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A Foreword from Wong Chen

My Dear Kelana Jayans,

This will be our last newsletter for the 13th Malaysian Parliamentary Session. It has been a great honour for me to serve you as your Member of Parliament (MP) and I shall always treasure the experience. There is no certainty that I will be nominated by my party to defend the Kelana Jaya seat for GE14. However, if given the opportunity, I am confident of delivering the same with your support.

PARLIAMENTARY UPDATES

Let me recap to you what has happened in Parliament in the last six months. We had two parliamentary sittings; the first from the 24th of July to the 10th of August 2017, and then the second all-important budget sitting which was from the 23rd of October to the 30th of November 2017. I'm very happy to report that I attended every single day of both sittings and delivered in total 18 key policy speeches on a range of legislations and also the budget. During both parliamentary sittings, my officers and interns carried out extensive research and helped to craft my speeches.

We also scored our biggest legislative victory in my first term as an MP. In July, while researching on the Employee's Insurance System (EIS) Bill 2017, I discovered that the government had intended to overcharge employees and the working poor by almost RM 1.1 billion. Our media exposé put the government on the defensive, resulting in the last minute withdrawal of the bill. During informal meetings at the MP Lounge, some senior BN ministers graciously conceded to me that my EIS numbers were accurate. This resulted in major amendments to the EIS bill which was re-tabled and passed in November 2017.

I understand that a lot of MPs feel that Parliament is a rubber stamp and therefore debates are mere formalities. Our office believes otherwise. With perseverance and hard work, we can still make a difference despite overwhelming odds in Parliament.



PAKATAN HARAPAN ALTERNATIVE BUDGET 2018 AND POLICY DEBATES

For the recent budget season, my office led the drafting of the Pakatan Harapan Alternative Budget 2018. This is the fourth year that my office has led the Opposition budget team. The project to draft the budget was a bit more substantial this year as we had to include economic policies that will be incorporated into the coming GE14 Pakatan Harapan manifesto. It took us about two months to complete the 75-page document, and I am proud to say this is our most comprehensive budget to-date. On the actual budget debate itself, I took part as one of the early PKR speaker after Datuk Seri Wan Azizah (Leader of the Opposition). Subsequently, I took part in policy debates against the following ministries: Ministry of Finance, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, and Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities. I also took part as the sole debater, for the Finance (No. 2) Bill 2017 and a few other minor legislations relating to the budget.

QUARREL WITH THE SELANGOR GOVERNMENT

This has also been a year where our office has had some challenges which we overcame by embracing full transparency. As you may know, we got into a bit of a quarrel with the Selangor government over the freezing of our community spending. We have done absolutely nothing wrong, and to emphasise our case, we took the unprecedented step to fully disclose all documents and correspondences regarding the matter in July 2017. We called a press conference, made every document available online, and released a video to state our case. By adopting full transparency, we were fully vindicated after the Selangor government reinstated our community spending. Whilst vindicated, this matter is not over. I intend to push for more reforms in the Selangor government audit and reporting process after GE14 so that no MPs will have to suffer the injustice that we endured.



ASSET DECLARATION EXERCISE WITH INVOKE

Continuing our full embrace of transparency and accountability, our office helped and led the INVOKE's asset declaration exercise in November 2017. I have declared my assets fully and so has 26 other MPs, state assemblypersons (ADUN) and senior politicians. I would like to urge all my constituents to fully support these politicians that have taken this historic step of walking the talk on anti-corruption efforts. It is not acceptable that politicians, especially those in executive positions, to talk about fighting corruption and yet refuse to declare their assets. Our office will continue to collaborate closely with INVOKE as we prepare to face the coming GE14.

COMMUNITY, COMMUNITY, COMMUNITY

On the community front, we are very pleased to report that from June to December 2017, we have attended 87 community events in Subang Jaya and Seri Setia. A very big thank you and congratulations to all the committee and organisers of these events. At the same time, we organised four major community projects in the last six months: two Family Portraits Project on 5th August and 26th August 2017 respectively, a Medical Camp on 20th August 2017, and the Financial Planning and Fire Safety Forum on 9th December 2017. In addition, we carried out our Bulan Kebajikan (welfare month) where the officers and interns dealt with more than 543 applicants, of which we approved payments to 304 applicants.

POLICY RESEARCH AND INTERNS FOR 2017

On policy research we are very pleased to report that we have published ten policy papers in 2017, one alternative budget and two newsletters. As for our internship program, we have trained and mentored a new record of 24 interns in the last twelve months.

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OFFICE EXPENDITURE - A BALANCED BUDGET

On the financial front, we attached all our financial documents to this report. Our total expenditure for 2017 was RM169,882.53 with an average operating expenditure of RM15,444.00 per month. On community spending, we allocated RM80,995.60 towards welfare grants, RM84,650.00 towards associations and bodies, and RM67,000.00 for small projects.

