEROSPACE

Tuan Speaker, the global aerospace industry is projected to broaden in 2025, accelerated by technological advancements, sustainability initiatives and increasing air demand. As industry continues to evolve, Sarawak is actively developing our aerospace capabilities, focusing on aviation, space technology and satellite launch potential.

The newly established Sarawak Aerospace Advisory Council will spearhead aerospace industry development by enhancing education, workforce training and forging global partnerships to drive future investment and accelerate industry growth. With a strong emphasis on talent development, Sarawak has launched the Aerospace Academy at CENTEXS Lundu and i-CATS University College's Faculty of Aerospace Engineering, equipping future professionals with hands-on expertise and globally recognised qualifications.

Sarawak is exploring the development of an Aerospace Industrial Park for high-value aerospace manufacturing, aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul, and sustainable aviation fuel research. We are partnering with Airbus to expand the aerospace industry, create high-value job opportunities and attract foreign investment. Sarawak is creating a dynamic and resilient ecosystem as a competitive aerospace hub in ASEAN.

Tuan Speaker,

## TRADE PERFORMANCE

Sarawak's trade remains a key driver of economic growth, reflecting resilience amid global uncertainties. Major trading partners are Japan, China, South Korea and India. In 2024, exports are expected to increase by 2.3% to RM133.8 billion, led by natural gas, crude petroleum and vegetable oils. While imports grew by 3.1% to RM64.5 billion, boosted by petroleum products, motor vehicles and aluminium ore. The trade surplus expanded by 1.5%, reaching RM69.3 billion, indicating steady growth in key traded goods.

Despite challenges in the first quarter of 2025, Sarawak maintained strong trade ties with major partners and recorded a trade surplus of RM16.8 billion. While trade fluctuated, the surplus demonstrates the resilience of the economy and ability to navigate evolving global trade dynamics.

Sarawak is expected to experience minimal direct impact from the U.S. reciprocal tariff though rising trade tensions and uncertainties may weaken external trade and domestic demand. However,

Sarawak's trade ties with key Asian partners remains strong, supported by Free Trade Agreements (FTA) to diversify and expand exports.

In addition, Malaysia as ASEAN chairman is leading efforts to strengthen ASEAN's role in negotiations with the U.S. aim to mitigate disruptions and ensure regional economic stability. At the same time, Sarawak is deepening global trade relationships, particularly with EU and Middle East, leveraging regional agreements such as RCEP and the ASEAN-China FTA to tap into new markets. Thus, local SMEs are encouraged to optimize resources, boost efficiency and explore trade prospects through business-matching initiatives.

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Tuan Speaker, MSMEs form the backbone of Malaysia's economy, representing 96% of total business establishments. In 2023, MSMEs contributed 39.1% to national GDP, reflecting a 0.5% increase from 2022, while employing 48.5% of the workforce. Their role in exports improved, rising by 1.6% from 2022 to reach 12.2% of total exports in 2023.

Sarawak is home to more than 74,000 MSMEs, representing 6.8% of total MSMEs in Malaysia. They are dominated by 75.9% of micro enterprises, followed by 21.8% of small businesses and 2.3% of medium enterprises. These businesses play a crucial role in driving our economic growth, with 90.5% involved in services, with smaller shares in construction, manufacturing and mining.

Despite their significant contribution, MSMEs in Malaysia and Sarawak are largely micro enterprises, leading to low value-added output and income limitations. SME Corp. Malaysia reported minimal structural change in MSMEs over the past 20 years, with interventions mostly supporting organic business expansion of micro and small businesses. The medium-sized company generates RM8.5 million in value-added, compared to micro enterprise produces only RM0.2 million.

With global uncertainties such as U.S. reciprocal tariff policies, our MSMEs must remain agile to thrive in the dynamic business landscape and align with our 2030 high-income goal. Recently, the Federal Government, through SME Corp. Malaysia is charting strategic initiatives under the 13<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan to scale up the growth of MSMEs over the next five years through four key initiatives; that are:

- (a) medium-sized businesses from 1.8% to 5.0% of the MSMEs composition;
- (b) encourage SMEs to participate in high-value activities and disruptive business model;
- (c) strengthen SMEs' involvement in global value chains focused on high-value industries; and
- (d) support SMEs in listing on marketing board.

Our entrepreneurship and industrial development strategies will align with these initiatives, ensuring MSMEs have fair opportunities to gain access to new business ventures, improve their competitiveness and capacity to build long-term resilience in the global market.

### *Capacity Building*

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Government remains committed to equipping our MSMEs through capacity building programmes focused on entrepreneurship, technical expertise and digital skills, empowering MSMEs to broaden their knowledge and capabilities.

From 2021 to quarter one 2025, my Ministry, together with agencies such as Institut Koperasi Malaysia, SDEC, INSKEN, Jabatan Wanita dan Keluarga Sarawak (JWKS), Department of Agriculture (DOA), RISDA, TEGAS, has organised nearly 930 programmes, benefiting more than 73,500 MSMEs. These programmes provide training in Promotion and Marketing, Financial Management, Food Handling, Product Packaging and Certification, as well as Technical and Digital Entrepreneurship. In 2024, my ministry and SDEC partnered with TikTok Shop on a two-year initiative to promote Sarawak Digital Mall globally, driving e-Commerce adoption through training

and incentives. More than 1,000 MSMEs across Sarawak participated, with 452 selected to attend the intensive training. Among these participants, 353 Sarawak sellers achieved seller performance standards and received incentives from TikTok Shop.

In first quarter 2025, Sarawak sellers generated RM8.0 million gross sales. Their sales and orders grew by 119% and 125% respectively. In March 2025, Miri's top seller, namely Cosfume by Cosmo Online Cosmetics (M) Sdn Bhd recorded over RM540,000 in monthly sales. Leading product categories included lifestyle, electronic gadgets, fashion and collectibles. Market access is a key to MSMEs growth.

My ministry facilitates promotion through national and international expos. Our programme assisted over 1,200 MSMEs and generated more than RM34 million in revenue. These programmes are Showcase *Usahawan* Sarawak, Sabah International Food Expo, *Satu Daerah Satu Industri* and FHA Food & Beverage 2025.

Sarawak Trade and Tourism Office in Singapore (STATOS) finalised six trade distribution agreements between Singapore and Sarawak, securing RM63.5 million in sales across services, food, and beverages, as well as RM7.5 million in agricultural investments. Meanwhile, the Sarawak Trade and Tourism Office in Brunei (STATOB), which began operation in October 2024, has been actively collaborating with their Brunei counterparts and beyond.

In October 2025, my ministry, in collaboration with STATOS, will host the Sarawak Mega Fair 2025 in Singapore to support SMEs in expanding globally, leveraging Singapore strategic position as a regional trade hub. This event aims to promote international trade, investment and tourism between Sarawak, Singapore and beyond. My ministry has organised Investment, Trade Grants and Export Compliance Seminars in Kuching, Miri, Sibu and Bintulu in collaboration with MIDA, MATRADE, SME Corp. Malaysia and Shopee. These seminars tailored to each city's business sector, enhanced business networks, awareness of funding opportunities and strategic growth, which benefited over 260 participants in compliance and international expansion.

#### *Financial Assistance*

Tuan Speaker, access to funding remains a key challenge for MSMEs, affecting business growth and limiting technological advancement. To address this, MSMEs are encouraged to explore alternative financing such as crowdfunding and venture capital. At the same time, my ministry continues to provide financial assistance programmes, namely *Graduan Ke Arah Keusahawanan* (GERAK), *Usahawan Teknikal dan Vokasional* (USTEV), Go Digital Program, Sarawak Micro Credit Scheme (SKMS) and *Skim Pinjaman Industri Kecil dan Sederhana* (SPIKS). Since 2021, over 9,400 MSMEs have benefited from these schemes, totalling RM204.3 million in funding.

In addition, Federal and Sarawak agencies offer financial aid to support MSMEs in accessing funding and strengthening cash flow. To date, more than 178,000 MSMEs have benefited from the initiative, with approximately RM3.3 billion in approved funding from SME Bank, Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia, Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad, MARA and SEDC. These also include Green Financing for SMEs by Alliance Bank and Strategic Fund by OCBC to support investments in green and sustainable investments.

The Sarawak Government is committed to expanding MSMEs' funding access and fostering innovation. Through collaboration, my ministry will boost Sarawak's global competitiveness and build a resilient business ecosystem.

#### *Industrial Infrastructure and Facilities Development*

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak is actively expanding its industrial infrastructure and facilities development, fostering a dynamic and sustainable business ecosystem. We are committed to advancing competitiveness and fostering the long-term growth of industries.

In 2025, my ministry allocated a budget of RM40 million for the development of 14 industrial estates. These industrial estates are designed to cater for diverse sectors, including manufacturing, technology and sustainable energy, aligning with our industrial development agenda.

In addition, my ministry is developing 18 *Anjung Usahawan* with a total allocation of RM11.5 million, providing essential infrastructure, particularly in the rural and remote areas of Sarawak. As of first quarter 2025, my ministry has completed six industrial parks and four *Anjung Usahawan*, with five industrial parks and two *Anjung Usahawan* under construction. Additionally, nine industrial parks and 17 *Anjung Usahawan* are in various pre-implementation stages.

I would like to express appreciation to the Ministry of Entrepreneur and Cooperatives Development Malaysia (KUSKOP) for its *Program Pembangunan Premis – Tamu Desa*, which supports local hawkers and petty traders to upgrade business premises, especially in the rural areas across Sarawak. Out of 39 projects, 26 are completed, with the remaining 13 are scheduled for completion by June 2025. With RM8.0 million approved funding, this initiative improves business infrastructure and economic opportunities for our local traders.

#### *Isu-Isu Yang Dibangkitkan*

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

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka, kementerian saya sentiasa mengalu-alukan kerjasama dengan Ahli Yang Berhormat dan Majlis Pembangunan Usahawan Betong dalam pelaksanaan program-program pembangunan keusahawanan di kawasan tersebut. Kementerian saya telah meluluskan bantuan lebih daripada RM8.4 juta yang memberi manfaat kepada 512 usahawan di daerah Saratok termasuk kawasan Kalaka.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Repok, bagi menampung keperluan PKS di Bahagian Sarikei, Kerajaan telah meluluskan projek Taman Perindustrian Mini Meradong. Selain itu, Sungai Baji *Agropark* telah dibangunkan untuk aktiviti pertanian bernilai tinggi khususnya tanaman makanan. Kerajaan Sarawak juga akan mengkaji keperluan untuk membangunkan kawasan industri kecil atau Taman Perindustrian Mini baharu di Sarikei.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Jepak, Medan Niaga Jepak telah dibina oleh SEDC pada 2005 yang menyediakan 16 gerai makanan dan 13 gerai runcit. SEDC akan menaik taraf Medan Niaga Jepak selaras dengan pembangunan kawasan tersebut. Manakala, Lembaga Kemajuan Bintulu (BDA) akan mewujudkan kawasan industri desa di bawah projek Skim Pembesaran Kampung Jelutong dan Pembangunan Semula Jepak serta membangunkan Estet Perindustrian Jepak Fasa 2 untuk industri kecil dan sederhana. Tapak tersebut telahpun diluluskan oleh Majlis Perancangan Negeri. Justeru itu, usahawan setempat digalakkan agar menggunakan kemudahan perniagaan yang sedia ada sepenuhnya.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tamin, my ministry will conduct feasibility study on the proposal to establish *Anjung Usahawan* for a craft centre and SME hub at Selangau. Meanwhile, my ministry has approved RM3.3 million in financial assistance to 95 entrepreneurs in the Selangau district, including Tamin.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tebedu, kementerian saya mengalu-alukan semua cadangan pelaburan di Taman Perindustrian Tebedu. Pada masa ini, kementerian saya telah menerima dua permohonan. Salah satu daripada cadangan pelaburan tersebut masih dalam peringkat tawaran tanah dan satu lagi pelaburan masih dalam peringkat perancangan.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Murum, pembinaan Anjung Usahawan Apau Koyan kini dalam permohonan pertapakan.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Batu, the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) has taken legal action against companies involved in major hazards to prevent similar incidents in SIP. DOSH and the Department of Environment have engaged industry players, local authorities, and communities to strengthen communication and enhance emergency preparedness. Authorities are actively enforcing safety compliance, requiring companies to provide clear emergency plans, inspect equipment regularly, and review risk assessments. Industry players are fully committed to the highest safety standards and are taking proactive actions, to safeguard workers, the public, and the environment. One of the companies took the initiative to shut down their operation for a period of 90-days, beginning 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025, to ensure safety requirements are fully complied with, while maintaining the salary of their employees.

*Penutup*

Tuan Speaker, sebelum mengakhiri ucapan penggulungan ini, saya ingin merakamkan penghargaan kepada Tuan Speaker atas ketegasan dan kepimpinan dalam mengendalikan DUN dengan baik. Tidak lupa, ucapan terima kasih kepada pegawai-pegawai yang telah berusaha dalam menjayakan persidangan ini dengan dedikasi dan komitmen yang tinggi.

Akhir sekali, saya mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan Selamat Hari Gawai dan Hari Raya Aidil Adha kepada semua Ahli Yang Berhormat serta seluruh rakyat Sarawak.

*Orang Sarawak celik teknologi,  
Pandai berdagang, bijak berusaha;  
Kemajuan digital teguh berdiri,  
Menjadi nadi ekonomi negara.*

*Ngabang Gawai beramai-ramai,  
Aidiladha tiba penuh makna;  
Berbilang budaya tetap begulai,  
Sarawak maju makmur dan sejahtera.*

Dengan ini, saya mengakhiri ucapan penggulungan bagi Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa, Industri dan Pelaburan. Sekian, 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):** Tuan Speaker, first of all, I would like to express my utmost appreciation to Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar for his opening address in the First Meeting of the Fourth Session of the Nineteenth Dewan Undangan Negeri on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025. His Excellency's address will serve as an earnest guidance and invaluable framework for us as we fulfil our obligations and carry out our responsibilities in navigating Sarawak towards realizing our goal of becoming a prosperous and thriving society by the year 2030.

On this occasion, I also wish to express my condolences to the family of the late Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, our former Prime Minister who returned to the mercy of God on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The late Tun was a respected leader known for his gentle, humble, and inclusive leadership style, promoting transparency, institutional reform and judicial independence.

*Economic Performance 2024 and Prospects For 2025*

Tuan Speaker, I would now like to update this august House on the world, nation, and the State's latest economic performance for 2024 and its outlook for 2025.

*Global Economic Performance 2024 and Prospects for 2025*

The global economic landscape in 2024 has been shaped by a mix of recovery and risk. While the world economy demonstrated resilience in the early months, this momentum gradually softened due to rising geopolitical tensions, policy tightening, and expanding trade fragmentation. In 2025, the situation is becoming even more volatile with the introduction of reciprocal tariffs by the United States, targeting its trading partners, followed by retaliatory actions by these countries. These developments further fuel much uncertainty, particularly for open, trade-dependent markets.

Reflecting these challenges, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its April 2025 World Economic Outlook, projected global GDP growth to moderate to 2.8% in 2025, down from 3.3% in 2024, highlighting the broad impact of escalating trade measures and weakening demand across advanced and emerging economies.

In the United States, economic growth is projected at 1.8% in 2025, reflecting a slowdown from earlier forecasts. This moderation is driven by tighter credit conditions, weakening consumer demand, and a decline in export performance. Moreover, the imposition of broad-based reciprocal tariffs in April 2025 has disrupted import flows and raised input costs for American manufacturers, weighing further on the economic activity.

Meanwhile, China's economy is expected to grow by 4% in 2025, indicating constrained growth prospects amid unresolved structural imbalances. Weakening in the property sector has suppressed domestic demand, while declining exports continue to weigh on growth. Nevertheless, targeted fiscal measures provide offsetting support particularly with sound infrastructure spending and resilience in high-tech manufacturing.

India remains a key growth engine among major emerging market and developing economies. The growth outlook for 2025 is relatively stable at 6.2%, supported by strong private consumption, particularly in rural areas. However, this projection is slightly lower than the previous year, reflecting the impact of rising trade tensions, global uncertainty and the ongoing conflict between India and Pakistan.

Global inflation is expected to remain at 4.3% in 2025, above pre-pandemic norms. Elevated import costs, disrupted supply chains, and reduced production efficiency are key factors driving these challenges. Although food and energy prices have stabilised, core inflation, particularly in services, remains persistent. The ongoing trade policy uncertainties are likely to suppress investment and consumer spending, further complicating the global economic outlook.

