



21ST SARAWAK DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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## INTRODUCTION

**SDI** was established on 2 November 1995. It is registered as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital under the Companies Act 1995, Malaysia. As an autonomous non-profit research institute, it is entrusted to undertake inter-disciplinary research on pertinent development issues related to the state and nation for policy inputs to the government and private organisations/clients.



## OBJECTIVES

The principal objective of SDI is to provide independent and objective inputs to complement the policy and decision making process in Sarawak.

The specific objectives are to :

- ▶ Undertake interdisciplinary research for policy inputs to the government and other clients;
- ▶ Provide an avenue for professionals and other practitioners to discuss, exchange views and opinions facing the state and nation through conferences, seminars, workshops, dialogues and lectures;
- ▶ Disseminate information, knowledge and findings to the public through both formal and informal channels; and
- ▶ Network with other institutions with similar interests, in and outside Malaysia to facilitate the flow of information and knowledge.

The priority focus areas are :

- ▶ Public Policy
- ▶ Development Studies
- ▶ Socio-economic Studies



## OUR AIM

### VISION

To be a leading research institution in the region

### MISSION

To offer comprehensive professional research services that provide valuable inputs to planners and policy makers

To offer professional management services for conferences/seminars and generate reports and recommendations for public policy input and knowledge oriented publications

To contribute to and complement the policy and decision making process in Sarawak



# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



2017 has been another fruitful year for SDI as it played its role in providing a platform to share and transfer new ideas and knowledge, research experiments and findings, and obtaining input and feedback for State policy and decision making. This input and feedback were not only sought from those in the civil service through intellectual discourses, but also from the private sector, non-governmental organisations, civil society, and the grassroots through forums and ground level meetings. The myriad of events and programmes undertaken throughout last year attest to this significant role played by SDI.

Our two forums organised in collaboration with ISITI, UNIMAS had international experts from two universities, University of Cambridge and Cornell University, USA, and our local university experts sharing with us new research findings and feedback from our indigenous communities on best practices and community engagement programmes that would bring mutual benefits for the community and their programme sponsors.

Through the inaugural International Conference on Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Sarawak (ICAAS 2017), 22 renowned speakers from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, Australia, Taiwan, India, and United Kingdom also shared on new ideas and practices in transforming agriculture through digital technology and commercialisation. In its quest to be an exporter of food by 2030, the State needs to leapfrog its agriculture and the agro-based industry which contributes about 14% to the State GDP.

Communication for development (C4D) continues to be an important area of focus to ensure our development efforts engage and involve stakeholders for better outcomes and progress. The *'Training on C4D and Development of C4D Plans'* was conducted to emphasise the importance of strategic communication planning to effect the desired outcomes, be it awareness creation, advocacy or social change. Similarly, the *'Community Leaders' Engagement'* was an attempt to engage and involve our community leaders in

providing the required feedback on the development agenda in Sarawak and how they could play a role to ensure the rest of the communities under them are not left behind.

As reported during the last AGM, the Sarawak Social Trends Report 2005-2015 is underway and last year, the first phase of the study was completed. From the trends analysis over the past decade, three issues of concern have been identified: sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), HIV and AIDS; drug abuse among minors, and welfare assistance to the elderly, disabled and poor. These will be further corroborated in the second phase of the study in 2018.

Another two research projects worth mentioning are the two projects conducted for SALCRA – ‘Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of SALCRA’s Development Programme in Serian Region’ and ‘Baseline Study on Proposed SALCRA Development Programme in Kumpang Silik Area, Sri Aman’ which are on-going.


With Yayasan Perpaduan Sarawak, SDI together with the Champions continued the MakanMakan series on *Pesta Makanan Melanau* in our drive to share on the various customs and traditional practices of the ethnic groups in Sarawak to bring about better understanding, and to foster greater unity and social harmony among our diverse communities. Two other events which had similar objectives were the ‘Roundtable

on Unity in Sarawak’ and the Camp United 2017 held in Sibu.

