



Nor Hisham (centre) seen here during a walkabout in Brickfields, says government agencies must prioritise their services to ratepayers.

and international recognition, including the 2022 C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Award and the Malaysia Institute of Planners' (MIP) President's Award.

Nor Hisham: My tenure as mayor began during a particularly unique and demanding period – the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic with the city in lockdown.

The role of Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) was critical in not only ensuring safety but also maintaining its operational continuity.

One of the most significant challenges we faced was the protection and rescue of a substantial number of homeless individuals who were at risk of exposure to the virus.

Additionally, my service as mayor spanned across two different governmental regimes.

It was imperative to remain focused on the mission of serv-



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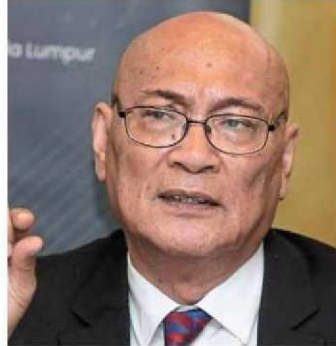
ing the community, regardless of the political landscape.

I also believe in the value of experiencing a city on foot.

To this end, I advocated for pedestrian-only zones, exemplified by my initiative to close parts of Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, in front of landmarks like Sogo Kuala Lumpur and



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Nor Hisham: I advocated for pedestrian-only zones, including closing parts of Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman to vehicular traffic.

Masjid Jamek, to vehicular traffic.

Embracing pedestrian-friendly spaces is essential for the city's vibrancy.

Mohd Amin: During my tenure, the crowning achievement was the development of affordable housing in Kuala Lumpur, a

challenging feat given the reluctance of developers to construct three-bedroom units amid rising costs of materials like steel and cement.

Without subsidies or incentives, such projects are often unappealing to them.

However, we successfully built and completed over 50,000 units of affordable housing in the city.

Looking ahead, I foresee significant challenges for our younger population in home ownership over the next five to 10 years. Therefore, the focus should shift towards redeveloping older flats in the city.

Singapore encountered a similar situation years ago and managed to successfully redevelop many of their old housing projects to meet demand. It is time for us to follow suit.

Dept D-G's FT Day message

TODAY we celebrate 50 years of the formation of the Federal Territories, starting with the declaration of Kuala Lumpur as the first Federal Territory on Feb 1, 1974.

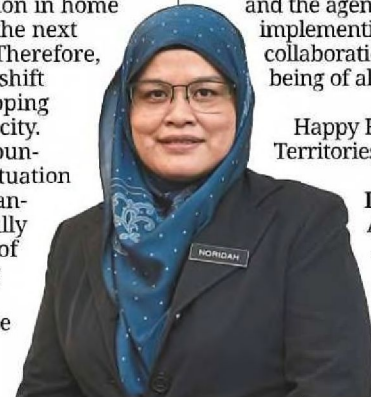
As we reflect upon our shared 50-year journey, it is evident we have fostered significant development across Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, and Labuan within the Federal Territories.

I am very proud to be part of this journey with the cooperation of the Federal Territories citizens, and appreciate all efforts made to enable the Federal Territories to remain steadfast, progressive and prosperous.

The essence of our strength is the deep-seated value of unity that guides us through various challenges.

My thanks to all key players in the industry including corporate bodies, NGOs that have always supported the efforts of the Federal Territories Department, and the agencies in implementing various collaborations for the well-being of all parties.

Happy Federal Territories Day!



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