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KUALA LUMPUR CITY HALL

KUALA LUMPUR CITY GETS NEW MAYOR

Datuk Hj. Ruslin bin Hj. Hasan who had served City Hall Kuala Lumpur since 1974, created history by being the first serving officer of City Hall to be appointed the 7th Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, the largest Local Authority in the country.

Appointed initially for a two year term (Dec 14, 2004 – Dec 13, 2006), 54 year old veteran of City Hall Kuala Lumpur born in Masjid Tanah, Melaka is married to Datin Azizah bt. Jalil and is blessed with five children.

A keen golf player and scuba diver, Datuk Hj. Ruslin had his early education at the English Primary School Masjid Tanah (1957 – 1962), the Kubu Methodist Secondary School (1963 – 1966), St. David High School (1967 – 1968) and High School Melaka (1969 – 1970).

He progressed from the small town of Melaka to continue his

attended more than 47 courses, conferences and seminars including the prestigious Harvard Senior Executive Development Programme, the Special Programme on Housing Development, University College London and the Executive Development Programme Melbourne Business School, University of Melbourne.

The new Mayor also heads or sits on at least 10 organisations/Associations in various capacities (See box). Within City Hall itself, he heads at least 11 committees ranging from the Disciplinary Committee to the Town Planning Committee (TPCD).

For his exemplary and dedicated service, Datuk Hj. Ruslin was awarded the Excellent Service Award twice in 1995 and 1999 by City Hall.

At the National Level, he was bestowed the Ahli Manguku Negara (AMN) in 1984, the Kesatria Manguku Negara (KMN) 1996 and the Malacca State Award (DMSM) in 2001 which carries the title of Datuk.

City Hall staff and City News congratulate Datuk Hj. Ruslin on his latest appointment.

Meanwhile, Brig.Gen. Datuk Mohamad Shaïd bin Mohd Taufek ended his term of office on 13 December 2004 after presenting the 2005 Budget for City Hall. Mohamad Shaïd who was initially appointed on a two year term (14 Dec 2001 – 13 Dec 2003) had his tenure of office extended for another year (14 Dec 2003 – 13 Dec 2004).

Brig. Gen. Datuk Mohamad Shaïd who was the 6th Mayor of Kuala Lumpur took over the helm from Tan Sri Kamaruzzaman Shariff.



Datuk Hj. Ruslin bin Hj. Hasan, Mayor of Kuala Lumpur



Datuk Hj. Ruslin bin Hj. Hasan the seventh Mayor of Kuala Lumpur being welcomed by senior City Hall officers. Extreme left is Puan Normah bt. Malik (Deputy Director General Administration), behind Datuk Hj. Ruslin (left) is Hj. Amin Nordin (Deputy Director General (Development)), back is Hj. Salleh bin Yusup (Deputy Director General Services) and on extreme right in black is Hj. Shaari Yusoff (Deputy Director Administration). - Photo KL City News

higher education in Kuala Lumpur at University of Malaya and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Sociology/Anthropology. In 1986, he joined Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (1984 – 1986) and graduated with a MBA (Management).

In 1974, he joined City Hall Kuala Lumpur as a Tax Assesment Officer (Attachment) and served in various positions, moving up the ladder each time successively. On 1 January 2000, he was promoted to the position of Deputy Director General (Urban Management) and on 10 October 2001 elevated to the second highest position in City Hall Kuala Lumpur as Director General. Having an illustrious career over the last 30 years, he had served in literally all Departments in City Hall.

During his tenure of office in City Hall, Datuk Hj. Ruslin had

ASSOCIATIONS

1. VICE PRESIDENT, KUALA LUMPUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
2. FAM WORKING COMMITTEE MEMBER (EXCO) FOR THE 2004/2006 SESSION
3. PRESIDENT, FEDERAL TERRITORY KUALA LUMPUR ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL FOR 2002/2004
4. MEMBER IKATAN, CITY HALL KUALA LUMPUR
5. MEMBER OF UNIVERSITY MALAYA ALUMNI
6. MEMBER OF ADVISORY BOARD FOR ANAK-ANAK MELAKA ASSOCIATION (PERSAKA)
7. MEMBER OF JAWATANKUASA MAJLIS AGAMA ISLAM WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN
8. MEMBER OF SELANGOR SHOOTING CLUB
9. CHAIRMAN OF CITY HALL KUALA LUMPUR GOLF BUREAU
10. PATRON OF CITY HALL KUALA LUMPUR BOWLING CLUB

