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Greetings from your Member of Parliament

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Dear Kelana Jayans,

A happy new year to all. This is my second newsletter to the people of Kelana Jaya. My team and I will endeavor to issue one every six months to update you of our work and progress. This is a special year end/new year issue where I will disclose my office's 2013 accounts. I will also brief you on the projects that my team and I, will pursue in the coming months.

Since my appointment as your Member of Parliament, I am happy to report that I have attended every single day of Parliament in session. In this short 6 months, I have gained a good understanding of the inner workings and "effectiveness" of Parliament. There are glimmers of hope and optimism but there are lots of cobwebs that need to be cleaned out. During this period, I have been pleasantly surprised by the camaraderie of Parliamentarians, and particularly impressed by how the Women Caucus works. I am thankful to be part of the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement / TPPA Caucus where both sides are at least, trying to work together. I am saddened by the sometimes toxic nature of Parliament; the bias of many rulings (including unfair suspensions of several MPs) and the lack of respect and disregard for policy research and debate. Without sound debates, Parliament is nothing more than a "rubber stamp" body.

National Economy

In November 2013, I played a role in the formulation of the Pakatan Rakyat Budget. I was also given the task of preparing papers, briefing Parliamentarians and also advising the Pakatan Rakyat senior leaders. The 2014 Budget debate in Parliament revealed the gloomy state of our economy. During the Budget debate, I argued that the deep subsidy cuts on cooking oil, rice, sugar and petrol are ill timed and oppressive to the Rakyat. From an economic standpoint, I appreciate the need to move to a targeted subsidy system but these cuts are too deep and too fast and will likely stoke inflation. There is also a lack of positive economic empowerment plans to re-balance these cuts. These actions reflect the callous economic approach of the BN government. Instead, the government should first curb corrupt practices and wastage.

On the global economic front, 2014 is predicted to be a tougher year for the Asian region. I have spoken to economic and industrial experts from many sectors. One market research specialist pointed out to me that the sales outlook for industrial chemicals has been looking shaky. Since industrial chemicals are the bedrock of industrial output, the fall in demand is an ominous lead sign that many economic activities may slow in 2014. We hope for a pick up but let's keep an eye on this.

For Malaysia, the biggest long term economic challenge facing the government is the risk that oil prices will correct over time and some forecast Brent Crude to drift to a lower USD80 per barrel level. The maturing of the fracking industry and immense US oil reserves are the likely drivers to push prices lower. Whilst cheaper oil is good for consumers and industry at large, any such drop would be bad news for Malaysian government finances.

The government's budget depends 40% on oil and gas, and a USD20 drop in oil prices could create a shortfall of another RM25 billion.

My advice to all is to hope for the best and prepare for worse. I will continue to fight corruption and wastage and do my best to ensure that resources are equitably shared for the benefit of and according to the needs of all Malaysians.

Community

I am blessed to have two fantastic and experienced ADUNs in Kelana Jaya. In Subang Jaya, Hannah Yeoh has guided my team through all the processes of running a community office. She has also supported us and created linkages for us with the Subang Jaya community. As for Nik Nazmi, I am also appreciative of all his community efforts and I know of the many challenges he faces. Knowing that Seri Setia has many pockets of poor areas, my office has taken on two major projects in Desa Mentari and Desa Ria to supplement his work. With the rather limited resources allocated to me, these projects require external support to be mobilised so that they can run. I have spoken to and managed to secure some support from several corporations. So far I have received the help of engineers, architects and quantity surveyors to help me prepare costings and project papers. The next step is to raise the necessary funds to implement them. I have included excerpts of my project papers in this newsletter for your perusal.

Part of the rationale for pursuing these projects is my firm belief that crime, can only be really addressed at the root cause level; social mobility and opportunities plus dignified living spaces are needed. My team aims to seek meaningful socio-economic engagement with the poverty stricken areas in Seri Setia to discourage the "no hope" criminal culture. In-situ community based activities, especially those that engage the youth, should therefore be the frontline in battling crime.

Lastly, we always need more help. Please join us as a volunteer or an intern. You can help us in national policy matters as well as in community work.

Yours sincerely,



Wong Chen

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Facebook Fun Facts

6,867 is the number of likes

as of 9th January 2014



2,618

is the average number of views per post



65,664 is the highest number views of a single post on
MACC budget and results

27,072 is the number of views of my posting on my
wisdom tooth surgery!