All these events/programmes and activities will not have been possible without input and participation from our Board of Directors, Thinking Working Groups, SDI members, partners and collaborators. Thank you all for your unwavering support to the work being done in SDI. My most sincere appreciation as well to the management and staff for their commitment and hard work.

My deepest appreciation also goes to all government ministries and agencies, international partners, corporate and private sector organisations, civil society entities, and the local media for their trust and kind support of our activities and programmes.

Thank you.



**Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Mohamad Morshidi Abdul Ghani**  
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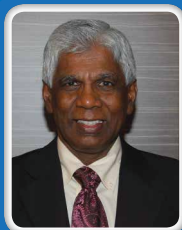
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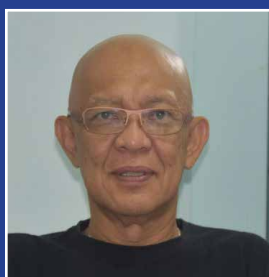
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Ralph Balan Langet, Abdul Khalik Putit



## STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING



**AZAM-SDI Training Workshop on Strategic Project Planning**  
22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2017, AZAM Conference Room

The workshop was organised with the aim to enhance the capacity and skills of the staff in greater AZAM on strategic project planning. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Wee Ai Chin, a consultant and a coach, who formerly worked with the World Bank for 30 years.

The workshop training taught the staff to reassess their ongoing programmes' or projects' goals, objectives, strategies, key performance indicators, and monitoring and evaluation.

Throughout the workshop, many examples of successes and failures of development interventions were given. Ms. Wee emphasised that inadequate planning of logical impact pathways often failed to mobilize action to achieve specific stated goals and objectives, and lack of clarity led to lack of focus on what needs to be done. Participants also learnt to differentiate between what are beneficiary's needs and planner's wants as well as the difference between outputs, intermediate outcomes and final outcomes.

During the three days, the participants were challenged to re-define their programmes' or projects' goals, objectives, and strategies and to develop practical S.M.A.R.T. results indicators for outputs, intermediate outcomes and final outcomes. Most of the participants opined that it was not easy to grasp and fully understand the concepts but the training provided them with practical and logical ways of approaching program or project planning for enhanced results on the ground.

### **Sharing Session on Career in Communication for Development (C4D)**

29<sup>th</sup> September 2017, AZAM Conference Room

A sharing session on a career in C4D for officers in SDI, AZAM and Faradale Media-M was conducted by Mr. Rolando Inciong and Ms. Sylvia Olivia-Inciong, communication specialists from the Philippines who were formerly from the University of the Philippines Los Banos. Ms. Sylvia's career was with the United Nations in Bangkok and Asian Development Bank (ADB), while Mr. Rolando was the Communication Director for the ASEAN Biodiversity Centre. Both of them shared on how C4D has played a role in their careers and its use in their individual careers in the different organisations they worked for. The versatility of the C4D field was emphasised to the Greater AZAM staff by both speakers.



## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, FORUMS & TALKS



### Forum on University-Community Partnership for Indigenous Community Resilience

10<sup>th</sup> January 2017, State Operation Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wisma Bapa Malaysia

The forum was organised together with UNIMAS in collaboration with Cornell University, USA. There were six panellists namely Prof. Dr. Narayanan Kulathuramaiyer, Director, Institute of Social Informatics and Technological Innovations (ISITI), UNIMAS; Dr. Shorna Allred, Associate Professor, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University, USA; Dr. Roger Harris, Roger Harris Associates and a Visiting Professor at ISITI, UNIMAS; Ms Amy Kuo Somchanhmvong,

Associate Director for Community Service-Learning and Partnership, Public Service Center, Cornell University; Dr. Tariq Zaman, Research Fellow, ISITI, UNIMAS; and Mr. Franklin George, a Penan student from UNIMAS.



