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MAYOR LAUNCHES KLRTC

“In the last 40 years, the world population has doubled and in urban areas it has increased five fold. More than 5 billion people are expected to live in cities, mostly in poor countries by the year 2030. Within a few years, at least 23 cities will have more than 10 million people and about 11 of them are located in Asia. A survey among mayors revealed that the major urban challenges faced in this century were various aspects of environment including solid waste collection and disposal, inadequate water and sanitation facilities.

Nevertheless, most local Governments from developing countries particularly from Asia and the Pacific have limited capacity to manage the growth of their cities while maintaining environmental conditions. They may have concentrated much on economic growth without being fully aware of environmental impacts on the habitat. This is particularly true when issues are generally addressed to sectoral approaches that might neglect the integrated approaches or strategies.

More developing cities have entered into partnerships with other cities from developed countries in the effort to solve the increasing urban problems. There are successful examples of North-South municipal cooperation in various fields including low cost housing, transportation system, waste and water

capacity for sustainable development in particular in the context of growing urbanization.

To meet the above objectives, the Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre (KLRTC), as CIFAL (International Training Centre for Local Authorities) Collaborative Training Centre was set up based on recommendations of the Asia Pacific Regional Forum on Sustainable Urbanisation in preparation for WSSD held in Shanghai in June 2002. It is an action oriented outcome built upon the spirit of partnerships of WSSD on ‘Public Private Partnership for Local Training and Capacity Building for Sustainable Urbanization’ a partnership initiative of CIFAL, a UNITAR Programme.

The Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre will essentially be a non-political organization. It is established in a public private partnership spirit. It will see the participation of governments at national and municipal levels, NGOs, private companies and international organizations. KLRTC will be established as a Malaysian Non Profit Organization. It will be run by City Hall with most trainers coming from Local Governments and other practitioners dealing with urban problems and solutions. Kuala Lumpur was chosen due to its active involvement in trans-boundary municipal cooperation and its experience in promoting sustainable development. Through this centre, it is anticipated that resource cities are able to share with other cities and provide practical and concrete lessons which may not be easily found in conventional type of capacity building training programmes available at universities.



From left to right: Mr. Christophe Delattre, Y. Bhg. Dato Lakhbir Singh Chahl, Dato Mohamad Shahrul Muzil, Taufek, Mr. Dominique Heron and Mr. Anis Yusoff at the signing of agreement at the Opening/Launching of Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre (KLRTC) Course. Photo: City News

management and so on. However, cities from developing countries have also interacted among themselves to establish south-south cooperation which offers tremendous opportunities because developing cities are facing similar urban challenges that can be addressed in similar ways.

At the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) local governments had declared their commitments to strengthen local governments capacity to deal with sustainable development and to develop city and local government strategies which integrate the economic, social, cultural and environmental dimensions of development.

They also agreed to undertake City to City/Municipal International Cooperation activities and partnerships aimed at mutual learning, exchange of good practices and the development of

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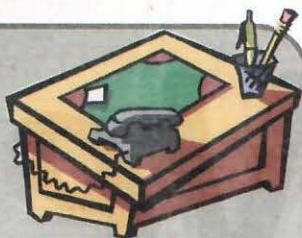


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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK....



When I accepted the high office of Mayor City of Kuala Lumpur, I began the task of carrying out two major exercises. One was to look into the systems, procedures and programmes of City Hall, particularly in terms of providing efficient and effective service to the multifaceted stakeholders of the City and to improve delivery systems at City Hall. This was basically an attempt to draw up an inventory of needs that required urgent attention and improve our corporate culture and give essence to our clients charter within the context of City Hall's vision statement.

The other was to look at what my predecessors had done to evolve the city into a world class city, providing nothing but the best to stimulate socio-economic growth and promote sports and cultural programmes and activities to make the city vibrant, dynamic and a regional hub for banking, commerce, business, sports and recreation, providing a liveable and living habitat for locals and foreigners.

A month later starting 8 January 2002 until 25 December 2002, exactly one year after taking office, I formulated 31 major initiatives that would address the problems faced and find resolutions to them (Refer City News Issue I/February 2003).