Lastly, the resurgence of reciprocal tariff policies has emerged as a key concern. The IMF has revised its global trade growth forecast downward from 3.8% in 2024 to 1.7% for 2025. Trade disruptions are especially severe in global value chains, with intermediate goods most affected.

*Malaysia Economic Performance 2024 and Prospect for 2025*

Tuan Speaker, Malaysia's economy continued its recovery momentum in 2024, underpinned by strong domestic fundamentals, targeted policy reforms, and a resilient private sector. Despite external headwinds including trade tensions and global monetary tightening, Malaysia's GDP grew at 5.1% in 2024. This performance was primarily driven by robust household spending, sustained employment gains, and vibrant activities in tourism and services sectors.

The expansion is also attributed to the effective rollout of the strategic initiatives under the Ekonomi MADANI framework, together with the implementation of national flagship plans such as the New Industrial Master Plan 2030 (NIMP 2030) and the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR). These frameworks have enhanced investors' confidence and accelerated structural reforms across key sectors. Malaysia's inflation averaged 1.5% in the first quarter of 2025, a decline from the previous year, primarily due to stable food prices and lower utility costs. Looking ahead,

Malaysia's inflation is expected to range between 2.0% and 3.5% in 2025, highlighting the need for targeted policy measures to manage sector-specific price pressures and ensure broader price stability.

In 2025, Malaysia's economy is well-positioned to sustain growth between 4.5% and 5.5%, supported by the continued rollout of strategic national initiatives and a strengthening domestic consumption despite external uncertainties.

#### *Sarawak Economic Performance in 2024 and Prospects for 2025*

Tuan Speaker, I shall now move to Sarawak's economy. Sarawak's economy continues to grow resiliently, propelled by robust domestic demand and driven by continued rollout of various strategic state initiatives. On the supply side, the services sector is expected to expand by 6.7% in 2024, with all subsectors registering positive growth. Tourism remains a key contributor, with visitors' arrival reaching 4.8 million in 2024, driven by targeted promotional strategies and improved connectivity infrastructure. In the first quarter of 2025, visitors' arrival maintained steady momentum at 1.2 million, reinforcing growth in services subsectors such as wholesale and retail trade, accommodation, and transportation.

In 2024, the manufacturing sector recorded improved growth, driven by a higher output from Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), despite facing operational challenges such as power outages and scheduled plants shut down for maintenance purposes. Exports volume of LNG increased by 3.8% supported by strong global demand and favourable prices. For the first quarter of this year, LNG exports remain stable, however following the reciprocal tariffs, market starts to soften which may lead to reduction in energy demand and over supply of LNG in the market for the remaining of the year. Meanwhile, the mining sector is expected to grow by 2.3% in 2024, supported by the operationalisation of the Kasawari field and sustainable crude petroleum output. For the first quarter of 2025, output from the oil and gas sector continues to show positive trend.

In 2024, the agricultural sector is expected to experience a modest growth of 2.0%, attributed to increased yields from fresh fruit bunches (FFB). Although there was a slight decrease in the crude palm oil (CPO) extraction rate, dropping from 19.8% in 2023 to 19.4% in 2024, the sector remains resilient, bolstered by enhanced yields and production efficiency. The first quarter of 2025 is expected to see an improvement in oil palm production, with FFB reaching 3.3 tonnes per hectare, up from 3.1 tonnes during the same period in 2024. Nevertheless, the sector's prospects for the year are contingent upon weather conditions, which may have impact on production and yield.

In 2024, the construction industry is expected to experience significant growth of 8.7%, largely fuelled by the civil engineering subsector, which represents 64% of the overall work value. This expansion is additionally bolstered by the non-residential building subsector, accounting for 13.5%, and the residential building subsector, contributing 11.3%. The sector's performance is largely attributed to the ongoing execution of strategic infrastructure and utilities initiatives under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan (12MP). This positive trend is anticipated to persist into 2025.

#### *Demand Side*

In 2024, Sarawak's economic growth was supported by favourable external demand and robust domestic activities. Total trade increased by 2.8%, with exports rising by 2.6% and imports by 3.1%.

LNG continued to be the primary driver of Sarawak's export performance, with its total export value rising from RM54.8 billion in 2023 to RM56.4 billion in 2024, driven by higher export volumes. Simultaneously, the export value of crude palm oil (CPO) surged by 15.7%, supported by favourable market conditions and stronger prices. Conversely, crude petroleum exports registered a decrease of 5.8%, attributed to lower export volumes and declining oil prices. In 2024, the average price of

Brent crude oil was USD80.52 per barrel, a decrease from USD82.49 per barrel in 2023, reflecting the overall trends in the oil market.

Tuan Speaker, amid significant global uncertainties, these challenges might have repercussions on Sarawak's external demand moving forward. Early indicators suggest a contraction in trade, with total trade for the first two months of 2025 experiencing an 11.4% decrease. On the investment front, Sarawak secured RM7.6 billion worth of approved investments within the manufacturing sector, with a strong focus on high-value industries, including chemicals, electrical and electronics, and miscellaneous products. Strategic initiatives to enhance investment facilitation, coupled with ongoing infrastructure development, have further reinforced Sarawak's appeal as a competitive investment destination.

In 2024, the Sarawak and Federal Governments have invested a significant amount of public fundings, nearly RM15 billion for capital development purposes. This commitment is expected to drive infrastructure expansion, enhance public services, and accelerate economic transformation across Sarawak.

In 2025, the Sarawak Government has approved development allocation of RM10.0 billion to ensure the continued progress of ongoing initiatives and the rollout of new infrastructure projects. On top of this, the Federal Government has approved an allocation of RM5.9 billion to undertake various development projects in Sarawak. Meanwhile, public consumption expanded by 10.5% in 2024, primarily due to the impact of the *Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam* (SSPA) implementation. The enhancement of remuneration has led to an increase in disposable income for public sector employees, thereby stimulating demand and further encouraging private consumption. Additionally, the flexibility to withdraw from the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Account 3 has improved household liquidity, further supporting consumption.

This positive trend is complemented by strong private consumption, which is reinforced by targeted fiscal measures such as the *Sumbangan Keperluan Asas Sarawak* (SKAS) and *Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah* (STR), aimed at enhancing household purchasing power and stimulating broader economic activity. Looking ahead, Sarawak's economy which was initially projected to grow 5% to 6% in 2025, may be challenged by downside risks brought on by global uncertainties.

### *Inflation*

Tuan Speaker, Inflation. Sarawak's inflation rate is expected to moderate to 2.4% in 2024, reflecting a slowdown in the growth of prices. The primary drivers of inflation were food and non-alcoholic beverages, housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, along with transport. This downward trend in the overall inflation rate indicates improved price stability within these key sectors. In the first quarter of 2025, Sarawak experienced a continued moderation in inflation, averaging 1.5%, down from 2.2% recorded during the same period in 2024. This gradual easing of inflationary pressures is projected to persist throughout 2025, maintaining the inflation rate within a range of 2.3% to 2.5%.

### *Labour Market in 2024*

Sarawak's labour market exhibited continued resilience, with the unemployment rate remaining stable at 3.5%. Sarawak recorded an increase of job vacancies from 240,529 in 2023 to 307,533 at the end of 2024. Of this total job vacancies, approximately 15.5% were designated for highly skilled professionals, highlighting Sarawak's strategic focus on developing human capital aligned with high value-added industries.

Tuan Speaker,

PERFORMANCE OF PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION UNDER  
THE TWELFTH MALAYSIA PLAN (12MP)

I wish to update this august House on the implementation of various development programmes and projects under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan in Sarawak.

#### *12MP State Funded Projects*

A total of 1,387 state funded projects with a ceiling of RM37.98 billion had been approved. Of this amount, 987 or 71% are physical projects while the remaining 400 or 29% are non-physical, while includes grants, contributions, investments, programmes, and events.

As of April 2025, out of 987 physical projects, 303 projects or 31% have been completed while the remaining 684 projects or 69% are various stages of implementation. The cumulative expenditure from the year 2021 up to April 2025 was RM27.7 billion or 69% against the total 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan ceiling. The government will continue to facilitate the swift implementation of programmes and projects, ensuring that the targets outlined in the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan are accomplished, while also developing proactive approaches to manage challenges related to current and future project execution.

#### *Performance of Rural Transformation Projects (RTP)*

Under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan period, a total of 13,366 rural transformation projects with an allocation of RM2.06 billion have been approved. As of April 2025, a total of 7,490 projects or 56% have been completed while the remaining 5,876 projects or 44%, are still at various stages of implementation. The cumulative expenditure from the year 2021 up to April 2025 was RM1.66 billion or 81% against the total approved allocation.

#### *Performance of Projek Rakyat*

Under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan, *Projek Rakyat* has received RM3.16 billion allocation to fund the implementation of 735 projects from 2021 until April 2025. Of this 648 or 88% are physical projects, while the remaining 87 or 12% are non-physical projects. To date, 351 projects or 48% have been completed with RM2.4 billion expended, while the remaining 252 projects are at various stages of implementation.

#### *Program Penambahbaikan Rumah Rakyat Miskin Sarawak (MRP-PPRMS)*

Since 2018, the Sarawak Government has committed to allocated funding for the purpose of repairing and improving the homes of underprivileged and low-income groups, thus ensuring safer, more secure and conducive living conditions. With a maximum repair cost of RM15,000 per house, this programme has directly benefited 59,381 families to date, with an overall expenditure of RM408.2 million.

#### *12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan Federal Funded Projects*

Under the Fourth Rolling Plan (RP4) of 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan, the Federal Government had approved a total of RM5.3 billion for the implementation of 1,128 projects. In terms of financial performance, a sum of RM4.5 billion or 86% of the approved allocation had been expended as of December 2024.

Meanwhile, under the Fifth Rolling Plan (RP5 of 12MP), a total of RM4.3 billion has been approved for the implementation of 1,174 projects, of which RM1.2 billion or 27% of the allocation has been expended. As of April 2025, 206 projects or 18% have been completed, while the balance are at various stages of implementation.

## PERFORMANCE OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNDER ALTERNATIVE FUNDING

Allow me to update this august House on financing performance of projects implemented under Alternative Funding. As part of this initiative, this year the Sarawak Government has allocated a total of RM8.12 billion for the execution of 1,571 projects. As of April 2025, a sum of RM1.11 billion or 14% of the total budget has been expended. Out of this, 1,514 projects are categorized as physical, while 57 are classified as non-physical. To date, 974 projects or 61% have been completed, while the remaining 597 projects or 39% are in various phases of execution.

Cumulatively, a sum of RM16.0 billion has been expended as up to April 2025 for the implementation of major development projects throughout Sarawak with the following breakdown:

- (a) RM5.3 billion for the construction of Coastal Road and Second Trunk Road projects;
- (b) RM3.0 billion for the Sarawak Water Supply Grid-Stressed Areas;
- (c) RM1.7 billion for Rural Electricity Scheme (RES) projects;
- (d) RM2.3 billion for the implementation of projects by the three regional development agencies under RECODA namely Upper Rajang Development Agency (URDA), Highland Development Agency (HDA), and Northern Region Development Agency (NRDA);
- (e) RM888.0 million for the projects under Integrated Regional Samarahan Development Agency (IRSDA);
- (f) RM1.0 billion for the implementation of Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS);
- (g) RM730.0 million for the construction of Sarawak Multimedia Authority Rural Telecommunication (SMART) tower and Sarawak Rural Broadband Network (MySRBN) by Sarawak Digital Economy Corporation (SDEC);
- (h) RM218.0 million for digital empowerment programme and construction of digital infrastructure and telecommunication towers;
- (i) RM271.0 million for the construction of State Administrative Centres in Bintulu, Limbang, and Lawas;
- (j) RM158.0 million for the construction of CENTEX in Lundu, Dalat, and Lawas and UTS Mukah Laila Taib Campus;
- (k) RM157.0 million for the construction of Sarawak International Schools in Kuching, Sibul and Bintulu;
- (l) RM111.0 million for the construction of Bebulung STOLPort in Betong;
- (m) RM73.0 million for the development of the new Sarawak Civil Service Leadership Institute in Santubong; and
- (n) RM108 million for the construction of the State Archive Building in Kuching.

### *Performance of Regional Development Agencies*

The various Regional Development Agencies were established to bridge urban and rural development gap and speed up infrastructure development throughout Sarawak. This is done through a bottom-up approach in the planning and execution of projects.

The Sarawak Government has provided an allocation of RM13.5 billion to all the nine Regional Development Agencies of which RM1.5 billion is allocated to each of these agencies.

Of the RM13.5 billion, a sum of RM7.5 billion is allocated under Sarawak's annual budget to fund the implementation of 901 development projects, under the purview of five Regional Development Agencies, namely Sri Aman Development Agency (SADA), Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA), Rajang Delta Development Agency (RADDA), Greater Kuching Coordinated Development Agency (GKCDA) and Mid-Rajang Regional Development Agency (MiRRDA). Out of this, 894 projects are physical, seven are non-physical. As of April 2025, 82 projects or 9% have been completed, with the remaining 819 projects or 91% are at various stages of implementation.

In addition, a sum of RM6 billion has been allocated under Alternative Funding for the projects under purview of Northern Regional Development Agency (NRDA), Highland Development Agency (HDA), Upper Rajang Development Agency (URDA), and Integrated Regional Samarahan Development Agency (IRSDA). To date, RM3.19 billion has been expended with 601 projects completed.

Tuan Speaker,

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR SARAWAK

Now, I would like to highlight the financial performance of the state for the fiscal year 2024 and the first four months of 2025.

In 2024, Sarawak achieved a total revenue of RM14.187 billion, making the highest revenue ever recorded in its history. This outstanding accomplishment is a result of our ongoing effort in revenue re-engineering, initiated and led by our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier. The revenue collected has increased by RM876 million, representing a 7% rise compared to RM13.31 billion collected in 2023. This increase is primarily attributed to receipt from compensation for oil and gas right, as well as dividend, interest income, state sales tax, and special grant.

For the information of this august House, the state sales tax on oil and gas is the major contributor to the overall state's revenue. As of April 2025, it has contributed a total of RM21.38 billion to the state coffers since its introduction in January 2019, a significant amount indeed.

#### *Ordinary Expenditure, 2024*

In 2024, Sarawak spent a total of RM12.71 billion on Ordinary Expenditure, of which RM4.91 billion was expended on operating expenditures while RM7.8 billion was appropriated to the Development Fund Account to finance the implementation of various development programmes and projects.

#### *Development Expenditure, 2024*

With regards to development expenditure, the state expended a sum of RM8.66 billion out of RM9.1 billion or 95% of total Development Budget for the year 2024.

Now, Tuan Speaker, allow me to update the Members of this august House on the performance of the state's revenue and expenditure for the first four month of 2025.

#### *Revenue*

For the year 2025, the state's revenue projection was at RM14.2 billion. As of April, a sum of RM4.3 billion or 30% of the projected revenue has been collected, contributed by the following major source:

- (a) State sales tax RM1.76 billion;
- (b) Cash compensation in lieu of oil and gas rights RM1.17 billion;
- (c) Dividends RM608 million;
- (d) Raw water royalty RM229 million;
- (e) Interest income RM250 million;
- (f) Forestry receipt RM65 million;
- (g) Land premium RM59 million;
- (h) Federal grant and reimbursement RM25 million; and
- (i) Other source such as mining royalty, water sales and land rents RM137 million.

Considering the challenging economic environment and the geopolitical issues that are influencing the oil and gas market globally, we foresee that our revenue projection for this year would be impacted.

#### *Expenditure, 2025*

As expenditure 2025, as of April this year, RM3.68 billion or 27% of the approved Ordinary Expenditure has been expended. While RM1.44 billion or 13% has been expended for Development Expenditure.

These expenditures are anticipated to increase in the later half of the year, coinciding with the progress of programme and project execution. Given that this year marks the ending of the 12MP, it is imperative for all Controlling Officers and Head of Department to continue to be committed towards the successful delivery of programme and project of which they are accountable and responsible. They must also be proactive in resolving any issues related to projects implementation.

#### **SARAWAK PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME**

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak Public Financial Management Transformation Programme. I wish to enlighten this august House on the initiative undertaken by the Sarawak Government toward enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of our financial management.

#### *Implementation of Results-Based Budgeting*

As the Sarawak Government continue to strengthen its governance and public service delivery, the move toward Result Budget Based Budgeting representing more than a budgeting reform, it reflects a deliberate focus on accountability, effectiveness, and meaningful impact of the people.

