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Amirudin tabling Selangor's Budget 2020 at the state assembly. On his right is Teng.

# RM300mil for six-year Smart Selangor initiative

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MORE than 50% of Selangor's Budget 2020 is focused on developing infrastructure towards meeting its Smart State 2025 vision. Menteri Besar Amirudin Shari said the state spent RM47mil three years ago and next year, RM50mil has been allocated for the programme.

"It is estimated that RM300mil will be allocated in the next six years for the Smart State programme."

"There are a few ways to boost investments and spur the economy, such as the aerospace industry," he told reporters after tabling the budget at the Selangor state assembly.

Amirudin announced a frugal budget of RM2.33bil for 2020 last Friday.

It was reported that the amount was slightly lower than 2019's budget of RM2.56bil and the RM3.12bil for 2018.

Of the RM2.33bil, 51.44% amounting to RM1.2bil would go towards administrative expenditure and the remaining 48.56% of RM1.13bil is allocated for development costs.

The state's Budget 2020 will focus on five main thrusts - boosting the state economy, education, safety, health and social aspects.

In line with the theme *Selangor Negeri Unggul, Kehidupan Bermartabat*, Budget 2020 was developed based on the following strategies, namely generating and empowering state economic growth, providing top education agenda, establishing a safe and healthy state, and environmental and social sustainability.

The estimated revenue for 2020 is RM2.2bil with land premium as the main contributor at RM968.40mil (44.02%), followed by land tax at RM568.21mil (25.83%), and federal allocation of RM224.84mil (10.22 %).

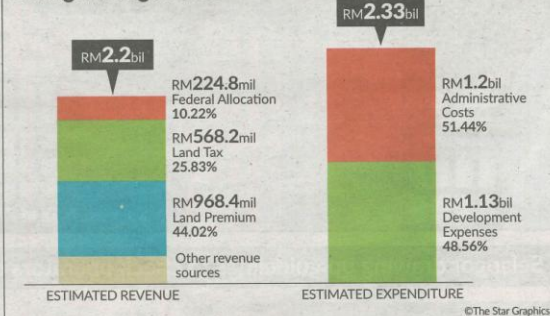
## Smart Selangor

To achieve Premier Smart State by 2025, Amirudin said the state government would continue with its Smart Selangor initiative.

This is to be done by developing smart solutions and an integrated platform between the local authorities and state departments, improve quality of public security monitoring, and the state government's digital infrastructure.

**MB: State seeks support of investors, private sector to match allocation**

## Selangor Budget 2020



As such, the state is allocating RM300mil for the Smart Selangor initiative for six years with RM50mil for 2020 alone.

"We are confident that investors and the private sector will support this effort by matching the sum at a ratio of 1:1, making the funds RM600mil," he said.

Commenting on the budget, Selangor investment, industry and trade, small and medium industries committee chairman Datuk Teng Chang Khim said Smart Selangor was the highlight of the state's Budget 2020.

"RM300mil is allocated for a span of six years, at RM50mil per year, this is the highest amount by any state government for such a project," he said.

Among the things to look out for are facial recognition cameras, upgrades to traffic management, and amenities for a cashless society.

"Each council will have 1,000 cameras installed. It can help reduce the crime rate. There will be a data and command centre. With a computing cloud, it can be con-

nected to JPJ (Road Transport Department) and the police," he said, adding that this was not an ad hoc project but a comprehensive plan.

Teng said a 243ha infra-ready land in Sepang has been identified for the electronic and electrical sector.

"We will collaborate with private developers to promote this area as the single largest dedicated industry area for electrical and electronics," he said.

Teng said an 809ha private land within the 3S belt of Serendah, Subang, and Sepang, has been identified and is set to be developed as the largest aerospace park in the country.

"It will take approximately five years to complete and we hope Selangor will become the aerospace hub in the region," he said.

Since the Smart Selangor initiative was announced in 2016, it has achieved 26% of its goals.

Among the achievements include the development of the Intelligent Response Selangor to solve public complaints.





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Selangor will start its inaugural food bank for the urban poor with a RM5mil fund. — Filepic



Smart Selangor is the highlight of Budget 2020, says Amirudin who is looking into an airplane engine after attending a Smart Selangor apprenticeship graduation in this file photo.



Recipients of the Peduli Sihat scheme have increased to 85,000. — Filepic



An additional 5,000 people will receive benefits with the KISS card, bringing the total to 25,000. — Filepic

The Smart Selangor Parking app allows users to pay for parking and compounds online for most councils in Selangor.

### Help for urban poor

Amirudin said the Selangor Food Bank Programme, its inaugural one, would receive an initial funding of RM5mil to help the urban poor.

"According to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2019 report, one out of nine people face nutrient problems."

"The Selangor Food Bank Programme will be carried out in Public Housing Projects (PPR) and is expected to benefit 2,000 families in Selangor."

The state will also carry out programmes to get the urban poor out of the poverty cycle.

Among them is the blueprint to help small business owners with a monthly income of below RM1,500 or household income below RM3,000.

Aid in the form of machines and tools will be presented for businesses such as food processing, handicrafts, and sewing.

For this, the state government is allocating RM2.5mil, an increase of RM500,000 compared to last year's allocation, to those who fulfil the criteria.

Youths will also get help in the form of subsidy for motorcycle licence.

The state will allocate RM1mil for the Ride

(Roda Darul Ehsan) scheme, to benefit 3,000 youths in Selangor who take up motor licence training courses, by providing them a subsidy of RM350.

"With the motor licence, they are able to join the service and logistics sectors," Amirudin said.

The allocation has been increased for several programmes to benefit deserving Selangor folks.

"For the Peduli Sihat programme, we have increased the number of recipients to 85,000 compared to the previous 65,000, and allocated RM42.5mil."