34,528 is the number of views of my police report posting on
GE13 results.



282 is the number of my Parliamentary related postings



accounts

| P104 Office Income Statement ending 31st December 2013 | | | | |
|--|--|--|-----------|--------------------|
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | RM | RM |
| Income | | | | |
| Bank Interest Received | | | 34.69 | |
| Donation from Public | | | 30,845.00 | |
| State Government Allocation to MP office | | | 26,388.05 | |
| MPSJ Hall Deposit Refund | | | 100.00 | |
| | | | | |
| Total Income | | | | 57,367.74 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Cheque Book Stamp Duty | | | 15.00 | |
| Rental @ RM1300 per month | | | 14,300.00 | |
| Salary | | | 26,678.65 | |
| Office Supplies | | | 1,200.00 | |
| Utility | | | 2,499.60 | |
| Contractor Work- Repairs | | | 200.00 | |
| SOC SO | | | 351.20 | |
| KWSP Contribution | | | 4,800.00 | |
| Office Signage | | | 1,825.00 | |
| Cleaner | | | 200.00 | |
| Petty Cash Expenses | | | 7,274.70 | |
| Printing Costs | | | 521.30 | |
| | | | | |
| Renovation Costs | | | 18,430.00 | |
| | | | | |
| Total Expenses | | | | 78,295.45 |
| | | | | |
| Net Deficit | | | | (20,927.71) |

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| Balance Sheet at 31st December 2013 | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------------------|--|
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | Notes | RM | RM | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Steel Cabinets | | 960.00 | | |
| Fixtures and Fittings | | 5,597.10 | | |
| Cash in Bank | | 1,954.89 | | |
| Cash in hand | | 434.20 | | |
| | | | | |
| Total Assets | | | 8,946.19 | |
| | | | | |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Amount owing to Wong Chen | | 29,873.90 | | |
| Total Liabilities | | | 29,873.90 | |
| | | | | |
| | | | (20,927.71) | |
| Equity | | | | |
| Net Deficit | | (20,927.71) | | |
| Total Equity | | | (20,927.71) | |
| | | | | |

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| State Government Allocation ending 31st December 2013 | | | |
|--|---|---------------|------------------|
| | | | |
| | | RM | RM |
| Allocation | | | 58,274.04 |
| | | | |
| Distribution | | | |
| Receipients | Purpose | Amount | |
| Persatuan Penduduk Taman Mesra Batu Tiga Shah Alam | Majlis Rumah Terbuka Deepavali 2013 | 2,500.00 | |
| Surau Al Muhajirin | Program Majlis Qurban | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Pemilik dan Penduduk Blok 5, Desa Mentari | Program Sambutan Deepavali | 500.00 | |
| Telugu Association of Malaysia Selangor/Wilayah Branch | Hari Keluarga 2013 | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Penduduk USJ 5/1 dan USJ 5/2 Subang Jaya | USJ 5 Gala Night | 500.00 | |
| Surau Al-Mustaqim | Permohonan Lembu Korban | 500.00 | |
| PIBG SMK Kelana Jaya | Pembinaan Dewan SMK Kelana Jaya | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Penganut Dewa Sri Kumaravel Alayam | Sumbangan Hamper Deepavali | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Penduduk Subang Jaya, Selangor | Hari Sukan Dan Karnival | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Penduduk SS9, Sungai Way | Program Santai Belia | 500.00 | |
| PIBG Sek. Keb. Bandar Sunway | Lampu Untuk Gelanggang Terbuka Futsal | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Sukarelawan Subang Jaya, Selangor | Majlis Minum Petang | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Penganut Sri Gengai Amman | Perayaan Tahunan Kuil 2013 | 500.00 | |
| KRT USJ 13 | Majlis Hari Keluarga Bersama Perayaan Tang Lung | 500.00 | |
| Masjid Al-Falah USJ 9 | Jamuan Hari Raya Aidilfitri | 500.00 | |
| Masjid An-Nur USJ 4 | Sambutan Aidilfitri | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Penduduk USJ 6 Subang Jaya | Rumah Terbuka Deepavali 2013 | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Keturunan Lim Subang Jaya | Majlis Ulang Tahun Ke 12 | 500.00 | |
| Tamil Gospel Sanctuary | Sumbangan Sambutan Krismas 2013 | 500.00 | |
| Kuil Sri Maha Mariamman | Pengubahsuaian Tandas Awam | 500.00 | |
| Kawasan Rukun Tetangga PJS 9 | PJS 9 Community Night | 500.00 | |