With RBB set to roll out in 2026 under the 13<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan, effort to prepare for this transition continue to gain momentum in 2025. In January this year, an engagement session was held with all Permanent Secretaries, Head of Department, Head of State-Owned Enterprise. This session served to introduce the RBB concept and clarify their role in driving the initiative forward.

As of May 2025, notable progress has been achieved. The Inaugural Result Framework, and Monitoring and Evaluation Framework have been developed for all ministries, department, local authorities, and selected statutory bodies, and government-linked companies. These frameworks serve as the backbone for linking programme to strategic priorities for assessing performance, will be used as part of preparation for the 2026 budget submission.

In parallel, effort is underway to digitalize the RBB process. A web-based platform designed to integrate planning, monitoring, and performance reporting will be deployed. This integrated management information system will enable real-time tracking of programme outcomes and also connect seamlessly with existing financial and project management system such as the Sarawak Accounting System and the Integrated Project Management System. Once operational, it is expected to enhance data accuracy, streamline decision-making, and improve overall delivery of result.

Looking ahead, the success of RBB hinges on a strong and coordinated effort across the public sector. As we gear up for its full implementation in 2026, full commitment, strong leadership of Controlling Officers and Head of Departments are paramount. Their proactive involvements in RBB implementation are critical in fostering a culture of performance and accountability, thereby creating a more transparent, responsive, and result-driven public service.

#### **TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME FOR STATE STATUTORY BODIES AND GOVERNMENT-LINKED COMPANIES**

Now, let me update this august House on the ongoing collaboration with the World Bank in reviewing and strengthening the existing regulatory and monitoring frameworks of our Statutory Bodies and Government-Linked Companies, collectively known as State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs).

Tuan Speaker, with the completion of Phase 1 which covered assessment on the existing governance framework of the SOEs, we are presently embarking on Phase 2 of the SOEs Reform Programme. This programme aims at enhancing the regulatory framework and ownership policy through a review of current laws and regulations, and the establishment of the SOEs Corporate Governance Code.

In addition, as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance corporate governance for SOEs and improve monitoring and reporting structures, we have introduced the following major initiatives:

- (a) The Sarawak State-Owned Enterprises Monitoring System (e-SOEs) Phase 1, which has been rolled out in December 2024. This system facilitates timely submission of accounts and corporate governance information, as well as quarterly financial and non-financial performance report of the SOEs to the State Financial Authority; and
- (b) A study on the Proposed Roadmap Towards Financial Self-Reliance and Transformation of State Statutory Bodies and GLCs for 2026–2030, which will commence soon. This initiative aims at enhancing the performance of Statutory Bodies and GLCs and developing a high-performance culture within their organizations.

#### **PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

##### *Bumiputera Contractors Development Programme*

Tuan Speaker, as reported in the last DUN sitting, we have been implementing the *Program Kontraktor Berdaya Saing (PKBS)* to develop a pool of capable and competitive *Bumiputera* contractors through their participation in government projects. The total number of PKBS participants selected under this programme has now reached 456 contractors.

In addition, we continue to implement various other entrepreneurship programmes through collaboration with the relevant agencies as follows:

- (a) Program Peningkatan Usahawan Bumiputera (PUTERA)

For the year 2024, 611 Bumiputera contractors and suppliers have received assistance valued at RM3.7 million under this programme. Verification and monitoring works are ongoing to ensure the success of the programme.

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

To date, 23 PIBUs are currently operating throughout Sarawak with 5,676 participants, while two newly approved PIBUs in Bario and Beluru will begin operations in September and October this year, respectively.

(c) Program Skim Pembiayaan Kontraktor Kecil Bumiputera

Under this scheme, 46 contractors have received financial assistance worth RM5.8 million in 2024. As of April this year, RM582,464 has been disbursed to 5 contractors.

(d) Program Pembangunan Vendor Perabot Bumiputera

To date, a total of 34 Bumiputera furniture vendors have been appointed by STIDC for supply of furniture to the government offices with a total contract value of RM5.0 million per year.

With regards to *Bumiputera* contractors' participation in State-funded projects, for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025, RM1.09 billion or 54% of the total contract worth RM2.02 billion has been awarded to *Bumiputera* contractors. This reflects the government's unwavering commitment and efforts to fostering and supporting *Bumiputera* contractors, enabling them to be more competitive and competent.

Training and development programmes for *Bumiputera* contractors and suppliers encompassing competency, generic, and online courses, will continue to be implemented to fulfil the industries' need. In 2024, a total of 110 courses have been conducted, benefiting 4,730 participants, while as of first quarter this year, 17 training programmes have been conducted, aiding 1,626 participants.

*Revision of Current Procurement Policies and Procedures for  
State-Funded Works, Supplies, and Services*

Tuan Speaker, to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the government's procurement, we have revised the procurement policies and procedures for state-funded works, supplies, and services. The significant revisions are as follows:

- (a) The State Divisional Tenders Board is authorized to consider tender value up to RM10.0 million;
- (b) The State Central Tenders Board is authorized to consider tender exceeding RM10.0 million;
- (c) Ministries, departments, and agencies are granted the authority to appoint consultants for physical works on projects with a value up to RM20.0 million.

These revisions which aim to streamline the procurement process and facilitate more efficient and effective implementation of State-funded projects, are timely and in line with the rapid development taking place in Sarawak.

*Code of Ethic in the State Government's Procurement*

Tuan Speaker, procurement remains one of the most critical components of public sector governance and is particularly vulnerable to moral lapses including conflicts of interest, excessive influence, and non-transparent decision-making. In response to these challenges, the State Government has recently introduced the Code of Ethics in the State Government's Procurement.

This Code is developed to uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and accountability among all stakeholders involved in the procurement process, including the State Civil Service (SCS), Sarawak Government-Linked Companies (GLCs), and bidders and suppliers. It embodies the government's firm commitment to the principles of good governance aimed at preventing malpractice and misconduct among government officials in procurement activities.

*State e-Procurement System*

The development of the state's e-Procurement system is currently in progress. Stage 1 which covers development of e-Direct Purchase Module has been completed. Stage 2 which covers development of e-Quotation is currently on-going. And Stage 3 which covers development of e-Tender module is scheduled to commence in the third quarter of 2025.

**ISSUES RAISED BY THE AHLI-AHLI YANG BERHORMAT**

Tuan Speaker, I would like to first thank *beberapa* Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat who has raised a matter regarding Ministry of Finance. First, I would like to respond to the issues raised by the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Batu Kitang and Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tamin regarding the consultancy procurement processes, professional fees, and industry practices.

We wish to clarify on the Open Tender System adopted by the Sarawak Government which seem to be viewed as encouraging professional fee undercutting. As we continue our commitment to excellence and transparency in public service delivery, I would like to take a moment to highlight the importance and the rationale behind the tendering processes, particularly in the procurement of consultancy services.

First and foremost, the tendering process upholds the principles of transparency and fairness. It ensures that all eligible and qualified consultants have an equal opportunity to participate.

Secondly, tendering allows the government to achieve value for money. It is not about selecting the lowest bidder, but rather about identifying the best overall proposal – one that offers the strongest technical approach at a reasonable and justifiable cost. This ensures that public funds are used wisely and effectively.

Third, open tendering encourages innovation and continuous improvement. When consultants are invited to bid, they are motivated to present their best methodologies, technologies, and project insights. This raises the quality-of-service delivery and advances the standards of our built environment.

Fourth, the tendering system supports the development of the local consulting fraternity. It provides opportunities for both experienced and emerging consultants to contribute to government projects. In some cases, it may encourage strategic partnerships or joint ventures that lead to knowledge sharing and capacity building across the sector.

Fifth, from a governance perspective, the tendering process ensures accountability and auditability. Every step is documented, and every decision is justified.

Sixth, our tender system follows a two-envelope evaluation approach. First, the proposals are evaluated strictly, among others, on technical merits, qualifications, project methodology, and past performances. Only consultants who meet the technical standards will proceed to the next stage of evaluation. This mechanism ensures contracts are awarded based on consultants' technical capability, and not merely on the lowest quoted fee, as to ensure high-quality consultancy services.

Seventh, our procurement practices are fully aligned with the state's policies and legal frameworks, such as the *Manual Perolehan Perkhidmatan Perunding Kerajaan Negeri Sarawak*. This reflects our dedication to good governance, responsible expenditure, and strategic development aligned with our broader development agenda.

Through the tendering process, we open up the opportunities to many qualified consultants instead of reliant on known or preferred providers. Since the process is legally binding, it protects both government interests and consultants' right. In essence, competitive bidding for consultancy

services is deemed necessary to ensure fairness and high-quality consultancy outcomes particularly in large scale projects.

In conclusion, the tendering process is not a mere administrative formality. It is a cornerstone of good governance, professional excellence, and fiscal responsibility. In fact, this practice is in line with the federal's policy, as outlined under the *Pekeliling Perbendaharaan Malaysia, PK 3.6 Kaedah Perolehan Secara Tender Terbuka*.

Tuan Speaker, on issue of Specific Professional Indemnity Insurance (SPII) requirement – this form of insurance is crucial to safeguard both the government and the public interest in the event of professional negligence.

That said, we recognize the financial strain SPII may place on Engineering Consultancy Practices. Hence, to alleviate this burden, the government can consider alternative options by allowing consultants to use their General PII, provided that:

- (a) The new project is included in the existing policy with adequate coverage;
- (b) Coverage remains valid for at least 12 months post-Defect Liability Period; and
- (c) Consultants submit a Declaration of Oath guaranteeing sufficient protection.

Tuan Speaker, on the issue raised by the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan concerning the RM100 million allocated for overseas travelling expenses. I wish to highlight that the overseas visit by ministers, including the use of chartered flights, are conducted in accordance with established guideline under the State Secretary's Office to ensure they are properly regulated and purposeful.

All proposed overseas visit are subjected to the cabinet's approval and ministers are required to report the outcome of such visit to the cabinet. This visit plays a crucial role in strengthening bilateral relationship, attracting foreign investment, enhancing Sarawak global presence, benefit that extend beyond purely monetary value.

Sarawak's active participation in high Level International Forum and engagement positioned the state as a proactive forward-looking in globally connected. Transmission also paved the way for strategic collaboration in key sectors such as renewable energy, hydrogen, aerospace, digital industries and many more. Ultimately, they serve the long-term interests of the *rakyat* by fostering innovation, securing investment and building global partnership that supports Sarawak sustainable growth. Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan is part of the Federal Government, I think he should take the opportunity to ask the federal ministers, including ministers from the DAP, regarding the visit. *Jadi jangan blame orang Sarawak saja* or they want Sarawak to be backwards.

Tuan Speaker, in conclusion, the GPS Government will steadfastly pursue the goal of enabling Sarawak to progress and achieve greater success. It is essential that we continue to work diligently to enhance our performance and maintain our resilience and strengthen Sarawak's competitiveness amidst the current economic uncertainties.

My sincere appreciation to Tuan Speaker for your role in upholding the highest standards of order and decorum throughout the proceedings. You have tremendous stamina standing here almost *beberapa jam*. I also wish to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Dewan staff and the entire State Civil Service in ensuring the seamless execution of this Dewan's sitting.

Finally, I would like to wish all my friends a joyous and blessed *Gawai Dayak* and *Hari Raya Aidiladha*. May this festive season be filled with peace, harmony, and unity. And on behalf of the *Dayak* Cabinet Members, we are inviting all of you to an Open House at BCCK on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June for the *Gawai* celebration. Thank you very much.

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

*(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 1.16 petang)*

*(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 2.37 petang)*

*[Timbalan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]*

**Timbalan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan segala hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas, Timbalan Premier Sarawak; dan Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan untuk meneruskan ucapan penggulungan. Sekian.

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

*Singgah waterfront bersama teman,  
Nait penambang ke seberang sungai;  
Bermula DUN dalam kesepakatan,  
Rakyat sejahtera aman-damai.*

*Tidak salah kita berangan,  
Janji sepakat membawa berkat;  
Giliran MIPD buat penggulungan,  
Sarawak mansang demi rakyat.*

Tuan Speaker, we feel deep sorrow over the passing of Tun Abdullah bin Ahmad Badawi, the fifth Prime Minister of Malaysia, also known as Pak Lah, who passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Pak Lah served as the Prime Minister from 2003 to 2009, earning widespread respect as a reform-minded leader and a strong advocate for anti-corruption reforms. During his tenure, I had the honour of serving as Deputy Minister of Transport, and later as Minister of Natural Resources and Environment. I fondly remember his steady leadership, integrity, deep commitment to public service. His passing is a profound loss to the nation. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and loved ones.

Tuan Speaker, I like to give heartiest congratulations to Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, on retaining your position as the Yang di-Pertua of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) Sarawak. Your re-election shows the strong support and trust; respect you have earned from PBB members, reflects the hopes of the people of Sarawak for strong and visionary leadership.

As the Chairman of Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS), you have shown great insight, strength, and commitment to protecting Sarawak's rights under the Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63). Your leadership has helped advance Sarawak's autonomy, preserve our resources, and promote development for everyone in the state.

You have driven Sarawak toward becoming a high income, digital ready economy through clear policies and a focus on people. You ensure that no one is left behind, particularly in rural areas. Your leadership brings unity, progress, representing the goals of all Sarawakians. Under your leadership, Sarawak will continue thriving in peace, harmony, and prosperity.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to congratulate:

- (a) You, Tuan Speaker, ADUN N.16 Muara Tuang on your reappointment as the Deputy Speaker of the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly;
- (b) I wish to record my congratulations to Yang Berhormat Dato Haji Ibrahim bin Haji Baki, ADUN N.8 Satok on the appointment as the Deputy Minister for Utility (Sarawak Energy Berhad and PETROS); and

- (c) Congratulations to Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Junaidi, ADUN N.4 Pantai Damai on your appointment as the Deputy Minister in the Premier's Department in charge of Project Coordinator for Regional Development Agencies, Kuching North City Commission, and Islamic Affairs.

Tuan Speaker, I wish to convey my utmost gratitude to Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar for officiating the First Meeting of the Fourth Session of the Nineteenth Sarawak State Legislative Assembly on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

We extend our sincere appreciation to His Excellency for acknowledging the Sarawak Government's devoted commitment to the development of basic infrastructure across Sarawak. We shall continue to uphold this commitment with diligence in all development project undertakings.

### *Sarawak Infrastructure Development*

Infrastructure development is not just about building roads and bridges, it remains the driving force for our socio-economic growth. It narrows the gap between the urban and rural areas, spurring our economy and uplifting the quality of life for our *rakyat*, ensuring no one is left behind.

A philosopher once said, "*A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step*". My ministry remains resolute to achieving this outcome through effective and strategic budget allocation, ensuring timely project management and delivery.

### STATE-FUNDED PROJECTS

#### *Projects Under State Development Funding*

Tuan Speaker, as of April 2025, JKR Sarawak is dedicated to deliver 500 projects reaching an amount of RM42.24 billion under the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan which comprises:

- (a) 244 under Development Expenditure;
- (b) 186 under *Projek Rakyat*; and
- (c) 70 under Alternative Funding.

These projects cover:

- (a) 301 road projects worth RM28.03 billion;
- (b) 70 bridges worth RM5.76 billion;
- (c) 104 buildings worth RM3.68 billion;
- (d) 23 riverine structures worth RM4.42 billion; and
- (e) Two airports worth RM350.82 million.

The status of these projects is as follows:

- (a) 218 have been completed;
- (b) 122 are under construction; and
- (c) 160 are at a pre-contract stage.

This marks an increase of 15 completed projects and another 24 projects have commenced construction compared to the numbers of projects reported in the previous DUN sitting. Such progress clearly reflects the Sarawak Government's steadfast commitment in executing the projects which are fundamental to boost our economic growth and enhance the well-being of the *rakyat*.

*Construction of Major Bridges in Sarawak*

The vast geography of Sarawak, with its wide rivers and remote rural areas, poses a significant challenge in our effort to develop Sarawak. Construction of bridges becomes absolutely necessary to improve our connectivity to drive our economic development and access to essential services.

Under the ascendancy of GPS Government, we have allocated RM4.97 billion to construct 16 major bridges throughout Sarawak.

As of today, five bridges have been completed and open to public:

- (a) Marudi Bridge;
- (b) Muara Lassa Bridge;
- (c) Bintulu Jepak Bridge;
- (d) Batang Rajang Bridge, which is now known as Jambatan Tun Datuk Patinggi Tuanku Haji Bujang bin Tuanku Haji Othman; and
- (e) Batang Saribas 1 Bridge (soft opening to public 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025).

