Less talk, more action please!

KUCHING: Kota Sentosa assemblyman Wilfred Yap has lashed back at a recent opposition criticism on the Mile 6 and Mile 7 flyover bridge projects.

"I do not want to be dragged into an unhealthy childish blame game with DAP Sarawak chairman Chong Chieng Jen's special assistant Michael Kong.

"I hope he is aware that most problems cannot be solved through press statements, but through follow-up on the various problems raised with realistic and appropriate actions to solve the problems," he said in a statement on Wednesday (Apr 6) in reply to Kong's criticism through the media.

Yap reminded Kong to focus less on rhetoric and impress upon the current Member of Parliament (MP) for Stampin to also play his role as an elected representative which among others was to contribute in a positive manner and represent the constituents of Stampin effective by raising their concerns to the relevant federal ministry and authorities.

"This can be done by putting forward effective questions during time in Parliament to get proper responses on the steps taken and to be taken on various issues involving federal ministries and authorities.



KONG



YAP

"It must be made clear to the public that both Mile 6 and 7 flyover bridge projects are part of the Pan Borneo Highway which are the federal government's projects.

"Is the criticism from Kong an admission that DAP MPs are not effective as a conduit and channel to the federal government?" he asked.

Yap stressed that he had highlighted the delayed completion of both Mile 6 and Mile 7 flyover bridges to the relevant authorities and through the proper channels on numerous occasions.

"During a working visit on April 5 with our Deputy Premier Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas to Mile 6 flyover bridge site, both the Public Works Department (JKR) and contractor informed that they are committed to ensuring that both Mile 6 and Mile 7 flyovers are completed and be open to the public by end of June this year," he said.

At the same time, he assured that he was committed to working effectively to ensure that people-centric infrastructure projects were delivered on time for the benefit of the public.

"Lastly, I shall not 'taichi' but serve as the eyes and ears of the people in my constituency and continue to highlight as well as try to resolve issues or problems of public interest affecting them.

"I shall be fair in my assessment by understanding the problems and try to assist instead of criticising and complaining to mitigate existing problems facing contractors. This to ensure the smooth implementation and completion of all government projects in Kota Sentosa," he said.

Yap added that he would do his part as the assemblyman for Kota Sentosa and hoped the MP for Stampin would do likewise.

YOUNG TALENT PROGRAMME, ANYONE?

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KUCHING: The transformation of Sarawak's public transport system will need more than just experienced experts in various fields of engineering and management, it must involve the talents and passion of Sarawakian youths as well.

Sarawak Metro through its Sarawak Metro's Young Talent Programme invited interested participates to join the programme that provides on-the-job experience and the opportunity to work alongside experienced professionals.

"The Young Talent programme is inclusive of allowances and benefits that involves a 24-month contract.

"This programme gives priority to Sarawakians aged below 27 and for graduates with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering (Technology in Rail Transportation, Civil, Mechanical, Electrical & Electronic, etc.), Construction Management, Quantity Surveying, Risk Management (members of professional bodies would have an added advantage)," Sarawak Metro said in its social media post.

Sarawak Metro added it hoped to provide the youths of Sarawak with the opportunity to be part of this fast-paced and dynamic industry.

"Besides, we also want our youth to contribute towards developing the public transportation system of the future."

Those interested in the programme can send their resumes and latest photos by April 30 to ytp.application@mysarawakmetro.com



MATRADE Sarawak delegates at SBC.

MATRADE delegates visit SBC

KUCHING: The Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC) is looking forward to having collaborations with Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) Sarawak.

The centre said MATRADE Sarawak delegates led by its director Zamzuri Mohamed paid SBC a visit on Wednesday

Zamzuri was accompanied by MATRADE Sarawak assistant director Khairun Kalik and Administration and Operation Assistant Mohd Nazurudin during the visit.

"During their visit, the delegates were briefed about plants used by the indigenous communities of Sarawak and the established Algae Cultivation Facility as well as the Natural Product Library," SBC said.

The centre added that among matters discussed were MATRADE's resources to improve export opportunities and their roles as the national agency trade.

"We look forward for collaboration with MATRADE in the future," it said.