Collectively they shared about their experiences at Long Lamai which was centred on using service-learning to build community resilience and sustainability. Service-learning is a process whereby university students engage with communities in activities that mutually benefit them where student educational goals are linked with meaningful

community goals and outcomes. The panellists also shared on ISITI's work, their global citizenship program model, indigenised development, and community research protocol. The forum participants also discussed issues on the impact of outsiders going into the community, retaining the younger generation's interest in the traditional lifestyle and attracting them to go back to the community after finishing their studies in the city, and research on sustainable livelihood indicators to help programme implementers to evaluate their programs. YBhg. Datu Dr. Sabariah Putit, Deputy State Secretary (Performance & Service Delivery Transformation) who was present at the forum also welcomed the UNIMAS team to discuss further with the relevant government departments as their community engagement approach is needed for other rural transformation projects as well.



### Forum on Electricity Access for Indigenous Communities in Sarawak

14<sup>th</sup> March 2017, State Operation Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wisma Bapa Malaysia

The forum was organised in collaboration with the Institute of Social Informatics and Technological Innovations (ISITI), UNIMAS and touched on the Smart Village concept and electricity access for indigenous communities in Sarawak. UNIMAS partnered with the University of Cambridge in conducting research

on understanding community preferences to ensure that electrification schemes are congruent with the communities' specific development pathways. Among the findings shared was on the importance of community engagement to ensure that rural electrification schemes can meet the preferences and aspirations of indigenous communities in Sarawak.

The study, which was carried out at the remote Penan villages of Long Lamai and Long Kerong found that there was a strong preference for a community-based model, whereby the provision of electricity would be operated and maintained by the communities themselves. However, the preference changed to a utility-based operator among villagers who had personal experiences in using electricity for income generation purposes. Cambridge University Research Fellow, Dr. Terry van Gevelt said both models had different policy implications for stakeholders. The community-based model would be difficult to reconcile with the provision of street lighting or using electricity for income generation, while the utility-based model might not meet the community's specific development pathway. Thus, there is a need to invest time and resources in engaging with communities. It shows that a more flexible approach may be needed in providing electricity to remote communities.

Associate Prof. Dr Poline Bala from ISITI proposed an ethno development approach to help ensure that energy supply would bring about development in line with the aspirations of indigenous communities. The approach emphasised community participation while taking into consideration the values, culture and concerns of specific indigenous communities.



### MASA-AZAM-SDI Sharing Session – Filipino Poverty Programme (Gawad Kalinga) 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, AZAM Conference Room

The sharing session was organised in collaboration with Institute of Management Sarawak (MASA) and Angkatan Zaman Mansang (AZAM) Sarawak. The speaker for the session was Ms. Wee Ai Chin.

Gawad Kalinga (FPP) is an imaginative and boldly successful programme designed to bring 5 million poor Filipino households out of poverty by 2024. In the past 20 years, it has established almost 3,000 new urban villages housing the poorest of the poor throughout the Philippines. And in 6 years, it has converted a 34 hectares scrubland outside Manila into a thriving Farm-Village-University, throbbing with social entrepreneurs who prove that healthy organic farm produce is a realisable dream for all, generating employment and garnering international awards with their world-class natural products. The programme's battle cry is "No one left behind" and it has spread its message of hope, passion and action to Indonesia, Cambodia and Papua New Guinea.

During the session, Ms. Wee proposed that a similar movement should be set up in Sarawak to support the rural community. The session was attended by 30 people comprising AZAM and SDI staff and representatives from the different government departments, universities, colleges and NGOs.



### International Conference on Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Sarawak 2017 (ICAAS 2017)

21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017, Borneo Convention Centre Kuching

ICAAS 2017 was organised with the Sarawak Government under the Ministry of Modernisation of Agriculture, Native Land and Regional Development Sarawak, Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak and Department of Agriculture Sarawak with the objectives to share knowledge and best practises in agriculture and the agro-based industry; to explore effective agriculture delivery systems in order to facilitate transformation of the agriculture sector; and to identify opportunities in the utilisation of digital technology to leapfrog the development of sustainable and competitive agriculture. The theme was "Transforming Agriculture through Commercialisation and Digital Technology".

