

Penang Water Treatment plant as technical visit site for Asiawater

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BUTTERWORTH, April 18 (Bernama) -- Penang's Sungai Dua Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in Seberang Prai will serve as the technical visit site for participants of the Asiawater Expo and Forum 2020 .

Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang (PBAPP) chief executive officer, Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa said this was the first time that a Penang water treatment plant had been selected as an Asiawater industry technical visit site.

"The event will bring together water experts, industry professionals and major investors from all over the world to share knowledge, network and pursue potential collaborative projects.

"Participants who wish to visit the Sungai Dua WTP will come to Penang in 2020 for scheduled technical visits coordinated by Asiawater," he told reporters after a site visit with the advisor of Asiawater, Datuk Teo Yun Hua, here, today.

Asiawater is the longest running and leading biennial international event for the water and wastewater industry in the region.

However, Teo said the reason to pick the Sungai Dua WTP was because it had won multiple awards with the latest being the Malaysia Water Association Industry Achievement Award 2018 for the Best Water Treatment Plant.

"The Sungai Dua WTP is also the biggest in the country and is managed by PBAPP, that has successfully turned Penang into the only state in Malaysia without any water rationing since 2008 and still enjoys the lowest domestic water tariff," he said.

The theme for the Expo is 'Embracing Change, Pursuing Excellence', focusing on promoting national governments' efforts to transform and improve their countries' water and wastewater industry services.

"Despite having one of the most organised water infrastructure, Malaysia faces overbearing challenges in the water industry, such as high levels of non-revenue water (NRW) and a very conventional, old water infrastructure that is poorly maintained.

"Recognising these many challenges, the national government has invested in water infrastructure and the construction of new wastewater treatment plants and upgrades on existing facilities," he said.

The Asiawater event, to be held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from March 31 to April 2, next year, is expected to welcome over 17,000 delegates and visitors from 48 countries.

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