OFFICERS - GOODBYES AND HELLO

In August, we said goodbye to two of my officers Nadirah and Tania Loke. Nadirah won a Chevening scholarship and has started a one year program on public policy at University College London. Tania Loke won the very prestigious Rhodes scholarship and has started a two years program on public policy in Oxford University. We also welcome our new officer Tina Lai who now serves alongside our diva, Abigail. Tina was our former intern, a law graduate, a feminist and a hip hop dancer. So now the office is being harmoniously run by a singer and a dancer!

As always, my officers, interns and I will strive to serve you and defend your rights as Malaysian citizens. We will do so with full efforts until the 13th Malaysian Parliamentary Session comes to an end.



Parliamentary Sessions Update: July/August 2017

"The research put in and the subsequent press conference on the EIS, is my greatest Parliamentary work legacy to date. That day my office made the BN government withdraw the bill, we made a difference for 6.8 million workers and their employers, who would otherwise have had to pay RM1.1 billion extra to this feckless government."

The July/August 2017 sitting saw one of P104 office's greatest Parliamentary success to-date – the withdrawal of the Employment Insurance System (EIS) Bill 2017. It all started when YB Wong Chen had a hunch that the numbers don't add up, followed by a lot of mathematics with one of his trusted economist volunteer. Even after he crunched the numbers, he was a bit hesitant to pursue the matter because the unions were broadly in favour of the principles of the bill. After several intense discussions with the interns, staff and volunteers, he decided to fight the bill and called a press conference in Parliament. During the press conference, YB Wong Chen pointed out the severe disconnect between the insurance premium for the scheme and the expected insurance payouts. The differential between contribution and expected payout was an incredible RM1.1 billion of premium. The video of the press conference went viral and subsequently forced the BN government to pursue a last-minute withdrawal.

"The Cabinet views that further engagement or maximum consultation on the Bill and its model should be carried out," Datuk Seri Wee Ka Siong was reported to have said.

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But of course, this success ought not to overshadow the other efforts that P104 office had put up for this session - a total of seven key speeches were given on seven other bills.

These include:

- (1) Biological Resources and Benefit Sharing Bill 2017
- (2) Price Control and Anti-Profiteering (Amendment) Bill 2017
- (3) Trade Descriptions (Amendment) Bill 2017
- (4) Malaysian Border Security Agency Bill 2017
- (5) Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill 2017
- (6) Securities Commission Malaysia (Amendment) Bill 2017
- (7) Valuers, Appraisers and Estate Agents (Amendment) Bill 2017.

In particular, the government's attempt to ram through through the Valuers, Appraisers and Estate Agents (Amendment) Bill 2017. This bill was another tense and controversial episode.

Two key controversial issues were raised on this bill:

- (1) It was estimated that the passing of this bill would cost the public an annual RM180 million in addition to property management fees; and
- (2) The bill was technically illogical as it transferred the functions and jurisdiction of property management from the Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry to the Ministry of Finance.

This bill empowers property valuers to decide on the job scope, powers and functions of project managers; creating a system whereby valuers will be the gatekeepers/middle man of property managers, driving up costs to be borne by consumers.

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Parliamentary Sessions Update: October/November 2017

On the 27th of October 2017, Prime Minister, YAB Dato' Sri Najib Razak presented the Federal Budget 2018, just a few days after the Pakatan Harapan's Alternative Budget 2018 launch. The P104 office was primarily responsible for writing the Pakatan Harapan Alternative Budget 2018. The P104 office wrote 90% of the content, edited, designed all graphics and completed the layout.

In Parliament, YB Wong Chen delivered a key budget speech on behalf of PKR. In his speech, he dealt with two broad issues, i.e. the projected fiscal numbers on GST and Income Tax, and the Prime Minister Department's bloated expenditure budget.

YB Wong Chen went toe-to-toe with several senior ministers asking tough questions and presenting alternative solutions. He debated on the following ministries:

- (1) the Ministry of Finance;
- (2) the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia;
- (3) the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities; and
- (4) the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

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The session ended with the second reading of several bills. YB Wong Chen partook in most of the debates, and on occasions, he was the sole debater for a few bills.

The bills debated by him included the following:

- (1) the Finance (No. 2) Bill 2017;
- (2) the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill 2017;
- (3) the Labuan Business Activity Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2017;
- (4) the Private Aged Healthcare and Facilities Bill 2017;
- (5) the Tourism Industry (Amendment) Bill 2017; and
- (6) the Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2017.

On the last day of Parliament for this session, some of the Opposition Member of Parliaments got together to take a bittersweet group photo – one that could be the very last for some, as GE14 is expected to occur before the next sitting.

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Updates on Community Projects: Family Portraits Project

The idea of doing family portraits for the urban poor was proposed by a constituent and championed by our former staff Tania Loke. Tania herself is an avid photographer and wanted this project to be her community work swan song. Our office ran one and co-organised another. We rolled out the programs on the 5th and the 26th of August 2017. This is a new community project in the urban poor areas of Desa Mentari and Taman Desaria.

A total of 30 volunteers participated in the project. All 30 volunteers were split into teams of three, whereby each team had a runner, a photographer and an assistant. Both sessions ran smoothly, resulting in some 250 smiley family portraits taken.

