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SPRM masih tunggu tarikh MB

Hanya Kerajaan Selangor belum tandatangani Ikrar Bebas Rasuah

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PANDAN INDAH - Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) masih lagi menunggu kerajaan Selangor untuk menandatangani Ikrar Bebas Rasuah (IBR).

Pengarah SPRM Selangor, Datuk Wan Ramli Wan Abdullah, berkata hanya Selangor belum menandatangani IBR dan berharap negeri terbabit dapat melakukannya dalam masa terdekat.

"Sebelum ini Pulau Pinang dan Kelantan sudah menandatangani IBR. SPRM sudah menghubungi kerajaan negeri untuk tujuan berkenaan dan setakat ini mereka memberi respons yang positif dan bersetuju melaksanakannya," katanya.

Wan Ramli berkata, pihaknya dimaklumkan berkemungkinan Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali boleh ada tarikh yang berseesuaian untuk majlis IBR.

"Saya berharap agar beliau segera memberi respon kepada SPRM," katanya pada sidang media selepas merasmikan majlis IBR peringkat MPAJ, di sini.

Wan Ramli berkata, MPAJ merupakan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) yang keenam menandatangani IBR.

"MPAJ juga merupakan agensi kerajaan ke-87 di negeri ini mengambil langkah melaksanakannya IBR," katanya.

Sementara itu, Yang Dipertua MPAJ Abd Hamid Hussain berkata, pihaknya mahu mengubah persepsi masyarakat terhadap PBT.

"Segelintir pihak berpendapat jika sesuatu tindakan tidak diambil atau sesuatu perkara dibiarkan, mereka mendakwa PBT itu ada rasuah, kadangkala kita mungkin ada masalah lain untuk sesuatu perkara itu tidak dapat dilaksanakan," katanya.

Abd Hamid berkata MPAJ juga telah melaksanakan beberapa kawalan dalam dengan melaksanakan Ikrar Integriti Korporat (CIP), penubuhan Unit Integriti, kawalan audit dalaman dan audit kawalan perolehan yang telah dijalankan oleh Audit Negeri Selangor.

"MPAJ juga giat melaksanakan program dan aktiviti anti rasuah bagi menepatkan nilai mahmudah dan menghindarkan dari sifat-sifat mazmumah dalam diri warga kerja MPAJ," katanya.

Katanya, seramai empat kakitangan telah diambil tindakan buang kerja dan seramai 15 orang kakitangan telah dikenakan hukuman tatatertib oleh Jawatankuasa

Tatatertib MPAJ sepanjang tempoh tahun lalu hingga kini

"Kita juga melaksanakan kaedah pertukaran kakitangan dan pegawai mengikut risiko jabatan tersebut, saya berharap agar semua pegawai dan kakitangan menyahut langkah proaktif dalam merealisasikan objektif IBR," katanya.



Abd Hamid (kiri) bersalaman dengan Wan Ramli ketika menyerahkan IBR.



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Minta keprihatinan kerajaan negeri

Kos baik pulih infrastruktur 4 blok Pangsapuri Lembah Maju dianggarkan RM1 juta

PANDAN INDAH - Penduduk dan Badan Pengurusan Bersama (JMB) Pangsapuri Lembah Maju berharap kerajaan negeri meluluskan peruntukan untuk membaik pulih infrastruktur di empat blok kediaman itu.

Pengerusi JMB Pangsapuri Lembah Maju, Riki Suhendra Zayardin berkata, pihaknya telah memohon Skim Ceria untuk membaik pulih kerosakan bumbung, penambahan pam air dan pendawaian baharu di kediaman tersebut.

"Saya difahamkan keadaan kerosakan ini telah berlarutan sejak 25 tahun lalu, namun keprihatinan Adun Chempaka merangkap Exco Perumahan, Pengurusan Bangunan dan Perumahan Negeri Selangor, Datuk

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- Kerosakan berlarutan sejak 25 tahun lalu
- JMB Pangsapuri Lembah Maju harap kerajaan negeri luluskan peruntukan baik pulih
- Peruntukan menerusi Skim Ceria telah dimohon

Iskandar Abdul Samad, beliau memandang serius masalah di sini," katanya.