Five bridges are expected to complete this year:

- (a) Sungai Lingga Bridge;
- (b) Batang Kemena (Sebauh) Bridge ;
- (c) Batang Igan Bridge;
- (d) Sungai Limbang Bridge; and
- (e) Batang Lupar 1 Bridge, which is going to be the longest bridge in Malaysia, river bridge;

Six bridges are expected to be completed in 2026:

- (a) Batang Paloh Bridge;
- (b) Batang Lupar 2 Bridge;
- (c) Sejingkat Bridge;
- (d) Batang Krian Bridge;
- (e) Batang Saribas Bridge 2; and
- (f) Batang Rambungan Bridge.

The construction of these major bridges represents a significant advancement in providing connectivity in Sarawak. By 2026, all the major bridges will be completed to create seamless travels throughout Sarawak.

*Projects Under Development Agencies*

To date, my ministry through JKR Sarawak is also tasked with implementing 481 projects worth RM3.39 billion under five development agencies (IRSDA, SADA, BDDA, RADDA, and GKCD).

The status of these projects is as follows:

- (a) 110 have been completed;
- (b) 90 are under construction; and
- (c) 281 are at a pre-contract stage.

A total of 41 projects are expected to be completed by this year, comprising 36 roads, three bridges and two buildings.

*Maintenance of Roads in Sarawak*

Tuan Speaker, the Road Performance Index (RMI) reflects the overall quality of our public roads. At this juncture, our performance index stands at 83.04%. We are taking steps to maintain the quality of our roads by enhancing existing infrastructure to meet the demands of our community and addressing roads that are suffering severe deterioration.

Currently, JKR Sarawak is actively maintaining the roads using funds from MARRIS (Malaysia Road Records Information System). This year, RM500 million has been approved, which is an increase from RM495 million allocated last year.

As such, I wish to assure Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Batu and Tamin that JKR Sarawak is committed to continuously improving our road conditions.

*Maintenance of Ex-Logging Roads*

For the information of this august House, the 24-month pilot program for rural road maintenance in the Baram area commenced in June 2024.

In the first year of implementation, we addressed the local community's needs. However, as much as we want to accelerate this pilot program, we cannot ignore the fact that we are challenged by the existing locality and geographical constraints.

For this reason, my Ministry, together with JKR Sarawak, is reviewing the implementation approach and strategy of this pilot program to improve its effectiveness in maintaining the ex-logging roads.

At the same time, JKR Sarawak is conducting feasibility studies on the maintenance of rural roads and the possibility of taking over inactive ex-logging roads and active logging roads from timber concessionaires.

*Emergency Response Works*

Natural disasters pose a serious threat to infrastructure, often disrupting the movement of communities, affecting daily life and hindering access to essential services. Realising these challenges, the Sarawak Government continues its effort to carry out this crucial emergency repair works to address such issues promptly.

As of April 2025, a total of 103 projects worth RM167.52 million have been approved, demonstrating an increase of 28 projects compared to 75 projects reported in the last DUN. The status of these projects is as follows:

- (a) 54 have been completed;
- (b) 18 under construction; and
- (c) 31 are at pre-contract stage.

Furthermore, the Sarawak Government also allocates funding for minor emergency infrastructure repair works under the Minor Emergency Work Assistance Fund (MEWAF). To date, a total of 31 projects worth RM6.66 million have been successfully completed in 2023 and 2024. In addition, 48 new projects amounting to RM11.9 million were approved from 2023 to 2024 for implementation.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tebedu, the Sarawak Government has approved an additional RM100 million to meet the cost of rehabilitating all the damaged infrastructure caused by the Northeast Monsoon flood. These proactive efforts are paramount not only for restoring connectivity but also for ensuring the safety and well-being of the affected population.

## FEDERAL-FUNDED PROJECTS

### *Projects Under AP182*

JKR had been recognised as a Technical Department under AP182 in the year 2023 by the Federal Government to implement Federal projects costing RM50 million and below.

At present, JKR Sarawak is implementing 213 projects worth RM3.29 billion. This includes 77 projects that was approved under Rolling Plan 5 recently.

The status of these projects is as follow:

- (a) Seven have been completed;
- (b) 22 under construction; and
- (c) 184 are at pre-contract stage.

Out of this, 184 projects at the pre-contract stage, 103 are in the preliminary stage, 45 are in design, 12 are in document tender preparation, 11 are in tender, one is facing land issue, and 12 are awaiting Notice of Change (NOC) approval.

### *Trans Borneo Highway*

The Miri section is currently in the design stage and is expected to be finalized by the second quarter of 2025. Meanwhile, the procurement proposal for the Limbang and Lawas sections have been submitted to the Ministry of Works Malaysia for approval by the Lembaga Perolehan (LP).

The Miri section is expected to be tendered in the third quarter of 2025, while the Limbang and Lawas sections are expected to be awarded in the first quarter of 2026.

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

As of April 2025, SSLR Phase 1 has achieved a physical progress of 52.27% and is scheduled for completion by fourth quarter of 2026. For SSLR Phase 2, construction works have commenced across all packages, involving site clearing, earthworks, and drainage works. As of April 2025, our overall physical progress stands at 0.93% and is expected to be completed by the third quarter of 2029.

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

Thus far, KKDW has approved a total of 121 projects worth RM7.92 billion as compared to 107 projects worth RM6.73 billion reported in the previous DUN sitting. The seven projects had recently approved under Rolling Plan 5. The status of these projects are as follows:

- (a) 15 have been completed;
- (b) 33 are under construction; and
- (c) 73 are at pre-contract stage

In addition, between November 2024 to April 2025, JKR Sarawak has awarded 17 projects to successful contractors for commencement of works.

### *Abandoned Logging Roads*

Tuan Speaker, KKDW has approved a total of RM988.16 million for the upgrading of 11 abandoned logging roads projects and the status are as follows:

- (a) One has been completed (*Projek Naik taraf Bekas Jalan-Jalan Balak di Negeri Sarawak (Fasa IV): Bahagian Sibul*);
- (b) Seven under construction; and
- (c) Three are at the pre-contract stage.

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

The Federal Government has allocated RM84.05 million to further improve four Jiwa Murni roads. As of today, two roads have been completed, as compared to one reported last DUN sitting. The second completed road is Jalan Kuala Mendalam ke Meruyu dan Kampung Kerangan Ma, Limbang. The remaining two are:

- (a) 75.98% for Jalan Rumah Satu, Kuala Mendalam, Limbang and expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2025 ; and
- (b) 74.70% for Jalan dari Ba'Kelalan ke Simpang Bario and expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2025.

### PORTS DEVELOPMENT

Sarawak, with its strategic location in Southeast Asia and abundant natural resources, stands to benefit greatly from adopting a more intensive Free Trade Zone (FTZ) model. A compelling example of Free Trade Zone success is Jebel Ali in the United Arab Emirates. The establishment of a well-integrated Free Trade Zone, combined with modern port infrastructure, has produced transformative economic outcomes.

In 2024, Jebel Ali Port recorded 15.5 million TEUs, marking a 7% year-on-year increase from 2023 – an extraordinary leap from just 35,000 TEUs prior to the Free Trade Zone's inception. This remarkable growth is directly linked to the success of the Jebel Ali Free Zone (JAFZA), which has evolved over the past 40 years from 19 founding companies in 1985 to a thriving base of more than 11,000 businesses from 157 countries, including 100 Fortune 500 companies, underscoring its global appeal.

The seamless integration between Jebel Ali Free Zone and Jebel Ali Port has created a highly efficient logistics and industrial ecosystem, significantly enhancing trade facilitation, operational efficiency, and foreign investment. Today, this ecosystem contributes approximately 36% of Dubai's GDP, demonstrating its central role in driving economic diversification and long-term competitiveness.

#### *The Sarawak Ports Master Plan*

Tuan Speaker, The Sarawak Ports Master Plan is a transformative vision for Sarawak's future: a vision where our ports are not merely points of transit, but powerful engines of economic growth, enabling Sarawak to become the gateway to greater Borneo, the region and the world, fuelling the aspirations of our people. Our overarching goal is clear: to establish a modern, efficient, and integrated port system which is globally competitive and fully aligned with our PCDS 2030.

Tuan Speaker, this plan will achieve this by four main drivers namely Streamlining Governance; Modernising and Developing Port, and Free Zone Infrastructure; Driving Economic Diversification; and Enhancing Connectivity whilst ensuring that the plan is financially viable, environmentally sustainable but more importantly attractive to investor partners under envisaged foreign investors. In essence, the Sarawak Ports Master Plan marks a historic first transformative initiative that positions Sarawak as a key player in global trade and logistics. More than just a development blueprint, it is a game changer for Sarawak's economic trajectory, laying the foundation for sustainable growth that goes beyond reliance on natural resources. By strengthening our port infrastructure and connectivity, we are creating new opportunities for businesses, empowering local industries, and opening Sarawak to the world.

*The Change of Status of Bintulu Port from Federal Port to State Port*

Despite the complex challenges inherent in such a major undertaking, I am pleased to inform this august House that the change of status of Bintulu Port from Federal to State jurisdiction is now in final negotiation stages, with full transfer anticipated within the year.

*Updated on Sarawak Ports Authority*

With the passage of the Sarawak Ports Authority Ordinance in May 2024, the Sarawak Government has been progressing towards the operationalisation of the single port authority, Sarawak Ports Authority and regulatory jurisdiction over all port activities in Sarawak. Concurrently, the corporatisation of existing port authorities as successor companies at each port to manage port assets and operations is undertaken in tandem with the State Financial Secretary's Office. This exercise is expected to conclude by the fourth quarter of 2025.

*Update on Tanjung Embang Deep Sea Port*

The technical and economic feasibility study for Tanjung Embang Deep Sea Port is in progress which includes site investigation, bathymetric surveys, tidal observations, sea current measurements, soil investigations, and environmental impact assessments. These assessments are crucial to determine the port's design, engineering parameters, long-term sustainability, and financial viability of the development. Meanwhile, PETROS is currently undertaking an integrated master plan to ensure coordination across all components, including port infrastructure, energy systems, carbon capture, and industrial layout. PETROS is also in the process of engaging qualified international technical consultants to lead the development of the Kuching Low Carbon Hub (KLCH) masterplan.

*Capital Dredging and Associated Works at Kuala Baram, Miri*

Dredging and associated works at the Batang Baram Delta is being undertaken by Miri Port Authority (MPA) to reinvigorate Miri as a strategic gateway for the northern region of Sarawak, a relative deep seaport with a draught of 5 meters.

This RM208.9 million project was awarded in May 2024 and the construction officially commenced in June and expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2027. The current progress is ahead of schedule, with physical progress at 10.7%.

*Port Performance*

Tuan Speaker, allow me to update this august House on the performance of Sarawak's major ports. I will focus on the port performance of 2024 based on two key indicators: cargo throughput and port profitability.

*Cargo Throughput*

Kuching Port, the cargo throughput increased by 7.7% to 9.99 million tonnes. Rajang Port increased by 4.6% to 1.48 million tonnes. Miri Port increased by 4% to 3.28 million tonnes. Tanjung Manis Port increased by 6.3% to 1.63 million tonnes. Finally, Samalaju Port's cargo throughput increased by 22.5% to 6.85 million tonnes.

*Port Profitability*

The port profitability is as follows; Kuching Port achieved a 38% increase to RM16.16 million. Rajang Port recorded a 3.5% increase to RM6.21 million. Miri Port recorded a 9.6% increase to RM4.88 million. Tanjung Manis Port recorded a reduced deficit of 24.74% to RM5.14 million. Samalaju Port, recorded a reduced deficit of 83.57% to RM0.47 million. Overall, the cargo throughput and port profitability augurs well on both fronts in 2024.

## INTENSIFYING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Leveraging digital solutions is now critical to boosting operational efficiency, strengthening safety measures and supporting long-term sustainability in ports and infrastructure development in line with Sarawak's commitment under PCDS 2030.

Relative to the digitalisation of ports, Kuching Port completed the Electronic Convoy Note (eCN) Management System, which will be fully implemented by July 2025. It is expected to increase the port's productivity by up to 50%. Samalaju Port has implemented a number of advanced digital initiatives, including Port Operation System, Smart Barrier Gate System, and Autonomous Nested Drone System.

On infrastructure digitalisation; to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of services, JKR Sarawak is taking proactive measures by introducing the Building Information Modelling (BIM) Unit on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Currently, there are 43 projects utilising BIM, 38 are building projects and five are road projects.

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GPS Government constantly empower local communities via a bottom up approach to narrow the gap between the urban and rural areas. This approach is being executed through the efforts of various government agencies.

Allow me to update us on these regional agencies:

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

Since 2018, Upper Rajang Development Agency (URDA) has been instrumental in transforming the Upper Rajang region. A total of 39 infrastructure and four non-physical projects have been committed. Of these, 13 infrastructure projects and all non-physical initiatives, including master plans for Kapit, Bakun and Belaga, have been completed. 14 projects are under construction and 12 are at the pre contract stage.

### *Highland Development Agency (HDA)*

Tuan Speaker, is currently responsible for overseeing 43 projects valued at RM1.5 billion, which include road and bridge construction, water supply and electricity provision. To date, 16 projects have been completed, 15 are under construction, 12 are at the pre-contract stage.

A major milestone is the "Miri-Marudi, Marudi-Mulu (Kuala Melinau) and Long Panai-Long Lama", which is scheduled to commence the construction works in the fourth quarter of 2025. This 142 kilometers road includes nine major bridges, 14 minor bridges and nine spur roads with a total length of 33 km.

### *Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA)*

Tuan Speaker, Betong Division Development Agency (BDDA) plays a significant role in planning and implementation of 419 projects amounting to RM1.41 billion in the region. These projects include:

- (a) Infrastructure Development: 99 projects worth RM664.89 million;
- (b) Social and Women's Affairs Development: 49 projects worth RM248.72 million;
- (c) Agriculture and Food Industry Development: 215 projects worth RM208.07 million;
- (d) Business, Industrial, and Entrepreneurship Development: 29 projects worth RM133.14 million;
- (e) Tourism and Environmental Development: 11 projects worth RM116.40 million; and
- (f) Utility and Telecommunication Development: 16 projects worth RM42.25 million.

The progress are as follows:

- (a) 73 have been completed;
- (b) 25 are under construction; and
- (c) 321 are at pre-contract stage.

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

Tuan Speaker, now I am touching on the departments which come under my portfolio purview; Unit for Other Religions (UNIFOR).

*Unit for Other Religions (UNIFOR)*

In 2025, UNIFOR was allocated a total grant of RM110 million to assist Houses of Worship and Mission Schools in which:

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

Under Phase 1 this year, 64 applications by Houses of Worship, amounting to RM16.72 million have been approved and scheduled for disbursement soon.

As for Mission Schools, the application for fund assistance was closed on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Once the applications are processed, the fund assistance will be disbursed.

I would also like to report that starting this year, UNIFOR has initiated a collaboration with Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR) Sarawak. This partnership is aimed at strengthening UNIFOR's technical capacity in evaluating grant applications, particularly in verifying the amount requested and the proposed work scope. This initiative ensures that approvals are both reasonable and aligned with the actual needs of the Houses of Worship.

This financial assistance for Houses of Worship and Mission Schools reflects the government's dedication in ensuring both proper physical development of religious institutions and promotion of inclusivity.

I take this opportunity to address the issue raised by Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka regarding fund allocations for Buddhist and Christian Houses of Worship in the Kalaka constituency.

From Year 2020 to 2024, UNIFOR allocated RM710,000 to three Houses of Worship in DUN N.38 Kalaka, with disbursements already made to the following Houses of Worship:

- (a) Persatuan Agama Buddha Saratok, two grants were given;
- (b) Gereja Seventh-Day Adventist Roban; and
- (c) Gereja Full Gospel Sarawak, Cawangan Saratok.

These contributions reflect our ongoing commitment to supporting religious communities across Sarawak.

I wish to call upon the people of Sarawak, regardless of race or religious background, to continue upholding and nurturing the values of tolerance, acceptance, and mutual respect. By fostering an environment of peace and harmony, we lay a strong foundation for realising Sarawak's collective development aspirations.

**STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SDMC)**

I would like now to update on State Disaster Management Committee, measures undertaken by the Sarawak Government to prepare communities for any future natural disasters.