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Updates on Community Projects: Medical Camp 2017

This is our second Medical Camp for 2017 and it was held in August, at Kampung Lindungan. This is the second time the office is having it at this location and it was a success! Some 136 residents of Kampung Lindungan received free consultations and medicine in the half day event.

We want to thank Ustaz Zaid for allowing us to host this free medical outreach event in his venue. Most importantly we want to thank the good people from Medical Outreach PJ. A total of eight volunteer doctors from the Medical Outreach PJ program participated in this medical camp. The doctors included a dermatologist, an Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) specialist, an orthopaedic and also a paediatric specialist. They provided free treatment and medication and also referral letters for residents who are in need of specialist treatments. Besides a team of brilliant doctors, we also had a team of pharmacists, medical volunteers and our own volunteers (which included our past interns). The MBPJ Zone 24 councillor, Mr. Halimey and his personal assistant, Mr. Fauzi, also graciously sponsored the usage of MBPJ outdoor camps.

Diabetes and hypertension are the most common health problems faced by the urban poor. Other less common but persistent health problems are joint pains and hearing deficiencies of the elderly. The P104 office aims to organize at least one medical camp per year to help urban poor constituents. The event is also used to better collect data and understand the public policy health challenges of our urban poor constituents.

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Updates on Community Projects: Financial Planning and Fire Safety Forum 2017

9th December 2017 marks the first Financial Planning and Fire Safety Forum, a forum for the urban poor, in which our office has organized for the constituents in Desa Mentari. A total of 55 constituents and a small army of kids attended the event. The event lasted for 3 hours.

In accordance to the annual welfare programs we have held in the recent years, our office has agreed that the urban poor would benefit greatly in understanding better financial planning strategies; how to conserve their electricity and water bills; and also fire safety mechanisms if they were ever caught in a fire accident. All three topics were chosen for they were relevant to the lived realities of the urban poor in our constituency. 113 piggy banks were handed out as door gifts to constituents that came and a total of 3 fire extinguishers were given out as a lucky draw prize.

A huge thanks to Trish Tan from Malaysian Care, Anthony Tan from CETDEM and Mr. Azlan Ahmad from Fire Fighter Industry Sdn. Bhd., who volunteered to speak at the forum. All three topics were chosen for they were relevant to the lived realities of the urban poor in our constituency. 113 piggy banks were handed out as door gifts to constituents that came and a total of 3 fire extinguishers were given out as a lucky draw prize.

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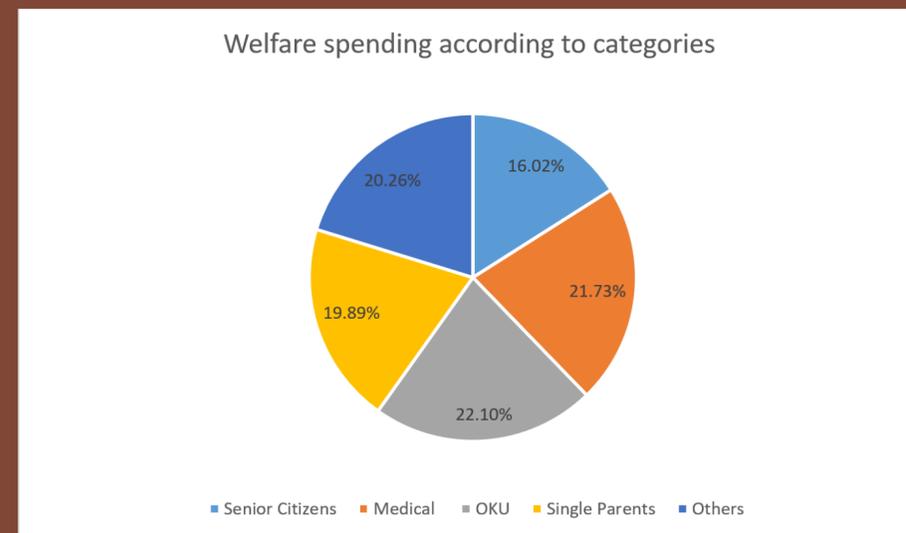
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Updates on Community Projects: Welfare Month 2017

The P104 office started on the 5th of June last year but we had to stop taking applications after 2 weeks due to the illogical audit conducted by the Selangor government. We continued our welfare month program in August after our community spending accounts were unfrozen. This time round, due to the disruptions, we had a total of 543 applicants. Out of the 543 applicants we were only able to provide financial assistance to a total of 304 individuals. The amount spent can be referred to in the pie chart below:





Updates on Pusat Khidmat P104 Kelana Jaya Office Events: The Audit Quarrel with the Selangor Government

Below is a compilation of YB Wong Chen's statements on the matter.

My Dear Constituents,

Our office had quite the dramatic year. We had to endure a tough five months during this quarter. The quarrel with the Selangor government was due to their unprecedented and illogical audit on our office's community accounts. They froze all of our community spending via a letter dated 9th June 2017. The audited was mysteriously carried out without due process and all the six findings they made were wrong, baseless and/or trivial.