New ideas were implemented to solve problems such as potholes, garbage collection and disposal, flood alleviation, delays in issuance of Development Orders and Certificates of Fitness and many others that were irritating to KL residents and the business community.

It is encouraging and satisfying to note that one of the achievements is in the issuance of Development Orders which now take a few weeks to four months and counter approvals, which are given in a day. The establishment of Town Planning Committees I – III have managed to clear backlogs.

Statistically, there has been an increase in the number of Development Order applications considered and approved per month: 2192 (January-June 2003), 4475 in 2002 and 4140 in 2001. On the average, 485 from January – June 2003(6 months), 373 in 2002 and 348 in 2001.

From January-June 2003, there was a 65% increase in the issuance of DO's when compared to 2001 and 84% when compared to 2002(refer accompanying story). One thing that is very clear is the fact that when officers put their priorities right and delve headlong into solving problems with dedication and honesty anything is possible. The clarion call of 'Malaysia Boleh' is evidenced.

Similarly, I have also set-up the flying squad to attend to problems immediately and the 'pothole busting squad' to overcome the potholes that are a constant bane on the motoring public. Between January 2002 until August 2003, 10,522 potholes were patched.

Since the procedures and mechanisms are in place, work efficiency and productivity has improved. All these have been made possible by sincere and committed staff. Credit is due to them.

DEVELOPMENT ORDERS (DO) ISSUED ON FAST TRACK



Staff from Planning & Building Control Department working overtime to clear the backlog. - Photo City News

The processing of applications for Development Orders (DO) constitute one of the major functions of the Planning and Building Control Department, City Hall Kuala Lumpur.

Delay in the processing and approval has given rise to numerous complaints and criticisms among developers and the general public. Undue delays can affect the development programmes that have been planned by the developers.

Realizing the above importance, the Department has undertaken various initiatives to implement various actions to expedite the planning approval process which inter alia included the following:-

- * Establish the Town Planning Committee III (TPC III) as an addition to the Town Planning Committee II (TPC II) and Town Planning Committee I (TPC I). TPC III is responsible for considering and approving small scale planning applications which do not involve major planning policies and issues.

- * Establish a Counter Approval System (CAS) to approve applications to carry out additional works and renovations to terrace and link houses/premises. This Counter Approval System (CAS) enables planning approvals to be given in a day based on a set of standard plans.

- * Streamlining the processing of planning application by introducing simplified procedures and revoking those deemed irrelevant

- * Redefining the duties and functions of Planning Officers and staff to upgrade and enhance performance.

The total number of applications considered from January – June 2003 were 2, 912 compared to 4, 140 in 2001 and 4, 475 in 2002. On the average, 348 applications a month were considered in 2001, 373 in 2002 and 485 from January-June 2003(6 months). The number of applications considered during the 6 months period in 2003 (January-June) showed an increase of 32% when compared to 2001 and 24% when compared with 2002.

A total of 1,659 Development Orders were issued from January-June 2003 as compared to 2,003 issued in 2001 and 1,976 issued in 2002. Of the 1,659 Development Orders (DO) issued in January – June 2003, 1,234 were new Development Orders and the rest (425) were extension of the validity period of the Development Order. For the period between January-June 2003, there was a 65% increase in the issuance of Development Orders when compared to 2001 and 84% when compared to 2002.

These positive performances were the result of hard work and dedication of staff who sacrificed their time to clear all the backlog cases.

KL INTERNATIONAL MARATHON 2004

One of Asia's Prestigious Running Event, the Kuala Lumpur International Marathon 2004 (KLIM 2004) to be held on Sunday 29 February 2004 has offered a total of RM281 800 as prize money for winners.

The run which is categorized into 12 events offer first prize money of RM38 000 for Marathon-Men, RM20 000 for second and RM10 000 for third placing.

For the Marathon Women's category, RM20 000 awaits the winner, RM15 000 for the second and RM6,000 for the third placed runners.

This year's prize money is bigger and more attractive to get the best runners locally and from other countries. The

organizers will provide return air tickets (economy class) to Kuala Lumpur from the capital city of foreign runners including five nights stay (19th-23 February 2004) which comes with all three meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and internal transport within the city of Kuala Lumpur).

