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Jamin kualiti air patuh piawaian

Shah Alam: Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bh (Air Selangor) memberi jaminan air yang dibekalkan adalah selamat untuk digunakan dan mematuhi piawaian kualiti air yang ditetapkan.

Ketua Jabatan Perhubungan Pelanggan dan Komunikasi Air Selangor, Abdul Raof Ahmad berkata, pihaknya sudah menjalankan siasatan ke atas 842 kes dari keseluruhan aduan sebanyak 952 kes yang diterima.

“Semua aduan itu diterima dari 29 September lalu sehingga jam 10 pagi semalam.

“Berdasarkan ujian persampelan di tapak, air yang dibekalkan adalah selamat di gunakan dan mematuhi piawaian kualiti air Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM),” katanya.

Air Selangor akan terus menjalankan pemeriksaan

dan ujian kualiti air bagi baki 110 kes yang diadukan.

Katanya, Air Selangor juga akan melaksanakan pemeriksaan di sistem agihan dan kolam perkhidmatan secara berterusan.

“Sehingga kini sembilan kolam perkhidmatan sudah pun dicuci dan Air Selangor akan melaksanakan beberapa aktiviti pembersihan secara berterusan.

“Antara aktiviti yang akan dijalankan adalah pencucian sistem perpaipan di kawasan aduan.

“Selain itu, kami juga akan mencuci kolam dan sistem agihan serta pemantauan dan tindakan berterusan sehingga semua kes dan aduan air berbau tiada lagi,” katanya.

Aduan air berbau berkecuaan membabitkan tiga kawasan iaitu di Aman Putra, Sepang; Puchong Prima, Petaling dan Saujana Puchong, Petaling.

Headline	842 aduan air berbau sah selamat digunakan pengguna		
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Date	04 Oct 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	Negara	Circulation	155,996
Page No	16	Readership	467,988
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Journalist	Oleh MOHD. YUNUS YAKKUB	AdValue	RM 5,992
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 17,975



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SHAH ALAM - Air Selangor Sdn. Bhd., (Air Selangor) mengesahkan sebanyak 842 daripada 952 aduan air berbau di 18 buah kawasan di negeri ini selamat digunakan oleh pengguna.

Ketua Jabatan Perhubungan Pelanggan dan Komunikasi Air Selangor, Abdul Raof Ahmad berkata, kesemua aduan tersebut diterima pihaknya bermula 29 September lalu hingga semalam.

Menurutnya, berdasarkan ujian in-situ (ujian pensampelan di tapak) dilakukan, pihaknya mendapati air dibekalkan sela-

mat digunakan dan mematuhi piawaian kualiti air Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM).

"Pemeriksaan turut dilakukan terhadap sistem agihan dan pihak kami telah mencuci sembilan kolam perkhidmatan.

"Pemantauan dan tindakan berterusan akan dilakukan sehingga baki 110 kes aduan air berbau tiada lagi," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini semalam.

Antara kawasan aduan meliputi Aman Putra, Bukit Puchong, Kota Warisan, Putra Impiana, Putra Perdana, Putrajaya Presint 11, Salak Tinggi, Taman Intan Baiduri dan Taman Marwar Bandar Baru Salak Tinggi

di Sepang.

Selain itu, di Petaling melibatkan kawasan Puchong Intan, Puchong Perdana, Puchong Prima, Puchong Utama, Saujana Puchong dan Seri Kembangan.

Aduan juga diterima di kawasan Bangi Seksyen 3,4,5,7,9 bagi Hulu Langat, Saujana Putra di Kuala Langat serta USJ 3, 6, 5, 16.

Abdul Raof berkata, pihaknya mengambil serius berhubung aduan itu dan pelanggan dinasihatkan menghubungi di talian 15300 atau WhatsApp ke nombor **019-2800919/019-2816793** jika mengalami masalah bekalan air berbau.



DUA petugas Air Selangor melakukan kerja-kerja mencuci sistem perpaipan di sekitar negeri itu baru-baru ini.

Headline	Sindiket jual tanah perdaya penduduk PR		
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Language	Malay	ArticleSize	357 cm ²
Journalist	NORAFIZA JAAFAR	AdValue	RM 7,568
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 22,705



Sindiket jual tanah perdaya penduduk PR

Jual tanah yang telah dihak milik di Sungai Chinchin

NORAFIZA JAAFAR

GOMBAK

Lebih 10 Penduduk Tetap (PR) terkejut apabila mendapati mereka telah membeli tanah yang mempunyai pemilik di Sungai Chinchin di sini.

