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PUBLIC TALK – HOUSING AS HABITAT: A CASE OF MARKET FAILURE OR INSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION?

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On 23 August 2017, Khazanah Research Institute organised a public talk entitled "Housing as Habitat: A case of Market Failure or Institutional Limitation?". The talk provided a critical reflection on the role of housing in cities and how players in the industry can make housing better. The event featured a keynote lecture by Professor Michael Oxley who is the Director of Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research. The keynote lecture was followed by a panel dialogue during which participants were able to pose their questions for discussion.

Oxley's keynote lecture centred on the purpose of housing and the role markets and institutions play in the provision of this important component of city making. Professor Oxley stressed the importance of understanding that good quality housing is demanded both by those who can pay for it and those who cannot. Those who cannot afford to pay for housing that meet a socially accepted standard fall into the latter group and often require help from the government to realize their housing need. It is essential then to frame the housing affordability problem properly. Oxley posed a critical question, asking whether people cannot afford access to housing of a socially acceptable standard more generally or if people or certain groups of people cannot afford to own their homes. Is the object of a country's housing policy then to improve access to affordable housing or affordable home ownership? This distinction is very important as policy responses to address them are very different. Policies that aim to improve merely the access to housing may meet the housing needs of the population but may not necessarily satisfy their wants or demand.

Oxley argued that the need for policy intervention often arise when markets fail to be efficient and equitable with the



provision of housing. To tackle housing issues, governments often use policy interventions that can be categorized into demand side or supply side policies; Oxley stated that arguments for or against these policy options are often merely ideological in nature. Demand side housing policies consider the housing affordability problem as being linked to the distribution of income and often attempts to redistribute income from those who are wealthy to those who are not. This usually manifests as programs that offer financial assistance for housing to low income households. In contrast, supply side policies are concerned with increasing the supply of housing more generally, usually by providing subsidies or assistance to house developers and landlords. Oxley stressed that while countries may learn from each other, the success of housing policies depend heavily on the cultural, social and historical context of the country. Policies that work elsewhere may not necessarily have a similar impact in Malaysia and must first be adapted to the local context should they be implemented.

Among other issues, Oxley also discussed the motivation for home ownership and the risks associated to it. The decision to become a property owner can often be associated with the property rights of the country. Oxley highlighted the difference in rights accorded to property owners in Germany and the United Kingdom (UK). Tenure neutral policies in Germany ensure that tenants in the country are provided security both in tenure and future housing costs, both elements of which are absent for renters in the UK. Consequently, home ownership in the UK still prevails as the primary choice for households. The policy focus on home ownership in most countries is often political or ideological and is usually rooted in the belief that house prices will continue to rise, such that households that own homes have an asset that can provide them some financial security and protection in the future. Policies aimed at increasing home ownership normally require providing assistance for deposit payments or easing access to credits to help people become home owners who would not otherwise be home owners. However, lessons learnt from the US sub-prime crisis have shown

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Advisor Message

Assalamualaikum w.b.t and warm greetings,

Welcome to the first issue for 2018!

I am truly thrilled to be given the opportunity to write here but our chief editor gave me a 'friendly reminder' that only one third of the column was reserved for me!. That nevertheless thank you Assoc. Prof. TPr. Dr. Oliver Ling Hoon Leh for giving me this opportunity and for being willing to lead the publications of Berita Perancang. Trust me, the Editorial team under Public Relation and Publication Committee had a lot of stories to share, as if we have more than 24 hours a day!

For those who did not know me, this is my sixth years as a Corporate Member of MIP and my third term as a Council Members. I am so grateful for the trust given to me since my first year being a Corporate Member. Insha'Allah, I will give my very best to contribute to the Institute and the profession. Do help me to improve further and there is so much to learn from each and every one of you.

I have progressed a lot since then, from being purely a person technical background (shying away and just doing my work!...) to a person who is ready to raise any issue of concern, and share planning thoughts and issues on planning. I could not have done this on my own without a support from my mentor who is like a father to me - TPr. Ahmad Jefri Clyde who guided me and kept me on the right track.

If I can wake up and rotate my daily routine, I believed everyone out there can do much better than me. We have a lot of things to do and we all need to put up our heads together to come up with more innovative ways of resolving the issues that we face in our profession. Do join us because every single effort counts!

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of Berita Perancang. There will be more stories in the next issue (I wish we could have more pages by then.... hehehe!) especially on the recently concluded 9th World Urban Forum which was hosted by Malaysia. Meanwhile, keep us busy by rolling in your articles into our Gmail address (berita.mip@gmail.com). Do write on anything, any subject matter. We look forward to your continuous support.

Thank you.
TPr Mahani Mohd Yasin

Notes from the President

Assalamualaikum wbt.

It has been an eventful 2017/2018 for MIP thus far. To face the future challenges ahead, various events and programs, to drive the profession forward was successfully implemented. Many more are continuously being planned for. WUF9, 2018 certainly helped in enhancing MIP's image in the eyes of the public. MIP members' participation, at all levels, in this international global event has increased the awareness among the public for the need for town planners to work hand in hand with various stakeholders to plan, implement and contribute in the development of our nation. We hope this edition of Berita Perancang will further enhance our passion and contribution towards a Nation for all.

TPr. Hj Ihsan Zainal Mokhtar
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DBKL to gazette KL City Draft Plan 2020 selectively

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PETALING JAYA (May 11): Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) will not be gazetting the entire KL City Draft Plan 2020, but is thinking of gazetting selected portions of it.

"We are looking into [gazetting] some smaller areas but not the whole of KL — smaller areas that are stable enough to be gazetted. Hopefully, we will come out with the gazetted plan for these areas by end of this year," said DBKL City Planning Department deputy director Nik Mastura Diyana.

According to her, about 50% of the plan has been executed thus far.

Nik Mastura was speaking during a press conference on the upcoming International Conference on World Class Sustainable Cities 2017 (WCSC 2017) organised by the Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (Rehda KL), Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP) and Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) today. The conference is supported by DBKL.

Meanwhile, MIP president Ihsan Zainal Mohktar, who was also present at the press briefing, said MIP will continue to push for the KL City Draft Plan to be gazetted.

"Although the plan is not legislated, most of it has been executed. The KL City Draft Plan 2020 must go on. We will continue to advocate for it to be legislated.

"Because if it is legislated, the public can use the gazetted plan to protect themselves," he said. However, he added that the plan only serves as a guideline and is flexible to changes that contribute to the city's sustainability.

On residents' concern about the proposed serviced apartment development that involved parts of Taman Rimba Kiara in Taman Tun Dr Ismail (TTDI), KL, Ihsan said this case showed that this is precisely why the plan should be gazetted.

"A legislated plan has an avenue for appeal. That's the beauty of it. There is room for public participation.

"TTDI residents and its Residents Association can appeal. And DBKL is actually under pressure because of this. The more the public is aware [of what they are entitled to], the better it is.

"The plan serves as a market intervention. It is people-centric — else developers would just go for the highest population density, every time they come up with a new project. That's why we need the plan to be legislated," he said.

On the other hand, Ihsan added, perhaps the public should view the case from the government's perspective, as it may have taken transportation and accessibility issues into account in coming up with this project.

"Nevertheless, we will continue to educate the government about having a stricter approval process for new developments and the new urban agenda [which is more environment conscious]," he added.

