

# TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY OF MALAYSIAN VISION VALLEY 2.0 (MVV2.0)

THE AMBITIOUS Malaysian Vision Valley 2.0 (MVV2.0) development is set to catapult Negri Sembilan into one of the country's more progressive states following the recent launching of catalyst projects which saw the signing of agreements and collaborations worth an estimated RM15.6bil.

The MVV2.0, designed to drive the development of the state as part of Greater Kuala Lumpur, was mooted in 2015 but the plan was restructured and rebranded three years later with the aim to position Negri Sembilan as a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable state by the year 2045.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun said the MVV2.0 will involve the development of an area of nearly 153,411ha and serve as a platform to demonstrate the commitment for the development initiatives in this state.

"The development of MVV2.0 is an initiative by the state government with support from the federal government to boost the state's economy."

"The development is spearheaded by the NS Corporation together with other departments and agencies and shall contribute significantly to the state by attracting foreign and domestic direct investments, which ultimately create job and business opportunities," he said.

The MVV2.0, a state-led private sector driven development which spans across the districts of Seremban and Port Dickson, has now become one of the country's important economic corridors.

Aminuddin said in 2018, the Comprehensive Development (CDP) Plan for MVV 2.0 was also launched, a document which translates the overall development strategy, identifies catalytic projects, addresses environmental aspirations including economic and social benefits.

The CDP, Aminuddin said, served as a reference and is periodically updated to ensure that the development in MVV 2.0 area is carried out systematically, inclusively, and beneficial to all parties involved.

The MVV2.0 development is expected to have a significant impact on the national economy as it is expected to contribute as much as 15% to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 2045.

Aminuddin said since the launch of MVV 2.0 in 2018, the state has witnessed significant growth in Seremban and Port Dickson such as land transactions as well as potential investors.

"The state government practices an open policy in welcoming investors, especially in high-tech industries."

"This policy will help attract more investors, both domestic and international, to invest here considering the opening of new industrial areas in MVV 2.0 is vital to meet the demands and needs of industries," he said.

Aminuddin said the state government's policies had also allowed it to secure investments totalling RM9.9bil in 2022 which was the highest ever recorded by the state. In 2021, the state received investments totalling some RM5.6bil.

This feat, he said, was a manifestation of efficient governance and the receptive approach adopted by his administration in various aspects.

The MVV2.0, he said, will consist of six development parcels.

Parcel A, covering an area of 2,838 acres, is planned as a high-tech industrial area known as NS High Tech Industrial Park.

This development commenced on Parcel Hamilton in 2021 and is currently undergoing land preparation works.

Parcel B spanning across 8,796 acres is planned as a Smart County development designed to accommodate a smart city center and a new central business district in Seremban, encompassing residential and commercial areas, light and medium industries with a focus on halal production, particularly in food and beverage (F&B), pharmaceuticals, cosmetics industries, as well as medical and education hubs.

The Smart County will be supported by technological advancement in line with the development of Artificial Intelligence to enhance the quality of life, economic growth, environmental efficiency and secure urban management.

It will play a crucial role in supporting the overall development of MVV 2.0, as well as increasing the local population and attracting skilled workforce to reside in the area.

The development will also benefit from easier accessibility to Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) through new road connections and planned rail routes.

For the first phase, the state government will focus on residential development, including affordable housing type A priced at RM80,000 and below, with a size of 20' x 60' square feet, comprising three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

It hopes to build an estimated 9,188 units of affordable housing in the parcel.

As for the development of Parcel B in Labu, the state government through NS Corporation has also acquired land worth some RM450 million in September last year.

Parcel B will also house the T625 Gokbey model helicopter assembly facility which is a light transport/utility helicopter with twin engines developed by Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI).

Efforts are also being made to attract TAI's strategic supply chain such as Havelstan, Aseisan and Tusas Engine Industries.

Parcel C spanning 15,373 acres, known as NS Aerospace Valley (NSAV) is planned to be a dynamic and integrated aerospace industrial hub in Malaysia and the Asian region.

The key components in this area will include aerospace, of & gas, electric vehicle (EV) and logistics hub.

The development plan of NSAV aims to meet the demands of existing industry players as well as new industry players in line with the development of the aerospace industry.



Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun and state secretary Datuk Mohd Zafri Ibrahim flying the miniature Jalur Gemilang at the launch of the state-level Merdeka Day celebration

The state government has to date received many requests from aerospace industry players, both domestic and international, to invest in this area.

Parcel D, known as the Integrated Maritime Hub and Coastal Corridor, will encompass the entire state waters within a 3-nautical-mile and planned to develop the maritime industry in Port Dickson.

Plans are also underway to develop an Industrial Port to support the development in NSAV and to complement Port Klang.

In Parcel E, there will be an "Unmanned Vehicle Valley" (UVV) covering an area of 4,500 acres encompassing four sectors: UAV - "Unmanned Aerial Vehicle", UGV - "Unmanned Ground Vehicle", USV - "Unmanned Surface Vehicle" and UUV - "Unmanned Underwater Vehicle".

Meanwhile, Parcel F, known as NS Semiconductor Valley, located near the Tuanku Jaafar Industrial Park, is currently in the planning phase to be developed as a semiconductor industry hub.

The state government has since received two proposals for the semiconductor industry developments worth RM35 billion.

"Currently, Samsung SDI Energy Malaysia Sdn Bhd, who have invested RM6 billion constructing an electric vehicle battery plant in Parcel F near the Tuanku Jaafar Industrial Park," he said.

