

Boost for award-winning PBAPP

Water service body rewarded with cash incentive from state

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THE Penang Water Supply Corporation (PBAPP) has received a cash incentive from the Penang government for its excellent performance in 2018, in relation to winning four key awards.

Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow presented a RM20,000 contribution to PBAPP during the 'Civil Service Gathering with the Penang Chief Minister' event at The Top@Komtar, Penang.

PBAPP chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa said the incentive was for winning the Malaysian Society for Occupational Safety & Health Gold Award Class 1 for the Batu Ferringhi Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Bukit Toh Allang WTP, the Malaysian Water Association Water Industry Achievement Award for Best Water Treatment Plant in recognition of water engineering achievements at the Sungai Dua WTP, the Q-Radar Excellence Award 2018 – Enterprise Risk Management and Business Continuity Management, and the Institut Kimia Malaysia Laboratory Excellence Award for the PBAPP Central Laboratory and Sungai Dua WTP.

Jaseni said the incentive was a good start to PBAPP's 20th year of service.

"On behalf of the management and staff of PBAPP, I thank the Penang government for recognising PBAPP's good performance as a state government-linked corporation.

"This will motivate us to continue serving Penang well," he



Chow (middle) presenting the RM20,000 incentive to PBAPP staff during the 'Civil Service Gathering with the Penang Chief Minister' event at The Top@Komtar.

said in a press statement.

Jaseni said PBAPP was corporatised in 1999 to manage water supply services in Penang professionally, responsibly and effectively.

"Since then, Penang's average water consumption has increased by 18%, from 700 million litres per day (MLD) in 1999 to 826 MLD in 2018.

"Meanwhile, our customer base increased by 78%, from 338,523 water consumers in 1999 to 604,547 water consumers in 2018.

"Nevertheless, PBAPP managed

to sustain continuous good water supply services in Penang in the past two decades," he said.

Jaseni also noted that PBAPP's key achievements in 2018 as a water supply engineering organisation included no water rationing, 100% urban supply coverage and 99.8% rural supply coverage, 24/7 water supply services and 34.8% water treatment reserve margin, the highest in Malaysia.

The treated water quality also exceeded the requirements of the Quality Assurance Parameters

set by the Ministry of Health, Malaysia and lowest water tariff for the first 35,000 litres of domestic water consumption in Malaysia.

Several agencies were also rewarded for their achievements.

Among them were the Seberang Prai Municipal Council (MPSP), Penang Island City Council (MBPP) and Penang Hill Corporation (PHC).

Present to receive cash incentives were MPSP president Datuk Rozali Mohamud, MBPP mayor Datuk Yew Tung Seang and PHC general manager Cheok Lay Leng.

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