

PM backs Negri's vision

Anwar supports MVV 2.0, which has secured RM15.6bil in deals

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PORT DICKSON: The Federal Government remains committed to supporting the development of the Malaysian Vision Valley 2.0 (MVV 2.0) plan, which has to date seen the signing of agreements totalling RM15.6bil, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said the Transport, Works, Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change, and Investment, Trade and Industry ministries would examine the investment initiatives by the Negri Sembilan government to help realise the objectives of MVV 2.0.

"As a former Port Dickson MP, I have been closely monitoring the development of MVV 2.0 and have been briefed multiple times by the state exco member in charge.

"As of the fourth quarter of last year, some 3,500 acres (1,416ha) of land within the development have been identified, and I hope that the groundwork for the projects such as the NS Smart Park spanning 1,300 acres (526ha), the NS Semiconductor Valley covering 841 acres (340ha), and the residential area spanning 1,350 acres (546ha) within the Smart County can take off," he said in his speech at the launch of the Catalyst Projects for MVV 2.0.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof read his speech.

MVV2.0, launched in December 2018, is an integrated economic region and a state-led, private-sector-driven development.

The development spans 153,411 ha, covering Seremban and Port Dickson.



Economic expansion: Fadillah listening as Matrix Concept Holding Bhd group managing director Ho Kong Soon (second from left) explains the layout for a mixed development project at MVV 2.0. Looking on is MCHB group executive deputy chairman Datuk Seri Lee Tian Hock (fourth from left).

Anwar said the various development concepts that have been proposed under MVV 2.0, including the creation of a Smart County, a High-Tech Industrial Park, an Unmanned Vehicle Valley and the NS Semiconductor Valley, should be developed in a targeted and sustainable manner and be holistic in terms of economic, social, and environmental aspects.

He added that the strategically located MVV 2.0, also a part of the Greater Klang Valley, was one of the country's important economic corridors and would play a significant role in developing the national economy.

"The plan to develop the NS Aerospace Valley as a hub for the aircraft manufacturing industry, targeting the complete ecosystem for a final assembly line that lies right next to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport, may

improve Malaysia's contribution to this industry, which currently lingers at around 5%.

"Malaysia is not that far behind in the aerospace industry, as various foreign and local companies operate in the country. Local companies such as Composites Technology Research Malaysia, which produces composite materials for aircraft manufacturing, are internationally recognised because their products are supplied to leading companies such as Airbus and Boeing," he said.

Anwar said efforts to develop Port Dickson into a maritime hub while preserving its coastal beauty as a tourist destination would also significantly affect the country's economy.

"Looking at the Malacca Strait, we find one of the busiest shipping routes in the world with more than 100,000 cargo vessels

passing through every year.

"With 300 cargo vessels transiting the strait each day, it makes sense for us to strive towards developing the maritime trading economy," he added.

He said the MRO (maintenance, repair, and overhaul) industry in the shipping sector, bunkering services, the supply of water and food, and shipbuilding should also be pursued.

Anwar said that although many jobs would be created in MVV 2.0, it was important that local entrepreneurs be allowed to participate in the industry ecosystem and that there be technology transfer to local companies.

"I am confident that these efforts will make Seremban and Port Dickson on par with or better than cities like Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, and other urban areas," he added.

MOUs worth billions signed to bring MVV 2.0 to fruition

PORT DICKSON: Malaysian Vision Valley 2.0 (MVV 2.0) is expected to contribute up to 15% to the country's gross domestic product (GDP) once all plans are completed in 2045, says Datuk Dr Mohamad Raffe Ab Malek.

The state investment, industrialisation, education, entrepreneurship and human capital committee chairman said that support from the Federal Government would be crucial to achieving this.

He said the state needed support for the construction of infrastructure, including highways, particularly in the MVV2.0 area, and the exploration of alternative energy sources for electricity, including more sustainable sources such as renewable energy.

Mohamad Raffe, who is also NS Corporation chairman, said the initiatives under MVV 2.0 were to promote economic growth and position Negri Sembilan as a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable state by 2045.

"MVV 2.0 has been designed to drive the growth of Negri Sembilan and currently includes six development parcels," he said at the launch of the catalyst projects for MVV 2.0 by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Parcel A, covering an area of

2,838 acres (1,148ha), is planned as a high-tech industrial area known as the NS High Tech Industrial Park.

The second, Parcel B, which spans 8,796 acres (3,560ha), is planned as the development area for Smart County, which, among others, will have a new central business district in Seremban, encompassing residential and commercial areas and light and medium industries.

Mohamad Raffe said Parcel C, spanning 15,373 acres (6,221ha), known as NS Aerospace Valley (NSAV), would be a dynamic and integrated aerospace industrial hub in Malaysia and the Asian region. The key components in this area include aerospace, oil and gas, electric vehicles (EVs), and a logistics hub.

Parcel D, known as the Integrated Maritime Hub and Coastal Corridor, encompasses the entire state waters within three nautical miles and is planned to develop the maritime industry in Port Dickson.

"We are also planning to develop an industrial port to support development in NSAV and complement Port Klang," he said.

The 1,500-acre (1,821ha) Parcel E, still in the planning phase, will

be developed as the Unmanned Vehicle Valley (UVV). The development will encompass four sectors - UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle), UGV (unmanned ground vehicle), USV (unmanned surface vehicle), and UUV (unmanned underwater vehicle).

Mohamad Raffe said Parcel F, near the Tuanku Jaafar Industrial Park, would be known as the NS Semiconductor Valley.

"This area will be developed as a semiconductor industry hub. So far, we have received two proposals for developing the semiconductor industry worth RM3.5bil," he added.

Mohamad Raffe said NS Corporation has also successfully entered into several agreements and collaborations for all developments in the MVV 2.0 area.

This includes signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the National Aerospace Industry Corporation Malaysia for developing an aerospace ecosystem in the NSAV and the UVV.

"We also have an MOU with China National Aero-technology International Engineering Corporation for the development of real estate and infrastructure in the NSAV area, with a total investment of RM5.81bil.

"Then, there is a joint venture

with Matrix Concepts Holdings Bhd for the mixed development in Parcel B with a total investment of RM7bil," he said.

Mohamad Raffe said other collaborations include a joint venture with MIE Industrial Sdn Bhd to develop the industrial terminal facility known as NS Maritime Gateway with a total investment of RM1.2bil, and another collaboration with Labu Tech Park Sdn Bhd for the infrastructure development of the NS Smart Park industrial area in Parcel B with a total investment of RM700mil.

The other joint ventures are with NS Semiconductor Valley Sdn Bhd for the development of the semiconductor industry area in Parcel F with a total investment of RM420mil and with Seremban Engineering Bhd for the development of NSC Jetty with a total investment of RM400mil.

Mohamad Raffe said NS Corporation has also formed a joint venture with WSH Development Sdn Bhd for the development of the NS Seaplane Hub infrastructure with a total investment of RM68.5mil and signed an MOU with Systematic Aviation Services Sdn Bhd for the development of a water aerodrome in the NS Seaplane Hub.