The event was attended by about 2,000 participants with the majority from agriculture related sectors. There were four presentation tracks namely, Modernisation and Commercialisation of Agriculture: Scenario and Trends, Journey towards Transformed Agriculture, Stakeholders' Integration along the Supply Chain, and Digital Agriculture. A total of 22 speakers from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, Taiwan, India, Australia and United Kingdom shared their expertise and knowledge under the 4 tracks respectively.



### Workshop on Venture Capital

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017, Hilton Kuching

The workshop was organised in conjunction with ICAAS 2017 by the Ministry of Modernisation of Agriculture, Native Land and Regional Development Sarawak, Department of Agriculture and Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak.

The speaker cum resource person for the workshop was Dr. Prasun Kumar Das, Secretary General of the Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association, Bangkok, Thailand. He began with an Introduction to Special Purpose Vehicle and Venture Capital in Agriculture: Success Stories from the Region/Realities of Venture Capital. Following that, he presented on the Business Models and Institutional Set up of SPV: The Right Priorities, Due Diligence, Deal Structures and Terms, Legal Requirement, Small Business Strategy and Operations, and Exit Strategies.

Dr. Prasun also facilitated the group discussion on the following topics; a) Identification of Agribusiness Potential in Sarawak; b) Examining Current Status of Investment in the Agribusiness Sector (including bank finance); c) Legal and Procedural Issues of Floating the VC Fund/ Joint Venture fund; and d) Enabling Environment for the Financial Sector and Export Oriented Units to invest in Agribusiness Ventures (including the tax regime).

The workshop was attended by 47 participants from government agencies such as the State Deputy Chief Minister's Office, Department of Agriculture, Department of Veterinary Services, MANRED, Ministry of International Trade and eCommerce, and the State Planning Unit; state statutory bodies such as the Land Custody and Development Authority, Regional Corridor Development Authority, the Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority, and Sarawak Economic Development Corporation; financial institutions such as Crowe Horwath, Agrobank Sarawak, and RHB Siburan; academia such as Swinburne University Sarawak and Universiti Teknologi MARA Samarahan; and business sector such as Dayak Chamber of Commerce and Industry as well as the Kuching Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Windows on Kuching, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Riverside Majestic Hotel, Kuching

The 21st Annual General Meeting was attended by 19 members with 14 proxies. In his welcoming remarks at the meeting, the Chairman, YB Tan Sri Datuk Amar expressed his wish for SDI to go into areas of focus that are not being covered by others in order to create its own niches, and to be seen as an active player in these areas. He cautioned that SDI's role should not become diluted in organising events that are already being covered by other entities.

The Chairman also expressed his appreciation to members who have been active in contributing presentations at the Brown Bag seminars, participating in SDI's events, and giving inputs and ideas. Special mention was also made on Corporate Members who have strongly supported SDI financially. He also recorded his appreciation to the former CEO, YBhg. Datu Aloysius J. Dris who helmed SDI for 13 years from 2004-2016. The meeting discussed quite a number of matters which were brought up by members.





### Community Leaders' Engagement

12<sup>th</sup> September – Kuching,

9<sup>th</sup> November – Sibü,

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> December – Miri, 2017

Three community leaders' engagement sessions were also organized as part of the Key Results Area (KRA) State Transformation Initiatives – State KRA Public Relations Strategy. As grassroots leaders, community leaders are expected to understand their roles in providing and disseminating information on Sarawak's development direction and agenda and to be able to execute these roles effectively and efficiently for the betterment of the areas and communities under their jurisdiction. The SCD Centre conducted three regional Feedback

Exploratory meetings with the *ketua masyarakat* in Kuching (southern zone), Sibü (central zone) and Miri (northern zone). The feedback exploratory meetings were to gather the insights of the community leaders on matters mainly in their scope of responsibility and in particular reference to digital economy. This information were classified into the knowledge and information that these community leaders require to comprehend their roles, the skills and capacity they require to perform their duties, and pressing issues faced on the ground with regards to their responsibility and by the community they lead. A total of 42 community leaders from the 3 regions comprising *temenggong* (11), *pemanca* (14) and *penghulu* (21) participated in the meetings.