Riki berkata, Lembaga Perumahan dan Hartanah Selangor juga telah turun padang melihat masalah infrastruktur dan mengira kos untuk projek baik pulih itu.

"Saya juga difahamkan kos projek ini dianggarkan

kira-kira RM1 juta. Ia kos yang tinggi dan tidak mampu untuk ditanggung oleh JMB, saya berharap peruntukan ini dapat diluluskan oleh kerajaan negeri dengan segera demi kesejahteraan penduduk di sini," katanya ketika dihubungi *Sinar Harian* semalam.

Dalam perkembangan berasingan, Riki turut memaklumkan Iskandar sudi menyalurkan sumbangan sebanyak RM3,000 untuk baik pulih peti surat dan menjayakan program gotong-royong perangi denggi, di sini, baru-baru ini.

"JMB akan melaksanakan pembaharuan rangka peti surat, semoga dengan sumbangan yang diberikan ini dapat memberi suntikan semangat kepada penduduk di sini," katanya.



Iskandar (dua, kanan) menyerahkan replika cek kepada Riki sebagai simbolik sumbangan.



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Park to be closed for construction of EKVE

TAMAN Rimba Ampang in Ampang will be closed to the public from Nov 14 to facilitate construction of the East Klang Valley Expressway (EKVE).

According to EKVE Sdn Bhd, the temporary closure of the recreational park was expected to last 18 months as it involves the construction of two bridges, with a total length of 750m traversing the park's fringes.

The statement said the closure was necessary for safety reasons, after taking into consideration heavy machinery in the area's vicinity.

"After a report was submitted to the state government, the Selangor Forestry Department and relevant state agencies, approval was given to proceed with the closure," it said.

As part of the company's corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts, the developer has also submitted a proposal to upgrade Taman Rimba Ampang as reconstruction and restoration will take



Ongoing construction of the EKVE project at Taman Rimba Ampang has drastically changed the landscape of the area. — filepic

place simultaneously.

"There will be proper signage at strategic locations around the park to notify the public of the closure," it said, adding that the closure would not inconvenience nearby residents.

The recreational park, in the

Bukit Belacan area, is the main access to the Ampang forest reserve and is popular among families and birdwatchers.

Attempts to temporarily close the park were made in January 2016, but was delayed after objection from the public.



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Power from food waste

The Government has introduced a mechanism to convert food scrap into biogas to generate electricity. This is being carried out in a pilot project at food courts in Petaling Jaya, Subang Jaya, Dengkil, Sepang, Port Dickson and Melaka. > 2&3



Picturesque valley

This man-made stream in Pantai Eco Park is testament of how wastewater can be turned into a clean waterway, minus any foul smell. The source of the water is the Pantai 2 Sewage Treatment Plant (STP2) in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur. — AZHAR MAHFOR/The Star



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The anaerobic digester system installed beside the Dengkil Food Court

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BIODEGRADABLE packaging, bins for separate trash, and a waste management system designed to recycle discarded food scraps are paving the way for greener and cleaner food courts run by local councils.

The latest effort sees Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry (KeTTHA) and Sirim Bhd introducing a system to turn food scrap into biogas to generate electricity.

It also presents Sirim's new line of biodegradable packaging as a solution to the no-plastic bag policy. The KeTTHA-Sirim campaign encompasses four food courts with the help of local councils starting with Port Dickson, Negri Sembilan (July), followed by Melaka, and USJ7, Subang Jaya, and Petaling Jaya in Selangor (September).

The latest addition in Selangor is the Dengkil Food Court under the Sepang Municipal Council (MP-Sepang). Providing a progress report during a meet-and-greet session with 32 hawkers from the Dengkil Food Court, Sirim Bhd president and group chief executive Prof Ahmad Fadzil Mohamad Haniff described the response as encouraging.