Economic benefits of green spaces

Eugene Mahalingam/The Star Online
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THE growing number of developments encroaching onto green areas such as Taman Rimba Kiara and Bandar Tun Razak has created quite a stir among the local community recently.

While green spaces within urban areas are known to offer a healthy environment and enhance liveability, they also provide economic benefits.

According to a research report by the Forestry Commission, a non-ministerial government department responsible for forestry in England and Scotland, evidence exists that investments in green space have a positive impact on constituent components such as job creation, new business start-ups and private investment.

"These impacts could consequently increase local gross value added," it says.

The research report adds that improving the aesthetic quality of a place increases land and property prices.

"Property price increases may benefit local economies in indirect ways. They can encourage further property development in an area and increase local council tax receipts as a result.

"The estimated impacts are necessarily case and location specific and have a wide range of values. Having well-managed green space nearby was found to result in average property premiums of 2.6% to 11.3%."

One industry observer says that having green spaces within the workplace boosts productivity.

"Working in an environment where there are open green spaces provides a sense of calm and improves worker productive," he says.

He adds that having green spaces in urban areas also boost tourism.

"Public parks, gardens or civic areas are always popular tourist attraction sites. The pull of these places will certainly add to the country's tourism income."

According to Pemandu's annual reports in 2010, Kuala Lumpur had 12 sq m of green area per capita. However, in the 2013 annual report, it was stated that there were about 11 sq m of green space per person.

There have been many protests against development encroaching on green space over the years. Among them are Bukit Gasing, Old Klang Road, Bangsar, more recently Taman Sri Segambut and Taman Rimba Kiara in Taman Tun Dr Ismail (TTDI).

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Earlier this month, it was reported that a group of residents lodged a report against DBKL with the anti-graft agency over the sale of reserved land in Bandar Tun Razak, Cheras for the construction of a high-rise residence.

They alleged possible foul play in the acquisition and sale of the land that was reserved for a football field. The football field was gazetted as a reserved land for public use on Nov 24, 2005 and the title was changed on Dec 22 last year.

However, an application for a proposed high-rise residential project was submitted to KL City Hall last year, which was later approved with condition later in the year.

According to an industry expert, a piece of land that is already gazetted can still be subsequently modified.

"Yes, but it's a tedious process. You have to inform the public that it has to be changed. There may be public participations and rejections.

"However, it's up to the local authority to decide whether to accept the rejections or not."

It was also recently reported that TTDI residents had resorted to taking legal action against City Hall to protect Taman Rimba Kiara against any proposed development.

There are plans to build eight blocks of between 42 and 54-storey high-end serviced apartments, while an additional 29-storey block comprising 350 units of affordable housing will be allocated to the TTDI longhouse residents.

Six-lane highway

The development includes the construction of a six-lane highway and a flyover to accommodate the massive growth in population density from 74 to 979 people per acre.

Based on reports, City Hall and the Wilayah Land Office have yet to gazette the whole of Bukit Kiara (comprising Taman Rimba Kiara, Taman Lembah Kiara and the hills of Bukit Kiara) as a green lung.

City Hall is guided by its Structure Plan and Draft Local Plan.

The current Kuala Lumpur City Structure Plan, gazetted in 2004, details the goals, strategies and planning policies leading the city to world class status by 2020.

The Local Plan, which outlines the implementation plan to achieve the structure plan, is in the process of being gazetted.

Referring to the Taman Rimba Kiara land, a property expert points out that once a plan has been prepared, it should be gazetted "as soon as possible".

"Most local authorities will usually get it gazetted as soon as it has been accepted by the state planning committee, because it will help them to manage and control the development within the area."

He says there is no reason for delay if it has been challenged in court.

"What's the time-frame for it to remain ungazetted? That's for the court to interpret, so it's subject to interpretation because the plan is usually revised every five years.

"So you cannot keep it for too long. In a lot of states, it can be gazetted within a year."

However, there is often the argument that once a piece of land has been gazetted, it makes it harder to develop the city.

"The complaint is that the plan is very strict, so there's not enough room to manoeuvre for housing, for public needs, that the plan did not consider market value.

"But that's exactly what planning is about. Planning is market intervention for the benefit of society."

Malaysian Institute of Planners president Ihsan Zainal Mokhtar (pic) says City Hall is doing the best that it can.

"About 90% of the developments in Kuala Lumpur are under its purview. No development can take place without any planning permission from them.

"When we draw up a plan, we have to take into account public interest, what's good for the community."

Malaysia was among many countries that adopted the New Urban Agenda (NUA) at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in Quito, Ecuador, on Oct 20 last year.

The NUA is a framework that lays out how cities should be planned and managed to best promote sustainable urbanisation.

According to Ihsan, gone are the days when the government looked at city planning from the perspective of "just providing homes and jobs".

"About 70% of the world's population now is urban. We're reaching towards that. You cannot treat urban areas like how you used to treat them, merely as a place to stay and a place to get a job.

"Now, you have to treat urban areas as a place where you live. You have to ensure that the environment is sustainable, the water is clean, that life is not pressured, that the homeless are taken care of. It's now the new millennia's human settlement."

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Be safe, be happy

By Natalie Khoo
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People should feel safe where they live. You should be able to walk down a road without the fear of tripping because the pathway is uneven or the street is not properly lit or because you fear you would run into a snatch thief.

In TheEdgeProperty.com-Lafarge Happiness in the City Index 2017 survey, 77% of respondents ranked safety as their second biggest concern, just after cost of living.

In fact, both cost of living (83%) and safety (83%) received the same weightage as the biggest concern for people living in the Klang Valley. Over in Penang, cost of living was on top (78%) followed by safety (52%) and in Johor Bahru, it was similar with cost of living first (85%) followed by safety (78%).

TheEdgeProperty.com-Lafarge Happiness in the City Index 2017 also found that only 15% of the respondents believe that the city will be a safer place in 10 years' time. The survey was conducted from April 28 to May 28 covering the Klang Valley, Penang and Johor Bahru. There were 1,273 respondents from the Klang Valley, 202 from Johor Bahru and 321 from Penang.

Design and safety

According to Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP) president, Ihsan Zainal Mokhtar, a city that is planned and designed well can play a role in ensuring that the city and its citizens feel safe.



Ihsan: A well-designed city is a city which promotes safety, sustainability and comfort. (Photos by Low Yen Yeing/TheEdgeProperty.com)

"The planning and the design of a city is very much connected to the health and wealth of its citizens. There are three aspects which are taken into consideration when a city is designed — the physical, social and economic.

"A well designed city is a city which promotes safety, sustainability and comfort. Ultimately, a safe city is closely related to the happiness of the citizens. If you don't feel safe, how can you feel happy?" Ihsan asks.

"Imagine walking on a lane between two walls. If someone is walking past, you may not feel safe because there is no human activity going on. It is all concrete walls. A solution could be instead of walls, a glass panel can be built or have some economic activities going on such as shops and cafes. People feel safer when there are people around and if they can be clearly viewed from the outside and vice versa," he explains, while noting that Malaysia's five-foot walkways or "kaki lima" do allow people to walk comfortably along shops while being sheltered from the rain and sun.

Ihsan shares that generally, people living in the city have a negative perception when it comes to safety.