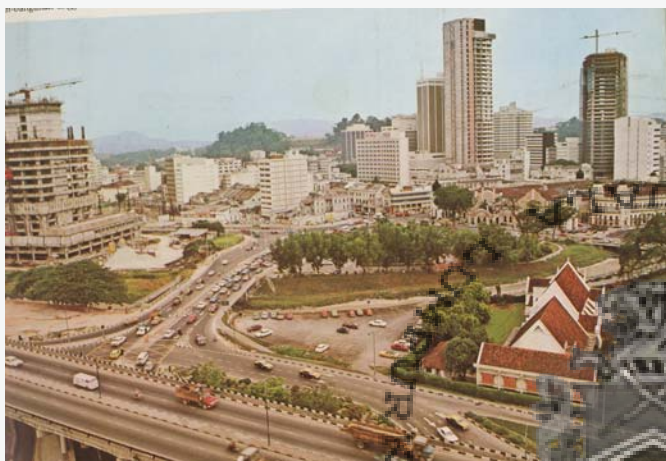


From the Mayor's Desk

1974 was a momentous year for me as that was the year I had just come on board City Hall Kuala Lumpur as a young 24 year old. My appointment was as Assesment Officer of City Hall.

It was also in 1974, a very significant moment in the history of Kuala Lumpur took place. The creation of the Federal Territory took place on February 1974 under the 1973 Constitution (Second Amendment) Act.

The creation of the Federal Territory was in line with the aspirations of the Federal Government to administer the nation's capital to meet the needs of a modern city comparable with the capitals of other developed countries in the world. It was during this time too that Kuala Lumpur's area was expanded from 93.24 sq.km to 243.65 sq.km.



Kuala Lumpur in the 1970's. On the extreme left is the City Hall Building under construction. On the extreme right is the St. Mary's Church. - Photo City Hall

The city today after 30 years, has seen tremendous growth and development. What we see today in metropolitan Kuala Lumpur is the hard work and effort put in by all the Mayor's before me. I too grew with City Hall and today 'Alhamdulillah' have been given the onerous and heavy task of helming the city as its seventh Mayor.

Tan Sri Yaacob Latiff was the Mayor in 1974 when I joined City Hall. Having served under five Mayors, I realise that each had his own style of management and administration. Each introduced some new ideas and projects to propel the city to greater heights and left a 'foot print' for posterity.

Today, the city boasts of a population of 1.7 million habitants and there are 373,846 premise owners paying assesment tax to City Hall. In 1974, when the population was

around 878,000 people, the budget of City Hall was only a few million ringgit. Today City Hall's budget has crossed the billion ringgit mark and exceeds that of some State governments.

The demands of the City's residents too have increased. Being the biggerst Local Authority in the country and also the nation's capital city, Kuala Lumpur is always in the spotlight. Both bouquets and brickbats are targeted at City Hall. Everything has to be spick and span, service delivery at its best.

All the Mayor's had to grapple with the never ending problems of floods, garbage disposal, hawkers, dirty -polluted rivers and clogged drainage systems and drains, cleanliness, housing, crows, drug addicts, vandals, potholes, snatch thefts, traffic congestion and a myriad of other social, cultural and economic problems. City Hall has tried to deliver to the satisfaction of all. Nevertheless, there is much to be done to make the city a World Class City – A garden city of lights.

With my 30 years experience and with the support of 9,000 City Hall staff, I will endeavour to give nothing but the best to the enhancement and value added service to the city's stakeholders and fulfill the task entrusted to me.

In this regard, I wish to thank His Royal Highness The King, the Prime Minister, YAB Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the Federal Territories Minister YB Tan Sri Mohd Isa Datuk Abdul Samad, and the Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Shamsudin Osman for giving me the oportunity to serve the



Kuala Lumpur in 2004, after 30 years. The building on the extreme left is the current City Hall Building along Jalan Raja Laut. In the distance at the centre is the famous tallest 88 storey Petronas Twin Towers. - Photo KL City News

government in my capacity as Mayor of Kuala Lumpur. The task ahead is daunting but challenging. Insyallah, I will try to meet up to their expectations.

MAYORS OVER THE AGES

NAME

1. TAN SRI LOKMAN YUSOF
2. TAN SRI YAACOB LATIFF
3. TAN SRI DATO' ELYAS OMAR
4. DATO' DR. MAZLAN AHMAD
5. TAN SRI KAMARUZZAMAN SHARIFF
6. BRIG.GEN.DATUK MOHMAD SHAID BIN MOHD TAUFEEK
7. DATUK HJ. RUSLIN BIN HJ. HASAN

PERIOD

- FEB – MAY 1972
 1972 – 1983
 1983 – 1992
 1992 – 1995
 1995 – 2001
 DEC 2001 – 2004
 DEC 2004 - PRESENT

WHAT NEXT AFTER KLSP2020?

