

Enterprise Architecture Master Plan to steer DBKK

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Joniston (second from left), Chan (centre), Sabin, Lifred (second from right) and Robert (right) cutting the anniversary cake.

KOTA KINABALU: City Hall (DBKK) is implementing the development of its Enterprise Architecture (EA) with the assistance of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), said Mayor Datuk Seri Dr Sabin Samitah.

He said the EA Master Plan would steer DBKK towards becoming a high-performance organisation, with ICT planning aligned with its mission through the establishment of a Single Source of Truth.

"This approach enables faster and more accurate decision-making, as DBKK's top management will have access to integrated data to support evidence-based, data-driven decisions," he said at the 26th anniversary celebration of Kota Kinabalu City at the City Hall building compound, Monday.

The event was officiated by Assistant Minister to the Chief Minister Datuk Joniston Bangkuai.

Sabin said the implementation would also lead to long-term cost savings by avoiding redundant procurement, maximising the use of existing technologies and reducing system integration costs.

The initiative, he added, is aligned with the Smart City agenda, which serves as the core of urban management transformation. DBKK, he said, received recognition from the Ministry of Local Government Malaysia for achieving Early Adopter status under the Malaysia Smart City Rating.

Strategic collaboration with the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) continues to be strengthened to support digital infrastructure and urban connectivity, he said.

Initiatives such as energy-efficient urban lighting, enhanced cybersecurity and the adoption of smart technologies remain priorities to ensure safer, more efficient and resilient urban systems, he added.

"Kota Kinabalu is a unique coastal city. It is Sabah's main tourism gateway, the State's administrative centre and a focal point for population and investment," he said.

"However, an urban economy that depends too heavily on tourism alone is insufficient and unsustainable in the long term.

"Tourism must be strengthened, but a resilient city requires a stronger, higher-value and more diversified economic base," he added.

Guided by the Sabah Maju Jaya aspirations, Sabin said DBKK's development approach combines strategic economic sectors, social justice and quality attractions that complement one another.

Among the key pillars is the Blue Ocean Project, better known as the Tuna Project, alongside efforts to strengthen fisheries and high-value seafood activities.

He said the project is a comprehensive economic strategy to position Kota Kinabalu as a premium seafood trading city capable of generating quality jobs, attracting investment and retaining economic value within the city and Sabah.

The development of the night-time economy, he said, is also being prioritised as a complement to daytime activities.

A well-planned and safe night economy would not only enliven the city but also expand income opportunities for small traders, local entrepreneurs and urban communities.

Efforts to restructure squatter settlements, provide more planned and dignified housing, and ensure access to basic amenities reflect DBKK's commitment to ensuring that urban development does not marginalise any segment of society, he said.

On the physical environment, he said DBKK continues to upgrade urban lighting, expand green spaces and enhance safety to make the city more comfortable and attractive to live in and visit.

Several strategic initiatives are also being prioritised, including the development of the Botanical Park as a green and environmental education space, conservation of the Atkinson heritage area, upgrading of KKCH jetty facilities to support tourism and the maritime economy, and the development of high-impact areas such as KK Sentral as a more organised and competitive urban hub.

To improve urban mobility, he said the Ministry of Transport will introduce a public transport service known as the Pink Bus, scheduled to begin operations in April this year as a more inclusive and user-friendly alternative.

Also present were Kota Kinabalu Member of Parliament Datuk Chan Foong Hin, KKCH Director-General Datuk Lifred Wong and Deputy Director-General Robert Lipon.