"When people are walking too near to where vehicles are moving and there is no barrier in between them, they feel unsafe. One way which town design and planning can help in this issue is to have barricades separating the walking paths and the roads. The barricades will prevent the vehicles from coming too near the pedestrians. Such measures can make a difference."

Danger could also be present in staircases which are not properly lit, manhole coverings left open, uneven pathways and places with broken street lights. "These may lead to accidents and injuries and a leisure activity such as taking a stroll down a street becomes an unsafe activity." He cites Perth in Western Australia as a good example where people can walk comfortably with plenty of space between the walking path and the roads. A sloping path would also help to ensure that strollers and wheelchairs can be properly pushed down the path.

"This aspect of safety falls under the design of infrastructure," Ihsan explains.

He adds that when town planning is not carried out properly, it can cause havoc, for instance, during downpours. "Let's say we do not have a proper drainage system, flooding in the city takes place and it can affect the safety of road users. Being trapped in a flood with your car engine out is not something that people want to experience. Not only is it unpleasant, it is also dangerous. All these can be avoided if the town planning and design includes proper drainage system," says Ihsan.

"Cleanliness is also an important aspect of safety. When a city is well maintained, the perception is that it is safer as well. It is psychological; a clean city often equates to a safe city," he adds.

Crime prevention

Another safety issue is crime. Ihsan says it is important to make sure there are proper closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs) installed in public areas such as at the Light Railway Transit (LRT) and Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) stations as well as regular patrolling by police and guards at public areas so that they can be easily contacted should the public need them. There must also be proper law enforcement to deter crime.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Safe City Standing Committee of the Malaysia Crime Prevention Foundation (MCPF), Datuk Wong Pui Lam shares with TheEdgeProperty.com that the government and non-governmental organisations in Malaysia must work together to cohesively combat crime.



Wong: All parties have a role to play. We must look at crime prevention on a holistic level.

"All parties have a role to play. We must look at crime prevention on a holistic level. For example, if you see students fighting on the street, members of the public must play a role and stop them. Other parents can keep an eye on students as well, and tell the students who are fighting to stop, or they could inform their parents," he says.

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MCPF has formed more than 6,000 clubs in schools to educate students in primary and secondary schools about crime prevention. "Education plays an important role," says Wong.

"In fact, just a few days ago, I myself and another executive council member [of MCPF] spoke to the chairman of the Parent Teacher Association of Malaysia [PIBG] and one of the suggestions given by him was that, instead of having just one or a few discipline teachers in school, why not make every teacher a discipline teacher?"

Meanwhile, the vice-chairman of MCPF, Datuk Kamarudin Ali points out that the police force is here to help the public and it is important for the public to give constructive suggestions to them should there be any areas they can improve in.

"Feel free to speak to the officer-in-charge at the police station should you face any problems. I am sure they will be willing to help you out," says Kamarudin.



Biggest concerns about the Klang Valley

	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	(%)
Safety	1,059	83 ⁶²
Cost of living	1,051	83
Air pollution	833	65
Noise pollution	397	31
Accessibility	230	18
Job opportunities	189	15

Biggest concerns about Penang

	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	(%)
Cost of living	250	78
Safety	167	52
Air pollution	161	50
Accessibility	133	41
Job opportunities	123	38
Noise pollution	106	33

Biggest concerns about Johor Bahru

	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	(%)
Cost of living	171	85
Safety	157	78
Air pollution	93	46
Job opportunities	80	40
Accessibility	55	27
Noise pollution	41	20

The cities in 10 years... (overall)			
	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	(%)	RANK
Higher cost of living	1,676	92	1
More densely populated	1,496	85	2
Larger urban sprawl	1,440	82	3
More beautiful	565	32	4
Greener	426	24	5
Safer	258	15	6

Klang Valley in 10 years...			
	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	(%)	RANK
Higher cost of living	1,163	93	1
More densely populated	1,068	85	2
Larger urban sprawl	1,023	82	3
More beautiful	279	22	4
Greener	191	15	5
Safer	109	8	6

Penang in 10 years...			
	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	(%)	RANK
Higher cost of living	285	89	1
More densely populated	266	83	2
Larger urban sprawl	250	78	3
More beautiful	179	56	4
Greener	152	47	5
Safer	90	28	6

Johor Bahru in 10 years...			
	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	(%)	RANK
Higher cost of living	178	88	1
Larger urban sprawl	167	83	2
More densely populated	162	80	3
More beautiful	107	53	4
Greener	83	41	5
Safer	63	31	6

*** Percentages do not add up to 100% as respondents are allowed to choose more than one answer.

MIP URGES FOR ECRL PROJECT TO AVOID FOREST RESERVE FRAGMENTATION AND EXPAND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

MIP Press Release 10 August 2017

The Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP) lauded the development of the East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) by the Federal Government, which the Prime Minister officiated at a ground breaking ceremony in Kuantan on 9th August 2017. The Institute is fully supportive of the rail development to improve east west connectivity between the eastern region of Peninsular Malaysia with Greater Kuala Lumpur. Investment in rail infrastructure will bring a whole range of wider economic benefits to the east-coast region as ECRL shall serve as an enabler for the growth and continued economic development

of the region, contributing to the region's GDP through various direct, indirect and induced effects from infrastructure investment. For example, during the construction phase, creating new jobs opportunities along the corridor, whilst in the operational phase, enhancing market accessibility and competitiveness and attractiveness of the region for further investments. Historically, availability of modern infrastructure has always been among the key determinants of the growth and competitiveness, and rail infrastructure is prominent in this regard, boasting some of the highest levels of secondary economic benefits and macroeconomic multipliers among the different types of infrastructure investment.

The ECRL will greatly reduce the distances and travelling time between cities in the east-coast region and with Greater Kuala Lumpur. Rail link will also provide a comfortable, safe and environmentally friendly alternative for passenger mobility, which is high particularly during the festive and holiday seasons as the east-coast region boasts some of the most beautiful tourists' destinations in Malaysia. Additionally, the ECRL will reduce the environmental footprint of human mobility by inducing a modal shift from road to rail.

Whilst the benefits of rail investment are clearly significant, the Institute wishes to remind and urges the Federal Government, the transport authority and the project owner of the ECRL, Malaysia Rail Link Sdn Bhd that the chosen corridor must not be at the expense of the forest reserves and their natural eco-system and habitat. It is crucial that the chosen rail alignment avoids fragmenting and downsizing all forest reserves along the corridor as they are an important forest complexes and ecological linkages of the Central Forest Spine of Peninsular Malaysia; habitat to a whole range of endangered species of wildlife, flora and fauna. Any further fragmentation and downsizing of the forest reserves will significantly impact biodiversity and environmental health of the Central Forest Spine, which will subsequently affect tourism of the east-coast region, a key economic sector of the region.

The Institute also urges both Federal and State Governments to ensure that public and stakeholders

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engagements are further expanded to reach larger audience and more targeted to communities likely to be impacted directly by the project. The Institute is in the opinion that past public engagements that have been undertaken to fulfill the requirements of the Land Public Transport Act 2010 and as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the corridor determination are not deep and comprehensive enough for such a major infrastructure project. It is crucial that social impact of the ECRL be studied thoroughly and that mitigation options are evaluated to prioritize on minimizing its impacts to local communities including the rural settlements and the orang asli.

