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PBAPP 'OPENS' TWO NEW RESERVOIRS IN JAWI

PENANG, Thurs (5/5/2016): Two new treated water reservoirs have been commissioned in Jawi to ensure more than sufficient on-site storage of water in Seberang Prai Selatan (SPS) for more than 24 hours.

Penang Deputy Chief Minister II Y.B. Prof. Dr. P. Ramasamy said the R2 and R3 Reservoirs in the Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd (PBAPP) Reservoir Compound cost a total of RM16.69 million.

“Today, there are around 62,000 water consumers in SPS. The daily water demand of SPS is about 86 million litres per day (MLD). The number of consumers and the daily water demand of SPS will increase significantly in the near future.

“This is because SPS stands at the threshold of an exciting future. The Penang State Government is promoting the growth of the SPS Growth Corridor,” he said while officiating the opening ceremony of the R3 Reservoir in the PBAPP Jawi Reservoir Compound today. The event was hosted at the PBAPP Jawi Customer Care Centre.

Y.B. Prof. Ramasamy said the SPS Growth Corridor would be a future hub for a hub for manufacturing and services, as well as a 21st Century commercial and residential development centre, citing the following projects in Batu Kawan:

- 11,800 units of affordable housing by the State Government;
- a new RM8 billion integrated development by the Penang Development Corporation (PDC), Aspen Vision Land and IKEA franchisee Ikano in Batu Kawan; and
- the RM11.3 billion Penang International Technology Park and Business Outsourcing Prime project by PDC, Temasek and Economic Development Innovations of Singapore.

Y.B. Prof. Dr. P. Ramasamy said the official opening of the R3 Reservoir marks a milestone in the growth of SPS. It reflects a firm commitment by PBAPP to lay the groundwork for the SPS of tomorrow.

“As such, I would like to officially welcome PBAPP as an investor in the future SPS. I would like to say *Tahniah* and *Syabas* to Dato’ Ir. Jaseni Maidinsa and the PBAPP Management Team for completing the R2 and R3 Reservoirs as scheduled,” he added.

PBA Holdings Bhd and PBAPP Chief Executive Officer Dato’ Ir. Jaseni Maidinsa said R2 was completed in January 2015 while R3 was completed in January 2016. There is also a third, older, reservoir in the PBAPP Jawi Compound that was completed in 1989.

“In most of our homes, we have water tanks that store water for household use. In effect, PBAPP’s Jawi Reservoirs serve as massive water tanks for the benefit of SPS.

When full, the PBAPP Jawi Reservoirs will store enough water to meet the water supply needs of 62,000 consumers in SPS for more than 24 hours,” he said.

The treated water that is stored in the Jawi Reservoirs is pumped from the Sungai Dua Water Treatment Plant that is located about 40km away in Seberang Prai Utara.

Under normal circumstances, treated water from the Jawi Reservoirs is delivered via gravity flow and pumped to SPS consumers.

If there is a major pipe burst or any other mishap, Dato’ Ir. Jaseni said, these reservoirs will make sure that there is no immediate water supply interruption for at least 24 hours. “In our experience, 24 hours is enough time for PBAPP to address 99% of water supply mishaps effectively,” he added.

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