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Adnan-Tioman

RM30 MILLION FOR TIOMAN'S INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

KUANTAN, May 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also the Finance Minister, has approved RM30 million for infrastructure projects on Pulau Tioman.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob said the Pahang government had received the letter of approval and payment warrant for the projects from the Treasury Secretary-General yesterday.

Adnan said the allocation was in line with the move to make Pulau Tioman a duty-free island.

"The state government wish to thank the Prime Minister for the approval as it (allocation) gives a significant impact towards improving facilities on Pulau Tioman," he said after chairing the Pahang development committee meeting here today.

Last Jan 16, Dr Mahathir confirmed that Pulau Tioman would be made a duty-free island, the third after Langkawi and Labuan, to draw more foreign tourists.

Adnan said among the projects which came under the allocation were construction of a concrete road to link all villages, replacement of wooden bridges, building of a road from Kampung Tekek to Kampung Juara and construction of an incinerator.

He said these projects would be implemented as soon as possible.

Adnan said he was drawing out a proposal paper to obtain RM200 million allocation from the federal government to improve water supply in the state.

He said the allocation was needed to upgrade the water treatment plants and replace old pipes.

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