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MEDAC IN COLLABORATION WITH UDA, SKM, SME CORP, TEKUN AND BANK RAKYAT ROLL OUT BENEFITS WORTH ALMOST RM3 MILLION TO ENTREPRENEURS IN NEGERI SEMBILAN

JELEBU, 22 February 2021 – The Ministry of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives (MEDAC) is confident of creating a conducive entrepreneurial ecosystem in Jelebu with the construction of cooperative retail stores, which will be developed by UDA Holdings Berhad (UDA), a property developer and asset management company, under the purview of MEDAC.

UDA is appointed as the turnkey developer for this project on land owned by the Koperasi Kakitangan Kerajaan Daerah Jelebu Berhad in Kuala Klawang.

UDA Niaga Project will have 4 lots of two-storey shophouses build on 0.17 acres of land owned by the cooperative and is expected to take 8 months to complete. The government will fund this project with a grant for an estimated amount of RM1.7 million Gross Development Cost (GDC). Once completed, it will be handed over to the owners of the land. This development project will be a catalyst to help stimulate the local economy.

According to Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Minister, Dato Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, UDA Niaga that offers 4 lots of two-storey shophouses has the potential to be a one-stop centre for entrepreneurs in the vicinity. It will also act as centre for agencies under MEDAC, enabling local residents to easily access information on MEDAC's entrepreneurial programmes and incentives.

Dato Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi also pointed out that the community will benefit greatly from this project as UDA Niaga will be located near schools and government offices, as well as located centrally in Kuala Klawang. It is also a productive effort by the cooperative to encourage entrepreneurial activities among the cooperative members, entrepreneurs and the local community. The government hopes that this initiative will be an example to other cooperatives to encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship in the area.

Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias, Chairman of UDA, stated that UDA had previously developed 168 units of shops such as UDA Niaga (formerly known as 'Kedai Desa') at 16 sites across the country using development funds given by the government.

"The government has given UDA the responsibility to develop UDA Niaga in Melaka, Johor, Negeri Sembilan, Perak, Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan. The focus of this project is to develop shoplots on land owned by the Local Authorities, with the local community reaping the benefits from these developments. The completed UDA Niaga will be handed over to the Local Authorities to manage the business owners and local entrepreneurs".

He added, "The implementation of this project supports the government's plan to increase the involvement of the community, especially the Bumiputera, in the business sectors. Additionally, the UDA Niaga project gives opportunities to local contractors and consultants to procure construction jobs. This effort is in line with UDA's mission and vision of enriching sustainable lifestyle".

During the ground breaking ceremony, Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi handed out mock cheques with a total value of RM444,360 under the *Pembiayaan Tabung Modal Pusingan (TMP-SKM) SKM Negeri Sembilan* and *Dana Bantuan Pembangunan SKM Negeri Sembilan* financing scheme and Development Assistance Fund, to 13 cooperatives under Malaysia Co-operative Societies Commission (SKM). It is hoped that this initiative by SKM will help to escalate the cooperatives' programmes and activities, thus boosting the local economy.

The recipients of the *Pembiayaan Tabung Modal Pusingan (TMP-SKM) SKM Negeri Sembilan* were Koperasi Keluarga Haji Abdul Latif Seremban Berhad, Koperasi Homestay Lonek Jempol Berhad and Koperasi Melayu Berjawatan Kerajaan Negeri Sembilan Berhad. *Dana Bantuan Pembangunan SKM Negeri Sembilan* was given to Koperasi Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Dato Undang Haji Adnan Kota Rembau Berhad, Koperasi Wanita Wawasan Negeri Sembilan Berhad, Koperasi Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Juasseh Kuala Pilah Berhad, Koperasi Wanita FELDA Sungai Lui Negeri Sembilan Berhad, Koperasi Homestay Klawang Berhad, Koperasi Kemajuan Tanah Sungai Buluh Negeri Sembilan Berhad, Koperasi Peserta-Peserta Rancangan FELCRA Gugusan Lakai Berhad, Koperasi FELDA Pasoh Satu Negeri Sembilan Berhad, Koperasi FELDA Pasoh Tiga Negeri Sembilan Berhad and Koperasi Kakitangan Kerajaan Daerah Jelebu Berhad.

Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi added, “The ministry is proud of the collaboration between UDA and the Cooperatives to intensify entrepreneurship programmes. It is hoped that this initiative will set an example and spur other agencies and companies to mobilise their efforts in developing more entrepreneurship programmes to boost the economy”.

After the event, Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi spent some time at the Business Fund Aid to Entrepreneurs in Jelebu Programme. Funds were channeled to the entrepreneurs and local community through agencies under MEDAC, such as SME Corporation Malaysia (SME Corp), Tabung Ekonomi Kumpulan Usaha Niaga (TEKUN Nasional) and Bank Rakyat. A total of RM302,405 were given to 6 recipients of the SME Corporation Business Entrepreneur Aid - 3 from the Beep category comprising Aa Bza Richer Sdn Bhd, Petro Mart Sdn Bhd and Faiza Marketing Sdn Bhd and another 3 from the Tube 7.0 category comprising Bielzwar Empire, Zeraz Digital Studio and Aimanfaz Enterprise.

TEKUN also contributed funds totalling RM374,000 to 20 entrepreneurs from Jelebu. At the same time, Bank Rakyat generously donated RM140,000 to local

community. The donation involved the Flood Relief Fund, in particular to the 50 people affected by the flood, the Covid-19 Outbreak Fund specifically to Covid-19 patients and the community affected by the Movement Control Order (250 recipients) and Back-to-School Aid for B40 students (350 recipients). All donations were handed to representatives of the recipients. The total amount of contribution from SKM, SME Corp, TEKUN and Bank Rakyat is more than RM1 million.

During the ceremony, under UDA's Corporate Social Responsibility Program (CSR) – UDA Cares, zakat contribution worth RM10,000 was handed in the form of motorcycle, mini pull-trailer and cash money to recipient Hamzah bin Yaakob from Sepri Tengah Village, Kuala Klawang. Hamzah who works as a village labourer receives monthly income of RM250 has dependents whom are 3 handicapped children and a wife who suffers from severe epilepsy and diabetes.

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