

#### 56 **Developing 'Old Kuching Heritage'** as an attractive tourism product

The four components of Old Kuching Heritage are:

- Heritage Trail
- Kampung Heritage
- Riverfront Heritage • Business Heritage

**57 Empowering the** agriculture sector to increase output and improve the people's income

 Collaborating with anchor companies to help smallholders to market their produce.

 Creating a new breed of modern farmers who are knowledgeable and highly educated, utilising digital apps (Internet of Things IoT and so forth)

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## **Implementing** integrated agriculture development programmes

The setting-up of agro parks; collection, processing and packaging centres (CPPCs); and Permanent Food Production Parks (TKPM).

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## **Developing the** capacity of farmers organisations

 Building a new headquarters for the Sarawak Farmers Organisation (PPNS).

 Increasing the annual allocation to each Area Farmers Organisation (PPK).

**Purchasing** 

a special

cargo plane

Through Hornbill Skyways

to enable Sarawak to export

rural agricultural produce.

**Building more** 

affordable homes

The Sarawak government

is committed to providing

affordable homes to the low-

income group (B40) and middle-

income group (M40) through the

following programmes:

Rumah Spektra Permata,

which includes village expansion schemes (SPK) in Lundu,

Sematan, Igan, and Tian in Matu.

Affordable Housing Scheme

(RMM) including in Darul Hana,

Kuching; Kampung Tabuan

Melayu and Tabuan Foochow,

Kuching; Kemuyang, Sibu;

Kampung Kapit Baru, Kapit; and

Kampung Datu Baru, Sibu.

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Financing the development of the agriculture sector

 Venture capital initiative – strengthening the business model for the agriculture sector for farmers and other agriculture industry players. Agriculture Assistance Programme – offering various subsidies to farmers, funding initiatives for agropreneurs, private companies, and farmers organisations.

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**Upgrading of** infrastructure facilities and amenities of traditional villages under the Urban **Renewal Programme** 

Under this programme, three traditional villages in Kuching have been identified:

- Kampung Kudei Kampung Sungai Maong
- Kampung Segedup

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#### **Reducing house** construction costs

To ensure that house prices do not burden the people, especially the low-income (B40) and middle-income (M40) groups, the Sarawak government has encouraged developers to utilise the Industrialised Building System (IBS) for the construction of houses. The Housing Development Corporation (HDC) has taken the initiative to build an IBS manufacturing factory in Kuching. The ground-breaking ceremony was held on March 28, 2018.

## **Providing more** comfortable homes

Through Program Penambahbaikan Rumah Rakyat Miskin Sarawak (PPRMS).

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## **Free School Bus Service**

Free transportation for school students.

## **RM30** million **financial** assistance

For entrepreneurs under the Sarawak Micro Credit Scheme.

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## **Funding for** Sarawak Youth and Venture

RM4 million to produce excellence in youth and sports.

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# **Funding to help** graduates repay PTPTN

RM30 million to help Sarawakian graduates repay their PTPTN loans.

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# **Housing loan**

For the B40 group to purchase houses developed by HDC.

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## **Expanding** 24-hour electricity supply

For 14,000 rural households and 8,360 households using the off-grid system.

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## Water bill subsidy

Some 11,300 litres of free water for households in Sarawak equivalent to an RM5 water bill subsidy.

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# **Special monsoon** assistance for fishermen

RM300 a month each and equipment assistance.

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#### **Post-natal** care financial assistance for mothers

RM450 each for mothers for post-natal care.

## **Providing** free electricity

For 5,000 households in 192 kampungs or longhouses in rural areas that use the off-grid system of renewable energy.

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## **Expanding** free electricity connection

Free electricity connection for the low-income group if the cost is RM5,000 or below, and 70 per cent discount for connection charges between RM5,000 and RM10,000.

77 **Funding** for village security and development

> committee (JKKK) RM100 million allocated for JKKKs to hold

programmes and for

allowances.

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### **Funding for the Artificial Reef Ball Project along** Sarawak's coastline

RM60 million has been allocated for the artificial reef ball project along Sarawak's coastline to increase fisheries resources. This will also increase the catch and income of fishermen in Sarawak.

## **Strengthening** the maritime enforcement along Sarawak's coastline

The Sarawak government has allocated a special fund to empower the patrolling of Sarawak's coastline to protect Sarawak's waters and fisheries resources as well as increase fishermen's incomes.

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## Air ticket subsidy for Sarawakian students

Initiative is to ease the burden of Sarawakian students wishing to fly home to celebrate festivals.

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## **Advance payment on federal** government loans to rehabilitate dilapidated schools in Sarawak

The aim was to provide the allocation to hasten repair works on dilapidated schools in the state.