"As for the Kasih Ibu Smart Selangor (KISS) programme, which was introduced in 2017, we have increased the number of recipients to 25,000, an extra 5,000 compared to previously," he said.

Among the health aid to be provided to Selangor residents is a RM2mil allocation to help tuberculosis patients with a household income of less than RM1,000 a month to be treated for six months upon diagnosis, said Amirudin.

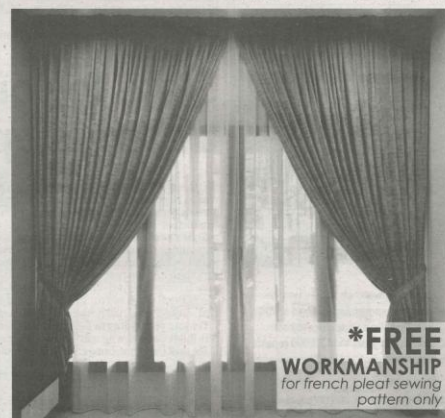
To tackle the issue of increasing dengue cases in the state, RM5mil has been allocated to continue with preventive and control measures, he said, adding that the state also allocated RM1mil to go towards awareness and prevention of mental illness activities.

RM500mil has been allocated to help disabled children with rehabilitative therapy, purchases of equipment among other special requirements.

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BRENDA CH'NG and FARID WAHAB at Selangor State Assembly

## Assemblymen tickled by irony of using plastic at meetings

LAUGHTER filled the house after Rajiv Rishyakaran (PH-Bukit Gasing) questioned the presence of single-use plastic water bottles at meetings, which was contrary to the state's commitment to curb single-use plastics.

Speaker Ng Suee Lim replied that the state government would make the necessary improvements, gaining the approval of assemblymen who thumped the tables with their hands.

This joke arose after Hee Loy Sian (PH-Kajang) answered a question by Datuk Rosni Sihar (BN-Hulu Bernam) about the state's ban on plastic straws.

"Based on our exco meeting previously, the state approved the ban on single-use plastics in government buildings, starting with the state secretariat, effective July 1," said Hee, who is also the environment, green technology and consumer affairs, science, technology and environment committee chairman.

Hee urged all government officers to take the lead and stop the use of single-use plastics for the public to follow suit.

In relation to this, Jamaliah Jamaluddin (PH-Bandar Utama) asked the state to tackle the use of plastic containers at bubble tea shops mushrooming statewide.

"We are not carrying out any enforcement against eateries still using plastics for now as we are in the education and awareness stage.

"But there are plans to start enforcement efforts in future.

"For bubble tea operators, we are planning a dialogue with those involved to come up with ways to improve the packaging and find alternative materials to plastic," he said.

This year, RM456,000 was allocated to all 12 local councils to carry out green activities to curb single-use plastics.

Another RM20,000 was spent on Karnival Kepenggunaan Siswa Selangor 2019 and the "No Straw" awareness programme involving various parties such as schools and non-governmental organisations.

## Guidelines on illegal hostels being planned

### S'gor to check on owners converting their houses for profit

GUIDELINES to address the issue of unlicensed hostels is being drawn up following an increase in such operations from houses in Selangor.

Terrace houses, which are illegally renovated and fitted with partitions, are predominant in Subang Jaya, Petaling Jaya and Shah Alam.

"We are working on the guidelines as fast as possible," said Ng Sze Han (PH-Kinrara). "Now the respective local councils are in the process of collecting data and we will see what guidelines work for everyone statewide."

Sze Han, who is also the local government, public transport and new village development committee chairman said this in response to a question from Michelle Ng (PH-Subang Jaya).

Michelle said guidelines for hostels drawn up before 2016 existed but were not used after that.

"Why don't we just use those guidelines for all other local councils instead of drawing up a new one?" she asked.

Elizabeth Wong (PH-Bukit Lanjan) also asked if the new guidelines, once finalised, would be used on existing illegal hostels or would the operators be given amnesty.

Sze Han said the guidelines for Subang Jaya, which was localised to the area, might not be suitable for other areas in Selangor.

He said the new guidelines would take into account all aspects so it could apply statewide.

Unlicensed hostel owners, he said would not be let off the hook easily and would have to toe the line.

"If the operators do not follow the guidelines, then enforcement action will be taken against them, including asking them to restore the building to its original state," said Sze Han.

He added that owners who turned their homes into hostels without approval from the local council could be fined up to RM25,000 and an additional RM500 for every offence after the first notice.

On a separate matter, state housing and



Guidelines on illegal hostels are being drawn up by the Selangor government. — Filepic

urban living committee chairman Haniza Talha said owners of Selangor's affordable home project Rumah Idaman Rakyat Selangor were reminded not to rent or sell their properties within the first five years.

"Owners who break the rules will face action.

"There is however an exception where owners can appeal to rent out their unit if they have a good reason such as being transferred for work to another area," she said.

Haniza said this in response to a question by Datuk Mohd Imran Tamrin (BN-Sungai Panjang) and Rajiv Rishyakaran (PH-Bukit Gasing) who wanted to know if action would be taken against the rule breakers.

She added that discussions were taking place on the possibility of legalising this as

part of the sale and purchase agreement.

"We are discussing these things with developers and if this happens, the rule becomes legally binding," she said.

Haniza said Rumah Idaman was an improved version of Rumah Selangorku where the houses, inclusive of fitting and furniture, were handed over to purchasers.

The scheme is open to first homebuyers, aged 18 years and above, with a monthly household income of RM10,000 and below.

There are two pilot projects in Kajang that are awaiting planning permits.

"Action will also be taken against those who rent out the units to foreigners, renovate illegally, or turn them into hostels.

"Our enforcement team will check based on complaints received and take the necessary action," she said.

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