The Institute also urges the authorities to ensure that the alignment and stations undergone due processes for planning approvals as per the requirement of the Town and Country Planning Act 1976 (Act 172) as well as all other relevant approval processes. The ECRL should be a project that demonstrate best planning and engineering practice in regards to transparency, public engagements, environmental consideration, social benefits, and placemaking.

The Institute is willing to provide assistance to both Federal and State Government and the Malaysia Rail Link Sdn Bhd in whatever form to deliver a better environmental and social benefits of the rail infrastructure to the people.

PR1MA has township developments in the pipeline

By Shawn Ng Tue, 12 Sep 2017
www.edgeprop.my

PETALING JAYA (Sept 12): Perbadanan PR1MA Malaysia (PR1MA) is preparing to launch a few new townships, with one or two still in the process of getting approvals, said its CEO Datuk Abdul Mutalib Alias.

"We already have a team working on township developments. We will announce at the right time," he told reporters today.

He said two potential locations for PR1MA to roll out its township developments are a 142-acre site at Teluk Intan, Perak and a 110.5-acre

parcel at Teluk Kumbar, Penang.

"There are also other townships that are bigger than the two developments," he added. Abdul Mutalib was speaking at a press conference after signing a memorandum of agreement with the Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP) to jointly organise a township design competition called the PR1MA-MIP Township Ideas Competition 2017/18, which is themed "Youth in Community — Why I See".

The competition aims to generate interest among youths, young graduates and newly practicing planning firms to participate and engage in developing design and planning ideas for creating a quality housing environment, neighbourhood and township with special interest in youths and community, said Abdul Mutalib.

"The theme of this competition is to create a residential township that enhances community spirit in a well-planned, sustainable and resilient development with special focus on the roles of youths and the needs in the community," he said.

He added that this competition will also help PR1MA gain better insights into the needs of consumers, which will complement their ongoing efforts of creating a quality, conducive and harmonious living environment for the community.

With more than RM100,000 cash prizes up for grabs, the competition is divided into four categories:

Category 1: Neighbourhood Design Ideas for Students (planning, architecture and landscape)

Category 2: Township Design Ideas for MIP Young Graduates (planning)

Category 3: Green Township Design for MIP New Planning Firms (planning)

Category 4: PR1MA Research Proposal (open to public)

Under Categories 2 and 3, participants will be using the Teluk Intan and Teluk Kumbar sites to design their townships. Registration for the competition will be opened from Sept 11 to Oct 10. The deadline for Category 1 is Nov 30 this year while the other three categories is Feb 5 next year.

The Tanjung Bungah, Penang - Construction Site Tragedy. 21 October 2017

MIP Press Release 25 Oct 2017

1. We are deeply saddened by the loss of eleven lives at a single construction site. It is a tragedy to the families, the state and the nation. Condolences from Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP) to the families.

2. This tragedy has brought many comments from various quarters and stakeholders. Whilst opinions are welcome and necessary, for an informed society, some might be misleading and often politicised thus leading away from the pertinent issues at hand.

3. MIP is of the opinion that the construction industry system and processes should be reviewed in terms of responsibility and accountability of various parties rather than merely on the need of speedy approvals as advocated by many others in the industry. MIP strongly thinks that the existing policies and guidelines for developments on hill slopes/hill sites needs to be reviewed immediately, to address the crucial issues of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). We need to move forward and find ways to reduce the possibility of recurrence of this tragedy.

4. We take note that rapid urbanization, throughout the world and in Malaysia, has increased the pressure on our limited natural resources such as land. Tanjung Bungah is a reflection of the existing challenges and needs between economic and environmental sustainability.

5. This site tragedy has to be seen from various aspects. We will focus on two important ones. i) The approval process, planning permission (Kebenaran Merancang) as stated in Town and country Planning Act 1976 (Act 172) and the construction process on site. The process on site has been fully explained by IEM

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and MIP is in agreement with their views. Implementing all safety and engineering requirements at the site is a must.

6. MIP would like to call all parties to support the strengthening of the process of Planning Permission. Kebenaran Merancang is the key approval needed for all developments and should be strengthened further by the contributions of all experts and professionals. Calls for the process to be expedited should not be at the expense of safety, the environment, the impact on livability and the general interest of the public at large. This tragedy has reminded us of the need to review existing approval processes and be more stringent and complete in our guidelines and legislations.

7. MIP hopes that the decision making process must include public objections and views and all planning decisions be made transparent and accountable. The possibility of uploading decisions of the Local Authority for public scrutiny should be seriously considered.

8. MIP is willing to work closely with all quarters and all level of government, professionals, consultants including stakeholders in assisting and providing professional expertise and input in achieving a safe, healthy, comfortable and sustainable environment.

TPr Ihsan Zainal Mokhtar
President,
Malaysian Institute of Planners.
25 October 2017.

Female Malaysian mayor to head UN's urbanisation agenda

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SEATTLE, Dec 21 — A Malaysian woman is set to take the helm of the United Nations agency seeking to improve life in fast-growing cities, which will be home to two-thirds of the world by 2050.

The United Nations (UN) Secretary-General has appointed Datuk Maimunah Mohd Sharif, a qualified town planner and currently Mayor of the City Council of Malaysia's tranquil, tropical Penang Island, to head UN-Habitat, based in Kenya.

Maimunah previously managed Penang Island's George Town World Heritage Site, the oldest part of Malaysia's second largest city, which is popular with tourists for its colonial history and architecture.

As executive director of UN-HABITAT, Maimunah will battle to boost donor funding for the 40-year-old agency, which fell dramatically under former Barcelona mayor Joan Clos. Another key focus will be implementing the agency's New Urban Agenda, a 20-year vision for sustainable cities, adopted at last year's Habitat III conference in Ecuador.



UN-Habitat predicts the number of people living in cities will almost double to 7 billion in 2050 from 3.7 billion today, with many mired in squalor if urbanisation is poorly managed. Maimunah's first major event in February will be on home turf in Malaysia's capital, Kuala Lumpur, which will host the World Urban Forum, the UN's premiere global event on cities.

The UN General Assembly is expected to formally approve Maimunah's appointment soon, the UN said in a statement.

Prior to Clos, who took office in 2010, UN-Habitat was led by Tanzania's former housing minister Anna Tibaijuka. — Thomson Reuters Foundation

Source: <http://www.themalaymailonline.com/malaysia/article/female-malaysian-mayor-to-head-uns-urbanisation-agenda#ltp6KVk8zulLQB3P.99>

MALAYSIAN TOWN PLANNERS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

4 March 2017

Congratulations to winning team.

Champion - Sime Darby team

1st Runner up - MPSJ team

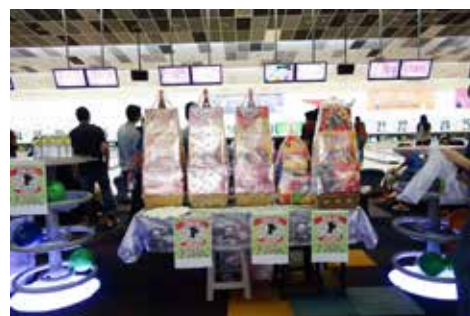
2nd Runner Up - MBSA team

Thank you to all 29 teams who participated and support the event.