Timbalan Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS), Datuk Dr Juhari Ahmad berkata, tanah berkeluasan 2.4 hektar itu diceroboh sindiket sebelum dijual antara RM30,000 hingga RM40,000 setiap lot tanpa pecah sempadan dan tukar status tanah.

“Pemilik asal hanya menyedari tanah mereka diceroboh sewaktu siasatan di peringkat Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) dan Pejabat Tanah Daerah (PTD) Gombak dilakukan sebelum disyorkan membuat laporan polis untuk tindakan selanjutnya.

“Penjualan tanah haram itu menyebabkan pembeli menanggung ke-



Struktur rumah yang dirobohkan di Sungai Chinchin, Gombak semalam.

rugian selepas kira-kira 14 struktur yang dalam pembinaan dirobohkan menerusi operasi penguatkuasaan hari ini (semalam),” katanya selepas Operasi Perobohan Bersepadu Bagi Pemajuan Tanpa Kelulusan di Sungai Chinchin di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, seperti ada pihak yang sengaja mencabar penguat kuasa dengan mempengaruhi pembeli tanah untuk terus mendirikan struktur meskipun notis peringatan di-

keluarkan tiga bulan lalu.

“Penguatkuasaan yang dijalankan adalah di bawah salah guna tanah dan pembinaan bangunan tanpa kebenaran mengikut Akta 133 Akta Parit Jalan dan Bangunan, Undang-undang Kecil Bangunan, Akta 172, Akta Perancangan Bandar dan Akta Kanun Tanah Negara,” katanya.

Jelasnya, penguatkuasaan dilakukan bagi mengelak pencerobohan tanah berterusan dan menjadi tidak terkawal.

“Pembinaan bangunan tanpa kebenaran ini menyebabkan sungai dikambus. Ia bukan hanya menyebabkan banjir kilat malah rumah yang dibina itu dikhuatiri tidak selamat,” katanya.

Beliau turut menasihatkan pembeli tanah supaya lebih peka prosedur pembelian tanah bagi mengelak ditipu sindiket.

“Elakkan ditipu dengan membuat semakan status tanah di PTD Gombak dan kelulusan perancangan di MPS,” katanya.

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Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 2,926
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 8,777



Selangor sedia RM24 juta agihan bantuan sekolah

SHAH ALAM - Kerajaan negeri Selangor memperuntukkan sebanyak RM24 juta di bawah program agihan bantuan sekolah tahun ini.

Menteri Besarnya, Amirudin Shari berkata, kerajaan negeri mengambil inisiatif membantu menyelesaikan infrastruktur sekolah bagi keselesaan pelajar dalam menuntut ilmu.

Menurutnya, sebanyak RM19.2 juta akan diagihkan kepada 665 sekolah seluruh Selangor pada fasa pertama tahun ini.

“Sebanyak 105 sekolah jenis kebangsaan Cina, lima sekolah menengah kebangsaan, 21 sekolah mubaligh dan empat sekolah menengah persendirian Cina menerima sumbangan itu.

“Bantuan infra itu diagihkan mengikut keperluan sekolah dengan mengambil kira jumlah pelajar dan keadaan sekolah berdasarkan borang permohonan,” katanya pada program ramah mesra bersama penerima bantuan sekolah di Perpustakaan Raja Tun Uda di sini semalam.



AMIRUDIN

Amirudin berkata, kerajaan negeri juga menyediakan banyak manfaat pendidikan berterusan bermula dari peringkat bayi sehingga ke institut pengajian tinggi (IPT) di bawah Insentif Peduli Rakyat (IPR).

“Ia meliputi subsidi yuran, Skim Tunas kepada keluarga berpendapatan isi rumah RM2,500 selain Program Tuisyen Rakyat Selangor.

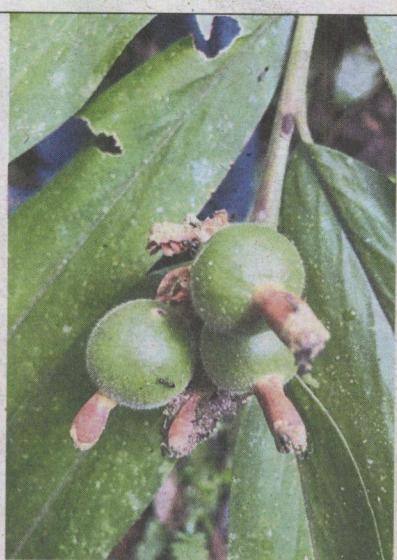
“Di peringkat IPT, kerajaan negeri menyalurkan peruntukan Hadiah Pengajian IPT, peduli siswa dalam dan luar negara serta Program Inisiatif Kemahiran Teknikal dan Ikhtisas Smart Selangor,” katanya.



