

Sultan has people's best interest at heart

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RAISING QUALITY OF LIFE: Transformation of Mersing vital and can be achieved

MERSING: THE Sultan of Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar did not mince his words when he urged the people to throw their support behind the Laguna Mersing mega project.

Sultan Ibrahim clearly understands that not many would agree to the multi-billion-ringgit project, as it is always difficult to find a common ground when it comes to development. But his utmost concern is for the people, as he believes Laguna Mersing stands to improve the socioeconomic standards of the fishing community here.

And no one, especially the sultan, will stand to suffer the lot of those bent on raking up political mileage, or for personal gain, from a project that is undoubtedly, and essentially, being tailored for the people.

Several mega projects in Johor are already under the constant scrutiny of certain opponents, who seem to be against any projects mooted under Iskandar Malaysia.

The latest opposition, for example, was over the construction of the oil and gas terminal hub Pengerang, which is set to transform the backwater district into a port city akin to Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

Among the objections raised were the displacement of some locals and the amount of compensation for disturbance demanded.

The state government has always made it a point to resolve such matters with haste to create a sustainable living for all.

But there is always some quarters who use development as a platform to discredit a positive endeavour, instead of providing constructive criticism that will mutually raise the quality of living in general.

The sultan has said he would personally oversee the Laguna Mersing project to protect the interests of his people.

He even admitted to being sceptical about the project five years ago.

But after studying the in-depth research by developer Radiant Starfish Development Bhd, Sultan Ibrahim now see the benefits and stands firm in allowing the project to proceed.

The sultan said he had no time to entertain the likes of green-eyed monsters, who will only find solace in furthering their malicious agendas by disrupting the advancement of society.

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