In the interest of full transparency, I published all relevant correspondences and the entire audit report on my office's community spending via social media. I highly encourage everyone to read all the documents. We have nothing to hide as we have done nothing wrong. As a responsible Member of Parliament, I champion the fight for transparency and accountability at the national level. In this matter which is directed at my office, I will also walk the talk, waive privacy, and honour the faith and trust that my constituents have placed in me.

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Jadual 1
Penyata Penerimaan dan Pembayaran Bagi Tahun 2014 Sehingga
29 Februari 2016

Bil	Perkara	2014	2015	2016 (Sehingga 29 Feb)
	Baki pada 1 Januari	519,326.84	248,495.62	85,708.25
Terimaan				
1	Parlimen Petaling Jaya Selatan	250,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
2	Shah Alam	250,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
3	Petaling Jaya Utara	250,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
4	Subang	250,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
5	Kelana Jaya	250,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
6	Puchong	250,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
	Jumlah Terimaan	1,500,000.00	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00
Bayaran				
1	Parlimen Petaling Jaya Selatan	263,885.40	300,000.00	3,100.00
2	Shah Alam	258,731.08	302,410.00	50,380.30
3	Petaling Jaya Utara	311,189.00	327,093.60	4,000.00
4	Subang	351,787.56	321,407.15	0
5	Kelana Jaya	304,049.65	383,824.42	18,702.92
6	Puchong	281,188.53	328,052.20	15,850.92
	Jumlah Bayaran	1,770,831.22	1,962,787.37	92,043.14
	Lebihan (Kurangan) Bagi Tahun	(248,495.62)	(85,708.25)	1,793,665.25
	Baki pada 31 Disember	(248,495.62)	(85,708.25)	0

2. OBJEKTIF AUDIT

Pengauditan ini dijalankan untuk menilai sama ada pengurusan perbelanjaan peruntukan Ahli Parlimen Kelana Jaya yang diuruskan oleh Pusat Khidmat P104 Kelana Jaya dirancang dengan teratur serta dilaksanakan menepati peraturan-peraturan kewangan yang berkuat kuasa.

3. SKOP DAN METADOLOGI AUDIT

Pihak telah memilih untuk menjalankan pengauditan meliputi perbelanjaan peruntukan Ahli Parlimen di kawasan Parlimen Kelana Jaya bagi tahun 2014 dan 2015. Pendekatan audit adalah seperti berikut:

YAB Azmin Ali has made four reported statements on the audit of and freezing of my office's community spending. Firstly, he mentioned that he did not interfere with the audit process. I cannot verify the non-interference aspect. In another report, he went on to say that if the audit department wishes to audit anyone, the process must be accepted without executive or political interference. I only partially agree because the process of the audit as practised by the Selangor government is so illogical that it does not reflect an independent and non-interventionist approach.

Furthermore, YAB Azmin Ali stated that I should have discussed the matter with the state government in private rather than going public with it. Here is where I must totally disagree. Letters have been written from my office to the Selangor government but went unanswered for three months. I do not understand how I could have a discussion with the Selangor government which has consistently stonewalled me. When I met Azmin at the PKR National Congress on the 21st of May 2017 and updated him of the situation, he merely promised me that he will ask the officer-in-charge to give me a reply.

Lastly, YAB Azmin Ali stated that he had undergone the same audit process and did not view it as an issue. I am unsure as to what kind of audit process YAB Azmin Ali went through. However, I am certain that he did not have to go through the same audit process that my office had to endure. For a start, YAB Azmin Ali mentioned that he knew about his audit whereas mine was done without any transparency or notice.



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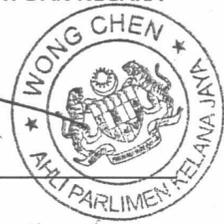
PER: MESYUARAT BERSAMA PEGAWAI PEJABAT DAERAH DAN TANAH PETALING

Dengan segala hormatnya saya merujuk kepada perkara di atas.

- Adalah dimaklumkan bahawa pejabat saya telah menghadiri satu mesyuarat pada 27hb Februari 2017 bersama pihak Tuan mengenai isu pengauditan peruntukan Ahli Parlimen bagi kawasan Parlimen Kelana Jaya oleh Bahagian Pengurusan Audit dalam Pejabat Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri Selangor.
- Sehubungan itu, saya ingin mengadakan satu mesyuarat dengan Y.Bhg Dato' pada hari Jumaat pagi (17/3/2017) ataupun Jumaat pagi (24/3/2017) demi membincang dan menyelesaikan isu ini sebaik mungkin.
- Saya berharap aga Y.Bhg Dato' akan mempertimbangkan hal ini. Segala jasa baik Y.Bhg Dato' amat dihargai dan saya dahulukan dengan ucapan terima kasih.

Sekian.