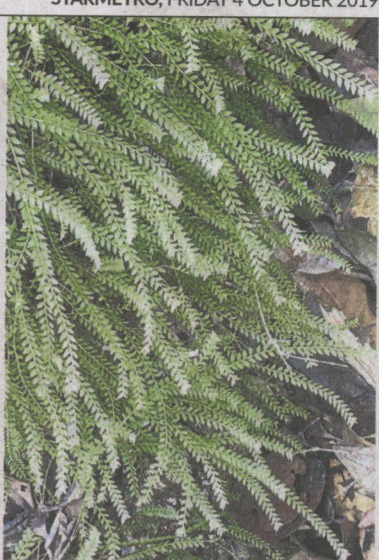
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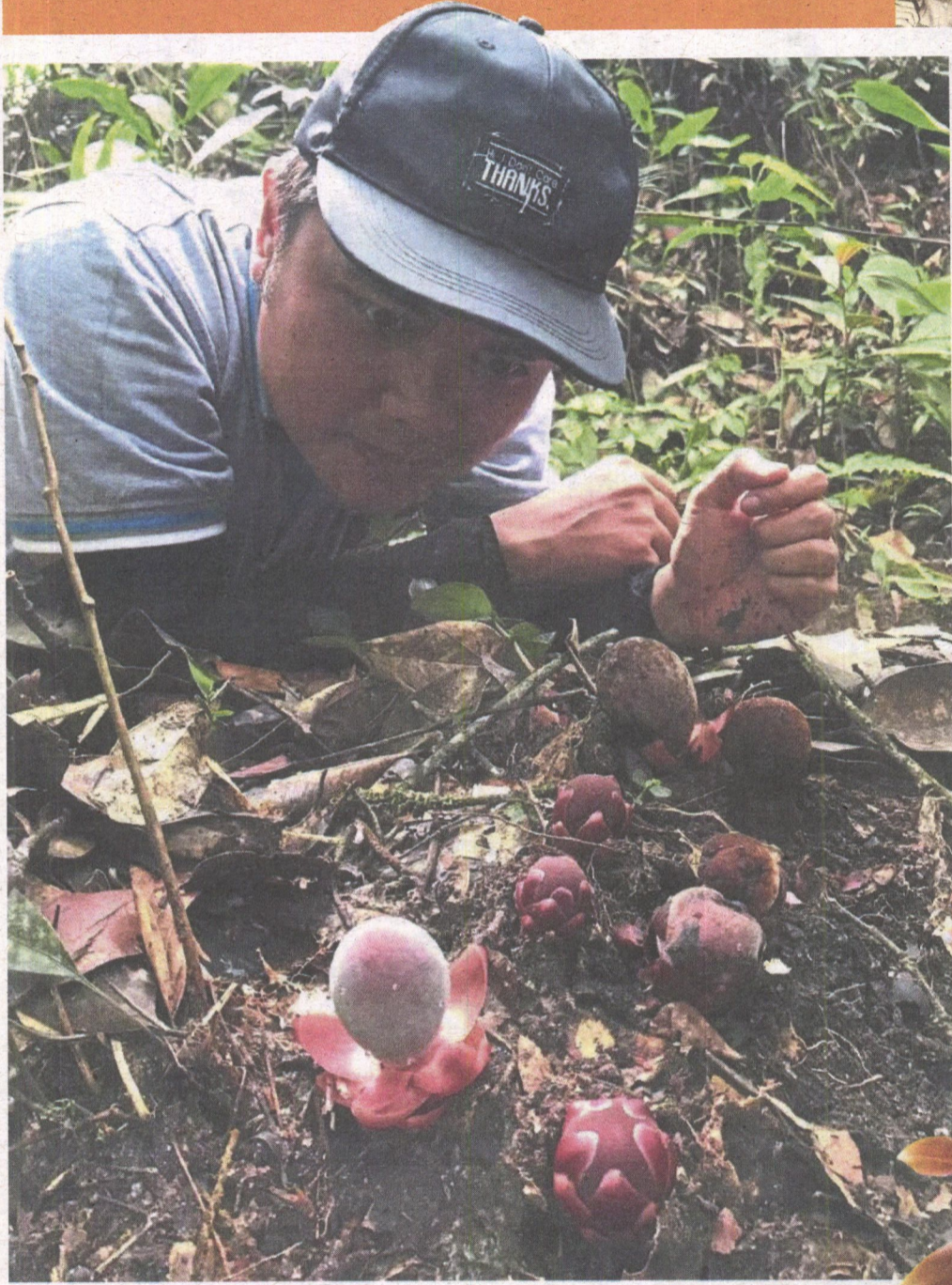
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Sinkhole along Jalan Universiti repaired, road resurfaced and reopened.
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GONE FISHING
Anglers blow in to Kedah on the northeast monsoon for squid jigging.
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ODE TO CHAMP
Friends and teammates pay tribute to Datuk M. Chandran, a sometimes-feared but always-respected national football player and coach.
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Ground observation: PhD student of botany Edward Entalai Besi looking at the Balanophora Fungosa Subsp Indica, a parasitic plant which is also commonly known as fungus root. (Right) The Phaius callosus orchid is found in the highlands. — Main photo courtesy of DOME DIGITAL

