

Budget 2019

Transport

- RM240mil allocation for RM100 unlimited public transport pass on RapidKL rail or bus services and RM50 monthly pass for those who only use RapidKL busses starting Jan 1.
- Toll hikes on intracity highways to be frozen
- Motorcycle toll on the first and second bridge in Penang as well as the Second Link in Johor will be abolished starting Jan 1.
- Kuala Lumpur City Hall to allocate RM20mil to provide additional GoKL free busses from the existing four routes.
- RM500mil allocation for Public Transport Loan Fund with 2% interest subsidy via Bank Pembangunan Malaysia to be made available to taxi and bus companies, and other public transport operators.
- RM10mil allocation to upgrade the Autogate Malaysia Automated Clearance System and M-Bike.

Tourism

- RM20 (Asean travellers) and RM40 (other than Asean travellers) departure levy to be imposed on all outbound air travellers starting June 1.
- RM20mil allocation to Malaysia Healthcare Tourism Council (MHTC) to collaborate with reputable private hospitals to enable the branding of Malaysia as a destination for medical tourism.
- RM100mil allocated in matching grants

- to the private sector for running promotional and marketing campaigns overseas to increase tourist to the country.
- 50% of proceeds on tourism tax, estimated at RM50mil to be shared with all states.
- RM500mil worth of loan facilities via the SME Tourism Fund with SME Bank at a 2% interest subsidy to assist handicraft makers and homestay operators.
- Sultan Abdul Samad building to be redeveloped and restored into an arts, cultural and heritage hub.

RM60.2bil Education

- RM2.9bil to help students from lower income groups in terms of food, text books and cash assistance.
- RM652mil for upgrading of schools.- All donations to national schools and public institutions of higher learning (IPTA) registered with the Ministry of Education for the purposes of upgrading infrastructure will be tax exempted starting Jan 1.- RM100mil for the re-construction of dilapidated schools.
- RM206mil towards the development and provision of training programs in Polytechnics and Community Colleges.
- RM400mil allocated to institutions of higher learning via a contestable fund for research.- RM3.8bil in scholarships and study loans to be provided with RM2bil of the amount reserved for MARA-sponsored Bumiputera students.
- RM210mil as part of the Bumiputera Empowerment Agenda to strengthen education and human capital development programs via Program Pengeraja Tunas, Program Pengeraja Skil dan Program Pengeraja Profesional which will be managed by Yayasan Pengeraja Pendidikan Bumiputera.

SME

- RM210mil allocation for 2019 to 2021 to support the transition and migration to Industry4.0 with government to assist 500 SMEs
- RM2bil allocation under Business Loan Guarantee Scheme (government will provide guarantees of up to

- 70%) to incentivise SMEs to invest in automation and modernisation.
- RM4.5bil SME Loan Fund via commercial financial institutions with a 60% guarantee from Skim Jaminan Pembiayaan Perniagaan (SJPP), including RM1bil for bumiputera SMEs.
- 17% corporate income tax

- rate for taxable income of up to RM500,000 and SMEs with less than RM2.5mil in paid up capital.
- RM2bil worth of credit and takaful facilities to help SME exports.
- RM100mil to upgrade the capability of the SMEs in the halal industry via various programmes.

- RM1bil SME Syariah Compliant Financing Scheme to be available via Islamic financial institutions where government will provide a subsidy of 2% profit rate.
- RM200mil allocation via the Permodalan Usahawan Malaysia Berhad for the wholesale and retail industry, and the purchase of business

- premises to be rented to Bumiputera SMEs.
- RM100mil allocated to TEKUN to finance small entrepreneurs.
- RM20mil to initiate 'Buy Malaysian First' campaign

Sports

- RM10mil allocation for e-Sports
- RM100mil allocation to prepare athletes for the Tokyo Olympics 2020.

Islamic Affairs

- RM1.2bil to ensure the growth of the religion
- RM150mil allocation for programmes such as building mosque and surau, and for "Khaira Ummah" initiative to train more professionals in the huffaz and religious learning modules using braille.

Health

- RM10.8bil to repair and clinics, hospitals and also to buy medicines.
- RM10mil allocation a year to provide further medical treatment to parents of contract officers
- RM100mil for Health Protection Scheme (Peka), with health screening pilot project for 800,000 people from B40 group ages 50 and above.
- RM20mil to continue free mamogram screening for breast screening, HPV vaccination and pap smear in government hospitals and clinics.
- RM50mil for rare diseases treatment, Hepatitis C, programme to overcome stunting among children, screening and haemodialysis treatment and enhanced primary healthcare.
- RM0.40 sen per liter excise duty on two categories of sugary drinks starting April 1.
- Government, with a private insurance company, will introduce National Health Protection Fund for B40 low-income group.
- Provide free protection for four main critical illness up to RM8,000 and a maximum of 14 days replacement income which being treated in hospital at the rate of RM50 a day or RM700 a year.
- Stamp duties excluded on all Tenang Protection Products for two years from Jan 1.