"BERKHIDMAT UNTUK RAKYAT DAN NEGARA"



YB WONG CHEN
 Ahli Parlimen Kelana Jaya (P104)

For the sake of clarity, I shall recall the Selangor government audit process that my office had to endure. The audit was done mysteriously in March 2016, without notice to my office. The auditors never visited my office, never looked at original documents, and never even asked for any clarification from my officers. At all times, my office was kept in the dark until we received the audit report 11 months later, in February 2017. While the audit was slowly being written, the Selangor government decided to immediately freeze my Mesra Rakyat spending on the 12th of July 2016. Do note that they did not send me a letter to inform me that the said spending was frozen. Therefore, my officers and I were blissfully unaware of any problems whatsoever until 9th July 2017, almost a year later.

What is more absurd is that after the audit report was finally completed in February 2017, the audit report did not even recommend the freezing of my community spending. Instead, the report made two minor recommendations; that an annual community spending plan is to be prepared in advance and that more spending on projek kecil is required. I stress again that nowhere did the Selangor government's own audit report recommend the freezing of my community spending. Yet, the Selangor government not only continued to freeze my Mesra Rakyat spending (and continued to hide that fact from my office) and then on 9th June 2017, expanded the punishment by freezing all of my community spending.

Therefore, had YAB Azmin Ali gone through the same audit process as I did, I doubt that he will be making the same remarks as he did. Instead, I am certain that he will be calling up the two officers-in-charge (Encil Redzuan and Encik Hasry) and getting to the bottom of this. Hopefully he will also then take steps thereafter, to reform and tackle the substantive issues related to the illogical audit process of the Selangor government.

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In the midst of the Parliament sitting in November 2017, the P104 office formed and led the asset declaration advisory team to help INVOKE on the matter. Led by our intern, Kevin Ling, and guided by an accountant, Che Zam, Tina, Megan and two others were stationed at the Parliament building for an entire week. Parliamentarians would drop by and advised on how they are to fill in their asset declaration forms.

This resulted in 27 Parliamentarians from PKR, Amanah and PAS declaring their assets on stage in Summit USJ, on the 5th of December 2017. This was truly a ground breaking moment in Malaysia's political history. Every politician talks about fighting corruption but it is mostly lip service. For the very first time, INVOKE had politicians actually walking the talk by declaring their assets. The P104 office is proud to have contributed to this historic process to fight corruption.

The list of politicians who declared their assets are:

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|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. YB Laksamana Pertama Hj. Mohamad Imran Abdul Hamid | 8. YB Dr Hatta Ramli | 18. YB Azan Ismail |
| 2. YB Wong Chen | 9. YB Khalid Samad | 19. Datin Paduka Dr Tan Yee Kew |
| 3. Dato' Saifuddin Nasution Ismail | 10. YB Manivanan Gowin | 20. YB Rodziah Ismail |
| 4. YB Dato' Johari Abdul | 11. YB Dato' Dr Mujahid Yusuf Rawa | 21. YB Hjh. Fuziah Salleh |
| 5. YB Kesavan Subramaniam | 12. YB Chang Lih Kang | 22. YB Saari Sungib |
| 6. YB Dato' Mahfuz Omar | 13. YB Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad | 23. YB Dr Idris Ahmad |
| 7. YB Dato' Abdullah Sani Abdul Hamid | 14. YB Hasnul Baharuddin | 24. YB Lee Chean Chung |
| | 15. YB Aminuddin Harun | 25. YB Tan Kar Hing |
| | 16. YB Syed Ibrahim Syed Noh | 26. YB Ooi Tze Min (Simon) |
| | 17. Dato' Dr Ismail Salleh | 27. YB Dr Michael Jeyakumar Devaraj |



Updates on Pusat Khidmat P104 Kelana Jaya Office Events: Movie Fundraiser - Star Wars: The Last Jedi

cue the Star Wars theme song

All of you should know by now that YB Wong Chen is a beloved fan of the Star Wars universe. Therefore it is no surprise that for this year end movie fundraiser, we picked Rian Johnson's Star Wars: The Last Jedi. The movie fundraiser was held on the 19th December 2017, at 9pm in GSC One Utama.

A very big thank you to all the donors; we raised an estimated total of RM32,000. A big shout out to Mr. Leong and Megan who managed the sales and the event, selling all our seats and more! Some of our donors bought seats for two charities; we provided in total 98 seats to two charities:
(1) Stepping Stones (an orphanage); and
(2) Community Transformation Initiative (a charity to help the underprivileged).

Our office is immensely grateful for everyone who supported the event! Thank you once again for your support in making this event a very fun night out!