### Training on Communication for Development (C4D) and Developing C4D Plans

13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Pullman Hotel, Kuching

The training was organised by the SCD Centre in collaboration with the State Public Relations and Protocol Unit (UPPAN), Sarawak Chief Minister's Department which was under the purview of YBhg. Dato Hajah Norhyati Binti Mohd Ismail, Special Administrative Officer. It was held as part of the Key Results Area (KRA) State Transformation Initiatives – State KRA Public Relations Strategy. This training was conducted by two distinguished C4D experts, Mr. Rolando Inciong and Ms. Olivia Sylvia Inciong, from the Philippines. The main objective was to provide training on C4D and developing C4D Plans for the State's thrust on Digital Economy. It was attended by 20 civil servants from 14 government departments and agencies. The 3-day training was a combination of talks on the field of C4D and its success stories around the world, as well as workshops on developing C4D plans for the respective departments and agencies. The outcomes of the training were draft C4D plans by the participants for their projects and to identify content or information from their respective agencies that could be uploaded onto the SarawakGov mobile application.





## BROWN BAG TALK



### Environmental Issues related to Logjam Phenomenon

25<sup>th</sup> September 2017, AZAM Conference Room

Mr. Peter Sawal, Controller, Natural Resources and Environment Board Sarawak gave a talk to SDI members on 'Environmental Issues related to the Logjam Phenomenon'. In his talk, he highlighted the possible sources of the logjam namely excessive rainfall, steep terrain and accumulation of debris from past logging activities at a higher level. It was estimated about 1 million cubic metres of rubbish was floating spanning about 100 kilometers during the logjam. The impact of the debris tsunami caused massive erosion of the riverbank and changes in the vegetation.

The discussion centred on the causes of the logjam as in whether there was a policy for the logging companies to remove the offcuts; and studies conducted to study the impact of the logjam phenomenon. According to Mr. Peter, the companies usually do burning to clear the offcuts due to logistics issue, and studies on the impact have yet to be done. Due to logistics issue, Sarawak only utilised 40% of the timber and the rest are thrown away as it is too expensive to transport for other uses.

There was a question posed on changes on the ground after the phenomenon as companies as well as local communities were badly affected. Mr. Peter shared that Sarawak Timber Association would initiate a self-environmental audit among the timber companies as a pilot project, and that hopefully would bring about changes for the timber industry. The gap in communicating with and engaging the local communities on environmental monitoring and enforcement was also emphasised. Integrated Water Basin Management is proposed as one of the mechanisms to address the problem provided that all relevant organisations are committed.

### Special Workshop for Residents, District Officers and Magistrates on Management of Sarawak Native Courts

25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Le Meridien Hotel, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

The special workshop was organised by the Sarawak Native Court with the objectives to enhance the knowledge and skills of Residents, Registrars and Magistrates on the management of Native Courts in consonance with the Capacity Building of the Special Bumiputera Programme under the 11th Malaysia Plan; to strengthen the rapport between the Residents and District Officers with the Sarawak Native Courts in order to effectively mitigate the outstanding and ever increasing number of Native Court cases in Sarawak; to provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge and experience between officers of the Native Courts of Sarawak and Sabah; to establish a working cooperation in the preservation, development and empowerment of native laws and customs; to visit and to enhance knowledge regarding the *Institut Latihan Mahkamah Anak Negeri* (ILMAN), Sabah, and Native Court House (*Mahkamah Anak Negeri*) Sabah; and to escalate the overall capacity building initiatives of all Native Court officials to achieve the vision of the Native Court "To be a Native Judicial Institution Worthy of Public Trust and Confidence".

