



Klang Valley 2

The tourism sector in Selangor is blossoming

The Vision and Mission

Dato' Noordin Sulaiman, Director State Secretary and Deputy of the Selangor State Economic Planning Unit (UPEN) enlightens us on this anticipated yet rather vague project known as the Klang Valley 2

When posed the question of “What is the Klang Valley 2?” many would give you merely a shrug of the shoulders. However, Dato' Noordin Sulaiman, State Secretary and Director of the Selangor State Economic Planning Unit (UPEN) is the perfect person to fill you in on the ins and outs of this rising place.

“It's simple. There are currently two districts in Klang Valley 2, namely Kuala Langat and Sepang. These two districts have been a direct hit from the spill over of development in Kuala Lumpur and the Klang Valley. It has since attracted the eye of investors.” Dato' Noordin says.

With a total land mass area of 142 thousand hectares, mega projects in this area include the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), our Federal Government's



*Top pix; Nature preserved
Left; Kuala Lumpur International Airport
Right; International Sepang F1 Circuit*

Administrative Centre in Putrajaya, Cyberjaya and the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA).

“Massive projects like this directly linked to the Federal and State Governments have been nudging the development of Klang Valley 2. These two districts, Sepang and Kuala Langat that fall within the vicinity are a sure

fire success considering the rapid development in the metropolitan neighbouring areas of Kuala Lumpur and the Klang Valley. The sharing and existing modern and up to date infrastructure that is used in MSC and KLIA has solidified the notion for these areas to fully develop and outrival.”



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New Happenings

There are a few projects existing currently within the Sepang district namely, KLIA and Cyberjaya. The Sepang Municipal Building which will be situated in Cyberjaya is due to be handed over end of this year.

In Kuala Langat, the Canal City is rising as are new townships. Science Park 2, also in this district, benefits from being so close to the nation's international airport and to the ELITE highway. New District Administrative Centres are also being built and should be completed in the next two to three months for the taking.

"The Federal Government is also in initial discussions to extend the Klang Valley 2 area to encompass Kuala Selangor, Port Dickson and Seremban,"

Dato' Noordin adds.

On the whole, the Klang Valley 2 area will function as the administrative central where the municipal offices and district offices will exist.

The Role

The planning, implementation and development of Klang Valley 2 reinforces the "Wawasan Negeri Selangor Maju" vision with Selangor being the first developed state in Malaysia. It will also reinstate the Kuala Lumpur-Klang Valley position as a metropolitan city that will eventually be an indispensable link with the major players around the globe.

There are three missions that have been identified where Klang Valley 2 is concerned. In the context of the

integration of the global-local (glocal) economy, Klang Valley 2 will be a huge contributing factor.

Dato' Noordin says, "We are acutely aware that investors that come into our country have a sole motive to strike it big. The success of Klang Valley 2 perched against all others banks on its conducive environment. It is conducive for investments and offers a high quality of living for the expatriates and locals alike."

"The Klang Valley 2 needs to be a source of growth which will reap multi benefits for an overall growth for its residents," he said. Foreign investments will not only create opportunities for the locals, it will also solidify the local business economy with the integration between global and local economy.



Advanced education is available here

“Take KLIA Bhd for example who very recently opened up opportunities for local entrepreneurs to display and sell their local and traditional items at KLIA, widening their market place and the network of glocal economy,” Dato’ Noordin explains.

Workshops and forums have been conducted to cook up many more ideas as such to encourage the growth of Klang Valley 2.

The Function

Klang Valley 2 will also function as a gateway for businesses and international visitors. KLIA is in itself the key infrastructure that has put the country on the map in the international arena.

“KLIA’s role is not only as an international gateway into the country for visitors, it is also the doorway for investors and their products. KLIA’s role can be further congealed

with an integrated plan with other sectors like the public transportation services, businesses, tourism and travel companies, investment companies and such. We believe that with a good network and a good relationship between all parties, the potential for KLIA to compete and form a firm standing with major league airports in Asia Pacific will be strengthened,” Dato’ Noordin tells.

Klang Valley 2 will also be a choice location for firms and offices in the district with current long-standing ICT based multi-national companies already set up here.

“In playing a role as choice land for investors and besides creating state of the art infrastructure in the MSC, it is very important that we prepare a certain standard of living in Klang Valley 2 that is of a high and enviable quality,” he says.

This plan will include erecting an

environment that is suited to the culture of a cosmopolitan base, especially in the context of a healthy living and facilities for recreation and international education. “We can start with simple things like walking and biking tracks flanking the roads.”

In planning a quality surrounding, amongst the assets that need to be taken into consideration is the resources of the river and sea in the vicinity. Once upon a time in our country, these resources were barely even given any attention in development. The river was merely a place to chuck your waste and was not put to good use.

“In developed countries around the globe, the rivers are exploited to its optimum. Likewise here, the potential uses of the river and sea will be taken into account during the development of Klang Valley 2.”

In London for example, the river chain was given priority in their



development with a strategy coined as the 'Blue Ribbon Network'. Their State Government cited this strategy can be equally effective in the development of Klang Valley 2, in preserving and resourcing from nature. "The rivers are also important in the role of recreation, tourism, water transportation and other suitable economies."

It has been regulated that the water bodies within the Klang Valley 2 areas must be left untouched.

Smooth Flowing

Other than that, a workshop was held last year and six initiatives have been outlined to perfect the smooth flowing operation and implementation of the development of Klang Valley 2. These initiatives are there to encourage and support the installations of global businesses as well as the local ventures.

"We also want to implement excellent infrastructure, communication and transportation facilities and improve the workforce and their skill sets locally. We want to be able to offer a high standard of living. Good governance is priority and equity and restructuring of the local residents will be done as well," Dato' Noordin affirms.

Recent Developments

This process is not an easy one and

but is simply divided into three stages.

Firstly is in the preparation of the Strategy planning for Klang Valley 2. This plan is ready and has since been sent to the State Office Structural and Planning office.

Secondly is to prepare an Action Plan. This plan is prepared based on the local development and include corporate plans.

Third comes the preparing of strategies to implement these plans. Focus is given to the projects that have been approved by the Klang Valley 2 local authorities like Sepang Goldcoast and the new administrative offices in

Sungai Sedu.

"We are currently at the second stage right now and we are giving every single project optimal focus to ensure that it is fool proof. The state office works towards the concept and not so much on the implementations. We coordinate policies and play a role in facilitating the development and encourage investments. The engine of development ultimately comes from the private sectors like developers and investors. With all parties working hand in hand and a good plan to execute, Klang Valley 2 is a vision of success."

Further information on the Klang Valley 2 can be obtained on line at www.wlk.2.com



Klang Valley 2 on the map