

T'ganu seeks Dr M's views on boosting rural economy

KUALA TERENGGANU: Menteri Besar Dr Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar says the agenda of strengthening the economy of the rural communities was among the topics discussed with Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad when they met in Putrajaya on Friday.

Describing the one-hour meeting as positive, Ahmad Samsuri said he heard the Prime Minister's views on the matter which required a leap in the action of the federal and

state governments.

"In the case of Terengganu, it has received petroleum royalty since 1974, but there are not much changes to the societal structure, especially in terms of data on poverty and others.

"The changes are rather sluggish and not as they should, after having received the oil revenue for so long. So, it was among the issues which I discussed with the Prime Minister as he has vast experience

in boosting the lives of the communities.

"The state government will scrutinise his views and determine what can be implemented," he said after launching the (Review) 2050 Terengganu State Structure Plan Draft Examination Report Public Participation and Publicity Programme (Review2050TSSP) at Wisma Darul Iman.

On the Review2050TSSP, he said other than the feedback from the

public, it would also involve stakeholders such as the owners of the East Coast Rail Link and Malaysia Rail Link Sdn Bhd projects.

"In addition, the policies and philosophy of the state government through the Terengganu Sejahtera Master Plan will also be taken into account in ensuring the structure plan is in keeping with what is needed by the state government," he said.

The Review2050TSSP outlines

various targets for the development of Terengganu, including ensuring more balanced plannings between the districts in the state.

It is being exhibited from May 1 to June 1 for viewing and feedback from all strata of society.

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