In accordance with the requirements of Section 13 (2) Federal Territory Planning Act 1982 (Act 267), after the Structure Plan has come into effect, the Mayor may consider the preparation of a local plan for any part or whole of Kuala Lumpur. It is the intent of City Hall Kuala Lumpur to prepare a Local Plan for the whole of Kuala Lumpur.

According to Section 13 (3) Act 267 also, the Local Plan shall consist of a map and written statements which formulate in detail the proposals for the development and use of land, including measures for the improvement of physical environment and the improvement of transportation.

The main function of the Local Plan is to translate objectives, development strategies and policies of the Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan 2020 in the form of development programs and development control guidelines.

The Local Plan shall provide city dwellers a more comprehensive and detailed configuration of use of land as well as the intensity of development of specific sites. The draft local plan shall also be accompanied by diagrams, illustrations and descriptive matters for the purpose of explaining the proposals and consider them as part of the plan.

Currently, City Hall is in the process of preparing the terms of reference that will be the guideline for consultants in carrying out the Kuala Lumpur Local Plan study. The study is expected to start in early 2005 and be completed in approximately 18 months. The study will involve many stages such as data collection, analysis and findings and preparation of initial proposals before the draft local plan is finalised. The public shall be given the opportunity to give their proposals and views at each stage of the study.

Earlier, the draft Lumpur Structure Plan 2020 (KLSP 2020) was approved by the Minister of Federal Territories on 16th August 2004. The KLSP 2020 had taken into consideration changes that were put forward by the Public Objection Hearing Committee and necessary changes were made to the final report before it was gazetted on the 4th November 2004.

The Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan 2020 can be examined and purchased during office hours at the Master Plan Department, 12th Floor, City Hall Building, Jalan Raja Laut from 4th November 2004. The Bahasa Malaysia version can be obtained at RM120 per copy and the English version at RM150 per copy.



Brig. Gen. Datuk Mohamad Shaid bin Mohd. Taufek, the outgoing Mayor of Kuala Lumpur officially handing over the KLSP2020 Report to the Federal Territories Minister, Tan Sri Hj. Mohd. Isa bin Dato' Hj. Abdul Samad. Behind the Mayor is Datuk Hj. Zulhasnan bin Rafique, Deputy Minister of Federal Territories. - Photo KL City News

NEWS IN BRIEF

* Backlanes in the city will be lighted up to prevent undesirable elements, drug-addicts, prostitutes and transvetites from operating in the backlanes that are currently 'too dark for comfort'.

* Budget hotels and lodging houses that carry out shady activities and permit their premises to be used as vice-outlets will have their permits withdrawn and equipment seized.

* More than 100 representatives from various organisations put forward 160 suggestions towards the preparation of the 2005 Budget. A people friendly budget was the objective of City Hall in inviting public input.

* Brig.Gen. Datuk Mohamad Shaid bin Mohd Taufek who served as Mayor of Kuala Lumpur from 14 Dec 2001 until 13 Dec 2004 (3 years) ended his tenure of office after presenting City Hall's 2005 Budget on the last day of office.

* City Hall proposes to set up day care centres for senior citizens in all its Public Housing Projects (PPR). For the beginning, City Hall targets opening four such centres in Sri Sabah, Gombak Setia, Sri Perlis and Segambut next year. The programme will also include "Inter-Generation Communication" where senior citizens can share their experience with the younger generation. City Hall currently has a senior citizens day care centre in Jalan Siakap Cheras, which was set up on July 1, 2002. The centre is equipped with light exercise equipment, indoor games, reading material and computer facilities.

KLRTC EXCO MEETING

The Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre (KLRTC) will hold its Executive Committee Meeting on 13 December 2004 to discuss various issues pertaining to the centre.

Amongst the items to be discussed will be the progress report by the Technical Advisor of Kuala Lumpur City Hall Training Institute, reports by UNITAR and CITYNET.

Besides the financial status of KLRTC, the progress of the KLRTC will also be on the agenda.

Discussions will also centre on phase 2 (Year 2006 – 2008) of the Training Programmes, confirmation of existing and new partners, medium and long term development and strategy of KLRTC. Aspects of accreditation of the Training Programme and syllabus by the relevant institution will also be up for discussions.

Meanwhile, the KLRTC Training Course 4, "Sustainable Waste Management in Asia – Pacific Cities" will start on 12 – 19 December 2004 in Kuala Lumpur. Participants from 15 countries/ cities/ organisations are expected to attend the training programme.

Earlier, 24 participants from 10 countries (Bangladesh, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Peoples Republic of China, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Vietnam) attended the Third KLRTC Training Course (on "Integrated Urban Planning for Sustainable Urban Development") from 29 August – 5 September 2004 in Kuala Lumpur.