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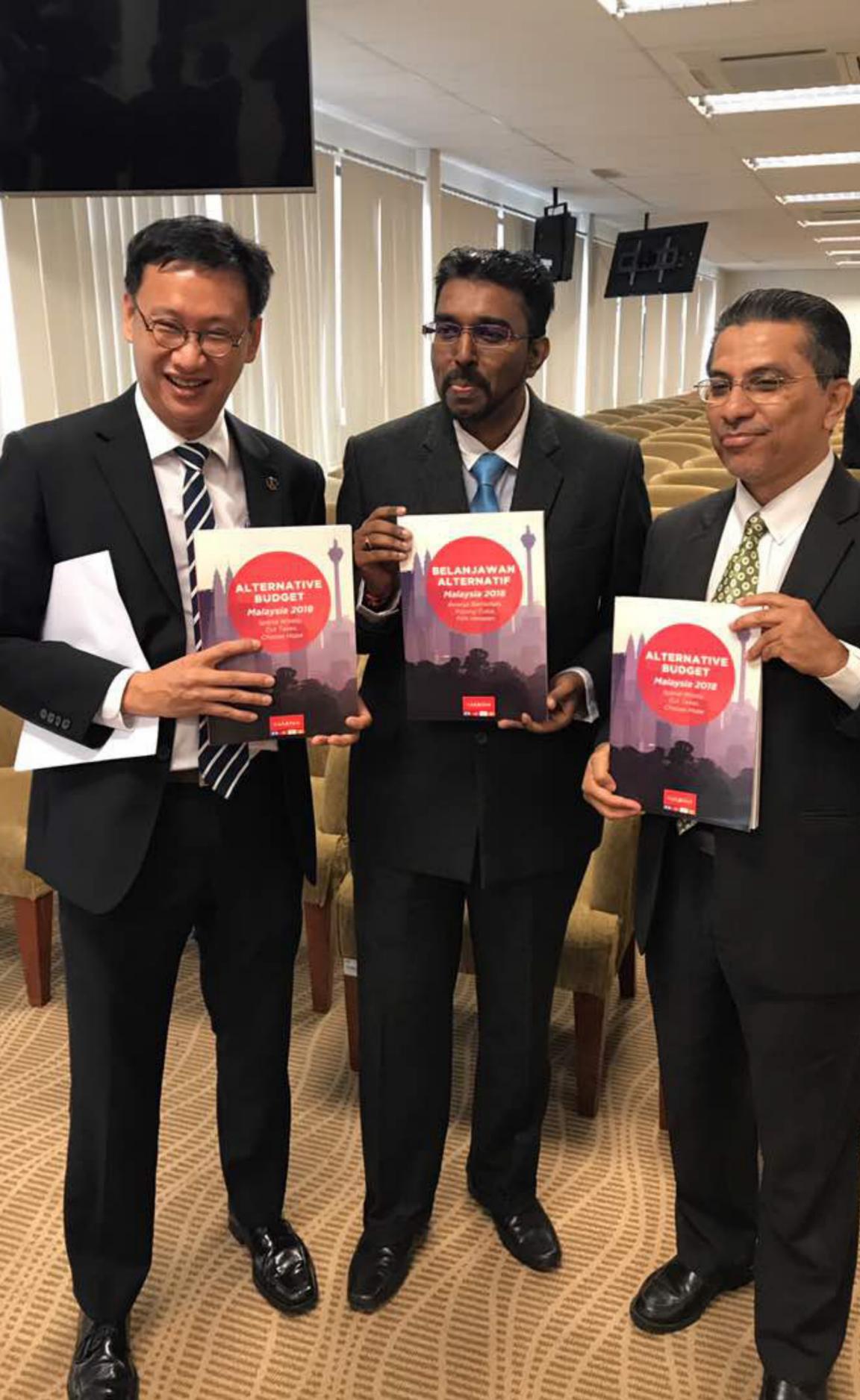
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Pakatan Harapan's Alternative Budget 2018 was launched on 25th October 2017, in Parliament. The Alternative Budget Chief was none other than YB Wong Chen. He has led the budget drafting process for the Opposition in the last four years. The writing of it was completed within a course of about three weeks, aided by star intern Sean Tan. The cover and original graphics were designed by our resident graphic designer, former staff Nadirah.

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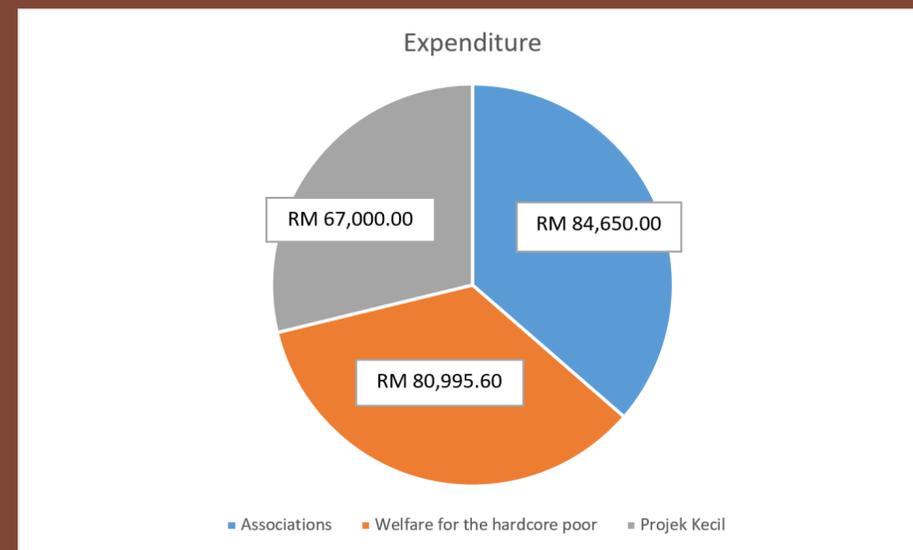
Assets	Total (RM)
Fixed assets	7,725.10
Cash at bank	3,375.91
Petty cash	653.75
Rental deposit	6,426.00
Internship funds	15,206.76
Total assets	33,387.52

