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24 sekolah sertai Pertandingan Memasak 'Ponggal'



Hasrolnizam bersama dengan pelajar SMK Bandar Baru Ampang yang merupakan pemenang bagi kategori sekolah menengah.

PANDAN INDAH - Sebanyak 24 sekolah menyertai Program Pertandingan Memasak 'Ponggal' di antara Sekolah Daerah Gombak dan Hulu Langat anjuran Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ), baru-baru ini.

Setiausaha MPAJ, Hasrolnizam Shaari berkata, pertandingan ini merupakan kali keempat dianjurkan oleh MPAJ.

"Jumlah penyertaan semakin meningkat berbanding pertandingan sebelum ini iaitu sebanyak 10 sekolah sahaja yang bertanding.

"Kita komited dalam mewujudkan masyarakat Ampang Jaya yang harmoni, kita juga memberi sokongan dan galakkan kepada setiap golongan dalam penganjuran acara kebudayaan berbilang bangsa ini," katanya.

Hasrolnizam berkata, objektif pertandingan adalah pihaknya mahu memberi pendedahan tentang sambutan perayaan pelbagai bangsa kepada warga Ampang khususnya golongan belia dan murid-murid yang menyertai pertandingan ini.

"Kita mahu mengeratkan silaturahim dan kerjasama di antara masyarakat dan wakil sekolah yang terdiri daripada pelbagai kaum serta memupuk semangat menghargai dan menghormati adat dan kebudayaan masyarakat lain," katanya.

Menurutnya, MPAJ turut menyediakan ruang dan peluang untuk warga pendidik dan belia untuk bersama-sama mengambil bahagian dalam acara Pertandingan Memasak 'Ponggal' secara tidak langsung dapat membentuk masyarakat yang bersatu padu.

"Kita juga mahu merapatkan lagi hubungan masyarakat setempat dengan warga MPAJ," katanya.



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Temporary relief: Residents at Jalan 23/56, AU3 Keramat in Kuala Lumpur queuing up to collect water as supply was cut since yesterday morning. — RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

Well prepared this time

Klang Valley residents are so used to water cuts in the past that they have stocked up enough water and kept less important tasks for later. >2&3

Coping with water cut

Advance notice gives residents and business owners time to prepare

By ELAN PERUMAL, SHEILA SRI PRIYA and KATHLEEN MICHAEL
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D. KARTIANI, 70, will be putting chores on hold for the next three days as there has been no water running through her pipes in Section 31, Kota Kemuning, since 10am yesterday.

"Since there was early notice, I managed to store some water. However, I can't carry out housework such as mopping and doing the laundry.

"But I do not want to eat out because I fear the restaurants will not clean their utensils well due to the water cut. I am also worried the food preparation standards will be compromised," she said.

Over at SS7 in Kelana Jaya, residents have been experiencing low water pressure since yesterday morning.

Resident Esham Salam said he decided to go to Batu Pahat, Johor, due to the water cut.

"Most of my neighbours have stored water but I am just going to leave town until water supply returns," he said.

B. Barbara, 59, from Amazing Heights Apartment in Kampung Sungai Udang, Klang, said water supply in her area had been cut as early as 11.45pm on Monday night.

"I was going to fill up more water but my taps were dry. I thought water would only be cut on Tuesday morning at 8am. I hope repair works will be over soon and not prolonged," she said.

On the contrary, as at 8am yesterday, there was still water supply in USJ 18.

However, resident C.C. Lee said he was not worried about the water cut as he and his wife kept

about 70 litres of water to bathe and for cleaning.

"Since it's just the two of us in the house, I believe we have enough water in our tank to last us two days," he said.

Over at Jalan 23 in Taman Bukit Kuchai, Puchong, resident Leow Fah said he had stored water since before Chinese New Year.

"We were affected by a sudden water cut before Chinese New Year, so when water supply resumed, we decided to store water just in case supply gets disrupted again," he said, adding that there were water tankers parked in his area yesterday.

Business owners buckle up

In Subang Jaya, business owners are worried pipes may burst when water supply resumes due to the pressure.

SS15 Business Community Representative Datuk Samson Mamam said this fear was based on past experiences during water cuts.

He said as of Tuesday morning, most businesses were still utilising their stored water in their tanks. However, the stress would be felt only on the second day of water cut.

"In the past when the water resumed we had incidents of pipe burst. We hope those in charge would ensure this doesn't happen.

"We also hope they are aware that when water supply resumes, those on higher floors will still face poor water pressure and so, water tanks should serving these areas," he added.

Samson, who is also Bandar Puteri Puchong resident advisor, said the frenzy to buy water con-



A total of 79 jumbo tankers and 10 water tankers are supplying water to affected areas.



Some restaurant owners have used plastic bags to store water.

ainers was slightly alarming.

"Everyone rushes to buy water containers when they hear of possible water cut. We heard that people even bought containers from junkyards to store water.

"This is of great concern to me as used containers from junkyards may be contaminated and dangerous to health," he said.

