

'Plan to future-proof KL against emerging issues'

KUALA LUMPUR: The Kuala Lumpur Local Plan 2040 (PTKL2040) has been developed not only to address current urban challenges, but also to future-proof the city against emerging issues.

Kuala Lumpur city mayor Datuk Seri Dr Maimunah Mohd Sharif said this included challenges such as climate change, rapid population growth, technological advancements, as well as the increasing demand for smart mobility and resilient green infrastructure.

"PTKL2040 is the primary reference document for determining the direction of Kuala Lumpur's development.

"It is not merely a document, but an action plan that serves as a reference for all stakeholders, aimed at shaping a city that is not only liveable, but also trusted as a destination for investments and growth.

"It addresses physical, economic, social and environmental aspects in a holistic manner and incorporates 12 development principles, including site suitability, basic amenities, utility networks and environmental harmony to ensure that new developments do not burden existing systems, but instead strengthen them," she said at the launch of PTKL2040 yesterday.

Present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa, Communications Minister Datuk Fahmi Fadzil and Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming.

Also present were Anwar's wife and Bandar Tun Razak member of parliament Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, and Chief Secretary to the Government,

Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar.

Maimunah said in terms of mobility, the plan targeted a 70 per cent public transport usage rate by 2040, supported by the Traffic and Pedestrian and Cycling Masterplans.

She said PTKL2040 also aimed for a minimum target of 20sq m of open space per city resident, amounting to more than 4,700ha.

"From a housing perspective, the plan aims to deliver 305,000 affordable housing units by 2040 to support the development of Madani residences and inclusive communities.

"At the same time, 74 million sq m of commercial floor space is projected to meet the city's economic growth needs and create up to 1.2 million jobs by 2040.

"A total of 139 areas have been identified as having redevelopment potential, with a focus on dilapidated public housing areas.

"Our principle is clear, redevelopment must be resilient, inclusive and based on fair incentives, in line with the principles of social justice under Malaysia Madani."

She said that the plan comprised two volumes, each detailing key components of the city's future direction.

"Volume one focuses on planning controls, including special zones such as heritage areas, affordable housing and redevelopment zones.

"Volume two outlines six strategic goals, including to make Kuala Lumpur an innovative and productive city, inclusive and equitable, green and healthy, climate-smart and low carbon, efficiently mobile, and empowered in urban regeneration, in line with the values of Malaysia Madani."



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