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● SS Plan ● JPBD ● Fourmate ● UIA ● ANZ Planners ● Rekarancang ● Arahrancang

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PLEDGE & PLANT A TREE

PUTRAJAYA - NILAI - KUALA TERENGGANU - KULAI - KUCHING

18th November 2017



ACTIVITIES

MIP APPRECIATION DINNER AND MyPLACE AWARDS NIGHT 2017

23rd November 2017



KUALA KUBU BHARU : A GARDEN CITY TOUR

11th November 2017



EVENTS

PUBLIC TALK – HOUSING AS HABITAT: A CASE OF MARKET FAILURE OR INSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION?

Article Source: Khazanah Research Institute official website

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that loans extended at high financing costs to people who could not afford to pay are highly detrimental to the wider economy. In this way, home ownership backed by easy credit programs can cause macroeconomic problems if not properly managed.

Oxley concluded his lecture by emphasizing that in the context of the housing sector, both institutions and markets can and have failed. Housing problems that stem from market failures need appropriate institutional responses to address them. To develop effective housing policies, governments must clearly specify the policy objectives and use evidence to decide on policy options. Governments must also separate policy elements that can be supported by evidence from those that depend on value judgements. Lastly, it is vital for housing policies to clearly state the social and economic benefits of efficient and equitable housing for the benefit of the wider society.

After his keynote lecture, Oxley, along with a few other industry experts engaged in a panel dialogue that was moderated by me. During the session, speakers shared some of their thoughts on the ideas raised in Oxley's lecture and more generally, the role of governments and the market (private sector firms) in the provision of housing. The panel speakers comprised of Encik Jayaselan Navaratnam, Deputy Director General, National Housing Department, Malaysia; YBhg. Datuk Seri Fateh Iskandar bin Tan Sri Dato' Mohamed Mansor, President, Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (REHDA); and Puan Norliza Hashim, Secretary General, Eastern Regional Organization for Planning and Human Settlements (EAROPH).

High housing prices have caused government-assisted housing programmes to extend its reach beyond the B40, and in some cases, up to the T20, in many states. In other words, due to the high prices of houses produced by the private sector, the government has stepped in to provide homes to many more households. This has raised doubts on the government's

fiscal sustainability of these programmes, as well as whether the government is 'buffering' an inefficient private sector. Encik Jayaselan argued that the real issue is the increasing debt ratio of households, especially the B40 households, which renders them unable to afford to buy a house. He also stressed that developers as well as buyers both have a role to play. While developers and housing providers look at income levels to evaluate eligibility, home-seekers need to be honest in ensuring that they are truly eligible to receive assistance. Jayaseelan added that this requires greater data availability so that decisions are made based on concrete evidence.

On the issue of affordable housing, Datuk Seri Fateh called for federal, state, local government and financial institutions to collectively play their roles in addressing housing issues. He highlighted the issue of the increasing cost of building materials that have been partly contributed by government levies, particularly in the case of steel. Additionally, Datuk Seri Fateh highlighted the high additional charges by state governments such as conversion premiums, contribution charges and compliance costs. The privatization of utility and infrastructure companies made these entities more profit oriented, causing them to charge more for new housing developments. Datuk Seri Fateh assured that REHDA is always keen to work closely with KPKT and federal agencies to overcome these problems, but stressed that state governments must play a greater role. He suggested that to build affordable homes, there is a need to give tax incentives and waive the charges to reduce production costs for developers.

Puan Norliza stressed on the need to take spatial dynamics into account given that housing must be seen as part of a greater ecosystem. She argued that it makes less sense now to contextualize people and their habitat within geographic and territorial boundaries, as many now live and work at places that are very much different and further away. With this

phenomenon, she highlighted the importance of ensuring the standards of liveability with similar quality and availability of infrastructures and spaces, at both home and work places. As these issues are becoming more important, she highlighted that we need to be clear by what we mean by liveable, particularly with regards to the quality and type of infrastructure and services, such as the area's public transport, road connectivity, public spaces and schools. Norliza thus called for a greater integration of involvement between planners, state councils and local councils. She suggested that one of the ways to achieve this is that we may need to review and rethink the existing single land use system, and consider a mixed land use system that allows for more integrated development.

The event ended with a lunch networking session for the participants.



INTERNATIONAL SHORT COURSE 2017

Organized by Ikatan Ahli Perencana DKI Jakarta

International Short Course 2017 is a comprehensive learning program for professionals offering a study about Urban Planning and Development. Participants are challenged to gain a new insight and discuss their view with experts, practitioners and knowledgeable researchers about the issue.

This program offers a series of courses on Urban Planning issues – policy, land use, transport, housing, land renewal issue – which provides fundamental grounds for more advanced learning not only in Indonesia but also Malaysia. These subjects will be academically delivered in an objective and balanced point of views.

The purpose is to equip participants with a breadth of knowledge about Urban Planning and Development with relevant approaches to analyze various issues such as housing, city development, transportation, urban renewal, urban economics issues related to the study of Urban Planning & Development nowadays.



EVENTS

HARI PERANCANGAN BANDAR SEDUNIA 2017 DAN HARI HABITAT SEDUNIA 2017

Majlis perasmian Sambutan Hari Perancangan Bandar Sedunia 2017 dan Hari Habitat Sedunia 2017 di Puteri Harbour, Iskandar Puteri oleh YB Tan Sri Noh b. Hj Omar, Menteri Kesejahteraan Bandar, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT).



SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION PROGRAMME

Sustainable Urbanisation Programme co-hosted by Malaysian Institute Of Planners and Urbanice Malaysia, in partnership with Prince Foundation. A good sharing session with HRH Prince of Wales on sustainable development, urbanisation, national development plans, low carbon cities, Young People's Lab ,KULDesign, River of Life and WUF9.



ECO URBAN PICNIC 2017

12th November 2017

In conjunction with World Town Planning Day (WTPD) 2017 and taking advantage of MBSA 11th Anniversary celebration in November, MIP Youth Wing initiated the Young Planners – Eco Urban Picnic 2017 program which anticipated to be one of the highlight event organized by MIPYW in 2017.

Goals

The goal of the program can be divided into two focus: -

1. Community / Public - To create an open forum for people to discuss on urban issues within the context of the event theme (sustainable living / low carbon city). We shall to use this opportunity to learn more about what people thought and needs.

2. Young Planners - To promote and engage with Young Planners to increase the quality of membership through extensive outreach program.

Objectives

The objectives of the program are:

1. To develop and maintain communication between community / young planners at all levels
2. To increase membership and encourage Young Planners and students to involve in MIP program

3. Knowledge sharing and engaging ideas from the professionals and stakeholders.

4. To create awareness of Town Planning profession to the community and potential planning students.

Activities

1. Picnic
2. 'Sukan Rakyat'
3. Reading Corner – book sharing programme
4. Panellist session – Title : What do we want with our city?

Participants

The event has successful attracted more than 200 participants from various background: -

1. Community / Public
2. Student Members – Universities / Private Colleges
3. MIP Members
4. Public Sector - Local Authorities, Technical Agencies, State Owned Company, etc.