There were five paper presentations which were on *Statutory Powers and Duties of a Resident and a District Officer under the Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 and the Native Courts Rules, 1993* by YA Datu Thomas Akin Jelimin, President of the Sarawak Native Court of Appeal; *Immunities of Administrative Officers while Performing their Statutory Duties* by Mr. Joseph Chioh Hock Hua, Senior State Counsel, Sarawak State Attorney-General's Chambers; *Code of Conduct for Magistrates* by Ms. Portia Tham Ong Leng, Magistrate in the Sarawak Judicial Department; *Rules and Procedures on Application to be Identified with a Sarawak Native Community* by Mr. Dahim Nadot, Special Administrative Officer, General Administration Unit of the Sarawak Chief Minister's Department; and *Implementation of Administrative Inquiry on Application to be Identified with a Sarawak Native Community* by Mr. Hang Tuah Merawin, Special Administrative Officer, Sarawak Native Courts, and Mr. Peter Ajek, Senior Court Clerk, Bau District Office.





## In collaboration with Yayasan Perpaduan Sarawak



### Roundtable on Unity in Sarawak 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Pullman Hotel Kuching



The roundtable discussed three main focus areas on elements and factors that bind Sarawakians, the differences in Sarawak that contributes to unity, and ways and strategies to sustain that unity. The roundtable was moderated by YBhg. Datu Ose Murang, member of YPS and attended by distinguished discussants like Dr. Chandra Muzaffar, Chairman of Yayasan 1Malaysia, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Madeline Berma, Director of Tun Fatimah Women's Leadership Centre, National University of Malaysia, YBhg. Tan Sri Datuk Amar Leonard Linggi Jugah, Chairman of Tun Jugah Foundation, YBhg. Datuk Seri Azman Ujang, Chairman of BERNAMA, Cikgu Ahmad Faizal bin Osman aka Cikgu Emmet (a West Malaysia teacher in Sarawak), YBhg. Datu Dr. Hatta Solhi, Chairman of Board of Directors, UNIMAS, Prof. Dr. Lau Seng, Director of Centre for Technology Transfer & Consultancy, Institute of Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation, UNIMAS and Mr. Rajah Murugaiah, media practitioner.

The objectives of the roundtable were to discuss Sarawak's essence of unity and factors that bind Sarawakians, to identify lessons that can be learned and shared with fellow Malaysians, and to identify challenges and issues facing this legacy of unity in Sarawak. The discussants under the respective sessions brought up many factors, issues and personal stories that illustrated their viewpoints and opinions on unity in Sarawak. Among those factors mentioned that bind Sarawakians were the diversity of the population where no single group can form a majority in Sarawak, open policy and leadership practised over the years e.g. *perintah kongsi*, education system like the mission schools, the longhouse culture and mentality where sharing is a norm, fluid boundaries between ethnic groups due to the high percentage of intermarriages, the various festivals that celebrate the diversity of cultures rather than religion based festivals, and a high sense of acceptance and belonging among Sarawakians.

There were concerns raised that Sarawak needs to look deeper into unity issues to identify concrete indicators to inculcate the same values and openness among the younger generation; and to increase the level of interaction between the younger generation of different backgrounds. There were suggestions that Sarawak should come up with a unity model or module based on the current leadership, policy and practices.

The roundtable was attended by 25 participants comprising community leaders, NGOs academicians, government officials and youth.



### MakanMakan Sarawak: Pesta Makanan Melanau

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017, Damai Beach Resort

The event was organised in partnership with the Champions, Melanau Association of Kuching and Majlis Adat Istiadat from 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. It was supported by the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Sarawak (currently Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth and Sports Sarawak) and Damai Beach Resort.

MakanMakan Sarawak was expanded from its previous format where it included an exhibition which was open to members of the public after the ticketed lunch segment. The ticketed lunch, from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., served up to 20 authentic Melanau dishes and guests were entertained with dances such as the *Sareheng*. The dishes served included *pipuih*, *sagok nyiur*, *umai*, *linut*, *ulam* and *bubur sekapur* which were accompanied by detailed explanation by Mr. Hat Hoklai, a cultural and food expert from the Melanau Association.