*Northeast Monsoon 2024/ 2025*

The Northeast Monsoon 2024/ 2025 begins from 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 until 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025. During this period, Sarawak experienced major floods and landslides. A total of 101 Temporary Evacuation Centres were activated to provide safe shelter for 5,037 heads of households and their families displaced by the floods and landslides.

The Bantuan Wang Ihsan (BWI) of RM1,000 per head of household provided by the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA) has been fully disbursed with the total of RM5.04 million. In addition, the Sarawak Welfare Department supplied essential items to evacuees at the Temporary Evacuation Centres.

Also, it is with sympathy that I would like to inform this august House that during this Northeast Monsoon, six lives were tragically lost. Five were due to the landslide in Kampung Lereng Bukit Miri, and one because of drowning during the flood in Bintulu. Each bereaved family has received *Bantuan Wang Ihsan Kematian* of RM10,000 from NADMA. On behalf of the Sarawak Government, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the affected families.

On behalf of the Sarawak Government, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to our Prime Minister, for allocating RM10 million to repairs and restore public infrastructure damaged by the recent disaster. We are also deeply grateful for the allocation for RM2.8 million for Bantuan Wang Ihsan, which will provide essential financial assistance to the affected households. We also convey our appreciation for RM10 million contribution from Yang Amat Berhormat Premier and another RM100 million for the rehabilitation of the infrastructure facilities.

*Bailey Bridge for Emergency Response in Sarawak*

NADMA has allocated one Bailey Bridge to the Sarawak Government for urgent use in replacing the bridge that collapsed due to natural disaster. This bridge has been designed for installation at Sungai Baleh, Long Banga, Miri and is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

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

From November 2024 until May 2025, a total of 37 families have been approved for Bantuan Ehsan Kebakaran Rumah assistance, amounting to RM2.3 million. This financial support is crucial in helping fire victims to rebuild their homes, ensuring safe shelter and ensuring stability in their families.

*Southwest Monsoon 2025*

The Malaysian Meteorological Department has declared the onset of the Southwest Monsoon from 10<sup>th</sup> May to September 2025, marked by the consistent presence of south-westerly winds across the region. While during this period, the weather is very dry, Sarawak, particularly the northern region, at the same time we are expecting occasional rainfall and thunderstorms.

The Divisional Disaster Management Committee (DDMC), especially those overseeing high-risk hotspot areas, are urged to remain on high alert and maintain a high level of operational readiness in view of the potential impacts of prolonged dry weather. DDMC must also be prepared to activate the operation rooms immediately should conditions escalate. All relevant agencies are

likewise expected to ensure full preparedness to mitigate risks and minimise the impact on affected communities.

I strongly urge the public to exercise heightened vigilance during this dry weather. The prevailing hot and dry conditions may lead to haze and significantly increase the risk of fire outbreaks, particularly in fire-prone areas. The public is strongly advised to refrain from any form of open burning as it may trigger uncontrollable fires and severely deteriorate air quality.

#### *Acknowledgements of Agencies and Partners*

We also like to record our appreciation to all the government agencies that have been helping us in responding to all these disasters. Their dedication and commitment were instrumental in safeguarding the well-being of affected communities during these challenging times.

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

Tuan Speaker, I am now replying to issues raised by Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat. I would like to record our appreciation to Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang telah memberi pandangan dan cadangan mengenai beberapa perkara berkaitan dengan kementerian saya.

#### *Roads Construction*

First, I would like to respond to Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Opar, on the proposed upgrading of Jalan Kendaie/ Sedaing, Jalan Biawak is awaiting Notice of Change approval from the Federal Government.

In response to the concerns of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pelagus:

- (a) The proposed construction of ferry ramps and the approach roads at Nanga Tulie and Nanga Melipis are currently in the process of issuing the Letter of Award and is expected to commence by the third quarter of 2025;
- (b) The project for “*Membina Jalan dari Jalan Melekun ke SK Kebiaw, Sg Sut (Fasa 1)*” is currently under tender evaluation; and
- (c) The proposed construction of Bukit Goram to the Kapit-Song Road is under design stage.

I wish to update Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Daro, the project for “*Membina Jalan Rumah Jingga/ David Multifarm/ Rumah Seli/ Rumah Gang/ SK Singat, Sg. Lengan, Bahagian Sibu, Sarawak*” is currently under tender evaluation.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tebedu:

- (a) Jalan Serian-Tebedu is currently under design stage; and
- (b) For the proposed “*Jalan Temong, Darul Iman, Darul Fallah, Darul Huda ke Tepoi*”, the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) is expected to be issued in June 2025.

I wish also to update Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ngemah on the construction of Jalan Ngungun/ Nanga Nirok/ Nanga Jagau. This construction comprises two phases:

- (a) Phase 1 implemented by RECODA. This section is from Nanga Bat to Nanga Pera, it is currently at 69.03% of completion; and

- (b) Phase 2 implemented by JKR. These sections are also divided into two from Nanga Ngungun to Nanga Bat, and from Nanga Pera to Nanga Jagau, both are expected to be tendered in the third quarter 2025.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Meluan, JKR Sarawak is in the process of appointing consultant for the proposed “*Jalan Fasa 2 Jalan Rantau Limau dari Nanga Entabai ke Rumah Penghulu Kiroh Rantau Limau*”.

To update Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Beting Maro, the Letter of Award for Jalan Perhubungan Desa (JPD) Batang Maro project has been issued in April 2025.

On the statement made by Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Telang Usan regarding the proposed road realignment which suggesting to shift the route from Long Lama, to Long Panai, to Long Lama, Long Bedian, Long Atip, and Long Terawan alignments. RECODA take note of this proposal and will undertake the feasibility study.

In response to Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan, JKR is studying two options to ease the traffic congestion along the New Stutong Link Road. These include:

- (a) Option 1: Constructing a flyover which may cost up to RM200 million; or
- (b) Option 2: To build a traffic light-controlled junction which may cost up to RM90 million.

Both options include:

- (a) The construction of junction improvement at the Stutong roundabout near One TJ ICT Shopping Complex;
- (b) Reinforced concrete bridge (approximately 90 metres);
- (c) The upgrading of the existing road to a dual carriageway (approximately 2 kilometres);
- (d) A possible land acquisition; and
- (e) Relocation of utility.

At this stage, the options are still under detailed study, particularly to assess traffic impact on surrounding areas such as Jalan Tabuan, Jalan Stutong, Jalan Setia Raja and Jalan Stutong Baru leading to Kuching International Airport. With regard to the cost justification, please be informed that the project cost was determined based in overall scope of work determined by:

- (a) Value Assessment Committee, chair by the Economic Planning Unit Director;
- (b) The Value Engineering Committee, chair by the JKR,
- (c) The project cost will then be re-examined by Technical Committee, chair by the Deputy Director of JKR;
- (d) Financial Evaluation Committee, chair by the Quantity Surveyor of JKR;
- (e) Then, scrutinised by Management Technical Evaluation Committee, chair by the Director of JKR.

The estimate cost will derive using a systematic unit rate method which employ a structure formula incorporating Bill of Quantities and the current unit rate as stipulated in JKR Schedule of Rate. This approach ensures consistent transparency and standardizing in pricing. And if any Yang Berhormat would like to study the Bill of Quantities, it is on sale by JKR. So, I encourage Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan to consider formularizing himself with basic mathematical of cost estimation principal to better understand how the figures are calculated to avoid making unnecessary allegation in this august House.

### *Roads Upgrading*

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, here is the updates for projects in your concerns:

- (a) The “*Pembinaan Jalan Tellian Bypass, Mukah*” is currently 3.14% ahead of schedule;
- (b) The Letter of Award for “*Naik taraf Jalan Ulu Sikat – Sebakong (Fasa 2)*” was issued in May 2025;
- (c) The Alternative Access Road to Petanak Scheme is currently undergoing tender evaluation; and
- (d) The tender document for the “*Jalan Nanga Baoh ke Ulu Baoh, Daerah Dalat*” construction project is currently being prepared for re-tender.

#### *Bridge*

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka, the proposed construction of Tanjung Kalimah-Pagan which is actually Sungai Krian 2 Bridge is expected to be tendered by end of 2025.

#### *Medan Flyover*

*Mengenai* Medan Flyover in Tanjung Batu is in progress and expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2026

#### *Ferry Ramp*

For the Ferry Ramp for Ngemah, the construction of Ferry Ramp Sedaya is in progress and expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2026.

#### *Others*

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, the Proposed R.C. Commercial Wharf in Mukah is expected to be tendered in the fourth quarter 2025.

I wish to update Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Murum on the status of the following projects:

- (a) “*Cadangan Pembinaan Baru Pejabat Pentadbiran Daerah Kecil Sungai Asap*” is currently under tender and closing on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025;
- (b) “*Stesen Pertanian Tegulang*” and “*Stesen Pertanian Metalun*” are currently under planning stage;
- (c) “*Cadangan Projek Bekalan Air di Long Urun*” and “*Cadangan Projek Bekalan Air Terawat di Lusong Laku*” are currently under tender stage;
- (d) “*Jalan Pertanian ke Lot Pertanian BRS Sungai Asap Fasa Dua*” is currently under design stage; and
- (e) “*Cadangan Balai Bomba BRS Sungai Asap*” is currently under the tender documentation stage and expected to be tendered by 2025.

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong:

- (a) For the slope failure at Rumah Panjang Jackson Erry in Ulu Roban dan di Sekolah Kebangsaan St. Paul, Roban, immediate action will be taken; and
- (b) For the road maintenance along Kabong to Roban, JKR has instructed the appointed service provider to take immediate action and to repair the road.

#### *Sarawak-Sabah Link Road*

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ba’Kelalan, regarding issues concerning land and property along the SSLR alignment, JKR Sarawak is currently reviewing the matter and will take appropriate action to resolve it accordingly.

*ADUN's Request for Appropriate Action*

My ministry recognises the importance of all the requests from Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat with regard to the need of either to the new, to request for new road or upgrading or rehabilitation of infrastructure in their respective constituencies.

In our pursuit of effective and efficient road maintenance, JKR has appointed seven service providers to maintain both state and federal roads. We welcome and appreciate feedback provided by Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat concerning the performance and reliability of these service providers.

For the request or proposal related to bridges, roads including access road, roundabout, junction and overhead bridge raised by the Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat for Krian, Opar, Pelagus, Bukit Semuja, Baleh, Balingian, Batu Kitang, Machan, Katibas, Tamin, Ngemah, Meluan, Lingga, Simunjan, Bukit Begunan, Batu Danau, Engkilili and Beting Maro, I wish to acknowledge the proposal and my ministry will study it accordingly.

Tuan Speaker, I wish to congratulate Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Jo on the successful signing of the Joint Declaration between Yang Amat Berhormat Premier and Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister of Malaysia on PETROS and PETRONAS issue. This is indeed a momentous achievement which reflect Yang Amat Berhormat Premier's steadfast leadership, strategic vision and unwavering commitment to advancing Sarawak economic interest. It marks a significant milestone in strengthening Sarawak's position in fostering sustainable growth.

Tuan Speaker, we pledge our unwavering support on the stand taken by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier on this issue, that is in accordance with Sarawak State Laws and the constitutional spirit of the Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63). PETROS has the right to be appointed as the sole gas aggregator in Sarawak.

*Legal Basis of Our Rights*

Legal rights. This is not merely a policy preference, it is our inalienable right under Sarawak's legal framework. Our position is grounded in the Oil Mining Ordinance, 1958, the Inter-Governmental Committee Report, and most importantly is the Malaysia Agreement 1963. These laws and agreements affirm Sarawak's jurisdiction over its natural resources, including oil and gas. We are not overstepping. We are acting within our legal limits.

*Commending PETROS Leadership*

PETROS is more than just a company. It is our torchbearer, our economic vehicle, and a symbol of Sarawak's self-determination. Its leadership consists of highly competent Sarawakians, professionals with vast experience in the oil and gas sector. These individuals are driven not by profit, but by purpose to serve Sarawak's interest, to manage our resources responsibly, and to ensure that the benefits are shared with all Sarawakians.

*Let Us Not Politicize This Matter*

Tuan Speaker, I urge all parties wherever you are not to politicize this PETROS-PETRONAS issue. Respect the law. Understand that this move is reasonable, legitimate, and made in the interest of Sarawak's long-term development. This is not a competition, it is about partnership and progress for Sarawak and Malaysia.

*Sarawak's Intentions are Sincere*

To those who disagree or feel that Sarawak is asking for too much, let me say this, do not misinterpret our intentions. We are not here to deprive anyone. We want Malaysia to succeed

together. We are committed to the spirit of the Federation, and we believe in a shared prosperity where no one is left behind.

*Appreciation to the Federal Government*

Also, we also express our appreciation to the Federal Government, especially Yang Amat Berhormat the Prime Minister for his willingness to engage constructively. The recent signing of the understanding between PMX and the Premier shows that collaboration and mutual respect can lead to win-win outcomes.

*A United Vision for Malaysia's Future*

We envision a Malaysia where all regions prosper equally. Where regional imbalances are addressed, and where Sarawak can stand shoulder to shoulder with more developed states. Let us grow and prosper as one nation, united not just by law, but by shared hopes and dreams. We are not demanding. We are not dividing. We are lifting ourselves up.

Therefore Tuan Speaker, I call upon all Sarawakians, including two our friends across of political differences, to unite and support our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Jo in his mission to defend and protect Sarawak's rights. We stand with you, Sir, and you will never walk alone. *Tolong eh*, join us.

**CONCLUSION**

Tuan Speaker, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Tuan Speaker.

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

**Timbalan Premier Sarawak; Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.37 Bukit Saban (YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas):** That is out of border. For your exceptional leadership in steering the proceedings of this esteemed august House, and for your stamina. You still look very young. Additionally, I gratefully appreciate the unwavering commitment of all Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, both my Deputy Ministers, the two Deputy Ministers, and agencies under my ministry, Sarawak Civil Servants, media for your invaluable efforts in ensuring the seamless conduct of this session.

The Gawai is approaching, I would like to wish everyone who celebrating the festival, *Selamat Ari Gawai Dayak, Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai, Lantang Senang Nguan Menua, Bersatu*. Let's join our celebration at the Majlis Rumah Terbuka Gawai Dayak on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June at Borneo Convention Centre Kuching. We also invite the two DAPs DUN here. I hope please do come. I hope you know where BCCK is. And to our Muslim friends, Selamat Hari Raya Aidiladha. Wishing you and your family a meaningful and memorable Aidiladha celebration filled with faith, hope and love. I got a *dua, tiga pantun*.

*Minyak PETROS, Belon Air Borneo,  
Affin Bank juga milik Sarawak;  
Sarawak tuntutan bukan main-main oo,  
Selagi belum dapat selagi gasak.*

Do you know what is *gasak*?

*Mencari udang di Sungai Alit,  
Singgah di Gedong beli cucur;  
Premier Abang Jo pandai cari duit,  
Sarawak maju rakyat makmur.*

*Sambal udang gulai petai,  
Makai ngau asi cukup nyamai;  
Hari Gawai deka datai,  
Gayu guru gerai nyamai.*

Thank you. Oohaa.

**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. Terlebih dahulu, saya mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak atas ucapan pembukaan Persidangan Mesyuarat Pertama bagi Penggal Keempat Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak Kesembilan Belas.

Saya juga merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Pehin Sri atas ucapan yang penuh wawasan dan semangat. Menyahut saranan Tuan Yang Terutama, Kerajaan Sarawak kekal komited memperkukuh daya tahan dengan mempelbagaikan sektor ekonomi.

Pada masa yang sama, penyertaan aktif sektor swasta dan rakyat akan terus digalakkan, termasuk dalam industri minyak dan gas melalui kerjasama strategik PETROS-PETRONAS. Kerajaan turut berpegang teguh pada prinsip memelihara perpaduan dan kestabilan negeri dengan menghormati kepelbagaian agama dan budaya rakyat Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, saya juga ingin turut serta merakamkan ucapan takziah kepada keluarga Almarhum Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, mantan Perdana Menteri Malaysia yang ke-5, yang telah kembali ke rahmatullah pada 14 April 2025 bersamaan dengan 15 Syawal 1446 Hijrah. Marilah kita bersama-sama memanjatkan doa agar roh Almarhum dicucuri rahmat oleh ALLAH S.W.T. dan ditempatkan dalam kalangan orang-orang yang beriman dan beramal soleh.

Saya turut menzahirkan ucapan takziah kepada keluarga mendiang Datuk Amar Dominic Andrew Dago Randan, mantan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri bagi kawasan Ulu Sadong dan juga bekas Ahli Parlimen Serian. Semoga roh mendiang bersemadi dengan tenang dan damai.