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Fraser's Hill is biodiversity heaven for botanical researchers. So far, 952 original floral species and 500 species of flowering plants, including rare orchids, have been recorded here. >2&3

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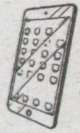
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DEEPAVALI BAZAAR

Deepavali Bazaar 2.0 that will feature 30 vendors selling everything needed to celebrate Deepavali. It will be held from 10am to 8pm from today to Sunday, at Summit USJ in Persiaran Kewajipan USJ 1, Subang Jaya.

FAMILY THERAPY

SIC Bethany Counselling Centre will organise a talk by certified family therapist Darrel Lourdes, from Delta Clinic in Australia, on Family Therapy. It will be held at HELP University at 2pm on Sunday at Room 2-9, Costantini Centre in St Ignatius Church, Petaling Jaya. For details, call Eliza (012-367 0728). Admission is free.

KIWANIS FUN RUN

Kiwanis Club of Klang will hold a Charity Fun Run and Food Carnival on Sunday from 6am to 1pm at the Oval Lawn, Setia City Park in Setia Alam, Shah Alam. It is in aid of the Kiwanis Down Syndrome Foundation's Klang Centre building fund. The run has three categories for distance --- 2km, 5km and 10km. For details, call 017-3300 956.

MARTIAL ARTS

Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) will hold a martial arts competition on Sunday from 9am to 7pm at Stadium MPSJ Serdang Jaya in Serdang, Selangor featuring wushu, silat gayung, silambam and traditional games. There will be food stalls.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

Catholic Ministry For The Deaf will hold a basic sign language class from tomorrow to Dec 7 at St Francis Xavier Church in Jalan Gasing, Petaling Jaya. For details, call 012-609 9311 (Jennifer).

HEALTH FORUM

The Senior Citizen Club Subang Jaya is organising a health forum titled "International Day of Older Persons, Going Strong Growing Older" on Sunday at 8am at SunMed Convention Centre, Level 4, Tower A, Sunway Medical Centre in Bandar Sunway, Petaling Jaya. There will be health screening, talks, performances and games. To register, call 03-5622 1249 or email scsjs2016@gmail.com

BASIC YOGA

In conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness month in October, yoga instructor Charis is holding a free basic yoga class themed Pink on Sunday at KLCC Park Symphony Lake in Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur at 7.30am. Participants need to bring their own mat, towel and water bottle.

PRAYER BLESSINGS

There will be a mass for animal lovers and blessings of pets today in conjunction with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi at St Francis Xavier Church in Jalan Gasing, Petaling Jaya at 6.30pm. For details, call 03-7956 5977.

CHARITY RUN

Sime Darby Property and Sime Darby Foundation will be holding the Great Minds Charity Run and Ride 2019 on Oct 12 at 7am in Bandar Ainsdale, Seremban in conjunction with World Mental Health Day. There will be a 5km fun run, 10km fun ride and a children's push bike tournament. Registration is open. For details, visit <http://bit.ly/greatmindscharityrunandride>

TIN MINING FEST

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Kinta Tin Mining (Gravel Pump) Museum and Perak Chinese Mining Association are jointly organising the 5th Tin Mining Festival 2019 at the Museum in Kampar from Oct 26 to 28. It is open to the public and admission is free. For details, call 012-288 8530 (Jacky) or 017-480 3036 (Vincent).



