

The best and brightest in the property industry

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PETALING JAYA: It was a star-studded night at the Malaysia Property Awards 2022 dinner when prominent developers in the country came together to celebrate deserving individuals and companies in the industry.

Matrix Concepts Holdings Bhd group managing director Ho Kong Soon was awarded the "Property CEO" while Tan Sri Teo Chiang Kok, the executive director and chief executive officer of See Hoy Chan Holdings Group, was crowned "Property Man."

The winners were selected by independent judges with expertise and experience in the property industry.

Sky Awani 2 Residences, by SkyWorld Development Sdn Bhd, won the affordable housing award; Menara Hap Seng 3 by Hap Seng Land Sdn Bhd stood out in the office category.

Winners in the heritage category were Rumah Tangsi (Lot 10) and Kuala Lumpur Tourism Bureau (Lot 11) by Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur and Seetizens Lab Sdn Bhd.

Winners in the industrial category were i-Park @ Senai Airport City by iPark Development Sdn Bhd and Hap Seng Business Park by Hap Seng Land.

The master plan category was



One for the album: Mohd Ali (centre) in a group photo with all the winners of Fiabci Malaysia Property Award 2022 during the Malaysia Property Awards Gala Dinner 2022. — CHAN TAK KONG/The Star

won by Sime Darby Property (City of Elmina) Bhd for City of Elmina and SP Setia Bhd for Setia Eco Templer.

Tujuan Gemilang Sdn Bhd for Tamarind Square won in the mixed-use development category.

Encomas Sdn Bhd won the purpose-built category for Encomas House and Bandar Utama City Sdn Bhd for Petaling Jaya Performing Arts Centre.

Kay Pride Sdn Bhd won the residential high-rise category for Setia V Residences and Sunrise Charm

Sdn Bhd (A member of Exsim) for The Rainz @ Bukit Jalil.

Sime Darby Property (Ara Damansara) Bhd won the residential mid-rise category for Cantara Residences.

SP Setia also won the sustainable development category for D'Network @ Setia Eco Park.

Malaysia's International Real Estate Federation (Fiabci Malaysia) president Datuk Firdaus Musa expressed his appreciation to Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Mohd Ali Rustam for making time to grace the

Malaysia Property Awards Gala Dinner 2022 and present the awards.

"Malaysia Property Awards, the most coveted awards in the property development industry, is by far considered the 'Oscars' of property awards in Malaysia.

"They are highly sought after as a rigorous evaluation is being done, which gives credibility to winners," he said at the gala dinner on Saturday night at One World Hotel.

Firdaus stressed the importance of ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) and SDG (Sustainable

Development Goals) policies and to continue to incorporate more of these features in future property development projects.

With the world becoming increasingly conscious of the need to protect the environment and with a carbon-free policy by 2030, the property industry must take a leading role in these efforts to ensure the industry's long-term viability, sustainability and success, he added.

Teo, meanwhile, said the stringent evaluation process of the award reflects the highest standards of professionalism, and the award held a special meaning for him.

In his acceptance speech, Ho said his business philosophy emphasises the value of teamwork, allowing each group member to succeed and that there can be no individuality in the team.

"There are no shortcuts in anything you do. Therefore, every step of the strategy is essential, and the key to success is perseverance, positive thinking, and facing challenges," he said.

Organising chairman Dr Yu Kee Su said the organising committee is committed to ensuring the judging process was as objective as possible.

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Challenges in boosting healthcare

'Lack of doctors among issues in expanding access in Borneo states'

KUCHING: There is a target to enable Sabah and Sarawak to get 100% access to safe surgical and anaesthesia care by 2030, says the Health Minister.

Dr Zaliha Mustafa, however, said among the challenges faced by her ministry in hitting that target were the lack of trained doctors, the vast area, topography and transport network, as well as the scattered population of the Borneo states.

"Now, it is about 75% (for Sabah and Sarawak), so we hope in a few years, we can actually expand more ... to reach 100%," she told a press conference after officiating at the first Global Surgery Conference Malaysia: The New Dawn here yesterday, Bernama reported.

Earlier in her speech, Dr Zaliha said the initiative will be realised with the ministry's plan of continuous regular training of medical officers and the placement of more surgical and anaesthesia specialists in identified hospitals in both states.

She said according to a recent study published in the *ANZ Journal of Surgery*, 94% of the Malaysian population have access to the Bellwether procedures such as laparotomy, Caesarean section and treatment of open fractures within two hours.

The conference, being held from

yesterday until tomorrow, aims to expand the global surgery initiative and create understanding among all stakeholders.

Meanwhile, Dr Zaliha said the ministry's aim to produce over 20,000 specialists by 2030 will also benefit Sarawak, which was recently reported to be in dire need of more plastic surgeons due to the rising number of burn patients.

"This has to be done through training, getting more people interested in becoming specialists, and of course, we hope by then we will have enough specialists to serve the ministry in all disciplines, not just for burns," she added.

Commenting on the air ambulance initiative using the Fire and Rescue Department helicopters proposed by the Local Government Development Ministry, Dr Zaliha said the method is quite similar to the Flying Doctor Service in Sarawak.

However, she said the air ambulance service will focus on mobilising patients from remote areas or efforts to rescue victims of road accidents on highways.

"I support this initiative by the Local Government Development Ministry, and the Health Ministry is still discussing how to collaborate between the two ministries," she said.



Ready to rescue

Members of the Fire and Rescue Department rescuing a person from sea as part of a demonstration during the launch of the National Water Activities Safety Council (MKAA) at Pantai Senok in Bachok, Kelantan. The MKAA was established to raise awareness and encourage Malaysians to prioritise safety when carrying out activities in water areas. — Bernama

RM20 incentive for visitors at Rahmah bazaars

KUANTAN: Visitors to Rahmah Ramadan Bazaars stand a chance of receiving a RM20 incentive through ewallet platforms involving a total allocation of about RM2mil, says Deputy Domestic Trade and Living Costs Minister Fuziah Salleh.

This incentive, she said, would be given to the first 1,000 visitors at selected bazaars through operators or providers of ewallet platforms working in collaboration with the ministry.

"In each state, it will be implemented six times, which means that

6,000 visitors will benefit from this initiative. But each person is entitled to the incentive only once.

"Apart from helping to reduce the cost of living, the move is to educate and get the community to shop with ewallets to make way for a cashless society," she was quoted by Bernama as saying after a programme in conjunction with Ramadan at the farmer's market here yesterday.

Fuziah said so far, 29 bazaars had registered for the Rahmah Ramadan Bazaar programme, adding that the

ministry was targeting this to be held at 50 locations nationwide.

She also reminded Ramadan bazaar traders to display their food prices at all times to avoid violating the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011.

Pahang Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (Fama) director Saiful Sadri said it was targeting sales of over RM3mil through its Madani Ramadan Sales Programme which would be held throughout the fasting month at 18 locations in Pahang.