Tuan Speaker, saya menghargai dan berterima kasih kepada Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang telah mengambil bahagian dalam perbahasan serta menyatakan sokongan terhadap Rang Undang-Undang yang telah dibentangkan, iaitu:

- (a) *Supplementary Supply (2024) Bill, 2025;*
- (b) *Supplementary Supply (2025) Bill, 2025;*
- (c) *Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2025;*
- (d) *Land Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025;*
- (e) *Local Authorities (Amendment) Bill, 2025;* dan
- (f) *Infrastructure Development Trust Fund (Dissolution) Bill, 2025.*

Dalam ucapan penggulungan saya pada petang ini, macam biasa saya tidak akan menyentuh perkara-perkara yang telah pun dijawab oleh Ahli-ahli Kabinet yang lain. Sebaliknya, saya ingin berkongsi berkenaan hala tuju dan strategi pembangunan Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13 Sarawak.

*Global Uncertainties*

Tuan Speaker, we are navigating an era of global uncertainties, and Sarawak is not spared. A rising tide of nationalism now overshadows decades of international cooperation and multilateralism.

Around the world, geopolitical stability is under threat – wars persist in Gaza and Ukraine; civil unrest continues in Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, and Myanmar; while tensions escalate between India and Pakistan, and across the Taiwan Strait. The growing trade war, triggered by US tariffs, has made the global economy more uncertain. As a result of recent developments, the World Trade Organization has revised its global trade forecast for 2025 from a growth rate of 2.7% to a contraction of 0.2%, underscoring a weakening global economy, particularly in North America and Asia.

Given the current global context, Sarawak must remain steadfast to ensure that our economy continues to prosper. The Liberation Day tariffs imposed by the United States have minimal direct impact on Sarawak, since they are not one of our main trading partners. In 2023, Sarawak's exports to the US were worth RM1.2 billion, which makes up 0.9% of our total exports.

However, we are affected by the spillover effects of global trade tensions. The rise in US tariffs and higher-than-expected oil production from OPEC countries have caused oil prices to drop to about USD65 per barrel between April and May 2025. This fall in oil prices has a direct impact on Sarawak's income, especially from our oil and gas sector.

Current projections estimate that oil prices will average USD66 per barrel in 2025 and USD59 per barrel in 2026. While the outlook remains cautious, I am confident that oil prices will gradually recover as global demand improves.

Tuan Speaker, amidst these global uncertainties, one matter remains resolutely certain - the Sarawak Government's commitment towards achieving economic prosperity, social inclusivity and environmental sustainability under the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030.

At this point, it is even more imperative and urgent for us to strategically diversify into New Economy areas. Sarawak can no longer rely solely on a few sectors or a small number of trade partners. We must go against the tide of self-serving nationalism by building bridges with our neighbours, boosting domestic trade within Malaysia and strengthening regional cooperation within ASEAN and the wider Asia-Pacific region, as well as exploring new markets in Europe and Africa.

Just last month, I had the honour of receiving a courtesy call from the Parliamentary Committee Delegation from the European Free Trade Association, representing Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland. The delegates expressed keen interest in Sarawak's efforts in sustainability and green energy, especially in our pioneering work in algae production.

Tuan Speaker, early this month, I led a state delegation to the UK, where we engaged with global investors through the Sarawak Connects event in London, reaffirming that Sarawak is open for business. The event brought together over a hundred international participants, including representatives from global corporations, financial institutions, consultancies, and trade councils. The high-level discussions, bilateral meetings, and networking opportunities promoted Sarawak's investment landscape and sustainable development initiatives.

In this forum, I highlighted Sarawak's strong fundamentals, including political stability, a long-term development roadmap, and consistent policies that encourage investments in renewable energy, the digital economy, and carbon storage. I also took the opportunity to address our fellow Sarawakians living abroad at the inaugural *Lan Berambah* London. Being with our talented students and young professionals, I felt encouraged and energised by the strong sense of pride and purpose they hold for Sarawak.

A series of engagements were held as part of our broader effort to connect with our global talent pool and encourage them to return home and contribute to nation-building. Their international experience, skills, and perspectives are valuable assets that will support Sarawak's journey towards becoming a thriving, knowledge-driven, and inclusive economy.

### *POSITIONING SARAWAK AS A SEMICONDUCTOR HUB*

Tuan Speaker, the state of the Semiconductor Industry Report published in November 2024, reported that the global semiconductor market is projected to exceed USD1 trillion by 2030, driven by demand in Artificial Intelligence (AI), electric vehicles, Internet of Things, and 5G communication.

I am confident that Sarawak is well-positioned to play a key role in the booming semiconductor industry, especially given the context of the chip war between the US and China. The US has restricted China's access to advanced chips and chip-making tools, while China is retaliating by investing heavily in domestic chip capabilities and reducing dependence on foreign technology.

This chip war has resulted in global players, such as Intel, TSMC and Samsung, reacting to diversify production to Southeast Asia, India, Europe, and the US, marking a strategic shift from concentrated manufacturing to geopolitically stable and neutral regions.

Thus, it is timely that we have established the Semiconductor Strategic Framework, to position Sarawak as a high-value, semiconductor hub in the region. Our vision is clear, to make Sarawak a competitive, resilient, and future-ready player in the global semiconductor industry. This framework will drive investments across the entire semiconductor value chain, boosting Sarawak's GDP by attracting high-impact investments, fostering innovation and building a talent-driven ecosystem for industrial transformation.

Tuan Speaker, last month in Newport, Cardiff, I unveiled keteq.ai – the world's first Edge AI Power Converter prototype developed by *Anak Sarawak* through a collaboration between Sarawak Microelectronics Design (SMD) and the UK's CSA Catapult. This cutting-edge device is a breakthrough solution in correcting faults in power systems in real time. It will change how decentralised, embedded AI is used to make machines smarter and more efficient, especially in tasks that require speed, stability, and autonomous control. The visit also marked one year since the signing of the Sarawak–UK Semiconductor Memorandum of Understanding.

Tuan Speaker, actually this project was also backed by the British Government. The unveiling of Keteq.ai is a clear outcome of that collaboration, demonstrating how international partnerships can translate into tangible technological advancements. SMD is now focused on advancing keteq.ai to commercial readiness, ensuring it meets the highest standards of performance and reliability. This milestone reflects Sarawak's growing capabilities in delivering high-impact, industry-ready innovations. We are also initiating the process of intellectual property (IP) registration to protect the core innovations and proprietary algorithms behind Keteq.ai, ensuring legal safeguards and establishing Keteq.ai as a global game-changer in AI-driven semiconductor design. Collectively, these bold initiatives will propel Sarawak towards becoming a semiconductor hub.

### **NEW POLICIES AND INITIATIVES ON ENERGY**

Tuan Speaker, energy security is a cornerstone of Sarawak's ambition for rapid and inclusive economic development. As our population and businesses grow, energy demand becomes more and more critical, where we must ensure a reliable, affordable, and uninterrupted energy supply for the whole of Sarawak. Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon aptly stated, "*Energy is the golden thread that connects economic growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability*". This guiding principle underscores our commitment to a resilient energy ecosystem that powers progress across every corner of Sarawak. As outlined in PCDS 2030 and the forthcoming Sarawak Energy Transition Policy (SET-P), we have set a target for renewables to make up at least 60% to 70% by 2035. The development of new renewable energy sources through the Independent Power Producer

(IPP) model is central to Sarawak's ambition of achieving 10 gigawatts of total installed capacity by 2030, and 15 gigawatts by 2035. We have already seen strong interest from private sector players in implementing large-scale solar and other renewable projects, such as bioenergy and waste-to-energy initiatives. To fully support this momentum, we must address the infrastructural challenges in our energy sector. This includes aggregating the feedstocks for bioenergy as well as modernising our transmission and distribution systems to accommodate the increased penetration of variable renewable energy.

Tuan Speaker, in view of Sarawak's growing role in the global energy sector, I have directed Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB) to undertake a review and restructure its organisational framework. This involves the separation of power generation and distribution, where power generation will involve investments from the private sector, and SEB will continue its function as the single buyer for electricity distribution in Sarawak. SEB must be empowered to evolve in support of Sarawak's energy ambitions. This restructuring is key to ensuring SEB is fully able to drive Sarawak's vision of becoming both a Battery of ASEAN and a renewable energy powerhouse. It will also support our broader goals of economic prosperity, environmental sustainability, and long-term energy security for Sarawak and the region.

Tuan Speaker, for the information of this august House, Sarawak is developing four strategic energy hubs:

- (a) The Renewable Energy Hub;
- (b) Natural Gas Hub;
- (c) Hydrogen Hub; and
- (d) Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) Hub.

Each of these hubs plays a complementary role, working together towards a common and critical objective, ensuring energy security for Sarawak, today and for generations to come.

Additionally, the Sarawak Government will introduce a suite of comprehensive and forward-looking policies, including:

- (a) Sarawak Hydrogen Economy Roadmap;
- (b) Sarawak Sustainability Blueprint;
- (c) Sarawak Energy Transition Policy; and
- (d) Sarawak Energy Efficiency Roadmap.

These policies are projected to unlock investment opportunities worth between RM350 billion to RM430 billion. It is also estimated to create approximately 44,000 new high-value, energy sector jobs for *anak-anak* Sarawak.

These jobs will be generated by new industries, which can boost opportunities for local small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), attract domestic and foreign direct investments, and strengthen our regional and global competitiveness.

Tuan Speaker, Sarawak's journey towards becoming a global leader in green energy is gaining strong international momentum. Earlier this year, we crossed a significant threshold with the successful sail-away of our first methanol export to China and the launch of our Green Methanol project by Sarawak PetChem, sending clear signals that Sarawak is moving up the clean energy value chain.

As part of our ongoing low-carbon transition, we are also advancing infrastructure that supports cleaner energy systems, including the development of hydrogen-ready technologies such as our Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) facility. These initiatives aim to boost energy efficiency, strengthen power security, and open potential interconnections with neighbouring regions such as Sabah and Brunei, possibly now we are asked to look to look at Southern Philippines.

Tuan Speaker, these efforts have not gone unnoticed. The World Economic Forum (WEF) has recognised Sarawak's leadership in this transition...*(Applause)*... I have been invited to share our green energy ambitions at the WEF Annual Meeting of the New Champions in Tianjin, China this 26<sup>th</sup> of June.

At the same time, Bintulu has been nominated as Malaysia's first candidate for the WEF Transitioning Industrial Cluster, a reflection of WEF's confidence in our ability to balance industrial growth with sustainability.

Transitioning industrial clusters (TIC) are geographic areas where co-located businesses and industries collaborate to transition from traditional practices to cleaner, low-carbon operations aligned with net-zero goals. To date, 35 industrial clusters have signed on to the initiative, including Port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands, Ohio Clean Hydrogen Hub Alliance in the US and the Kawasaki Carbon Neutral Complex in Japan and we are going to be one of those, Sarawak.

As we engage key players in Bintulu and Samalaju to formalise our TIC Statement of Ambition, we are not just preparing for recognition in Davos early next year, we are laying the foundation for Sarawak to stand among global leaders in shaping the low-carbon industrial future.

#### **STRENGTHENING SARAWAK'S MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORT NETWORK**

Tuan Speaker, my administration is committed to strengthen Sarawak's multi-modal transport network - ensuring seamless domestic and international connectivity of people and goods across air, land, river, and sea. A strong and resilient supply chain will enable Sarawak to truly emerge as the ASEAN hub for renewable energy and the New Economy.

During my visit to Toulouse, France early this month, I had the opportunity to visit the ATR and Airbus headquarters as part of our preparations to establish Sarawak as an aerospace hub. Airbus expressed strong support for Sarawak's ambitions, and they proposed the Airbus-Sarawak Kenyalang Strategic Partnership Avenues, covering six key areas:

- (a) Path towards Sustainable Aviation Fuel production;
- (b) Human capital development;
- (c) Industrial ecosystem development;
- (d) Digital Airline Journey;
- (e) Airbus consulting project for AirBorneo; and
- (f) Airspace operations.

We also discussed the development of an Aerotropolis in Sarawak, which will include the new Kuching International Airport. The new airport will embody modern, green architectural principles and be equipped with cutting-edge systems to ensure a seamless passenger journey, from check-in to boarding.

Aimed to accommodate over 15 million passengers annually, this facility will serve as an integrated aviation hub, where all terminals and support buildings are seamlessly interconnected. The cohesive layout will enhance operational efficiency and foster stronger synergies across the entire aviation industry ecosystem.

Going forward, we will establish a Sarawak–Airbus Joint Task Force to formulate a roadmap for the development of Sarawak's aerospace industry, involving expertise from both parties.

Tuan Speaker, to further enhance our infrastructure planning, I also visited Abu Dhabi, where I studied their integrated sea and airports. Built on reclaimed land, Abu Dhabi's port is one of the busiest in the Middle East, exemplifying how innovation and technology can transform a port into a major logistics and trade hub.

By learning from global models like Abu Dhabi, whose ports connect seamlessly with international locations across the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and Asia, we can better design Sarawak's global linkages and domestic connectivity.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Abu Dhabi Ports Group and Bintulu Port Holding Berhad was signed during the visit to foster long-term cooperation in the development and enhancement of port infrastructure, maritime logistics, and port-related services in Bintulu Port and other areas of mutual interest.

I wish to assure this august House that the development of our new international airport and deep seaport in Kuching will involve private sector investments and not only funded by the Sarawak Government. There has been expression of interest by the private sector, local multi-national and international corporations to spearhead the projects.

Tuan Speaker, our road network remains the backbone of domestic connectivity to global trade networks. Our infrastructure priority includes the completion of key highways and bridges, as well as the upgrading of roads connecting our cities, industrial areas and ports.

We remain committed to executing our Rural Connectivity Programme, which aims to connect the remaining underserved households with road access, ensuring that they too can access economic opportunities and social services. These initiatives are testament to our dedication to expanding road connectivity to all corners of Sarawak, no matter how remote they are.

#### **ENSURING NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND**

Tuan Speaker, Kerajaan Sarawak kekal komited untuk memastikan pembangunan yang inklusif dan saksama. Prinsip kita jelas; tiada sesiapa pun wajar tertinggal dalam arus kemajuan. Usaha pembangunan yang dilaksanakan bukan semata-mata tertumpu kepada penyediaan infrastruktur fizikal, tetapi juga memperkukuh kesejahteraan rakyat dalam semua aspek sosioekonomi.

Selaras dengan matlamat tersebut, Kerajaan GPS telah melaksanakan inisiatif Sumbangan Keperluan Asas Sarawak (SKAS), yang saya umumkan dalam Belanjawan pada penghujung tahun lalu.

Awal tahun ini, Kerajaan GPS telah berjaya melaksanakan SKAS yang telah memberi impak ketara kepada kehidupan seharian rakyat. Setakat ini, RM464.5 juta telah disalurkan kepada 758,483 penerima melalui e-dompot S Pay Global milik Kerajaan Sarawak. Inisiatif ini bukan sahaja membantu meringankan kos sara hidup, malah merangsang perbelanjaan isi rumah dan menyokong pertumbuhan ekonomi komuniti, khususnya peniaga kecil dan pengusaha runcit.

Lebih membanggakan, pelaksanaan SKAS turut mempercepatkan adaptasi teknologi digital dalam kalangan organisasi akar umbi. Jawatankuasa kampung, persatuan belia dan biro wanita kini giat menggunakan platform digital untuk mengurus aktiviti, menyebarkan maklumat, serta mempromosikan produk tempatan secara dalam talian.

Penggunaan S Pay Global yang dahulunya tertumpu di kawasan bandar, kini turut meluas ke luar bandar, sekali gus meningkatkan kecekapan dan keterlihatan organisasi setempat serta menggalakkan penglibatan dalam ekonomi digital. Usaha ini secara tidak langsung menyumbang kepada pembentukan masyarakat yang celik digital – masyarakat yang bukan sahaja berkeupayaan mengaplikasikan teknologi, malah bersedia menyesuaikan diri dengan lanskap digital yang sentiasa berkembang.

Tuan Speaker, during the Sarawak Government's working visit to the UK, we also held strategic discussions with the University of Cambridge as part of our programme to prepare our Sarawakian talents. While we continue to build the foundations of the New Economy, we must also

ensure our people are equipped with the right type of education and talent, so that they are not just beneficiaries but active participants in the economic transformation taking place in Sarawak today.

The Sarawak Government not only focuses on physical development but also strengthens human capital, social capital and natural capital, in line with the principles of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Quality education is the key to Sarawak's bright future.

