



**TRAFFIC MATTERS**

- The slip road closure at Jalan Cheras heading towards the MRR2 Highway from Kajang near Taman Billion Roundabout will continue 24 hours daily until July 30.
- Right-lane closures and road realignments will be carried out along Jalan Kuala Selangor for both Sungai Buloh and Kepong bound for 24 hours daily until Feb 19, 2018. The closure starts from FHM Equipment until the exit to Sri Damansara.
- A night lane closure will be carried out in stages along Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah (near Pos Malaysia) for both north and south-bound traffic until July 31 from 10pm to 6am, intermittently. The closures are to facilitate MRT works. For details, visit [www.mymrt.com.my](http://www.mymrt.com.my)

**BRIDGE CLOSURE**

The Sungai Jelok bridge at Jalan Bukit in Hulu Langat will be closed until Jan 1, 2018. The closure is to facilitate work by Hulu Langat Public Works Department (JKR), Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd and Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) in a flood mitigation project. For details, call 03-8911 4040.

**MBPJ MOBILE COUNTER**

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is opening a mobile EZ-Pay counter at SD 12/1 (near McDonald's and Petron petrol station) today until July 31, from 10am to 3pm. For details, visit [www.mbpj.gov.my](http://www.mbpj.gov.my)

**PROPERTY ROADSHOW**

Join fun activities and property talks by experts at StarProperty.my roadshow at Atria Shopping Gallery, Jalan SS22/23 Damansara Jaya, Petaling Jaya today until July 30 from 10am to 10pm. Win a home worth more than RM550,000 in PJ Midtown and Akemi Uchi products to be given away, subject to terms and conditions. For details, visit <http://fai.starproperty.my>

**BLOOD DONATION DRIVES**

- MBO Cinemas is organising a 'Superhero' blood donation campaign organised with St John Ambulance Malaysia and the National Blood Bank. It will take place in MBO cinemas in Kedah and Johor on Aug 4 and 5 at noon to 6pm and at MBO cinemas in the Klang Valley, Perak, Melaka, Sabah, Sarawak and Negri Sembilan on Aug 5 and 6 from noon to 6pm.
- Adcas Lifescience Sdn Bhd and Cosway (M) Sdn Bhd is organising a Charity Blood Donation Campaign to create wider public awareness of the need for regular blood donation and inspire those who have not yet donated blood to start. The theme of the campaign is 'Give Blood, Save Lives' with the slogan 'You're somebody's TYPE'. The campaign, supported by the National Blood Centre, includes health talks and will be held at Level UG, Publika Shopping Gallery from 10am tomorrow.

**FREE SME FORUM**

A Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Forum on Prospects and Career Path' will be jointly organised by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, Klang Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Malaysia Retail Chain Association and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman. It will be held at university's Sungai Long Campus Multipurpose Hall on July 31 from 9.30am to 12.15pm. Admission is free. Register by today. For details, email [inquiry@chinesechamber.org.my](mailto:inquiry@chinesechamber.org.my) or call 03-4253 2135 (Koyak).

**REUNION DINNER**

- The Royal Military College's 47th Annual Dinner for alumni will be held at One World Hotel in Petaling Jaya on Aug 5 at 8pm with Sarawak Governor Tun Abdul Taib Mahmud as the guest of honour. For details, call 012-212 2599 (CK Chua).
- Ex-Techs (Technical College Kuala Lumpur) is organising a Reunion Dinner on Aug 12 in Kuala Lumpur. For details, call 019-224 4636 (Ewe Kim Foo) and 012-391 6111 (Lim Kim Oum).



Marini (right) says the organic farm situated beside the SS2 composting facility has made RM531.50 from the sale of its first batch of 80 rock melons, grown with liquid fertiliser obtained from food waste collected from hawkers and market traders in SS2.



Secondary school students given a demonstration on how the composting machine works at the Integrated Biomass Centre in Bandar Bukit Puchong.

likely to listen to their children," said Mohd Zulkarnain.

**Ringgit and sen**

But the cost of effective message spreading, one that also involves show and tell, is not cheap.

For example, MBPJ had to set aside RM850,000 for its SS2 compost facility.

In a recent campaign, MPSJ presented 17 rotating bins, each costing RM500, to schools.

"The cost is nothing compared to the tipping fees we are paying for sending food waste to the landfill," said Marini.

She reasons if taxpayers can fork out RM540,000 per year to put food waste into landfills, why not choose to pay for an effort that will unlock more profits earned from creating chemical-free fertilisers, bio gas and a host of other recycled materials like liquid enzymes and agricultural produce?

So far, sales figures on products created by MPSJ and MBPJ from food waste recycling have been encouraging.

The organic farm situated beside

the SS2 compost facility has reported sales of RM531.50 from its first batch of 80 rock melons, grown with liquid fertiliser obtained from food waste collected from hawkers and market traders in SS2.

Sales for compost made from food waste in MPSJ touched RM20,000 last year.

Considering that the 2015 figures only recorded RM9,000, the jump is a sign of improvement.

"We used to give the food waste compost away. Now, people are paying RM7.50 per kg for it," said Mohd Hafiz.

At present, MPSJ receives about 500kg of food waste a day.

There is also a barter programme with Zone 23 Residents Committee where 1kg of food waste would be exchanged for 1kg of food waste compost.

Since its opening in April, MBPJ's SS2 compost facility recorded receiving up to 1,400kg of food waste.

The facility's project officer is also heading a programme with 100 houses in SS20, SS16, SS11, SS10, SS5 and SS22 to make compost out of food scraps.



MPSJ's sales of compost derived from food waste has jumped from RM9,000 to RM20,000 within two years. In the first year, many bags were given away but after samplings produced good results, sales soared.