The state government has also received a RM450mil investment from Dutch Lady Milk Industries Bhd for a new plant on a 13ha site in Bandar Baru Enstek.

"In addition, there are two new investments in Bandar Enstek, namely Mahsuri Food Sdn Bhd and Macfood Services (M) Sdn Bhd and both are expected to be in operation by the end of this year."

"Furthermore, Ajinomoto Malaysia Bhd had recently opened a factory after its launching ceremony last December," he said, adding that collectively, these projects would offer over 1,000 high-skilled jobs within the area.

Aminuddin said the state has since entered into several agreements and collaborations in the MVV2.0 area.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed with the National Aerospace Industry Corporation Malaysia (NAICO Malaysia) for the development of an aerospace ecosystem in NS Aerospace Valley (NSAV) and "Unmanned Vehicle Valley" (UVV).

Similarly, he said a MoU has also been inked with the China National Aero-technology International Engineering Corporation (AVIC-ENG) for the development of real estate and infrastructure in the NSAV area with a total investment of RM5.81 billion.

"We have a joint venture with MCHB Development (NS) Sdn Bhd for the mixed development in Plot C, Parcel B with a total investment of RM7 billion as well as another one with MIE Industrial Sdn Bhd for the development of the Industrial Terminal facility known as NS Maritime Gateway with a total investment of RM1.2 billion," he said.

Aminuddin said another joint venture was with Labu Tech Park Sdn Bhd for the infrastructure development of NS Smart Park Industrial area in Plot C, Parcel B with a total investment of RM700 million.

"Then there is another cooperation with NS Semiconductor Valley Sdn Bhd for the development of semiconductor industry area in Parcel F with a total investment of RM420 million."

"The development of NSC Jetty with Seremban Engineering Bhd worth RM400mil has also been signed," he said.

He said these ventures proved the capability and potential of Negri Sembilan as the preferred investment destination for local and foreign investors, what more with its strategic location near the country's main entry points such as the KL International Airport and Port Klang.

"I believe, through the development of MVV2.0, more opportunities shall arise for the state's economic growth and this development plan will continue to be on the right track, capable of being realised by 2045 with the involvement and commitment from all parties," he said.

He said the state's gross domestic product for 2022 increased to RM50.6bil against RM47.8bil the previous year.

"We also registered a higher growth of 6.4% for the year against 3.1% in 2021.

"The services sector contributed 51.5% while the manufacturing sector contributed 38.1% to the state economy with the agriculture and construction sectors having a share of 6.5% and 2.8% respectively," he said.

Aminuddin said in the first quarter of 2023, Negri Sembilan received investments totalling RM932.6mil.

"Development in Negri Sembilan now focuses on efforts to realise the 12th Malaysia Plan 2021 to 2025, guided by the Malaysia Madani concept in terms of thinking, spirituality and in terms of facilities and infrastructure."

"The state government's efforts and planning have also been streamlined based on the Negri Sembilan Development Plan or RPNS 2021 to 2025 which is a state planning document on our determination and commitment in providing the foundation for reform and transformation in Negri Sembilan through economic empowerment, social engineering and environmental sustainability," he said.

This RPNS 2021 - 2025 focuses on efforts to regenerate the economy, strengthen security, well-being and inclusivity and boost sustainability.

He said several projects funded by the federal

government are also to be carried out in the state this year.

The Health Ministry, for example, has approved RM68.6mil which includes for the construction of the Malaysian Institute of Infectious Diseases.

Aminuddin said the state government has also set aside RM955,000 to improve basic facilities and infrastructure at industrial areas.

These include putting up proper signage and lighting systems in the Mahsan Industrial Area in Jempol, Part Tinggi Industrial Area in Kuala Pilah and Kuala Gemas Industrial Area in Tampin.

And to further promote tourism and tourism related products, a sum of RM5.1mil has been allocated.

For food security, his administration has approved RM11.3mil to the Department of Agriculture and RM4.5mil for the Veterinary Services Department.

"More efforts are being made to produce more fruits, vegetables, rice and other foodstuffs such as mushrooms, herbs and spices."

"These include spendings for agricultural development activities, pre-harvest and post-harvest technology and product promotion activities," he said.

Aminuddin said although the state has received RM30.7mil for several projects from the Works Ministry as of May this year, the state has also set aside RM10.2mil to upgrade state roads, build new bridges and make dangerous intersections safer.

Among the projects implemented under state allocations are upgrading the Jalan Juasseh-Jemaphol to Jalan Kuala Pilah-Batu Kikir intersection and building a new road from Jalan Labu to the affordable housing project in Kirby Farm, Labu.

The allocations from the federal government will be used to rebuild a bridge along Jalan Kuala Pilah-Tampin, build a new stretch from Nilai-Labu-Bandar Enstek and build new and upgrade roads from Sg Sebaling to Bahau.

His administration also approved RM11.9mil to the Drainage and Irrigation Department this year which was over and above the RM17.9mil given by the federal authorities.

The funds would be among others used for the construction of infrastructure for the conservation of rivers, ponds, reservoirs, rice irrigation schemes, flood mitigation and warning systems.

"It is intended to reduce the risk of flooding, overcome the problem of river bank erosion, launch the flow of river water, increase the yield of rice crops and farmers' income, creating awareness on the importance of conserving our rivers," he added.



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