The introduction of free tertiary education in 2026 will ensure no deserving students are denied education due to financial constraints. The Sarawak Government is also offering Sarawakian adults below 40 years old who wish to resume full-time studies the opportunity for free education starting in 2026. This is not just a policy, it is a promise to our industries that Sarawak will have a talented, skilled and future-ready workforce. And most importantly, a promise to ourselves that we will build a Sarawak where talent, not wealth, determines success.

### **JOINT DECLARATION AND RECOGNITION OF PETROS AS GAS AGGREGATOR IN SARAWAK**

Tuan Speaker, Joint Declaration and Recognition of Petros as Gas Aggregator in Sarawak. Tuan Speaker I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim for his visionary leadership and commitment in resolving the issues between PETROS and PETRONAS.

The formalization of the Joint Declaration that was signed on 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2025 is a testament to the Federal Government's recognition of Sarawak's aspirations as well as the close partnership between Sarawak and the Federal Government anchored firmly in the spirit of true Federalism.

Tuan Speaker, for the purpose of record in this august House, I wish to quote the Joint Declaration as follows verbatimly:

#### *Joint Declaration*

*"In the interests of Federation of Malaysia, State of Sarawak and the oil and gas industry in Malaysia, we hereby jointly declare the following:*

#### *1. Federal And State Laws*

- 1.1 All relevant Federal and Sarawak State laws relating to distribution of gas within the State of Sarawak shall coexist and be respected by all parties undertaking such activities in the State of Sarawak, including PETRONAS and PETROS.*
- 1.2 PETRONAS will continue its functions, activities, responsibilities and obligations entrusted to PETRONAS in Malaysia, under the Petroleum Development Act 1974 (PDA 1974) and its regulations.*
- 1.3 Parties shall endeavour to continue to work together to detail out the framework for the benefit of the Nation, taking into consideration the aspirations of the State of Sarawak.*

#### *2. PETROS as Gas Aggregator*

- 2.1 The Sarawak State Government has appointed PETROS as the gas aggregator pursuant to section 7A of the DGO 2016 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2025.*
- 2.2 This appointment made pursuant to the executive authority of the State shall be respected by all parties undertaking the business of marketing, distribution and supply of gas to consumers in the State of Sarawak.*

- 2.3 *For agreements and arrangements pertaining to the supply and sale of natural gas to consumers in the State of Sarawak, the role of PETROS is in alignment with this declaration.*
- 2.4 *Any agreements and arrangements between PETRONAS and/or its subsidiaries with third parties for the purpose of LNG sales from upstream operations through to LNG exports to foreign parties shall remain unaffected.*

3. *Cooperation Framework*

3.1 *PETRONAS and PETROS shall enter into discussions for the purpose of expanding business cooperation for the State of Sarawak domestic gas needs, in the following areas:*

- (a) *joint collaboration on projects for the implementation of the 1.2 Bscf/d in support of the Sarawak Gas Roadmap; and*
- (b) *other green energy, hydrogen and power generation projects which may be implemented by both PETRONAS and PETROS, in line with the aspirations of the State of Sarawak to be the energy hub in the ASEAN region.*

3.2 *All discussions on collaborations must be subject to technical and commercial viability.*

3.3 *For the purpose of future projects in the State of Sarawak involving international partners, PETRONAS shall cooperate with PETROS.*

4. *All paragraphs shall be taken, read together and construed as an essential and integral part of this Declaration.”*

Signed by the Prime Minister of Malaysia and Premier of Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, this Joint Declaration reaffirms that Federal and State laws on Distribution of Gas shall be respected by all persons undertaking the distribution and supply of Gas in Sarawak. Federal laws like the Gas Supply Act 1993 do not apply to Sarawak and Sarawak is exempted from the requirements imposed by Section 6(1) and (3) of the Petroleum Development Act, 1974 to obtain the permission of the Prime Minister to undertake distribution of gas business in Sarawak. We are exempted.

The Joint Statement also acknowledges Sarawak’s executive authority over Distribution of Gas. The law that governs gas distribution in Sarawak is the Distribution of Gas Ordinance, 2016. With the Joint Declaration, any perceived regulatory uncertainty has been removed. With Sarawak’s legislative and executive authority over gas distribution confirmed, Sarawak will ensure regulatory clarity and stability to facilitate the growth of the gas industry. The Sarawak Government will implement plans to increase gas production within its territory, sustainable utilization gas by industries and for production of clean energy.

These efforts will provide ample investment opportunities in the upstream, midstream and downstream activities for both foreign and local investors. Such opportunities include the development of carbon capture and storage sites to realize the values of our huge potential gas reserves located in the waters off western Sarawak, so as to secure sufficient gas for the Kuching Low Carbon Gas Hub currently being planned. All these projects will increase the GDP for Sarawak by RM120 billion and create 185,000 high income jobs.

PETROS, as the gas aggregator and resource manager, will play a central role in upgrading and expanding gas distribution infrastructure, ensuring adequate gas supply for industrial and

household usage, and developing CCS sites to support these industrial needs at the Kuching Low Carbon Gas Hub.

**ACCELERATING SARAWAK'S DEVELOPMENT – SARAWAK'S 13<sup>TH</sup> MALAYSIA PLAN  
(2026-2030)**

Tuan Speaker, as we stand at the midpoint of PCDS 2030 and the final year of the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan, we must now advance with speed, clarity and purpose. The 13<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan (2026–2030) serves as a crucial planning framework that reinforces our long-term vision.

The Plan is designed to ensure that our strategies and actions remain consistent with Sarawak's aspirations. With unity of purpose and collective insight, we can turn this framework into tangible outcomes that uplift the well-being of every Sarawakian.

In response to evolving economic, social, and governance dynamics in Sarawak, we have set the priorities of the 13MP, ensuring stronger policies, smoother implementation, and long-term success.

Under the 13MP, Sarawak's development agenda will be further driven by 10 high-level strategies and a reinforced focus on 15 socio-economic sectors and enablers, which reflect our advancing priorities and development needs.

Supporting the sectors and aligned with PCDS 2030 targets, the 10 High-Level Strategies are guiding principles to accelerate development, strengthen resilience, and advance a sustainable and prosperous future for Sarawak, namely by:

- (a) Accelerating the clean energy transition by expanding renewable energy and modernizing infrastructure;
- (b) Develop and attract strategic industries through partnership, strengthened local supply chain and SME capacity building while driving tech adoption;
- (c) Increase investor confidence and attract greater private sector participation by strengthening governance and improving regulatory processes through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework;
- (d) Optimising land use to drive growth through advancements in the new agriculture industry and urban development while ensuring environmental sustainability;
- (e) Building a high-quality living environment and inclusive society for all communities by fostering equal opportunities in economic advancement, access to education, and social well-being;
- (f) Attracting and retaining talent and fostering a skilled and agile workforce through targeted support and development programme;
- (g) Enhancing safety, security, and disaster preparedness by strengthening disaster resilience, public safety, and emergency response capability;
- (h) Engaging in climate action, ESG integration, and advancing the circular economy through climate policy, carbon trading and sustainability-focused investment;
- (i) Protecting and sustainably managing natural resources by ensuring responsible resource extraction, conservation efforts and biodiversity protection; and

- (j) Creating a strong and resilient business community including the Bumiputera through capacity building and enhanced market access for greater economic participation.

Tuan Speaker, a strong plan alone is not enough. Sarawak's future depends on how well we execute it and how accountable we are in delivering results.

To ensure the success of the 13MP, we will implement a comprehensive delivery framework, incorporating Integrated Results-Based Management (IRBM), Results-Based Budgeting and Value Management for seamless coordination and performance monitoring.

IRBM will be the foundation, ensuring all projects align with Sarawak's 2030 goals through strategic planning, budgeting, monitoring, and evaluation. Results-Based Budgeting will enhance resource efficiency, linking funding to measurable outcomes.

Additionally, through Value at Entry, every proposed project will undergo a thorough assessment to ensure viability, readiness, and accurate cost estimation, reducing delays and improving execution.

Together, through determined leadership, accountability, and execution, we will realize the vision of the 13MP, creating lasting progress and prosperity for all Sarawakians.

#### SECURING SARAWAK'S FUTURE

Tuan Speaker, today, I am pleased to highlight the significant progress of the Sarawak Sovereign Wealth Future Fund since its establishment last year.

This year, the Fund secured approval from the relevant authorities to proceed with global investments. This marks a crucial step in portfolio diversification, opening the door to international opportunities that will help maximise long-term returns for Sarawak and her people.

At the same time, the process of selecting External Fund Managers is moving forward steadily. The first group – focusing on fixed income investments – is now in the final stage of appointment, with more asset classes to be managed in the coming phases.

Our focus remains on capital preservation while laying the groundwork for sustainable, long-term growth, ensuring the Fund becomes a lasting resource for future generations of Sarawakians.

#### ENHANCING SERVICE DELIVERY

Tuan Speaker, critical to the enhancement of service delivery to the *rakyat* is the digital transformation of government services. As we work towards becoming a high-income and developed region, digitalisation helps us deliver services quicker, cut bureaucratic red tape, make data-driven decisions and ease business activities.

Thus, I have set an ambitious target for the Sarawak Civil Service - by the year 2030, all 1,106 government services must be fully accessible online. (*Applause*). This will lead to greater efficiency and higher productivity for service delivery.

I wish to congratulate the Sarawak Civil Service for their success in digitalising 55% of government services in 2024, ahead of our 2025 target under PCDS 2030. Congratulations to them. This milestone is a testament to the dedication of our civil service and the growing momentum behind our digital transformation.

Most importantly, it brings real benefits to the people, making government services more accessible, faster, and more transparent for all Sarawakians.

These initiatives are only the beginning. We will continue to enhance our services with urgency, responsibility and discipline, enhancing our services to benefit the *rakyat* and the business community.

Tuan Speaker, we require a civil service that is agile, competent and future-ready, to realise our PCDS 2030 aspirations. It is through the professionalism and discipline of our officers that our policies are translated into various projects and programmes, effectively delivering meaningful outcomes for the *rakyat*.

The Sarawak Government remains committed to continuous upskilling efforts to empower the Sarawak Civil Service with the right knowledge and capabilities.

Over the years, we have consistently provided opportunities for our senior officers to learn global best practices and leadership skills from world-renowned institutions, namely Harvard University, Cambridge University, the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Oxford University and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

We have also implemented programmes in collaboration with leading industry bodies to ensure that our officers receive professional certification. For instance, this year, 19 accountants in the Sarawak Civil Service will begin their studies under the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA), sponsored by the GPS Government...*(Applause)*...

Tuan Speaker, most recently, I led a delegation to LSE, where we engaged in a high-level roundtable session. The discussions focused on long-term collaboration in areas such as executive education, joint research, and policy leadership training, particularly in the fields of climate, energy, and public policy.

We are now working with LSE to integrate environmental economics, sustainable finance, and ESG principles into our civil service development, enhancing our officers' technical expertise and the agility to adapt to the evolving landscape of innovation.

Tuan Speaker, in addition, we must also instill governance and integrity within the Sarawak Government. We have implemented specialised training courses for civil servants and the Anti-Corruption Workshop for State Legislative Members to ensure those in positions of leadership uphold the highest standards of ethics and integrity.

Today, we stand proud as the leading state in Malaysia with the highest number of certified Integrity Officers, a testament to our commitment to good governance...*(Applause)*..., transparency, accountability and ethical leadership.

Ultimately, we want to build a strong society in Sarawak where trust, honesty, and accountability guide every action and decision, where integrity is not merely an obligation but a deeply held value and way of life for all.

Tuan Speaker, as the Government of the Day, we are the stewards of the ambitions and hopes of the people of Sarawak. It is truly our greatest honour to not only chart the future of our beloved homeland but also to serve the present needs of the *rakyat*, young and old, across all backgrounds in our vast and beautiful Sarawak. Our Civil Service must continue to strive to be relevant, always alert and agile, seek new knowledge and explore innovative solutions, while remaining united as One Team SCS.

I urge all members of the Sarawak Civil Service to carry out their duties with integrity, commitment and the highest standards of service excellence. The journey ahead is challenging, but with the spirit of unity and professionalism, we will succeed together.

**PENUTUP**

Tuan Speaker, akhir kata, saya ingin merakamkan sokongan penuh terhadap Usul Penghargaan atas Ucapan Pembukaan oleh Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar. Saya turut merakamkan ucapan terima kasih kepada Tan Sri Datuk Amar Speaker, Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, Yang Berhormat Setiausaha Kerajaan Sarawak, Setiausaha Persekutuan Sarawak, Peguam Besar Negeri, Setiausaha Kewangan Negeri, Ketua-ketua Jabatan, seluruh anggota Perkhidmatan Awam serta semua pegawai dan kakitangan Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak yang telah mengendalikan persidangan DUN dengan teratur dan cemerlang. Saya juga mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan selamat gawai kepada mereka yang merayakan hari gawai.

*Pergi ke Gedong memancing udang;  
Di Kampong Gumpey udang dimasak;  
Selesai sudah kita bersidang;  
Membina Sarawak maju ke puncak.*

*Hari Gawai bakal menjelang;  
Raya Aidiladha menyusul kemudian;  
Bersama raikan dengan riang;  
Kekalkan harmoni eratkan perpaduan.*

*Ikan bekut terkonang-konang;  
Terkonang-konang di dalam perigi;  
GPS teguh kekal berjuang;  
Untuk Sarawak Ibu Pertiwi.*

Sekian, terima kasih.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I shall now call upon Honourable Member for Opar to wind up.

**YB Encik Billy anak Sujang:** Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Salam Sejahtera, Salam Sarawakku Sayang, Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur. Once again, thank you, Tuan Speaker, for the opportunity to present this motion regarding the Opening Address of our Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak in this august House on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Saya berserta dengan seluruh ahli keluarga saya memanjatkan rasa syukur dan puji Tuhan kerana telah dipilih oleh rakyat khususnya di kawasan DUN N.1 Opar untuk mewakili mereka dan mula memasuki Dewan yang mulia ini pada 14 Februari 2022 sebagai wakil rakyat. Daripada pengamatan saya sejak sebelum menjadi wakil rakyat melalui rujukan terhadap *hansard* sebelum tahun 2022 sehinggalah hari ini, isu-isu semasa dan masalah rakyat dalam kawasan masing-masing merupakan topik utama yang dibawakan oleh Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dalam perbahasan mereka.

Kami Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat telah sedaya upaya untuk membawakan seterusnya membahaskan isu-isu yang melibatkan kawasan masing-masing dalam usaha untuk memperjuangkan hak dan kesejahteraan rakyat sama ada di peringkat kawasan Dewan Undangan Sarawak (DUS), peringkat Sarawak mahu pun di peringkat Kebangsaan. Pelbagai cara penyampaian hujah yang telah dipersembahkan oleh Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, termasuklah menyelitkan unsur-unsur gurauan, berpantun, ada yang secara serius, ada pula yang secara tegas dan agak keras namun semuanya dilakukan demi untuk kemajuan dan kesejahteraan rakyat Sarawak.

Tahniah kepada semua Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang sentiasa menjaga keharmonian dan tatasusila dalam Dewan yang mulia ini. Kita faham dengan kekangan masa yang sangat mencemburui, Menteri tidaklah dapat menjawab semua soalan lisan yang telah kita kemukakan. Ini menggambarkan bahawa, bilangan hari yang kita bersidang adalah tidak mencukupi dan perlu

ditambah daripada lapan hari kepada 10 hari untuk membolehkan lebih banyak masalah-masalah dapat dijelaskan dan diselesaikan. Kami semua menyerahkan perkara ini untuk pertimbangan Tuan Speaker.

Pihak pembangkang pula bertindak sebagai semak dan imbang untuk memastikan semua perkara dan inisiatif-inisiatif kerajaan dilaksanakan mengikut tatakelola dan prosedur semasa. Walau bagaimanapun, ada kalanya mereka berhujah agak nakal sehingga mengguris hati sesetengah pihak. Dewan yang mulia ini bukan pentas untuk bersandiwara, bukan tempat mencari populariti murah atau untuk membuat spekulasi semata-mata untuk menyembunyikan fakta betapa kurangnya sumbangan mereka ke arah pembangunan Sarawak walaupun mereka adalah kerajaan diperingkat persekutuan. Mereka melihat selumbar dimata saudaranya sedangkan balak di dalam matanya tidak diketahui. Bagaikan paku dulang paku serpih, mengata orang dia yang lebih.