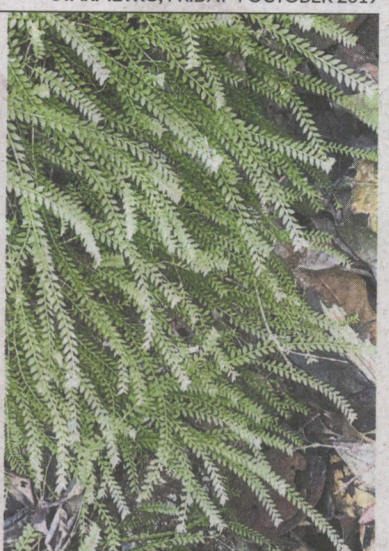
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Polygala venenosa is a common highland plant.

rich floristic area.

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"This is because it is a virgin jungle where trees are huge and the canopy is dense.

"Mountain forest is known to have a high diversity in flora and there are a lot of endemic species in Fraser's Hill, which makes it unique," said the botanist, adding that the area was still intact due to less development in the surroundings.

The preliminary findings of the expedition are expected to be deliberated in a seminar by the end of the year and published in a special issue of *Malayan Nature Journal*.

Prof Rusea said that in 1911, a research team collected a species of orchid called *Macropodanthus alatus* (Winged *Macropodanthus*) in Fraser's Hill but it was never collected again at the hill or any other parts of Malaysia.

"However, I spotted the plant once in Fraser's Hill although it was thought to be extinct in the wild.

"Two years ago, it was spotted again in Terengganu.

"The orchids were there, just that nobody did a comprehensive study to locate them," she said.

It is the same case for *Vanilla norashikiniana*.

Prof Rusea said she first found it along the Ulu Semangkuk trail in 2011.

"When I revisited in 2014 to collect more samples, the plant was no longer there and I suspect that people might have ripped them out," she said.

"Some irresponsible people would pluck the orchids while they were still flowering, but it might have been the last of its species left," she said, adding that it was important for researchers to create greater awareness in preserving rare orchid species.

Community-driven conservation

To deter destruction of rare orchid species in the country, Prof Rusea said there should be more community-driven conservation efforts.

"All the dos and don'ts have been written in the regulations by Forestry Department and when you are in a forest reserve, you are not allowed to take anything out.

strict enforcement not only by Forestry Department but also by the local community.

"Once we get the local community involved, they will create greater awareness and become the eyes and ears of forest conservation authorities.

"If the community is made aware of the rare orchids in Fraser's Hill, they will surely not allow people to take anything from the forest," she noted.

Citing an example, Prof Rusea said there was an area in Colombia where most of the villagers' income was derived from the forest produce surrounding their villages.

"This community decided to take care of the forest and they carried out replanting in their forest.

"They also do not allow outsiders to collect any plants or produce from their forest. Visitors' belongings will be checked when they exit the forest.

"We can emulate what they have done in Colombia, but sad to say, a lot of Malaysians don't feel compelled to do their part to preserve the flora and fauna in our forests," she added.

Currently, Prof Rusea is involved in formulating the policy to include community conservation with representatives from Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador and Nepal which had already been submitted for publication.