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|---|--|--------|------------------|
| Persatuan Penduduk PJS 10 Taman Sri Subang | Pertandingan Karaoke Dan Malam Deepavali | 500.00 | |
| Stingray Swimming Club | MBPJ Stingray Swimming Club Swim Gala | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Penduduk USJ 11/3 Subang Jaya Selangor | Majlis Sambutan Hari Keluarga | 500.00 | |
| Masjid Al-Irsyad | Jamuan Aidilfitri | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Kemajuan Taman Glenmarie | Peruntukan tahunan persatuan | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Penduduk Blok 3 Desa Mentari | Sumbangan Aktiviti Persatuan | 500.00 | |
| Kelab Bell Tamil Malaysia Cawangan Glenmarie Shah Alam | Hari Deepavali Bersama Anak-Anak Yatim | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Penduduk Blok 9, Desa Mentari 2 | Gotong Royong | 500.00 | |
| Pusat Komuniti Wanita DUN Seri Setia | Jamuan Hari Raya Bersama Anak-Anak Yatim | 500.00 | |
| Persatuan Penduduk Blok 10, Desa Mentari 2, Petaling Jaya | Majlis Sambutan Hari Raya | 500.00 | |
| | | | |
| Payment to Individuals | | | |
| C.S. Supramaniam | Bantuan Kewangan | 300.00 | |
| S.Retnam | Bantuan Kewangan | 100.00 | |
| K.Ratnam | Bantuan Kewangan | 100.00 | |
| S. Ponnusamy | Bantuan Kewangan | 100.00 | |
| C. Muthan | Bantuan Kewangan | 100.00 | |
| S. Murugayah | Bantuan Kewangan | 100.00 | |
| E. Battumali | Bantuan Kewangan | 300.00 | |
| N. Nagappan | Bantuan Kewangan | 300.00 | |
| M.Arunasalam | Bantuan Kewangan | 100.00 | |
| S. Osman | Bantuan Kewangan | 100.00 | |
| | | | |
| Total Distribution | | | 19,100.00 |
| | | | |
| Balance Allocation | | | 39,174.04 |
| | | | |

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Notes to Office Accounts

I was elected in May 2013 and for the first 3 months, the office ran mostly on my own money. I advanced a sum of RM30,000 to kick start the office.

Every year, the Selangor State government will allocate RM50,000 to an MP to run his office. We could not utilize this Selangor state allocation for Kelana Jaya until the previous MP's accounts were sorted out. We finally got the accounts disclosed to us in September 2013. We found out that we had a remaining balance of RM26,388 for office expenses.

From various fund raising activities, we raised a sum of RM31,000.

My office is under-staffed. Currently all our expenses with 2 full time staff amounts to about RM100,000 a year. With RM50,000 from the Selangor government, we need to raise an additional RM50,000 a year. In addition, we are sorely in need of another full time officer, which will add another RM30,000 to our yearly expenses.

Notes to Community Allocation Accounts

Every year, the Selangor State government will allocate RM100,000 to an MP to provide grants and support the community. In comparison, a councillor gets the same RM100,000 for one single neighbourhood zone. ADUNS get up to RM700,000 a year.

For 2013, this allocation was increased to RM200,000. This 2014 they are reverting back to RM100,000 a year. The previous MP spent RM142,000 up to the elections. So when I took over as MP, I had a remaining sum of RM58,000 to serve my constituency.

My team and I set about to develop a strict and prudent spending policy for this allocation. For instance, we are allowed to use up to RM10,000 per festivities, but I believe this kind of "big makan" events are a waste of public funds. We should only celebrate festivities modestly and as such told my staff to spend no more than RM2,500 per event.

On the grants and support for associations and bodies, we allocated a standard fixed sum of RM500 per association, per year. As for individuals seeking financial aid, we screen them carefully and give only RM100 per person and RM300 for very serious medical situations. In response to this, we developed a work matching program to serve the poor; we would rather find someone a job than to give them cash handouts.

For 2014, we are carrying forward about RM40,000 from the 2013 allocation. Learning from our experience in the last six months, we intend to loosen the purse strings a bit more and revise a new spending policy. We shall in due time publish the same.

constituency office

Interns

We have been lucky to receive a steady stream of interns since the office opened in June, as we are currently understaffed with only two permanent staff. Our interns come from various backgrounds, and are able to help us with simple administrative tasks, community work, feasibility studies, and even proposals.