Targeted fuel subsidy for RON95

- Government to provide RM0.30 per litre subsidy (depending on price of petrol) of up to 100 litres to each car with a capacity of 1,500 cc and below and 40 litres per month motorcycle for 125cc and below. (owners with multiple cars will not receive this benefit)

RM1bil

Civil servant, wages and pension

- Minimum wage raised to RM1,100 nationwide starting Jan 1, 2019.
- RM500 one-off payment by year-end for civil servants Grade 54 and below.
- RM500 one-off payment for eligible pensioners receiving less than RM1,000 monthly.
- RM250 for government retirees.

Income Tax

- Individual income tax relief for the National Education Savings Scheme (SSPN) increased from RM6,000 to RM8,000.
- Corporate income tax rate for taxable income of up to RM500,000 and SMEs with less than RM2.5mil in paid up capital, will be reduced from 18% to 17%.
- Tax relief for companies that help employees settle their PTPN study loans in 2019 tax year.
- Combined tax relief for EPF contribution

- and life insurance or takaful deduction separated into RM4,000 for EPF contribution and RM3,000 for takaful or life insurance premiums. For civil servants under the pension scheme, the tax deduction will be up to RM7,000.
- Income tax deductions provided for contributions from any parties to any social enterprise subject to a maximum of 10% of aggregate income of a company or 7% of aggregate income for a person other than a company.
- Time limit on the carrying forward of losses and allowances for tax reliefs to a maximum of 7 years.

PTPTN

- Progressive loan repayment schedule, for those earning at least RM1,000 per month, from 2% to 15% of the borrowers' monthly income depending on their income level.
- Tax relief for companies that help settle all the remaining loans of their employees for the year ending 2019.
- Additional individual tax relief for all additional savings deposited in the PTPTN National Education Savings Scheme (SSPN) from RM6,000 to RM8,000.
- Discounts given to students from B40 households who have successfully obtained first class honours.
- Debt write off for who are 60-years-old and above with monthly income less than RM4,000, benefiting up to 350 debtors and costing RM4.2mil.

RM5bil

Bantuan Sara Hidup

- RM1,000 for household with monthly income of RM2,000 and below, while households earning RM2,001 to RM3,000 receive RM750, and RM500 for households earning RM3,001 to 4000.
- Additional top up of RM120 per child of 18 years and below or disabled family members of any age with a maximum limit for children.

RM3.06bil

Environment

- RM60mil allocated to help fund specific projects by the state governments to protect and expand existing natural reserves.
- RM2bil Green Technology Financing Scheme (GTFS) made available at selected commercial banks where

- Gov't will subsidise the interest cost by 2% for the first five years.

- RM1bil Sustainable Development Financing Fund provided by Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad to support the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development as well as the 17 Sustainable Development Goals under the UNDP

Housing

- RM1.5bil to build and complete affordable homes under the People's Housing Programme, Civil Servants Housing Project, PR1MA, and Syarikat Perumahan Nasional Bhd
- RM1bil fund to be set up by the Central Bank of Malaysia (BNM) for those earning under RM2,300 per month to buy affordable houses priced up to RM150,000
- RM400mil allocated to improve living quarters of civil servants such as police and military personnel and teachers.
- To help civil servants acquire homes, Public Sector Housing Financing Board will extend loan repayment period from 30 to 35 years for first loan, and from 25 to 30 years for second loan
- Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (Rehda) agrees to reduce house prices up to 10% for houses which are not subject to price controls under new projects.
- For first-time home-buyers purchasing residential properties priced up to RM500,000, stamp duty exempted up to RM300,000 on sale

- and purchase agreements as well as loan agreements for a period of two years until December 2020.
- For first-time home-buyers with household income of RM5,000 or less, RM25mil allocated to Cagamas Berhad to provide mortgage guarantees to enable borrowers to obtain higher financing from financial institutions, inclusive of down payment support.
- For six months only, starting January 1, 2019, all stamp duty charges for first time purchases of homes valued between RM300,001 and RM1mil will be waived.
- 10% Real Property Gains Tax for companies and foreigners while a 5% rate for Malaysians for the disposals of properties or shares in property holding companies after the fifth year.
- Malaysians owning low cost, low-medium cost and affordable housing with prices below RM200,000 will be exempted from Real Property Gains Tax.
- 4% stamp duty on the transfer of property valued at more than RM1,000,000.

Women

- RM45mil allocated for the set up of EPF i-SURI contribution scheme for housewives, where husbands can contribute to their wives' retirement saving. Husbands can contribute at least RM5 monthly and the Government will contribute RM40 a month.

RM2.443bil

Rural

- RM926mil allocated to build and upgrade roads and bridges in rural regions.
- RM694mil and RM738mil allocated to supply electricity and water respectively to rural and remote regions.
- RM85mil allocated to new villages for the purposes of upgrading and maintaining basic infrastructure such as roads, community halls and open spaces

RM105mil Orang Asli

- RM100mil for orang asli communities via the construction and upgrading of infrastructure for the supply of water, relocation, education, welfare and economic development.
- RM5mil for micro-grants to implement programs with the cooperation from United Nations Development Program (UNDP), to manage and protect the environment in Orang Asli and Orang Asal communities.

Tourism

- Tax free incentives to Penang's Swettenham Pier in the form of duty-free shops.
- Pulau Pangkor declared duty free island.