Event Details

Date : 12th November 2017 (Sunday)

Time : 8.00am – 12.00pm

Venue : Dataran Kemerdekaan MBSA, Shah Alam



SPECIAL REPORTS

SUMMARY OF THE NINTH SESSION OF THE WORLD URBAN FORUM 7-13 FEBRUARY 2018



The ninth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9) took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from Wednesday, 7 February, to Tuesday, 13 February 2018, on the theme "Cities 2030 – Cities For All: Implementing the New Urban Agenda." WUF9 was the first Forum to convene since the adoption of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) at the Habitat III conference in Quito, Ecuador, in 2016. The Forum accordingly focused on arrangements and actions for implementation, with many delegates and participants emphasizing the importance of public, private and civil society cooperation in order to fully achieve the NUA. Many speakers highlighted the NUA as a way of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and called for aligning NUA monitoring and reporting with the follow-up and review process for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 11 on sustainable cities.

Najib Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, opened WUF9 at an official ceremony on Thursday, 8 February.

WUF9 welcomed UN-Habitat's new Executive Director, Maimunah Mohd Sharif, former Mayor of Penang, Malaysia.

The week of meetings began with five World Assembly meetings of the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) constituency groups that previously provided input to the Habitat III process. Dialogues, special sessions, networking events and exhibitions took place at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre and at various venues around Kuala Lumpur during the week. Ministerial-level roundtables and many special sessions convened to discuss concerns and share examples of good policies and practices toward sustainable and inclusive urbanization.

The WUF takes place every two years as a technical forum and an open and inclusive platform for a wide range of stakeholders in urban development. Stakeholder roundtables at WUF9 took stock of NUA implementation, considered how to strategically engage with the UN system, and discussed strengthening and scaling

up their work. The media roundtable highlighted the value of UN-Habitat's Urban Journalism Academy initiative, which has conducted 26 training exercises on five continents. At the roundtable of grassroots organizations, Slum Dwellers International (SDI), the Huairou Commission, Cities Alliance and United Cities and Local Governments called on delegates to view grassroots organizations as equal partners, and highlighted multi-stakeholder partnerships as essential for devising innovative solutions to the challenges of urbanization.

At the close of WUF9, delegates adopted the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Cities 2030.

This report provides a summary of WUF9 high-level events and most special sessions.

To get WUF9 daily bulletin, go to: <http://wuf9.org/daily-bulletins/>

KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION ON CITIES 2030

Source: <http://wuf9.org/kuala-lumpur-declaration/>

We, the participants of the Ninth session of the World Urban Forum - representing national, subnational and local governments, parliamentarians, civil society, older persons, women, youth, children, persons with disabilities, grassroots groups, indigenous peoples and local communities, private sector, foundations and philanthropies, international and regional organizations, academia, professionals and other relevant stakeholders - gathered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to localize and scale up the implementation of the New Urban Agenda as an accelerator to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Led by a strong spirit of collaboration, creativity and innovation, we share our aspirations for the future of Cities 2030 as the Cities for all where no-one and no place is left behind.

To this end, we call for the deployment of all efforts, means and resources available towards the operationalization of the concept of

cities for all, ensuring that all inhabitants, of present and future generations, without discrimination of any kind, are able to inhabit and produce just, safe, healthy, accessible, affordable, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements to foster prosperity and quality of life for all.

We believe that global, regional, national and local implementation frameworks of the New Urban Agenda being formulated since its adoption should be supported by key enablers capable of unlocking positive transformation, such as:

- Strengthening the role of subnational and local governments, urban governance systems that ensure continuous dialogue among different levels of government and participation of all actors, and increasing multilevel and cross-sectoral coordination, transparency and accountability.
- Encouraging sharing of creative solutions and innovative practices

which enable a shift in mindset necessary to drive change.

- Building inclusive partnerships and strengthening age and gender responsive environments to ensure meaningful participation and engagement at all levels.
- Adopting integrated territorial development, including through appropriate urban planning and design instruments, to ensure sustainable management and use of natural resources and land, appropriate compactness and density, diversity of uses, and revitalization of cultural heritage.
- Deploying monitoring and reporting mechanisms, including assessment of impacts, that encourage best practices for effective policy making.

We draw attention to the persistent challenges faced by our cities and human settlements, such as:

- Limited opportunities and mechanisms for youth, women and grassroots organizations, as well as other civil society organizations, local, subnational and national governments, international and regional bodies to work together in planning, implementation and monitoring;

- Inequitable access to the city, including to decent jobs, public space, affordable and adequate housing and security of land tenure, safe, efficient and accessible public transport and mobility systems, infrastructure and other basic services and goods that cities offer;

- Insufficient protection from human rights violations, including forced evictions, and inadequate inclusion of people living in poverty, persons with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups in urban planning, design, and legislation processes;

- Gender inequalities in urban economic and leaderships spheres.

We recognize that today we face emerging challenges that require urgent actions, including:

- Recognizing that crises are increasingly urban, which calls for inclusive urbanization tools adapted to local contexts and to the nature of natural and human made disasters and conflicts, as well as to guide humanitarian assistance, fast track recovery, and contribute to building and sustaining peace.

- Managing the complexities of increased migration into cities, at all levels, leveraging positive contributions of all and using more inclusive planning approaches that facilitate social cohesion and create economic opportunities;

- Understanding the impact of new technologies and potential of open and accessible data, which require governance and design models that help to ensure no one is left behind;

- Addressing growing social and cultural inequalities, lack of access to economic opportunities, that are increasingly manifested in cities.

- Responding to environmental degradation and climate change concerns.

Actionable recommendations

We, the participants of the WUF9, leveraging the advantage of the Forum, which convenes thousands of decision

makers, key actors, stakeholders and communities, generated a wealth of ideas.

We encourage the acceleration of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda through:

Frameworks

1. Encourage the formulation of implementation frameworks for the New Urban Agenda at all levels, including monitoring mechanisms, providing a coordinated space for an effective contribution from all stakeholders, aligning to the efforts and actions of the 2030 Agenda and other international, regional, national, subnational and local development frameworks.

2. Support the creation and consolidation of inclusive platforms and agendas for dialogue among all levels of government, decision makers and stakeholders such as regional, national and local Urban Forums and committees that can strengthen policy review and assessment of impacts. These can also foster exchange of experiences and cooperation, as well as scaling up voluntary commitments and actions from all partners.

3. Further develop and advocate for integrated territorial development, which includes integration of sectoral policies, institutions and investment; integration among the different spheres of government; spatial integration across the urban-rural continuum; improved coordination across actors; and enhanced alignment of national, subnational and local policies with international agendas.

4. Adapt innovative and robust mechanisms for the diversification and expansion of the means of implementation, to cater for complex and integrated approaches promoted by the New Urban Agenda. Technological innovations and improvements, research, capacity building, technical assistance and partnership development, among others, may require enhanced resourcing.

Governance and partnerships

5. Adopt multiple collaborative governance mechanisms that actively engage national, subnational and local governments, all groups of society, including youth, women and grassroots organizations and particularly the excluded, vulnerable and disadvantaged groups. This work in solidarity is critical to promote more buy-in and co-responsibility in the

activities towards sustainable urban development, and to ensure the sustainability of the results.

6. Promote multi-stakeholder constituency-based coalitions to use the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to better prevent, prepare, and respond to urban crises.