Lisha Rajendran (far left) is currently a student at ATC, where she is studying law. During her one and half months as an intern in our office, Lisha helped with administrative tasks and follow up on various cases.

She was also assigned a specific immigration case that came to our office, and researched the necessary immigration laws and eventually wrote a letter of support for the constituent in question. Lisha showed a lot of enthusiasm for observing and learning about the Parliamentary proceedings.



Koh Wyhow is a recent graduate from NUS, where he studied Mathematics. Wyhow has put his maths knowledge to work in helping us come up with a Special Purpose Vehicle

(SPV) for our projects in the Desa Ria low cost flats. He has also helped in compiling and analysing data collected in the Desa Mentari low cost flats to help us better understand the needs of the residents there. He is an exceptionally fast and efficient worker and is very driven. He jointly leads our efforts in the Desa Ria project.



Denise Arul has just graduated from the University of Auckland with a degree in Commerce, majoring in Economics and Marketing. Denise has been compiling a directory of Corporate Social Responsibility programs run by

various local businesses in the Subang Jaya and Kelana Jaya area. This directory is a part of our Collaborative

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project to maximise our ability to help organisations and needy individuals in our constituency. Denise has successfully pitched our CSR project to Holiday Villa and the Sunway Group, gaining positive responses from them.

Wong Weng Wai just started his internship with us and is currently studying accounting and finance at Sunway University. He decided to intern with us during his semester break. So far, he has helped to follow up and assist in some of our social welfare assistance cases. Weng Wai also helped to put together the accounts for this newsletter.



WE NEED INTERNS!

Ever wanted to learn more about the Malaysian Parliamentary process? Curious to know what your Member of Parliament does? Join us for an internship. Depending on your skill set you can help us with national policy research, community work, or both.

You will reserve a small allowance of RM10 a day, and some free lunches. Please send your CV and cover letter to deborah.wongchen@gmail.com

looking forward 2014

Urban Revitalisation – Restoration of Desa Ria & Desa Mentari

OBJECTIVES

- To make critical infrastructure repairs in each apartment complex
- To build community spirit in each complex
- To raise overall living standards in Kelana Jaya; particularly in low-income areas

THE ISSUES

- **Lack of Physical Space:** Households are made up of 4-5 people all crowded into small, 500 sq ft (two-bedroom) units
- **Low Income:** Average monthly household income is approximately RM1,500. With over ¾ of this income being spent on household expenses (e.g. Food & groceries, education, transport, rent/mortgage etc.), there is not much left over to save or to spend on other things



- **Lack of Community Spirit:** In Desa Mentari, 75% of the apartments are owned, whereas in Desa Ria, only 40% are owned. Due to the large number of rented apartments, there is an absence of ownership of the complexes as most people do not care for the state or the maintenance of their units and blocks
- **Poor infrastructure:** At both Desa Ria and Desa Mentari, stairwells are very dangerous – especially for children. Handrails are loose or missing

altogether (due either to rust or to drug addict thieves).

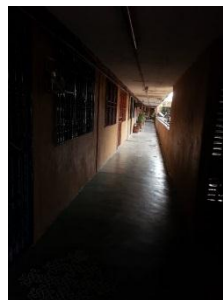


In Desa Mentari, only one in three elevators actually functions; and most of their control boxes have been



stolen. Furthermore, the roofing in many blocks are either worn out, or have collapsed completely. Additionally, an entire unit in Desa Ria is empty (there are not even any walls)

- **No Lighting:** The stairwells do not receive much natural light and there is no electrical lighting in them, thus adding to the danger.



Additionally, all the wiring from corridor lights and street lamps have been stolen (by drug addicts), making moving about outside in the evenings impossible. Even during the day, these stairwells and corridors are very dark



- **Blocked Sewage (Desa Ria):** Most of the sewage systems are blocked, causing backflow of sewage into the ground floor apartments. Illegal extensions of ground floor homes have caused further blockages, resulting in sewage spilling out onto the roads and the back doorsteps of ground floor units. Moreover, as a result of blockages, some residents on upper levels have illegally built pipes to bypass the blocked pipes, although most of these are now also blocked
- **Overridden with Rubbish:** Due to the lack of waste chambers and waste bins, and the low rubbish-collection frequency,



rubbish is strewn about openly, making for an extremely unhygienic environment

- **Filthy Courtyards:** Due to being composed of only dirt, it is almost always muddy, and thus retains rubbish more easily. It also makes it difficult to walk across.