Liabilities	Total (RM)
Amount due to Wong Chen	147,756.59
Total Liabilities	147,756.59
Net Liabilities	(114,369.07)

Equity	Total (RM)
Balance b/f	(86,507.79)
Net deficit	(27,861.28)
Balance c/f	(114,369.07)

Table 2: P104 2017 balance sheet

The pie chart below shows our total spending on associations and bodies, direct welfare grants for the hardcore poor and projek kecil.



P104 Community Expenditure 2017

P104 Annual Accounts 2017

The accounts below cover our income and expenditure up to the 30th November 2017 as we have yet to receive our bank statement for December 2017 at time of publication.

Income	Total (RM)	Percentage (%)
Small donations	92,021.25	64.79
Grant	50,000.00	35.21
Total Income	142,021.25	100

Expenses	Total (RM)	Percentage (%)
Salaries and bonuses	79,793.86	46.97
EPF	22,380.00	13.17
Rental	18,262.84	10.75
Intern pay	18,683.83	11.00
Utilities	10,644.41	6.27
Office Supplies	6,190.25	3.64
Photocopier Rental	1,408.90	0.83
Cleaner pay	1,300.00	0.77
Misc Expenses	358.36	0.21
SOCSSO	1,763.20	1.04
Cheque fee	51.94	0.03
Welfare Program	6,860.00	4.04
Contract Fees	2,184.94	1.29
Total Expenses	169,882.53	100
Net Surplus/(deficit)	(27,861.28)	
Net Surplus/(deficit) margin	(19.62%)	

Table 1: P104 2017 income statement

Our office survives on small donations (two movie fundraisers a year) and a nominal Selangor government grant of RM50,000.00 a year. The shortfall in income is covered by YB Wong Chen personally. This year, his advances to the centre was RM29,000.00, bringing his total advances since 2013 to RM147,756.59.

How I Met Your MP - Intern Edition:

Megan



My time spent here in the office shaped and moulded me as a person. The exposure I have gained has taught me that reality is bleak, raw and blatantly unforgiving. I realised the importance of balancing practicality, shrewdness and the need for idealism when it comes to decision and policy making.

And also if you like spontaneity, the office rolls well with spontaneity: therefore, working/interning in this office will truly spice up your life. You get to venture into a plethora of unsuspecting avenues you would have never thought possible.

The worth of interning here is immeasurable, insightful and timeless. At times, it will leave you even more confused vis-a-vis at times, a little jaded... but above all; I would say it's certainly an experience like no other.

Paul Mae



I have had various highlights under the P104 Office, such as being a part of Welfare Month, visiting Parliament Sessions and INVOKE press conferences, and even being able to attend a Buka Puasa event in a mosque!

There were times I wondered why this office adamantly fought for achieving a better Malaysia. Truthfully, I've always felt discouraged when I realised how Malaysians wanted nothing to do with politics. Perseverance is being unable to see the fruits of your labour, yet still pressing on to strive for what you believe in. The office has taught me that despite the uncertainty of when change will come, the fight for a better nation still carries on.



Jia Sheng

It was an eye-opening experience to be able to use satellite images to map out the extent of deforestation in Malaysia. It was interesting to me that the problem seems to be a result of economic issues that the states were having which in turn was exacerbated by political issues by both sides of the political divide.

That aside, I wrote a paper on Net Neutrality as it has been a hot topic recently and there are still many countries including Malaysia that have no clear regulations on it. Through hours of research, I have realised that for Net Neutrality to happen in Malaysia, we must first guarantee the rights of Internet users, which are lacking in Malaysia.

Leann



Working in a Member of Parliament's office sounds rather daunting – at least for me it was. I didn't know much about the workings of Malaysian politics. I'm not here to tell you that my internship was some sort of revelational experience in that regard; I started, finished, and left still not knowing about the workings of Malaysian politics. Of course, dabbling in politics is inevitable – the personal is political, after all – and avoiding politics is like saying one is too privileged and too indifferent to be involved.

What I can say is that "the Wong Chen experience" is unlike any other. I started my internship with a goal to learn how to produce a public policy paper, and focused my free time on research and writing. Other than that, I was exposed to the harsh realities of urban poverty and economic inequality, which played a big part in consolidating my interest in sustainable development. Expect to be fed books on economics and politics, lectured on AI and Chinese culture, and roped in for spontaneous trips. Oh, and lots of badminton matches.

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Sebastian

The average day doesn't exist in the office of P104. As an intern, there was never a lack of experience to have and opportunities to learn throughout the 2 months I spent there. We are also guided and taught the intricacies of policy making, which we put into practice by writing policy papers and examining Parliamentary Bills. Not to mention the community service the office does, which will force you out of your comfort zone to acknowledge the poverty and suffering around us. These are experiences no money can buy, and lessons no class can teach.

