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# Vigilance stepped up to control haze

Selangor authorities monitoring factories and open burning with focus on Johan Setia

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SELANGOR government is working closely with the state Department of Environment (DOE) to monitor factories and prevent open burning by the public.

Assuring the public that the state government was taking proactive measures to counter the worsening haze situation, state local government, public transport and new village development committee chairman Ng Sze Han said a meeting was held with Selangor DOE to discuss the most effective ways to monitor the situation.

The meeting, he added, involved all exco members and was chaired by Selangor Menteri Besar Amirudin Shari.

"We need to work together with DOE to conduct regular checks on these factories," he said.

Ng added that while there was little the authorities could do about transboundary haze, it was important that the public and local factories do not compound the problem by conducting open burning and releasing harmful emissions into the air.

He was speaking to the media after presenting some 2,000 face masks to students of SMK Seksyen 1 in Bandar Kinrara Puchong.

He announced that the monitoring station in Johan Setia, Klang – one of 11 in Selangor – recorded an Air Pollutant Index (API) reading of 200.

Johan Setia, he said, was being closely monitored because it had a history of open burning and that daily observation by DOE and the Smart Selangor Command Centre



A student of SMK Seksyen 1 Bandar Kinrara making sure his face mask is put on properly.

found no such case this year.

"This shows that the monitoring system works," he said.

Ng also said that the state was preparing for cloud seeding in the area, the details of which would be outlined by environment, green technology and consumer affairs committee chairman Hee Loy Sian.

Ng, who is Kinrara assemblyman, also called for more API monitoring stations in Selangor.

"Puchong could do with one," he added.

Based on guidelines from DOE, API is classified into good (0-50), moderate (51-100), unhealthy (101-200), very unhealthy (201-300), and hazardous (301 and above) levels.

At the mask presentation ceremony, Ng told teachers and parents that he hoped



Ng presenting face masks to SMK Seksyen 1 Bandar Kinrara principal Normah Hashim.  
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the situation today would remind the younger generation about the importance of caring and preserving the environment.

Parent-Teacher Association secretary and English teacher Thiagaraj Sivanandam said the school was an active participant in recycling campaigns.

"There is a recycling box in every class.

"Among the other projects by students is composting orange peel collected from nearby restaurants to produce detergent and fertiliser, while the student innovation centre created rat repellent from durian skin," he said.