Walaupun apa pun tohmahan, herdikan dan andaian, pemimpin-pemimpin Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) yang dipimpin oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak tidak pernah melatah malah terus menjalankan tugas dan amanah untuk memajukan Sarawak yang kita cintai ini demi kesejahteraan rakyatnya. Perkara yang paling penting dan paling ketara yang harus kita ketahui hari ini, yang telah dinikmati oleh semua pihak termasuk pihak pembangkang adalah, Sarawak tidak muflis seperti yang diwayangkan oleh pembangkang sebelum ini. Malahan Sarawak hari ini jauh lebih maju berbanding negeri lain sehingga Sarawak diiktiraf oleh Bank Dunia sebagai sebuah wilayah berpendapatan tinggi di Malaysia. *Sine you carik ya? Mun bukan YAB Premier Sarawak, Abang Jo kita. Sidak ya, apa dipolahnya? Hanya tengoooooook saja. Ya, kata Prof. Sim. Udah ya, maok ngambik kredit. Betul sik?*

Tuan Speaker, selain menyampaikan hujah-hujah perbahasan mengenai masalah-masalah dalam kawasan DUN masing-masing, Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat juga telah membahaskan Rang Undang-Undang yang telah digubal untuk diluluskan di Dewan yang mulia ini. During the eight days Sarawak Legislative Assembly Session in this august House, six bills were approved, namely:

- (a) Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2025;
- (b) Land Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025;
- (c) Local Authorities (Amendment) Bill, 2025;
- (d) Infrastructure Development Trust Fund (Dissolution) Bill, 2025;
- (e) Supplementary Supply (2024) Bill, 2025; and
- (f) Supplementary Supply (2025) Bill, 2025

Each of these laws has a significant impact on the administration, development, and progress of our state. They are not merely legislation on paper, but rather a solid foundation for Sarawak's direction in maintaining biodiversity sustainability, strengthening local governance, and ensuring the state financial management remains sustainable.

During the eight days session, this esteemed House has unanimously approved the reappointment of the Honourable Senator Dato' Ahmad bin Dato' Sri Haji Ibrahim as a Member of the Senate. On behalf of all the members of this esteemed House, I would like to extend my congratulations to the Honourable Dato' Ahmad bin Dato' Sri Haji Ibrahim on his reappointment as a Member of the Senate.

Tuan Speaker, we appreciate all the replies and responses by the Ministers on all matters that we are raised and by all Members of this esteemed House. However, one of the key elements needed to address the issues raised is funding. We hope for substantial allocation from the Federal Government to address matters related to the federation. For issues pertaining to the Sarawak Government, we will utilize allocation from the Sarawak Government. This will expedite development in Sarawak both in urban and rural settings. Continuous development has been carried out by the Government over time. We express our gratitude for the excellent governor led by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, supported by all the Deputy Premiers, Ministers, Deputy Ministers and all Members of these esteemed house and the entire government sector, both from the Sarawak

Government and Federal Government. Given that Sarawak is generating an annual surplus income, there should be increased funding allocated to the development and Minor Rural Project (MRP).

We recognize that generating revenue for Sarawak and the nation is not a simple task. At the Federal Government level, many formulas and strategies have not succeeded, but we in Sarawak we are fortunate that the Right Honourable Premier has wisely steered Sarawak to the level we enjoy today. Various initiatives have been implemented by the YAB Premier to boost Sarawak's economy. Therefore, we fully support all the effort and initiative undertaken by the Right Honourable Premier and the Sarawak Cabinet to navigate Sarawak through modern challenges and global demands. Numerous historical achievements have been accomplished, including:

- (a) In September 2024, the Sarawak government, through its wholly owned subsidiary SG Assetfin Holdings Sdn. Bhd., increased its shareholding in Affin Bank to 31.25%, becoming the bank largest shareholder;
- (b) On February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Sarawak government, through its wholly owned subsidiary AirBorneo Holdings Sdn. Bhd., signed a Sale and Purchase Agreement with Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG) to acquire MASwings, as regional airline previously under MAG's ownership from, to form AirBorneo;
- (c) Control over the Natural Gas Distribution with the appointment of Petroleum Sarawak Berhad or PETROS as the sole aggregator, as a sole gas aggregator, allowing Sarawak to manage its gas resources directly;
- (d) Advancement in Renewable Energy. Under YAB Premier's leadership, Sarawak has surpassed its renewal target, where in 2024, 62% of the state energy mix come from renewable sources, exceeding the initial target of 60%;
- (e) Economic Growth and Diversification

Sarawak revenue has seen a substantial increase, growing from RM5.6 billion in 2017 to RM14.2 billion in 2024. This growth is attributed to strategic economic policy focusing on diversification, investment in high-value sectors, and sustainable development. The state has attracted significant investment in renewable energy, digital services, and in infrastructure projects;

- (f) Hosting the 2024 SUKMA Games

Sarawak successfully hosted the 2024 SUKMA Game and become the champion with events held across nine divisions. The state allocated RM119.35 million for the games, reflecting its commitment to promoting sports and youth development. The event showcased Sarawak's capability to host large-scale national events and contributed to local economic activity. Sarawak successful hosting of SUKMA has pave the way for its selection as a co-host for the 2027 Southeast Asian Game or SEA Games;

- (g) Sumbangan Keperluan Asas Sarawak (SKAS)

SKAS is a cash assistance initiative introduced in the Sarawak Budget 2025, to support nearly 900,000 low-income residents of Sarawak in coping with the rising cost of living;

- (h) In Education, the Sarawak Government has announced a groundbreaking initiative to provide free tertiary education for Sarawakians in Sarawak owned university, set to commence in 2026. This policy aims to enhance educational accessibility, develop a skilled workforce, and promote socio-economic equity within the state;

- (i) Bantuan Kewangan Khas Pelajar IPT Sarawak to the amount of RM1,200.00 per year to all Sarawakian students studying in higher learning institutions in Malaysia; and
- (j) On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, a Joint Declaration was signed between the Prime Minister of Malaysia and the Premier of Sarawak. This declaration establishes a framework for cooperation between Petroliaam Nasional Berhad (PETRONAS) and Petroleum Sarawak Berhad (PETROS) within the national oil and gas sector.

These initiatives collectively demonstrate Yang Amat Berhormat Premier's dedication to advancing Sarawak's economic autonomy, economic resilience, and sustainable development. Lihatlah dengan mata yang terang dan dengarlah dengan telinga yang tidak pekak, agar kita semua dapat mensyukuri segala nikmat dan berkat yang Tuhan telah curahkan kepada kita. Pihak pembangkang tidak melihat dan tidak mendengar apa yang kita telah capai.

The suggestion to expand the number of ministers, as put forth by Pelagus and Stakan, is a creative idea. This can be achieved by either establishing a new position or redistributing the current roles and portfolios held by the ministers. The rise in the number of Ministers and Deputy Ministers aligns with the swift development currently taking place in Sarawak. This expansion will also guarantee that responsibilities can be executed efficiently and effectively.

Penilaian semula jumlah Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum (KMKK) di Sarawak serta cadangan kenaikan elaun mereka harus dibuat kajian dan dipertimbangkan. Tanggungjawab KMKK hari ini semakin berat dan kompleks. Mereka adalah barisan hadapan kerajaan di peringkat komuniti dan sewajarnya mereka menerima imbuhan yang setimpal dengan beban tugas.

Tuan Speaker, before I conclude, allow me to express my highest appreciation and gratitude to Tuan Speaker and the Honourable Deputy Speaker for their excellent management of each session. Additionally, I would like to recognize the staff of the Sarawak Legislative Assembly for their orderly and firm management of this esteemed chamber, ensuring that the proceedings are conducted with dignity and effectiveness.

Terima kasih juga saya ucapkan kepada rakan-rakan Ahli Yang Berhormat, pegawai-pegawai kementerian, Ketua-Ketua Jabatan, dan rakan-rakan media yang telah memainkan peranan penting dalam menjayakan sidang kali ini dan memastikan mesej yang kita bincangkan di dalam Dewan yang mulia ini sampai kepada rakyat.

Di kesempatan ini juga, saya ingin mengucapkan dalam Bahasa Salako, *Salamat Ari Gawe ka samuhe'ey kaum Dayak ang nyambut Ari Gawe. Semoga sentiasa sihat, Raya Ramoh, Bauntung Batuah, Ba Paruap Ba Pajaji nyambut Gawe tahun 2025.* Selamat Hari Raya Aidiladha kepada sahabat handai yang beragama Islam. Izinkan saya menyampaikan empat rangkap pantun sebelum saya mengundur diri.

Pantun yang pertama;

*Burung helang gagah melayang,  
Terus membelah tinggi di awan;  
Sarawak gagah teguh berjuang,  
Rakyat bersatu demi kemajuan.*

*Mencuci kain tepi perigi,  
Kain belacu berwarna coklat;  
Premier bijak menyusun strategi,  
Inisiatif sarawak membantu rakyat.*

Pantun Selako;

*Ampus kauma mebet padi,  
Nyamur baneh ke Tangah paya;  
Napat dapat napan beranti,  
Dapat jawapan baru percaya.*

Dan, pantun terakhir;

*Daun pandan bunga selasih,  
Mari disimpan di atas capan;  
Saya ucapkan terima kasih,  
Memberi ruang membuat penutupan.*

With that, Tuan Speaker, I beg to move the Motion of Appreciation on the royal address by Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak in this august House on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Thank you.

**Tuan Speaker:** Honourable Member for Pelagus to second.

**YB Encik Wilson Nyabong anak Ijang:** Tuan Speaker, saya menyokong.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the Motion in the name of Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Opar, Yang Berhormat Encik Billy anak Sujang in appreciation of the Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri's address be approved. As many as are of the opinion say "Yes".

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

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

## **USUL PENANGGUHAN**

**Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier Sarawak (Undang-Undang, MA63 dan Hubungan Negeri-Persekutuan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N. 7 Samariang (YB Datuk Sharifah Hasidah binti Sayeed Aman Ghazali):** Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Pertamanya, saya merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Tuan Speaker kerana memberi saya peluang untuk membentangkan Usul Penangguhan Mesyuarat Pertama bagi Penggal Keempat ini yang telah bermula dari 19 Mei 2025 hingga ke hari ini, 28 Mei 2025.

During the last eight days, we saw and experienced the smooth running of proceedings of this august House. We saw the passing of two Supplementary Supply Bills, three Amendments Bills, a Dissolution Bill, and we also saw the Election of a Senator to the Dewan Negara. Tahniah kepada Dato' Ahmad Dato' Sri Ibrahim yang telah dipilih.

We also saw the debates on the Tuan Yg Terutama's address by ADUNs, the morning *Soal Jawab* sessions, the Ministerial winding up and finally to the concluding speech by our Right Member for Gedong, our Right Honourable Premier all under the capable speakership of our Speaker and his Deputy.

All this decorum exemplifies the sanctity of our Dewan Undangan Negeri which we must protect at all costs. We must ensure that our Dewan is functioning as it ought to be, as the highest law-making body in the state. It is, therefore, our duty and responsibility to ensure that all laws that are passed from this Dewan are respected and implementable and given full recognition by all and everyone in the country. No one, no one can question or even have any iota of doubt over the legitimacy or legality of our laws. Let everyone be reminded of that.

Tuan Speaker, in our TYT's address, our Tuan Yang Terutama outlined the many successes we have achieved locally in Sarawak, on the national front and also internationally. At home in our beloved Sarawak, so much development initiatives have been planned, announced and implemented in order to enhance the quality of living of the *rakyat*. In line with our Post Covid-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030 where we aim to be a high-income economy and an advanced nation by the year 2030 right through 2050. We also aspire to be the Energy Battery for ASEAN in line with the global trend and environmental sustainability. This is Sarawak's aspiration which will, Insha-Allah bring in more economic success and will improve the standard of living of the *rakyat*.

But all these aspirations can only be carried out smoothly, fully and successfully if we have the talent and the right people for the job and if all of us are committed, steadfast and willing to work hard, work smart and willing to stand up even when it's hard, even when it gets difficult and all of us are committed to not just changing but transforming the way we do things at all levels, embracing new ideas and approaches, even if they seem risky or untested.

At the National Front, GPS under the leadership of Yang Amat Berhormat Premier is a stabilizer, that helps the country to remain stable and a voice of reason in today's political landscape. Nationally, we are respected by both friends and foe, our economic performance and the revenue generated by our leadership has been the biggest ever in our history and is the envy of every other state in Malaysia and I must say, we have never been so proud calling ourselves Sarawakians. And on the international stage, Sarawak's name is shining bright like a diamond. We have international investors showing interest in Sarawak and see Sarawak as the next investment hub. Our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier has been invited to many countries, giving keynote addresses on new and clean net zero carbon economy and hydrogen economy and many more. Thus, putting Sarawak on the world's stage, in other words, putting Sarawak in the eyes of the world.

Tuan Speaker, my speech wouldn't be completed if I don't touch on a matter that is close to everyone's heart here, that is the Malaysia Agreement MA63. This is the agreement that gave birth to Malaysia. In pursuance of our rights under MA63, for whatever that we have succeeded in achieving, we say thank you to the Federal Government and for all matters that are still outstanding, we shall continue to pursue and fight for our rights. We will be unapologetic in our approach yet diplomatic and will always put '*Sarawak First*'.

I would like to state and reiterate that what we do in pursuance of our rights are carried out well within the parameters and the bounds of all existing laws. We never acted ultra vires that means we never go beyond our legal and constitutional authority, we acted within the parameters and bounds of all rules and regulations, within the bounds of the Federal Constitution, the MA63, the IGC Report, State Constitution and state laws.

Let it be known to the world that our government, we are a prudent, capable and stable government. We are not flimsy. *Bukan rapuh*. We will never be jittery. We are not easily rattled and never, never erratic. And we will put Sarawak first and at the same time upholding the country Malaysia.

Sebelum saya mengakhiri ucapan saya ini, saya ingin mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi terima kasih dan tahniah kepada Tuan Speaker, Timbalan Speaker dan semua kakitangan Dewan Undangan Negeri yang telah memastikan kelancaran perjalanan persidangan Dewan yang mulia ini. Saya juga ingin merakamkan syabas dan tahniah kepada semua Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, rakan seperjuangan saya di atas perbahasan-perbahasan yang hebat dalam menyuarakan hasrat dan aspirasi rakyat yang kita wakili. Juga tahniah dan terima kasih kepada Setiausaha Kerajaan Sarawak dan juga kepada Setiausaha Kerajaan Persekutuan dan semua penjawat-penjawat awam yang bersama-sama memastikan perjalanan baik sesi persidangan kali ini.

Saya juga ingin mengambil kesempatan ini mengucapkan Selamat Hari Raya Aidiladha kepada semua Muslimin dan Selamat Hari Gawai kepada semua yang meraikan Gawai Dayak,

*Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai, Lantang Senang Nguan MenUa.* Daun selasih diatas kayu, terima kasih, *thank you.* Dengan demikian, saya mengusulkan supaya mesyuarat ini ditangguhkan.

**Tuan Speaker:** Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dengan ucapan Usul Penangguhan itu tadi, maka kita telah sampai ke penghujung Mesyuarat Pertama bagi Penggal Keempat 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.

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

Bagi pihak Dewan yang mulia ini juga saya ingin Selamat Hari Gawai kepada semua yang meraikannya, *Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai, Lantang Senang, Celap Lindap, Nguan Menua.* Selamat Hari Raya Aidiladha dan Maal Hijrah 1447 juga diucapkan kepada semua di dalam Dewan ini dan di luar Dewan. Saya akan akhiri sidang Dewan pada kali ini dengan lima rangkap pantun.

*Pembukaan mesyuarat amanat disampaikan,  
Ucapan TYT tepat dan padat;  
YB berdebat sepakat dicapai,  
Sarawak permai rakyat muafakat.*

*ADUN berkhidmat penuh ikhlas,  
Kawasan dijaga setiap hari;  
Usaha Premier telus dan ikhlas,  
Itulah sifat pemimpin bestari.*

*Pergi memancing ikan empurau,  
Hidangan khas majlis gemilang;  
Penat lelah tidak dihirau,  
Premier majukan Bumi Kenyalang.*

*Mesyuarat pertama melabuh tirai,  
Pertanyaan diusul jawapan diberi;  
Matlamat sidang telah dimeterai,  
Soalan diutara diulas Menteri.*

*Hidup harmoni saling menghormati,  
Amalan mulia dari azali;  
Pulang YB teruskan berbakti,  
Sidang bajet bersua kembali.*

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

*(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 5.13 petang)*