"In Port Dickson and Melaka, up to 200kg of food scrap from nearby hotels are processed at the Medan Ikan Bakar Kampung Gelim waste management facility that uses anaerobic digestion system. We anticipate the facility in Port Dickson to operate at full capacity of 500kg daily by the end of the year. In Subang Jaya, the system is already up and running," said Prof Ahmad Fadzil.

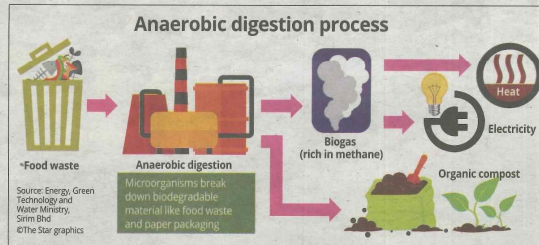
In Dengkil, a test run conducted 21 days before the launch date was reported to have produced enough methane gas to juice up a 15-horsepower generator, enough to light 20 fluorescent tubes for two nights.

Appointed by the ministry as implementing agency for the project, the industrial research and technology organisation said 65 food stalls registered as active participants will receive consultancy services before coming under an audit process conducted by its certification, inspection and testing body by next year.

Ministry's green technology sector undersecretary Asdrilhyne

Food courts tested on green technology

Local councils in three states aggressively promoting waste management system that also generates power



Alulul Rashid, who was present at the meet-and-greet session, anticipated that councils would save up to RM4.7mil in food waste disposal costs at landfills and cut back on the emission of some 9,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases through its anaerobic waste digesters within the span of 10 years.

While food operators in USJ7 (Subang Jaya), SS2 (Petaling Jaya) and Putrajaya have been exposed to green waste management practices since 2009, the 32 operators at the Dengkil Food Court have just learned the concept.

"We have yet to understand how the anaerobic waste digesting system facility is going to work. Our main worry is whether the stretch from the rubbish is going to affect the food court and drive our customers away," said economy rice seller Tiew Ng Ngu, 65.

Sirim senior assistant engineer Ahmad Rhaizulnizam Abdul Rahman, 36, who is the appointed project leader for the Dengkil facility

gave his assurance that there would be no stretch. "The goal of this facility is to create a cleaner environment at the food court," said Ahmad.

He said the process was designed to take place within the system's enclosed tanks. As for the end product of wastewater, it will flow into a closed pit and be sucked up daily by MP-Sepang trucks to water its landscape plants. Extra overflow would go into the perimeter drains and directly into the sewage pipes.

Ahmad added that the council also provided each stall with new bins so they can dispose of their food waste with ease.

Biodegradable packaging

To complement its waste management system, Sirim has produced its own line of biodegradable packaging. It is in the process of distributing two million samples to traders at the four food premises

involved in the project. On complaints from hawkers on the failure of the packaging design to hold liquids, gravy, and hot food, Prof Ahmad Fadzil said there was high possibility they may have opted for packaging that did not meet their food type specifications.

"Our Sirim brand of Green Blue packaging can hold liquids, hot ones up to 100°C, for four days and is microwaveable," replied Prof Ahmad Fadzil.

He further hinted that these can be considered as labour saving options. Instead of plates traders can use them to serve food. The used boxes could also be thrown in together with food waste into the anaerobic digestion facility.

Present cost per piece ranged from 25 sen to 40 sen depending on the size and design.

Its packaging and security centre general manager Noor Hidayati Mokhtar also said they would look into production of cost effective solutions for soups and advised



Noor Hayati testing a polyethylene-coated box to show that it can hold liquid.