The arrangement is for one male and one female runner who are the best from a country and their qualifying time for invitation is 2 hours and 15 minutes or below for men and 2 hours and 30 minutes or below for women.

The five marathon categories are (A) Men National, (B) Women National, (C) Men Junior Veteran, (D) Marathon Men

Senior Veteran and (E) Marathon Women Veteran.

Entry fees for Category A-E is RM30.00 (local) USD 30.00 (foreigners), category F-K RM10 (local) and USD10.00 (foreigners) and category M-N (RM10.00) individual submission.

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CODE, CATEGORIES, AGE GROUP, DISTANCE, QUALIFYING TIME

CODE	CATEGORIES	AGE GROUP	DISTANCE	QUALIFYING TIME	REPORTING TIME	STARTING TIME
A	Marathon – Men	18yrs & above (Born 1986 & before)	42km	6 hrs	4.00a.m – 4.30a.m	5.00a.m
B	Marathon – Women	18yrs & above (Born 1986 & before)	42km	6 hrs	4.00a.m – 4.30a.m	5.00a.m
C	Marathon – Men Jr. Vet	40yrs to 50yrs (Born 1954 to 1964)	42km	6 hrs	4.00a.m – 4.30a.m	5.00a.m
D	Marathon – Men Sr. Vet	50 yrs and above (Born 1954 & before)	42km	6 hrs	4.00a.m – 4.30a.m	5.00a.m
E	Marathon – Women Vet	35 yrs and above (Born 1969 & before)	42km	6 hrs	4.00a.m – 4.30a.m	5.00a.m
F	10k Run – Men	18yrs and above (Born 1986 & before)	10km	1hr 20 mins	6.00a.m – 6.45a.m	7.00a.m
G	10k Run – Women	18yrs and above (Born 1986 & before)	10km	1hr 30 mins	6.00a.m – 6.45a.m	7.00a.m
H	10k Run – Men Jr. Vet	40 yrs to 50yrs (Born 1954 to 1964)	10km	1hr 30 mins	6.00a.m – 6.45a.m	7.00a.m
J	7k Run – Men Sr. Vet.	50yrs and above (Born 1954 & before)	7km	1hr 10 mins	6.00a.m – 6.45a.m	7.15a.m
K	7k Run – Women Vet.	35yrs and above (Born 1969 & before)	7km	1hr 20 mins	6.00a.m – 6.45a.m	7.15a.m
M	7k Run – Boys	13yrs to 18 yrs (Born 1986 to 1991)	7km	1hr 10 mins	6.00a.m – 6.45a.m	7.15a.m
N	7k Run – Girls	13yrs to 18 yrs (Born 1986 to 1991)	7km	1hr 20 mins	6.00a.m – 6.45a.m	7.15a.m

PRIZES (CASH AWARDS)

CATEGORY/ POSITION	A (RM)	B (RM)	C (RM)	D (RM)	E (RM)	F (RM)	G (RM)	H (RM)	J (RM)	K (RM)	M (RM)	N (RM)
1ST	38,000	20,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	700	700	700	700
2ND	20,000	15,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	1,200	1,200	1,200	500	500	500	500
3RD	10,000	10,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	300	300	300	300
4TH	8,000	6,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	700	700	700	200	200	200	200
5TH	6,000	4,000	1,800	1,800	1,800	500	500	500	100	100	100	100
6TH	5,000	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	300	300	300	100	100	100	100
7TH	3,000	2,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	300	300	300	100	100	100	100
8TH	2,500	2,000	500	500	500	300	300	300	100	100	100	100
9TH	1,800	1,600	500	500	500	300	300	300	100	100	100	100
10TH	1,600	1,500	500	500	500	300	300	300	100	100	100	100
11TH	1,000	800	500	500	500							
12TH	800	500	500	500	500							
13TH	800	500	500	500	500							
14TH	800	500	500	500	500							
15TH	800	500	500	500	500							
TOTAL	100,100	67,400	28,300	28,300	28,300	6,400	6,400	6,400	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300