The exhibition showcased Melanau marriage customs and practices, traditional attire, artefacts, and origins of sago. In addition to that, there were food vendors selling Melanau delicacies like *sago grubs (smoked)*, *sesar unjur*, *kuih sepi*, *keropok* and *sago pellets*. Members of the Melanau Association also demonstrated the preparation of *tumpik*, *umai*, *linut* and *teliseh* during the exhibition. The exhibition received an overwhelming response from the guests where most of the food items were sold out.

About 150 people comprising international tourists and students, local community and youth members attended the event.



### Camp United 2017

7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> September 2017, The Rave YMCA, Sibu



Camp United is a camp by young people for young people, aimed at fostering unity amongst the youth through an engaging, memorable and holistically challenging camp-experience to create and build inspired, passionate communities of empowered young people. The camp in Sibu was attended by 56 campers from Sarawak, Sabah, West Malaysia and other countries namely Oman, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, USA, Uganda and Indonesia.

The camp was designed to engage the youth in various challenges build around communal values such as humility, trust, integrity, perseverance, sacrifice, etc. that seek to build relationships and strengthen it through these shared experiences. In the evening, campers took part in informal discussions about various topics or issues related to unity in a communal setting. The sessions aimed to encourage the sharing of ideas, thoughts and opinions about causes of disunity and ways to strengthen unity. The highlight of the camp was a dialogue session with YB Dr. Haji Annuar bin Haji Rapae, Assistant Minister of Education and Technological Research & Assistant Minister of Housing and Public Health Sarawak on issues and concerns that affected their interests and future needs.





## RESEARCH



### Sarawak Social Trends Report, 2005 - 2015

Commissioned by Social Development Council (MPS), Ministry of Welfare, Community Wellbeing, Women, Family and Childhood Development, Sarawak, the first phase of the study was completed in 2017. Phase 1 is a desk-study, which only analysed data on social indicators that have been collected by MPS over the last decade (2005-2015) and other relevant social indicators collected by other agencies but made available to MPS in a format ready for analysis. Phase 2 in 2018 will be based on the results of descriptive analysis from Phase 1 where policy-makers and/or implementers, enforcers and partakers who were directly impacted will be interviewed to examine and clarify certain issues identified.

Based on the descriptive analysis, the study identified three major issues and areas of concern that require serious attention from the responsible agencies, planners and policy makers. These issues are sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) such as gonorrhoea and syphilis, as well as HIV and AIDS. The increase in HIV infection cases is more prominent in bigger divisions and was found to have steadily increased from 2007-2015. AIDS being the final stage of HIV infection is, however, more contained and the number of cases is small.

The other issue is drug abuse especially among minors where it is urgent for planners and policy makers to re-examine the effectiveness of existing strategies, programmes and activities to reduce or eliminate the problem. Another issue of concern is on welfare assistance especially to the elderly, the disabled and poor, where the government should be vigilant on their existence as rapid development and urbanization will pose more challenges to these vulnerable groups. Statistics also showed that the number of recipients and amount of assistance given out in the State has recorded an upward trend.

Beside these three issues, other areas of major concern identified that could arise due to natural population increases, and need to be looked into as well as they will lead to a rise in demand for services, amenities, facilities and infrastructure in the future are shelter, healthcare facilities and services, social and recreational facilities and programs, and employment.

### Impact Study of 1Azam Programme in Sarawak

The study is commissioned by the Ministry of Welfare, Community Wellbeing, Women, Family and Childhood Development, Sarawak and was supposed to commence in 2017. It however, did not take off due to structural changes in the ministry which delayed the study awarding process. The study is expected to commence in 2018.



### An Exploratory Study on the Urban Poor with Disabled Family Members in Kuching District, Sarawak

Under the State Planning Unit, this study did not take off in 2017 as planned due to departmental structure changes as well. Issues were also faced in obtaining detailed data on the economic profile of families with registered disabled members. Discussion is still on-going and the study is expected to commence in 2018.



### Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority's (SALCRA) Development Programme in Serian Region

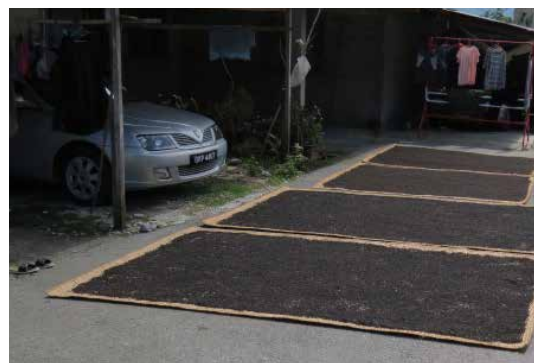
The project was commissioned by Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority (SALCRA) in early 2017. The aim of this study is to undertake a socio-economic impact assessment of SALCRA's oil palm development projects on the participating communities in the Serian region. Among the specific objectives of the study are to compile current demographic and socio-economic data on selected households in the study areas affected by the projects, to examine and compare the current condition of the participating households

against their original status in terms of household income, literacy and educational status, employment opportunities, shelter and housing, material ownership and quality of life, and to gauge the participants' perception and expectations in the context of the actual outcome of the project.

The study was conducted in five oil palm estate (OPE) in Serian under the SALCRA development programme. The OPE are Kedup 1 and Kedup 2 Estates both of which were started in 1992, Mongkos Plantation which was established in 1993, Tae'e Plantation which was started in 1994, and finally Melikin Estate which was begun in 1996. All these five plantations are almost at the end of their palms' productive 25-year cycle and will thus require re-planting soon. In terms of the number of landowners, Melikin Estate and Mongkos Estate have roughly the same number of participants, 646 and 513 respectively, while the other three estates i.e. Kedup 1, Kedup 2 and Tae'e are roughly double the size of these two, and also have approximately the same number of participants i.e. 1,329, 1,223 and 1,510 respectively.

In general, this study is basically an outcome evaluation study for the purpose of assessing the impact and the effectiveness of SALCRA's development projects in the study area, and to see whether they have achieved the objectives that they have set out to do. It is expected that the study will be able to come up with recommendations that can help improve the implementation of similar projects in the future. The study will focus solely on the assessment of the socio-economic impact of the oil palm development projects particularly on the participants or landowners. This is done by examining and evaluating the outcomes of the projects against the projects' aim and objectives which are to improve the overall well-being of the rural communities through development of land for plantation agriculture. Apart from looking at the perception and perspectives of the landowners, the study will also gauge the views and perceptions of SALCRA's management and operational staff in order to obtain a more comprehensive and holistic view on the projects, particularly in terms of implementation and achievement.

The study is expected to be completed within twelve months from the date it takes off.





**Baseline Study on Proposed Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority's (SALCRA) Development Programme Kumpang Silik Area, Sri Aman**

SALCRA also requested SDI to submit a proposal to conduct a baseline study for its new development area in Kumpang Silik, Sri Aman. The study was commissioned and commenced in 2017.

A baseline study on the area was carried out by SALCRA in 2001 as a requirement for the application to start a development project in the area. However, the approval to develop the land was only given years after the application. Due to the time lapse a fresh study is thus required as the landowners involved in the earlier study may have moved, expired or changed. Data gathered at that time was also obsolete and up-to-date baseline information was required as benchmark to assess the impact of the project in the future.

The study's aim is thus to undertake baseline socio-economic surveys of the proposed project areas and to provide detailed, accurate and up-to-date information on the socio-economic profiles of the affected communities in Kumpang Silik. The key components to be covered in the surveys will include demographic profile, economic activities, employment status and opportunities, availability of skills, existing infrastructures, as well as available facilities and amenities in the study area.

The specific objectives are to compile a detailed and up-to-date socio-economic data of the two affected communities as well as existing basic utilities and infrastructures in their areas, collect information on the existing skills among members of the two communities, examine the community's perception on development that have been or are being implemented in their areas as well as the proposed SALCRA oil palm plantation project, and to identify the needs of the communities in terms of development for their areas and any significant development preferences. The study is expected to be completed in nine calendar months.







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