



Visitors showing their free recyclable bags made out of old banners and bunting by MBPJ.



Mohd Azizi (right) and Azmin (second from right) giving out cash contributions and daily necessities to seniors in Petaling Jaya under the 'Tautan Kasih' programme by MBPJ.

Giving back to the people of Selangor

Statewide roadshows being held to promote schemes benefiting citizens

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SELANGOR government officers are going around the state to promote 38 of its schemes aimed at benefiting residents.

The schemes range from health-care, education, retirement, housing to events for youths.

Their first destination for the *Karnival Peduli Rakyat* programme was Giant Kota Damansara which attracted more than 2,000 residents from the Petaling district.

As early as 9am, the crowd grew slowly, visiting exhibition booths while waiting for the event

to be launched.

Petaling Jaya is the first of nine districts which they will tour.

"Despite the bad economy, our government is still going strong, and what better way to spend our profits than to give back to the people of Selangor," said Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azmin Ali before launching the event.

Also there were representatives from Kumpulan Perangsang Selangor Berhad (KPS), Yayasan Hijrah Selangor (YHS) and Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) who made the carnival possible.

During the event, Azmin also took time to introduce all the 38

schemes to those present.

The schemes were gradually introduced since 2008 and now more than RM1.9bil has been spent.

One of the schemes was the *Pinjaman Hijrah Selangor* scheme aimed at empowering and equipping small time entrepreneurs to help them grow their business.

To-date, the state has already helped more than 35,000 entrepreneurs and given out RM206mil whereby each applicant will receive between RM5,000 and RM50,000 based on their needs.

"Our aim is to help those who are serious about growing their business, but cannot apply for a bank

loan to furnish their business, so we want to help elevate their business status," Azmin said.

Apart from that, the state also introduced the *Peduli Sihat* scheme aimed at providing free healthcare to the needy.

However, this scheme is open only to households earning below RM3,000 monthly, and cardholders can visit over 1,000 private hospitals and clinics for free.

"Basically, we want our people to be healthy and have access to good healthcare, and not be turned down just because they cannot afford it," he said.

Joining him at the event was KPS

chairman Datuk Raja Idris Raja Kamarudin, YHS executive chairman Datuk Mansor Othman, Petaling Jaya mayor Datuk Mohd Azizi Mohd Zain and deputy mayor Johary Anuar.

During the event, MBPJ representatives were also seen giving out recyclable bags to visitors as part of its Plastic Bag Free Campaign.

Residents present were treated to lunch and had the opportunity to register for the state's schemes on the spot.

Apart from that, there were also free health checks, performances and activities for the whole family to take part in.