

364 PROJECTS TO DEVELOP KELANTAN

Projects worth RM14.83b include airport upgrade

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A TOTAL of 364 projects worth RM14.83 billion are being implemented in Kelantan under the 11th Malaysia Plan (11MP).

Of these, 97 high-impact projects will be implemented at a cost of RM11.62 billion.

State Federal Development Department director Datuk Yahaya Mamat said among the high-impact projects were the upgrading of the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport at a cost of RM483 million and the Kota Baru-Kuala Krai Highway (Package 1B: Pasir Hor-Kadok) costing RM310.5 million.



Kelantan Federal Development Department director Datuk Yahaya Mamat (left) says the Federal Government has channelled RM90.13 million for 701 projects from 2014 to 2017 to the state. FILE PIC

Also included are the Kota Baru-Kuala Krai Highway (Package 2B: Ketereh-Kok Lanan) costing RM229.79 million; Kota Baru-Kuala Krai Highway (Package 2A:

Kadok-Ketereh) RM189.28 million; and the Central Spine Road (Package 3: Gua Musang-Kampung Relong, Pahang) RM253.5 million.

Yahaya said another project that would be implemented by the Federal Government was the construction of a flyover linking Kota Baru to the Wakaf Baru roundabout, worth RM144.49 million, to overcome congestion in the area.

“The Federal Government, through the Finance Ministry, has provided annual grants to Kelantan involving RM350 million until October last year,” he said at a briefing on Kelantan development here yesterday.

Yahaya said the allocation was to cover the shortfall of the state government’s operating expenditure, for salary payment, among others, amounting to RM54.6 million.

He added that the Federal Government, through the Urban Well-being, Housing and Local Government Ministry, had also channelled an annual grant of RM21.3 million to local authorities.

He said the allocation was for,

among others, the payment of staff salaries, purchase of administrative equipment, municipal services and programme implementation.

“The Federal Government has channelled RM90.13 million for 701 projects from 2014 to 2017 to help local authorities in the state maintain and upgrade their respective areas, so that the people enjoy an improved socio-economic status.”

Yahaya said RM168.86 million was provided for construction and repair of mosques and surau in the state.

He added that RM91.3 million was allocated last year to pay the allowances of imams, Quran and Fardu Ain teachers, Takmir teachers, district mosque coordinators and facilitators of family service centres, as well as aid for pondok schools (traditional Islamic schools), Sekolah Menengah Agama Rakyat and tahfiz institutes.