

11TH MALAYSIA PLAN

RM1.4b projects for Kelantan

KOTA BARU: Kelantan will stand to benefit from five projects worth RM1.4 billion carried out in the final stretch of the 11th Malaysia Plan (11MP).

Economic Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali said the projects were the East Coast Highway 3 (LPT3), Central Spine Road, extension and upgrading of the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport in Pengkalan Chepa, Kota Baru-Kuala Krai highway and the Palekbang Bridge.

He said the projects were among the major agendas in the final three years of the 11MP, which runs from 2016 to 2020.

"The federal government found that Kelantan was among the states that should be given priority under 11MP.

"Under 11MP, there are six states given focus.

"These states include Sabah



Economic Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali (left), who is Kelantan State Action Council chairman, at the council's meeting in Kota Baru yesterday. PIC BY FATHIL ASRI

and Sarawak.

"Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants to see all states to be given equal treatment in terms of development," said Azmin, who is Kelantan State Action Council chairman.

He said after chairing his first meeting with the council here yesterday.

Azmin hoped there would be good coordination between the federal and state governments to ensure these projects were completed.

He said this cooperation would boost the state's economy and the people's welfare.

On the LPT3 project, he said the third phase would start from Gemuruh in Terengganu to Tumpat, Kelantan.

"The project is important as it will create a new growth corridor along Kelantan's coast and develop Tok Bali Port.

"The project will create connectivity to the port and boost industrial areas in Tok Bali. This way, Kelantan products can be transported out of the state via an efficient transportation system."

Azmin said the airport's extension and upgrading would start at the end of the year and was expected to be completed within three years.

"The RM450 million project will increase the airport's passenger capacity from 1.5 million to four million. It will attract more investors to the state and provide jobs for Kelantan folk."