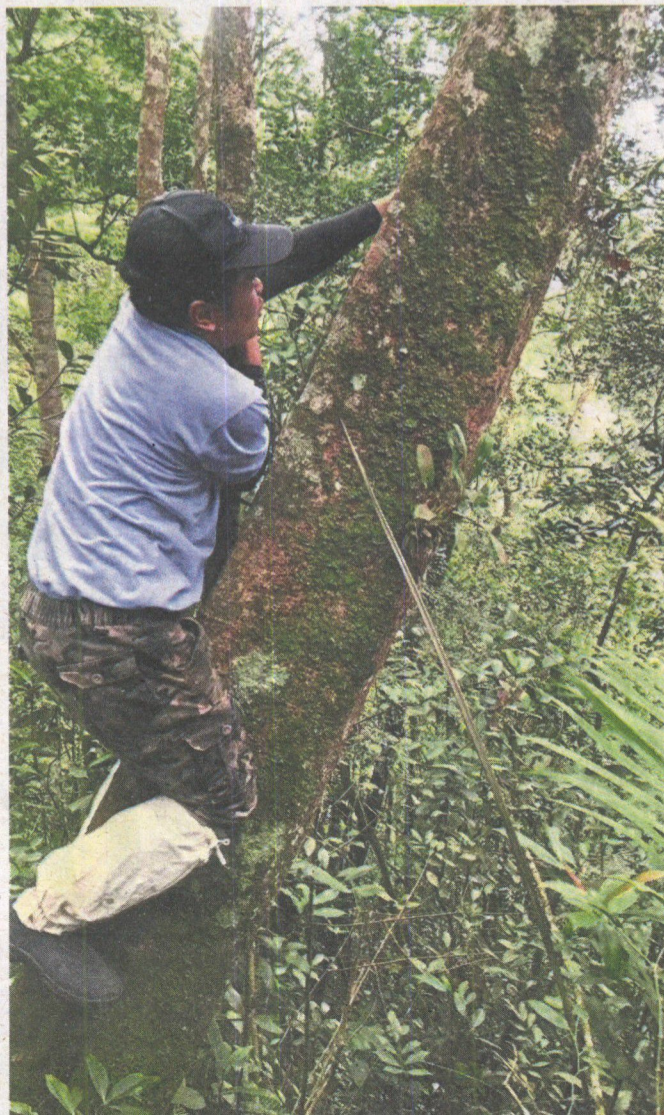
Each representative gave scenarios in their respective countries on how conservation was implemented in order to retain all the species sustainable in the forest.

As for tourism, Prof Rusea said an elevated boardwalk should be built to prevent visitors from trampling on the plants.

"Certain trails should also have limited access to tourists while only certain parties should be allowed to enter trails which have rare flora species," she added.



The Orchid Conservatory is designed to preserve some of the rare orchid species.



Edward Entalai Besi, a PhD student of Prof Rusea, checking plants growing on a tree in Fraser's Hill.



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Part of Jalan Universiti, Petaling Jaya was closed to motorists following a burst pipe incident on Wednesday.



Air Selangor contractors resurfacing the affected area along Jalan Universiti in Petaling Jaya after completing repair works on the pipe yesterday.

Sinkhole on Jalan Universiti repaired

Ageing pipes contribute to infrastructure problems in Selangor, says assemblyman

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MOTORISTS can heave a sigh of relief now that the sinkhole along Jalan Universiti in Petaling Jaya has been fixed.

The road has been reopened to traffic.

The sinkhole happened due to a burst pipe.

Bukit Gasing assemblyman Rajiv Rishyakaran said burst pipe incidents were not new in Selangor and occurred daily in different parts of the state.

“Every week, at least 50 of such cases are reported. This is because

our pipes are old and need to be changed,” he said, adding that most of the pipes had a 25 to 30-year lifespan.

Rajiv said changing old pipes would be a costly affair for the Selangor government as there were about 6,000km of pipes that needed to be replaced.

“Consumers must be prepared to pay higher water tariff if they want the pipes to be changed,” he said.

On Wednesday, a car plunged into a sinkhole after an underground pipe burst around 5am, causing traffic congestion opposite the *Sin Chew Daily* office as resi-

dents headed out for work.

Repair works to fix the burst pipe and sinkhole continued throughout the day after Air Selangor closed part of the road and diverted motorists to Jalan 17/41.

During the incident, households and business operators in Section 11, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22 and SS2 experienced dry taps for almost 24 hours.

Water supply was fully restored at 6am yesterday.

StarMetro visited the site yesterday morning and saw Air Selangor contractors resurfacing the road after addressing the sinkhole problem.

At 11am yesterday, part of Jalan Universiti was still closed to motorists with workers busy resurfacing the large area.

A similar incident took place last year on the same stretch, leaving residents worried that the incident may happen again.

Several road users said they would avoid using the road to get to Section 17 as much as possible.

“It is so scary. You do not know when the pipes will burst again,” said Fanny Tan who used this street to get to her regular coffeeshop in Section 17.

Tan said she would opt for alternative roads and would avoid

driving along this stretch as much as possible.

Others blamed the growing development in the area as a contributing factor to the sinkhole occurrence.

“There are many large lorries and trucks using the road daily.

“These vehicles are damaging our roads,” said Andy Wong.

Air Selangor told *StarMetro* that the old asbestos cement pipes could have broken due to high water pressure or heat. Contractors at the site said the water pressure would be monitored continuously to ensure they were stable following the repair works.