Innovative solutions

7. Foster a culture of creativity and innovation to be embedded in the way cities and human settlements operate.

8. Develop monitoring and data collection mechanisms, including community generated data, to enhance availability of information and disaggregated and comparable data at city, functional urban areas and community levels. This would promote informed and evidence-based decision making and policy formulation, assessing progress and impact at all levels.

9. Create an enabling environment and develop capacities for scaling up of good practices including municipal finance, sustainable private and public investments in urban development and job creation, and generating value while advancing the public good.

10. Adopt accessibility and universal design as core principles into national, subnational and local action plans for implementing the New Urban Agenda through inclusive, accessible and participatory processes and consultations.

We, the participants of the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum, recognize the value of the Forum convened by UN-Habitat as an inclusive platform to collect inputs from a broad range of stakeholders and to feed these into annual and quadrennial reporting on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

We call to further develop the role of UN-Habitat as a focal point in the United Nations system to support all countries and mobilization of stakeholders in the implementation, follow up and review of the New Urban Agenda, including through scaled up normative support.

We thank the Government of Malaysia, the City of Kuala Lumpur, and UN-Habitat for organizing the Forum, and commit to provide continuous cooperation to the next hosts, the Government of the United Arab Emirates and the city of Abu Dhabi.

Kuala Lumpur, 13 February 2018

REPORTS FROM UNIVERSITIES - UiTM

SEMINAR ON ISSUES & PROSPECTS OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

24 May 2017 at Faculty of Architecture, Planning & Surveying, UiTM Shah Alam.
Reported by Assoc. Prof. TPr. Dr. Oliver Ling Hoon Leh and TPr. Dr. Marlyana Azyyati Marzukhi



The seminar on the theme of "Issues and Prospects of Housing Development" has been organised by the Centre of Studies for Town and Regional Planning, UiTM, Kampus Puncak Alam on Wednesday 24 May 2017. The main purpose of the seminar is to discuss the latest issues and prospects of housing development in Malaysia during this "property slow pick-up" period.

The first speaker, Prof. Sr. Dr. Tieng Kien Hwa is an academician and Property Investment expert in UiTM Shah Alam. Some of the important points highlighted by Prof. Sr. Dr. Tieng Kien Hwa during his presentation entitled 'Housing Markets and Prospects in Malaysia':

- a. The economic factors in Malaysia, which includes the GDP growth rate, the consumer sentiments index, people spending plans, consumer price index, and business conditions survey.
- b. Directions of banking loans which affected the growth of property markets.
- c. Property market transactions since 2012 until 2016. There was a drop of transaction volume around 11.9% and the transaction value decreased 16.4%.
- d. Residential property market consideration in major cities in Peninsular Malaysia.
- e. Changes of house price index as at Q3, 2016.
- f. The relationship between headline inflation and housing price index.
- g. The data on overhang units in Klang Valley.
- h. Property market outlook and prospects.

The second speaker, YBhg Datin TPr. Hj. Mazrina Dato' Abdul Khalid is a practising Town Planner and a Council Member of Malaysian Institute of Planners. She successfully presented the evolution of town planning layout design concept, pattern and style in her presentation entitled 'Housing Layout Design & Guidelines: Necessity for Changes'. Her discussion on the evolution of design concept started with "Earlier Concept", followed by "Garden Concept", "Theme Concept" and ended with "Sustainable Liveable Concept" as the current and future trend of town planning design. Furthermore, she also presented the related planning guidelines and urban design guidelines in the seminar. YBhg Datin TPr. Hj. Mazrina Dato' Abdul Khalid concluded her presentation by mentioning that "Housing today is rather a social welfare issue where it is not seen as just a product or asset..... Guidelines have to accommodate the new changes. Collaborative efforts between academician, government sectors and industry players are required...."

The third speaker, Mr. Jayaselan A/L Navaratnam is the Deputy Director-General of the National Housing Department, Ministry of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Malaysia. His presentation entitled 'Housing Protection for Buyers' discussed on the right and protection to home buyers. He presented the relevant acts in Malaysia in relation to the housing development. Certainly, home buyers are well protected under the law. The main topics covered by Mr. Jayaselan are:

- a. Function of the department
- b. Akta Pemajuan Perumahan (Kawalan dan Pelesenan), Akta 118



- c. Direct and indirect protection to home buyers
- d. Compliance and investigation in relation to the house purchasing
- e. Sales and purchase agreement, and other related topics.

The fourth speaker is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Perumahan Rakyat 1Malaysia (PR1MA), YBhg Dato' Ar. Aminuddin Abdul Manaf. He delivered presentation on the 'Affordable Housing – National Housing Program'. Here are some interesting points on the topic:

- a. Factors affecting supply and demand of housing
- b. Migration trend from rural to urban areas since independence
- c. Rapid urbanisation in Malaysia since 1950s.
- d. Mismatch in demand and supply
- e. Government housing programmes (serving B20 and M70 categories)
- f. Overview of PR1MA
- g. Understanding the PR1MA Act 2012





Planning Student Assembly 2017 (PSA2017)
14-18 Ogos 2017



KUL Design Month 2017
Photojournalism Exhibition "Lorong Belakang Kita"
City Connect Board Game



National E-Content Development Competition
Bronze Award for
Advanced GIS For Planners
Basic GIS For Planners



Young Planners Eco Urban Picnic in conjunction with the World
Town Planning Day 2017



Pledge A Tree in conjunction with the World Town Planning Day
2017



Majlis Kecemerlangan FSPU 2017



Majlis Pra Graduan FSPU 2017:
Anugerah Pelajar Terbaik Pusat Pengajian
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Academic Visit to KHU and KIEAE:
Cooperation between FSPU and Kyung Hee University and Korea Institute of Environment Architecture and Ecological.



PRIMA-MIP IDEAS TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION 2017/18

REPORTS FROM UNIVERSITIES - UM



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The department is committed to have external experts' involvements in our teaching, learning and evaluation activities. We are grateful to have TPr. Nik Ruiz & Datin Paduka Halimaton (Rekarancang), TPr.



conservation as part of our Urban Design and Conservation course. Previous similar studies were conducted in Singapore in 2014, Perth in 2015 and Sydney in 2016.

The 3rd year students of Urban and Regional Planning from the Faculty of Built Environment, University Malaya departed for Japan from the 29th March to 6th April 2017 on a mission to conduct a study on urban design and



URP UM 4th year student, Muhammad Izzudin Bin Zafrol participated in the 2nd Built Environment Undergraduate Research Competition (BEURC) and won the second place in the poster category under the subtheme of Architecture and Planning. His poster is titled, "Bus Service Quality in City Center : A Study of Perak Transit".



TPr. Associate Professor Dr Melasutra Md Dali and Dr Nikmatul Adha Nordin were invited to "KURSUS PEMAHAMAN INNOVASI PERANCANGAN BANDAR : PHYSICAL DESIGN" which was organized by Institut Latihan Kementerian Perumahan Dan Kerajaan Tempatan (I-KPKT) on 28th to 30th March 2017.



Funded under UM Living Lab Research Grant, an edible garden (Laman Sayuran dan Herba) was created at Baitulmaab (Pondok Moden for elderly), Temerloh, Pahang. This community-based project was done to encourage active living among the residents of the home.



