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KEDAH WORKS HARD TO MAKE DEVELOPMENT PLAN A SUCCESS

ALOR STAR, Dec 3 (Bernama) -- The state government will ensure the success of the Kedah Maju 2010 action plan aimed at bringing Kedah on par with the other developed states, the state assembly was told today.

State Information, Energy, Communication, Multimedia and Voluntary Bodies Committee chairman Rosnah Majid said that several projects under the plan had achieved more than 50 per cent success.

They included the new hospitals in Alor Star and Sungai Petani, the Agricultural College, the haj terminal at the Sultan Abdul Halim Airport in Kepala Batas and two private hospitals -- the Kedah Medical Centre in Alor Star and Hospital Metro in Sungai Petani, she said when replying to Mohamed Rozai Shafian (BN-Sungai Tiang).

State Education and Entrepreneur Development Committee chairman Datuk Othman Ishak said the moral decline among schoolchildren in the state was under control.

Replying to opposition leader Azizan Razak (PAS-Sala) who wanted to now the difference between the national schools and the people's religious schools (SARs) in terms of moral decline, he said a comparison could not be made because he did not have data on the SARs.

Winding up the debate on the 2004 state budget, Rosnah said the state government had cancelled the listing of the Kulim Hi-Tech Park (KHTP) on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (KLSE) because of the uncertain share market.

She said KHTP, a state government subsidiary which provided infrastructure for high technology, might be listed in the future, depending on the performance of the KLSE and KHTP itself.

State Housing and Local Government Committee chairman Datuk Ahmad Bashah Mohamed Hanipah, in winding-up the debate, said Bank Pertanian had received 3,400 applications statewide for the Micro Credit Scheme.

Of this, 1,667 applications had been approved involving RM15.9 million, he added.

The assembly later approved the 2004 budget and two motions -- a motion of condolence to the Sultan of Kedah for the death of the sultana on Aug 26 and a motion of appreciation and thanks to Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his contributions and service to the people and the state when he was the prime minister.

It also unanimously passed the Alor Star City Council Enactment 2003 before adjourning sine die.

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