

# Belanjawan 2024

Our  
Perspective





# "Sarawak Dalam Malaysia"

The announcement on the Sarawak and Sabah development allocation began with the Prime Minister DS Anwar Ibrahim acknowledging the

tardiness (ketinggalan) of the Malaysian Agreement 1963 implementation.

Thus the federal government increased the Sarawak development fund to RM5.8 bil from RM5.6 bil for 2023. The Special Interim Grant (Pemberian Khas) increased from RM16 mil to RM300 mil

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# Budget 2024 vs Sarawak Development

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## More autonomy to Sarawak

- the power to approve development projects under RM50 mil and return of **Bintulu Port** and **Rural Air Service (RAS)** to Sarawak

2

## Entrepreneurship is not a magic bullet

- Involve 11 percent of total 2024 budget
- Packaged as aid to underprivileged- deprivation for those not keen on business- not everyone can be an entrepreneur

3

## Price control vs cabotage policy

- Much money spent on price standardisation can be saved by reviewing **cabotage policy**

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## No stimulus for Sarawak industrialisation?

- New industrial zone for Perak, tax incentives for Johor's Pengerang- but **no incentives for Sarawak industrialisation?**

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## Profit sharing & ownership

- The need to set a **guideline for 'shared' projects** for e.g. Cancer Institute for Sarawak

# EDUCATION

Remain as the  
sector with the

**highest allocation**

The Ministry of Education (MoE) will receive  
an increased funding of **RM58.7 bil**  
(an increase from RM55.2 bil last year)

## PRESCHOOLS WITHIN SARAWAK MOE'S SCHOOLS

- ◆ SK Abang Kadir  
Gedong  
(Simunjan)
- ◆ SK Bandar  
Samariang  
(Kuching)
- ◆ SK Pendidikan Khas  
(Kota Samarahan)

## NEW SCHOOLS FOR SARAWAK

- ◆ SMK Baie  
(Bintulu)
- ◆ Kolej Tingkatan  
Enam (Miri)

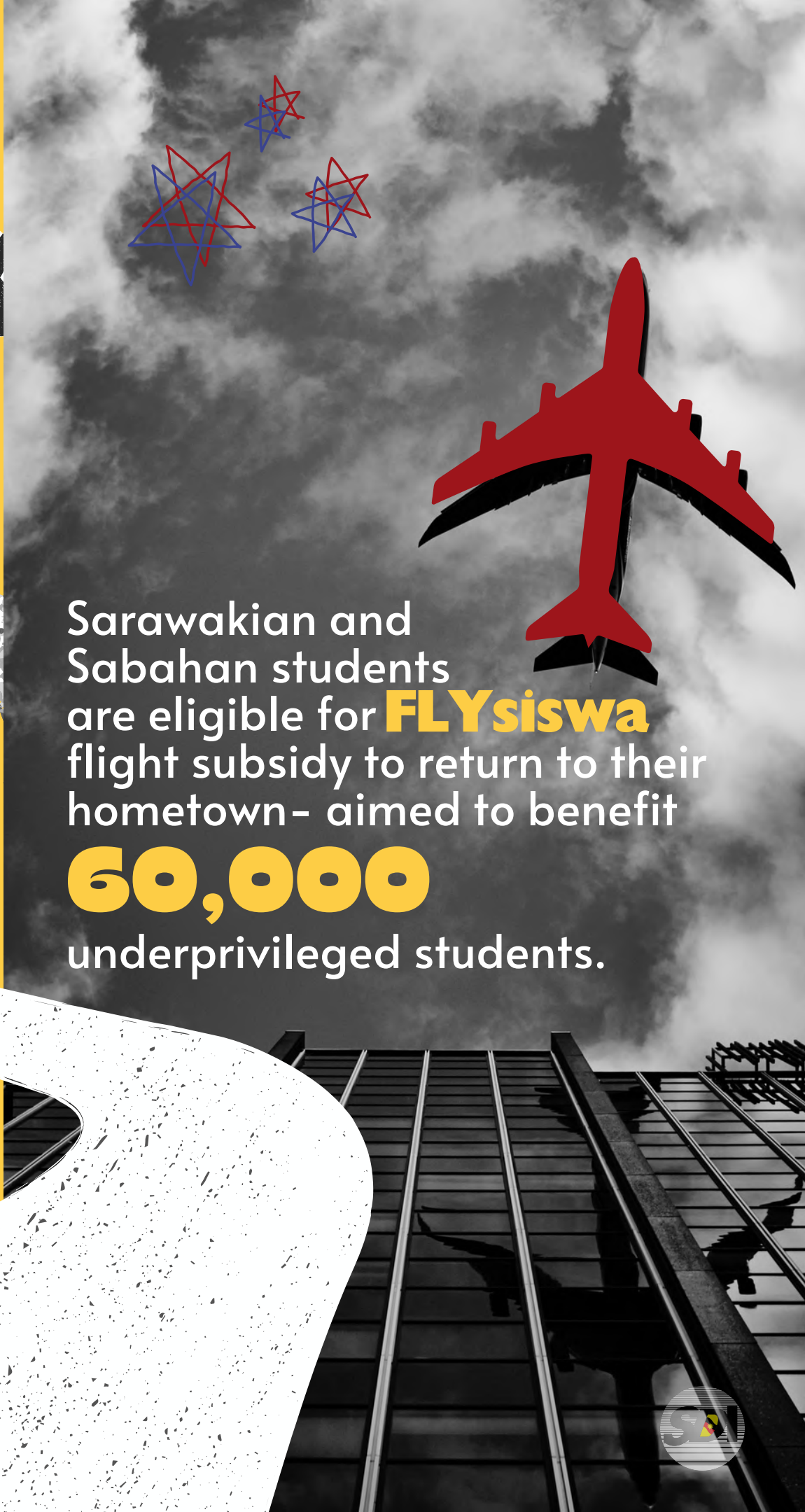
## NEW BLOCKS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