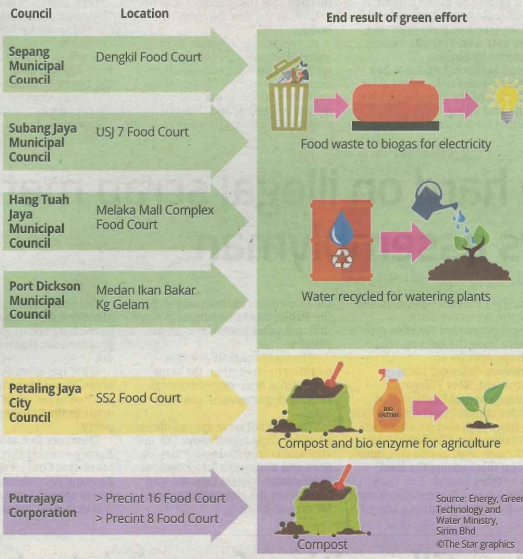


Yap Chee Weng, who has been selling economy rice at the Dengkil Food Court for 12 years, is eager to see how the food waste to biogas system is going to work.



(From left) Prof Ahmad, Puasa, and Asdirhyme presenting food traders operating at the Dengkil Food Court with Sirim's brand of biodegradable packaging at the launch of the green food premises pilot project in Dengkil

Green food premises at a glance



food operators under the category to opt for packaging with polyethylene coating.

Though the no-plastic bag policy was enforced in Sepang since the beginning of the year, it had yet to be practised by traders on a full scale. But the authorities believed that this could be improved once the public is more environmentally

conscious.

The introduction of biodegradable packaging is estimated to reduce the use of polystyrene containers by 30% in big cities by 2020.

Hopes for the future

On the success of the green food court concept, MPSepang presi-

dent Datuk Puasa Md Taib hoped other local councils would adopt the programme.

"Not only will it contribute towards a rubbish free environment but the biogas produced can also generate enough electricity to power the food court itself," he said optimistically.

MPSepang is no stranger when

it came to recycling practices at food courts.

In 2012, it launched a buy-back programme with food courts, stalls and restaurants for cooking oil.

A tie-up with Forest Research Institute Malaysia saw it being recycled into fuel for fogging machines in anti-dengue operations.



TRAFFIC MATTERS

Several roads around Dataran Kemerdekaan in Section 14, Shah Alam will be closed tomorrow from 6.30am to 9.30am in conjunction with Shah Alam City Council's (MBSA) monthly Car-Free Day. The affected roads are Persiaran Dandanya, Persiaran Perbandaran, Persiaran Tasik, Persiaran Masjid, Persiaran Dato' Menteri and Persiaran Damai. For details call 03-5522 2734.

MOBILE COUNTERS

Residents can make council-related payments, complaints and buy parking coupons through MBPJ's EZ-Pay mobile counter. It will be stationed from 10am to 3pm at PJU 10, Damansara Damai (near McDonald's and Shell petrol station) today and tomorrow, SD 12/1 on Monday, PJU 8/5B on Tuesday and SS 2/67 on Wednesday. ● The Shah Alam on Wheels mobile kiosk will make its rounds this weekend. It will be stationed at Giant Hypermarket, Section 18 today from 11am to 5pm, and at Dataran Kemerdekaan tomorrow from 7am to 11am. The public can pay their assessment tax, buy parking coupons and utilise other services.

STORYTELLING SESSION

Canvas World will hold a free storytelling session in three languages (English, Bahasa Malaysia and Mandarin) tomorrow for children aged between three and six years. The session aims to cultivate good reading habit and creativity through the magic of storytelling. It will take place at 2, Jalan SS 3/50, Petaling Jaya, from 11am to 11.45am. Admission is free. For details, call 019-287 1106 (Ila) or 017-219 2264 (Melissa).

SPCA GIFTS

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Selangor is selling its 2018 diaries and calendars of its dogs and cats, which would make great festive gifts for family and friends. Each calendar is priced at RM25 while it is RM35 per diary when purchased at SPCA office or events, with additional charges if ordered online and delivered via courier. For orders, call 03-4256 5312 or email gifts@spca.org.my

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