Funded by Sumitomo Foundation research grant, a collaboration has been established between UM, Utsunomiya University and Majlis Perbandaran Taiping to introduce Machinoeki (Human Stations) in Taiping. A series of meetings and fieldworks have been taking place throughout the year to launch the first Machinoeki in Malaysia in October 2017.



URP Open Day was held on 25th May 2017 to exhibit students' works as well as to raise awareness to the camous community on planning. The exhibition includes Draft Structure Plan Perak 2040, Draft Special Area Plan Bukit Larut 2035,, redevelopment of Section 13 PJ and urban design comparative study Japan.



Some collaborations have been established between UM and participating schools under research grants by Mr DIY. The grants require UM lecturers to mentor the participating schools to create products from Mr DIY that can be used by participating charity homes. The lecturers involved are Dr Yong Adilah and Dr Zakaria Alcheikh Mahmoud. They work closely with Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Damansara Utama and Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Bintang Utara.



The department makes an initiative to conduct a yearly post internship workshop for our graduating students. The main objectives of the workshop are to provide a platform for students to share their experiences of doing internships at government and private sectors, as well as to equip them with key knowledge and skills as they are entering the job market. The 2-days workshop was conducted at Hotel Alami Garden, Shah Alam on 15-16 July. A pre-graduation dinner was held on 15th July at the hotel



Pre-graduation dinner for final year students on 15th July at Alami Garden Hotel.



URP UM participated in the Planning Students Assembly 2019 in Universiti Teknologi MARA Seri Iskandar in August 2017. The UM delegate won first place in Musical Theatre Paraody, and was announced as the second planner winner in overall PSA competition.



A group of students from Utsunomiya University Japan visited the department on 30 August 2017. A joint workshop on basic planning skills was conducted by Dr Yong Adilah involving URP UM students and the delegate. Dr Goh Hong Ching delivered a lecture on environmental management and issues in Malaysia.

REPORTS FROM UNIVERSITIES - USM

LAPORAN DARIPADA UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA

News 1:

PENGAMBILAN PERTAMA PROGRAM IJAZAH SARJANA MUDA PERANCANGAN BANDAR DAN WILAYAH

Permulaan sidang 2017/18 iaitu pada bulan Sept 2017 merupakan pengambilan pertama pelajar-pelajar yang akan mengikuti program pengajian Ijazah Sarjana Muda Perancangan Bandar dan Wilayah empat tahun. Sebelum ini pelajar perlu menamatkan pengajian selama tiga tahun Ijazah Sarjana Muda Sains (Perumahan, Bangunan dan Perancangan) (Perancangan Bandar dan Wilayah) dan perlu satu tahun tambahan iaitu pengajian Sarjana Perancangan Bandar dan Wilayah (3 + 1) untuk mendapat ijazah professional.

Pelajar yang berjaya menamatkan program 4 tahun ini akan memperolehi Ijazah Sarjana Muda Perancangan Bandar & Wilayah yang merupakan ijazah profesional yang diiktiraf oleh Pertubuhan Perancang Malaysia (MIP) and Lembaga Perancang Bandar Malaysia (LPBM).

Maklumat lanjut boleh diperolehi di laman sesawang berikut: <https://hbp.usm.my/index.php/ms/>

News 2:

USM WON THE BEST CONTINGENT TITLE THREE TIMES IN A ROW AT PLANNING STUDENT ASSEMBLY (PSA)

Planning Student Assembly (PSA), which held biannually, is a program that brings together the urban and regional planning students from local universities. PSA serves the purpose as the platform for socialization and networking between the students and the universities. Most importantly, PSA encourages the urban and regional planning students from various backgrounds to take a closer look at urban planning issues and problems.

Held at Universiti Teknologi Mara (Seri Iskandar Campus) from 14th to 18th August 2017, PSA 2017 has chosen "Go Green, Go Beyond Green Knowledge" as this year's theme. PSA 2017 had gathered more than 200 urban and regional planning students (see Picture 1) from seven (7) local universities namely: Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM), Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Teknologi MARA Puncak Alam (UiTM Puncak Alam), Universiti Teknologi MARA Seri Iskandar (UiTM Seri Iskandar) and Politeknik Sultan Abdul Halim Muadzam Shah (POLIMAS); and Universitas Pakuan Bogor from Indonesia.



Picture 1: PSA 2017 participants

Source: UTM Planning Student Assembly 2017 Facebook

The urban and regional planning students' understanding on urban planning issues and demands were tested through three (3) competitions that are Model Development, Musical Theatre and Amazing Race. The students were asked to study a site located in Perak Tengah District and the results were used to propose a development plan, which presented in the form of both model and report. Other than entertainment purpose, the Musical Theatre competition main aim was to stimulate the students' passion in creative thinking in conveying urban planning issues and messages through acting in addition to further develop their self-confidence and communication skills. The Amazing Race competition was designed to deepen the teamwork and to enhance the problem solving skills. In addition, the Amazing Race competition was also to promote the State of Perak's cultural and heritage assets (Kellie's Castle, Herbs Garden, Labu Sayong Seri Iskandar, and Street Art) (see Pictures 2 and 3).



Picture 2: Amazing Race at Kellie's Castle



Picture 3: Amazing Race at Street Art

Other than the three (3) main competitions, PSA 2017 has outlined activities that are related to the "Go Green, Go Beyond Green Knowledge" theme: Tree Planting Program (see Picture 4) and Awareness on Turtle Conservation Program (see Picture 5), in addition to a forum session with the Malaysian Institute of Planner which act as an initiative to expose the students to the organization.



Picture 4: Tree Planting Program



Picture 5: Awareness on Turtle Conservation Program

30 Urban and Regional Planning (URP) students and two (2) lecturers of School of Housing, Building and Planning (HBP) of USM have participated in PSA 2017 (see Picture 6). The PSA 2017 preparation has been done within one month timeframe where during this time, students worked together to build the model from scratch (see Picture 7) and tirelessly practiced for the musical theatre performance (see Picture 8). The bonding spirit between URP students was clearly observed where senior students and URP HBP graduates have spent their valuable time to share their opinions on the model development and to coach the USM delegates with the musical theatre performance (Green Development Theme) (see Picture 9).



Picture 6a: USM delegates



Picture 6b: USM delegates



Picture 7a: Model development from scratch



Picture 7b: Model development from scratch (competition day)



Picture 8: Musical theatre practice at USM



Picture 9: Musical theatre practice with senior students at USM



Picture 10: The USM delegates achievements at PSA 2017

The students' hard work had been paid off with the big wins, achieved at PSA 2017 (see Pictures 10 and 11). The USM delegates bags four (4) awards: 1st place for The Best Contingent and Model Development, and 2nd place for Amazing Race and Musical Theatre. For the record, USM has won 3 times in a row as the Best Contingent since year 2013, 2015 and 2017. The students have translated their individual goals into actions and results. They have made an individual commitment to make a difference and work towards equipping themselves with ideas of sustainability for the future. Through PSA 2017, the students have sharpened their strong character traits, which proven to be essential for the planning and the decision-making processes. These exclusive experiences will help the students in many ways especially in assisting them to reach new heights of academic excellence and achievements.



Picture 11: USM delegates photo for The Best Contingent award at PSA 2017