- ◆ SK Rampangi
- ◆ SK Asyakirin
- ◆ SMK Lanang





**450** schools  
will be maintained  
and upgraded with  
**RM930 mil** allocation,  
including **185 projects**  
in Sarawak.



Sarawakian and  
Sabahan students  
are eligible for **FLYsiswa**  
flight subsidy to return to their  
hometown- aimed to benefit  
**60,000**  
underprivileged students.





# TOURISM & UPKEEP

is allocated a sum of **RM350 mil**

## Visit Malaysia 2026

**RM240  
mil**

The campaign is targeted to attract the arrival of **26.1 mil tourists** bringing an estimated **RM97.6 bil domestic spending**.

## Heritage sites' conservation

**RM80  
mil**

Potential sites for UNESCO listing including **Niah Cave** in Miri, **Lembah Bujang** in Kedah and **Royal Belum** in Perak.

## Upgrade and maintenance of 150 toilets

**RM150  
mil**

Toilets under PBT across the nation will also accommodate tourism activities.

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# WHAT'S IN STORE FOR EVERYDAY SARAWAKIANS?

Price control & cash transfer

## Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah (STR)

- **RM10 bil** for Rahmah cash aid for 2024 **increase by 25% compared** to RM 8 bil (current year)

- **STR** maximum is increased:

Minimum of STR for youth is also increased:

2023	2024	2023	2024
RM3,100	RM 3,700	RM350	RM 500

- Beneficiaries of STR will also be eligible for **Sumbangan Asas Rahmah (SARA)** according to poverty classification under e-Kasih and JKM statistics.

eKasih







Services tax will be increased

**6%**  **8%**  
except for :



food & beverage



diesel



electricity



chicken & egg



parking  
& logistics



telecom-  
munication



Prices of goods for Sarawak, Sabah and Labuan will also be standardised under **Payung Rahmah** with **RM40 mil** allocated

**FAIR PRICING**

allocated **RM255 mil**  
for **community drumming programmes** to absorb  
goods transportation costs  
for remote areas (for petrol,  
LPG, flour, rice and cooking oil)

Set to expand to  
areas such as  
Engkerabai,  
Mukah





# UNDERPRIVILEGED

**FREE**

## license tests

for 40,000 youths  
(under MyLesen)

for:

- B2 motorcycle
- e-hailing
- taxi

**100,000**

helmets for  
underprivileged children

Business fundings of RM2.4 bil for  
microentrepreneurs

RM1.4 bil as BSN  
microcredit



RM330 mil TEKUN  
funding for native  
microentrepreneurs,



RM100 mil as AIM  
loan for single  
mothers





# ***TRANSPORTATION REBATE***

## ***EV Promotion***

**RM2,400 rebate for electric motorcycles** for those with an annual income of **RM120,000 and below, to assist the low-income group and to accelerate the electronic vehicle industry.**

**HOWEVER dearth of charging station in Sarawak.**