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**SEMPENA**

**THE MAT WEAVERS TALE GRAND FINALE**

**DEWAN MASYARAKAT BAKUN RESETTLEMENT SCHEME,  
SUNGAI ASAP, BELAGA  
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## [SALUTASI]

Hadirin yang dihormati sekalian.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera dan Salam Sehati Sejiwa.

## MUKADIMAH

1. Terima kasih, Sayu Kenep or thank you to Peng Doh Belaga for the invitation to witness a truly amazing feat, the longest handwomen mat in the world that has been measured at **1,000 metres**. Your weavers should feel proud for your achievement, and I think Malaysians should also feel proud that the record currently held by Sweden has been broken by Malaysia today. Tahniah dan syabas atas pencapaian ini, kepada semua penganyam yang telah menyumbangkan tenaga dan masa supaya rekod lama iaitu 700 metre dipecahkan.
2. Di kesempatan ini, saya juga ingin mengucapkan tahniah kepada pihak penganjur Peng Doh Belaga dan juga Sarawak Energy Board kerana telah bekerjasama untuk membuat impian Peng Doh Belaga menjadi kenyataan. Saya sedar projek sebegini tidak mudah untuk dijalankan, bukan sahaja dari segi logistik dan komunikasi tetapi bajet yang memerlukan belanja yang begitu banyak termasuk bahan mentah seperti rotan yang digunakan dan juga krew kamera filem selama tiga bulan supaya dunia tahu menghargai cerita di sebalik penghasilan sebuah tikar yang begitu panjang.

3. These kinds of project takes vision, commitment and dedication. I applaud Sarawak Energy Board for support this beautiful project, not only as a mat that breaks a record but also as a documentation of the lives of the Orang Ulu People at this point and the successful resettlement projects for the people of Bakun and Murum Dam.

## **PENG DOH BELAGA**

4. I have known Peng Doh Belaga as an Organisation for 15 years now. I know that they are 32 years old and still going strong under the supervision of Datin Sri Debong Anyi. Peng Doh Belaga is also the treasurer for the National Council for Women's Organisation (NCWO) Sarawak branch.
5. Saya begitu bangga dengan kewajipan Peng Doh Belaga yang tidak pernah kenal putus asa untuk sentiasa menjalankan projek-projek sosio ekonomi sebegini untuk membantu menaik taraf kehidupan masyarakat di Belaga. Saya juga dimaklumkan bahawa Peng Doh telah menjalankan projek CSR dengan SEB apabila kediaman penempatan semula Murum dimulakan. Syabas! Inilah yang kita inginkan daripada NGO kita.
6. The Ministry supports wholeheartedly such projects which encourage rural communities to work together. I hope this mat and the video documentary will travel far, as a symbol of what Malaysia women can achieve.
7. Sekali lagi, Syabas dan tahniah kepada semua yang terlibat untuk membuat dan menganyam tikar terpanjang dunia menjadi kenyataan.

## **AGENDA PEMERKASAAN DAN PENGUPAYAAN WANITA SEBAGAI AGENDA NEGARA**

8. Agenda pemerkasaan dan pengupayaan wanita sentiasa mendepani agenda utama di dalam setiap Rancangan Lima Tahun Malaysia. Agenda ini sangat jelas digariskan dalam Dasar Wanita Negara dan Pelan Tindakan Pembangunan Wanita yang bertujuan untuk menjamin pembangunan dan pengupayaan wanita dengan mengarusperdanakan kepentingan wanita bagi mencapai potensi mereka sepenuhnya dalam perancangan dan pembangunan Negara.
  
9. The economic programs that have been carried out for women are based on the notion that if you empower a women, you empower a nation. Based on that notion, economic empowerment programs that have been introduced are **The Single Mother Skills Incubator Program (I-KIT) and Women Entrepreneurial Incubator Program (I-KeuNita)**. I-KIT and I-KeuNita have been core programs since the 9 th Malaysian Plan and has been introduced to decrease the poverty rate and increase the quality of life of single parents and women as a whole. Both these programs are based on the concept of incubator or hand holding where single mothers and women will be given training in tailoring, beauty therapy, handicrafts, childcare, tourism and food processing. These participants will also be closely monitored to improve the skills and knowledge, especially in the field of entrepreneurship and business which enables them to generate income and improve the quality of life.

10. Ever since the program started in 2008 till 2015, some 2,359 single mothers from the 5,082 participants from the I-Kit Program have become small time entrepreneurs after going through the program for 6 months, with a recorded increase in income from RM500.00 to RM750.00 after attending the program. As for the I-KeuNita program, it reports that 19% of 7719 women that joined the program became entrepreneurs after the program.
11. **1Malaysia Women Bazaar Program** was introduced under the Ministry's 1 Malaysia Women's Initiative for Self- Empowerment (1MWISE) that is a core initiative under the National Blue Ocean Strategy. It aims to increase the socioeconomic status and provide support to women from low household incomes to market their products in morning markets, Rural Transformation Centres and Urban Transformation Centres throughout Malaysia.

## **PROGRAM KOMUNITI PERWANI**

12. Pada 17 Mac 2013, Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Seri Mohd. Najib Tun Abdul Razak telah melancarkan Komuniti PERWANI di bawah Strategi Lautan Biru Kebangsaan. PERWANI mempunyai misi untuk mewujudkan 100,000 kumpulan jaringan wanita PERWANI dengan ahli setiap kumpulan terdiri daripada 10 hingga 20 orang wanita di seluruh Malaysia yang bertindak sebagai agen transformasi di komuniti masing-masing. Ini bermaksud kumpulan PERWANI yang diwujudkan selain memberi maklumat dan meningkatkan kefahaman masyarakat mengenai hala tuju kerajaan

turut bertindak sebagai agen pelaksana program transformasi komuniti.

13. Saya percaya wanita-wanita di sini dapat menjadi agen tranformasi kebajikan negara dengan menyalurkan input dan maklumbalas daripada penerima bantuan terutama di peringkat akar umbi untuk tindakan selanjutnya oleh KPWKM.
14. To date, Sarawak has a number of 1107 groups with a number of 16,107 participants in the 31 parliamentary areas.

## **PESTA UBEK**

15. I also have been invited to launch the Pesta Ubek which signifies the incoming harvest festival, Gawai Dayak or in Kayan Doe Ledoh.
16. I have actually launched a Pesta Ubek here in Sungai Asap, 9 years ago. The Pesta Ubek Organised by Peng Doh is unique because they honour the Warga Emas or Senior Citizens on the day. I am happy that this culture of respecting our senior citizens continues and is celebrated annually by Peng Doh Belaga. Syabas saya ucapkan kepada Jawatankuasa Peng Doh kerana meraikan satu hari khas untuk Warga Emas penduduk Penempatan Semula Bakun.

## **PENUTUP**

17. Sebelum saya akhiri ucapan saya ini, suka saya nyatakan bahawa wanita di negara ini sebenarnya amat bertuah kerana peranan dan kedudukan mereka sentiasa diperlukan oleh Kerajaan untuk sama-sama mencorakkan negara.
  
18. Congratulations once again to Peng Doh Belaga as the organizer for the Longest Mat in the World! Thank you Sarawak Energy Board as the main sponsor for the longest Mat in the World, to all who have made this achievement possible, weavers and various agencies.

Dengan lafaz Bismillahirrahmanirahim, saya melancarkan Majlis Pesta Ubek 2016. Terima Kasih and Sayu Kenep!