At Bandar Kinrara 5, restaurant owner Janet Chia stored more than 10 barrels of water, each filling up

10 litres of water, as well as an extra tank of water in anticipation of a supply disruption.

"Bandar Kinrara is the first area listed but it is not specified where exactly will be affected, so it's best to be ready," she said.

As of 3.30pm yesterday, there was still water supply at her restaurant.

In Shah Alam, water pressure began to reduce from 6am yesterday and supply was completely cut



List of Air Selangor One Stop Service Centres

1. Section 27 MBSA Hall, Jalan Sg Gapis 27/71,
2. Sultan Abd Aziz Mosque compound, Persiaran Masjid Sultan, Kg. Perigi Nenas, Pulau Indah
3. Surau Al-Hidayah, Jalan Nagasari 36/9, Desa Latania Section 36, Shah Alam
4. Jalan USJ 4/5, USJ 4, Subang Jaya
5. Jalan 23, Taman Bukit Kuchai, Jalan Puchong
6. Jalan SS 19/2, Subang Jaya
7. Ampang AEON Big KFC
8. Jalan 23/56, AU3 Keramat
9. Near the LRT Taman Dagang (RapidKL), Jalan Dagang 1, Taman Dagang

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Cheong using minimal amount of water to wash utensils at his eatery.

off by 8am.

CK Goh of Restoran Poh Yap in Kota Kemuning said he and the rest of the traders in the area had stored enough water to cope with the scheduled water disruption.

Goh said some traders even stored water in plastic bags to face the worse.

"We were forced to temporarily close the toilets as we ran out of water stored for toilet use by the afternoon," he said.

Hawker Alex Cheong from the same area said he had to strictly conserve water so that there would be enough to last the expected four days of water cut.

"I use very minimal water to wash utensils and dishes," he said.

New Taman Sea coffeeshop owner Gan Kam You said he stored water in two huge containers

ahead of the scheduled disruption.

Two years ago, he said, he spent more than RM2,000 to buy the containers.

"I bought them during the water crisis in 2016 and water from these containers will last for two days. Hopefully, supply will be restored by then," he said.

Not a rationing exercise

Based on a press statement from Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Syabas), the scheduled water disruption which began yesterday was to make way for emergency and critical repair works at SSP3 Water Treatment Plant and not a rationing exercise.

Based on the high levels of raw water at the dams, sufficient treated water supply upon completion

Water supply interruption areas in Selangor/KL

Region	Supply interruption duration
Kuala Langat	8am (March 6) to 3pm (March 7)
Petaling	8am (March 6) to 9pm (March 7)
Hulu Selangor	8am (March 6) to 9pm (March 7)
Kuala Lumpur	8am (March 6) to 9pm (March 8)
Gombak	8am (March 6) to midnight (March 8)
Klang/Shah Alam	8am (March 6) to 9am (March 9)



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of the Semenyih 2 Water Treatment Plant earlier this month and the positive reduction in non-revenue water, Syabas said there was no reason for water rationing.

The faulty equipment at the plant was detected at the end of January but repair works were deferred to avoid supply interruption during the Chinese New Year and Chap Goh Meh celebrations, it explained.

Since 8am yesterday, Air Selangor set up nine One-Stop Service Centres that will operate round the clock until tomorrow.

There are 79 jumbo tankers carrying 5,000 litres of water each and 10 water tankers with 30,000 litres of water each as well as information counters at these centres.



Gan storing water in containers he had bought during the 2016 water crisis.



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IN AN effort to modernise and make its services more convenient to users, the Kajang Municipal Council (MPKj) has launched its first online licence application and renewal platform.

Through the e-Lesen platform, dog licences and no-risk business licences can be applied for or renewed online.

MPKj president Mohd Sayuthi Bakar said every step of the application and renewal processes can be done online, including the submission of documents and payment.

"People do not even need to come out to collect their licences. They can now print them at home," said Mohd Sayuthi.

He added that approved licences contained bar codes and system's security features prevent users from printing the licences before completing the entire application process.

The function to apply for new no-risk business licences was still

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(From left) Zalinda Mohd Sayuthi, MPKj deputy president Najmuddin Jemain and IT officer Suziana Hanafi launching the e-Lesen online portal.

in the testing phase but Mohd Sayuthi assured that it would be usable by the end of this month.

At the moment, applicants can make payment using Visa or MasterCard credit cards, but MPKj hopes to add more modes of payment soon.

Mohd Sayuthi said the council's information technology team plans to create a tutorial video for the

site to teach users how to use the platform.

MPKj Licensing and Traders director Zalinda Zainudin said there were 52 types of no-risk business licences which can be processed through the platform.

No-risk activities are defined by the Selangor government as simple businesses that do not require technical approval of departments out-

side the local council and these businesses are not allowed to make any modifications to their premises.

Some examples of no-risk businesses include retail stores selling clothes, toys, shoes and glasses, as well as food and beverage shops selling ice cream and cakes.

Users can access the e-Lesen portal via www.mpkj.gov.my