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PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- **Poor Infrastructure:** Rebar and brick handrails and/or cement and plaster them (our immediate priority)



- **No lighting:** Improve access to natural light by demolishing parts of stairwells and installing solar-powered LED panels with polycarbonates at levels inaccessible to thieves



- **Blocked Sewage:** Unblock all sewage pipes and drains using either a vacuum or tweezers (our immediate priority), and then after two months, reassess where the blockages are (underground pipes or pipes in the residential units themselves)
- **Overridden with Rubbish:** Double the number of waste chambers and bins, increase the size of the bins used, and lobby to increase the collection frequency



- **Filthy Courtyards:** Replace the dirt with cement

Sister Stella's Tuition Centre (Not for Profit) – Desa Mentari

OBJECTIVES

- To encourage and provide additional academic support and development in order to motivate students to strive for future economic and employment opportunities
- To facilitate development of important soft skills such as time management, confidence, and a good work ethic in order to successfully equip students for the job market and lead them away from a life of crime

THE ISSUES

- **Lack of Physical Space:** There is only one centre in only one block catering to over 6,000 units. This implies that potentially thousands of students may miss out purely due to insufficient space alone



Safety: Classes are held at night between 8:30pm and 10:30pm. Malfunctioning street lights in the surroundings means major safety issues for children as they move between blocks

- **High susceptibility to crime:** Low-income households generally translate to poor academic support for children. Poor academic support usually results in fewer chances to avoid criminal activity. This combined with extremely unfavourable social influences within the complex means children have a high susceptibility to a life of crime

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

First Year – Pilot Project:

- **Expand the existing centre** in Block Two of Desa Mentari to cater to a total of **80** students
- Study and **record** in detail all of Sister Stella's **current operating procedures** in order to **design a manual** that can be used to easily set up and operate new centres
- **Train and promote** current tutor, **Bathma**, to **Coordinator** status for the second unit in Block 2
- **Identify and train potential "Sister Stella's"** to be coordinators in the new centres

Second Year:

- **Create three more centres** in three other blocks, each catering to 40 students per centre
- **Encourage new tutors** to find novel, creative ideas on effective and efficient operational procedures

Third Year:

- **Establish centres in the remaining three blocks** of Desa Mentari, each catering to 40 students per centre

looking forward 2014

PROJECTED COSTS OF FIRST YEAR EXPANSION

Overall projected costs:

| Particulars | RM/month | RM/year |
|----------------|----------|---------|
| Total Income | 5,500 | 66,000 |
| Total Expenses | 6,651 | 75,316 |
| Deficit | (1,151) | (9,316) |
| Cost/Child | 10 | 116 |

Following the expansion of the current centre, the project will incur a net loss of RM9,316 after its first year of operation. In the first, there is a projected expansion cost of RM10,000 in renovations and set up, we hope to bring this down through donations of furniture and so on. This clearly implies that the centre cannot sustain itself on student fees and donations by Sister Stella alone. Significant community contributions are required.



As indicated in the table, the net cost of enrolling a child into the centre for the first year is RM116, or RM10 per month.

This translates to **only RM2.50** a week to provide **one** child with quality education and a chance of a better future, for an **entire year**. In the years following, these amounts are expected to fall as we will not have the expansion cost as part of our expenses.

PAY US A VISIT!

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Account Number: 564892109110

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Who do we serve?

All residents of Kelana Jaya
Parliamentary Constituency
Subang Jaya, USJ, PJS5 to 10
(Desa Mentari), Taman
Glenmarie, Kelana Jaya
SS3, SS5, SS7, SS8, SS9

What can we do for you?

Parliament:

Raise national issue on your
behalf in Parliament
Represent Kelana Jaya on
policies and laws and update
residents on all national
issues

Welfare & Medical:

Apply for welfare aid and
increase welfare payments
Apply for medical fee
exemptions
Connect with welfare and
medical NGOs

Citizenship issues:

Apply for blue IC and issue
letter of support
Follow up with JPN and
Immigration

Police & Crime:

Follow up on police reports
Compile crime data and
provide public feedback

Education:

School enrolments and
transfers
University applications