All in all, interning with YB Wong Chen was as purposeful as it was pleasurable - you'd be hard pressed to name another internship where you're afforded the chance to make the community a better place and have loads of fun.



Kay Li

I first decided to intern at YB Wong Chen's office because I wanted to do something different with my summer break. This internship provided me with many opportunities to do things I'd never ordinarily venture to do.

Throughout the course of this internship, I got to visit Parliament, help organise and participate in community events, as well as research and write a public policy paper on a policy issue of my choice.

I always had this pre-conceived notion that those who resided in the Kelana Jaya constituency were reasonably well off. However that wasn't the case, listening to the stories told by the urban poor constituents' of Desa Mentari, the insight in which I have received, opened my eyes to the fact that there were little pockets existing within the urban areas of which they were the working poor.

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Sean

My second stint as an intern with YB Wong Chen was an even more interesting one. Being able to work on the Alternative Budget gave me a new perspective into policy and politics. I learned first-hand that while politics involves a lot of elections, rallies, rhetoric, and speeches, much of the work involves complex talks and negotiations between politicians and especially in Pakatan Harapan, between the various parties which make up the coalition. Much of the work involved in crafting plans and manifestos of the opposition requires a complex balancing act between the various parties involved and this exercise is not something we get to see every day.

I am thankful for the opportunity to be involved in work which I hope will help shape the future of the country.



Arielle

My internship at YB Wong Chen's office, although short-lived, was an extremely educational experience. In my three weeks of being an intern, I was given the opportunity to be able to carry out community work as well as go to the Parliament. I was also able to familiarise myself with Malaysian politics, and this in turn helped me to feel closer to my home country.

YB Wong Chen, as well as the staff and interns, really made my experience as an intern at P104 especially enjoyable. I will never forget the friendly and homely atmosphere at the office, and I am undoubtedly glad that I am able to call this my first internship. Thank you for this opportunity and for everything that I have learnt in these three weeks.

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Ivan

Working in the office allowed me to learn and experience many different things, ranging from community service work, to researching for Parliamentary bills. I was able to experience community work such as the Family Portraits Project and being a part of the annual medical camp.

The welfare month in June was the busiest month for the office for it was a chance for the urban poor to attain welfare from our office. I'm proud to say that I've experienced the full package for this internship and I really enjoyed it.

Last but not least, the office creates a safe space for me to voice out my opinions. Hence, YB is always there to answer any questions I have on any political or economic issues. It also became one of the most enjoyable parts of my internship - the small chitchat sessions we would have with YB in his office.



Jia Hui

While this is the third time I've interned here, each time is always an inherently unique experience. I focused most of my efforts in contributing to a research project on analysing land cover changes in Kelantan over the past 30 years. I picked up new skills in QGIS and Google Earth Pro, and I was able to analyse and classify satellite images. This project has showed me that effective monitoring of rainforests in Malaysia is severely lacking. Besides that, I was also able to participate in helping out the medical camp organised by the office at Kampung Lindungan.

I would definitely recommend this internship to anyone regardless of his or her educational background to experience the P104 office under the guidance of YB Wong Chen.

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Cassandra

What struck me so much about YB Wong Chen was how willing he was to trust his staff and interns with huge responsibilities. From Parliamentary research, dealing directly with constituents and other MPs and getting to the nitty-gritty of community events, there will be plenty of things to dive right into!

There were late nights and weekend shifts for sure, but it was all made okay with the presence of like-minded people and an incredibly patient boss who doesn't snap or get angry easily.

Alongside that, he frequently brought us to his home to meet his wife and play with his kids. It gave many of us a taste of what being an MP and having a family at the same time would be like. This was an internship I do not regret!



Sean Ferdinand

The decision to work with an opposition MP is never an easy one. It is daunting and can be seen as a bold move to spice up your CV. However, YB Wong Chen's office proves otherwise.

As a workplace that thrives on developing public policies, sitting down and chatting with YB himself on issues surrounding our nation and the world is a norm here. As Parliament was also sitting during my time here, research on upcoming Bills is nothing less than fulfilling.

Speaking of his staff, I got to work with the constituents through their guidance. From helping the constituency's urban poor to writing letters of support, these experiences and skills are immensely beneficial in whatever field that one may dive into. Overall, my time at YB Wong Chen's office is nothing short of inspiring.

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Kevin



My time at the office was both edifying and fascinating. My first visit to the Malaysian Parliament was bizarre; meeting the politicians was something very interesting pursuant to my upbringing and environment.

My job scope in Parliament included the avenues of being a typewriter, human calculator, thesaurus, personal assistant, researcher and an office boy. You just need to be ready to render all assistance and support required at parliament.

Some constituents come to our office seeking help. Given that our resources are limited, we must be stringent – being both firm but gentle to the issues we attend to. A large portion of constituents has problems getting through their lives every day. Finally I understand, if we are to change this, we must change the government.

Seng Kiat



I expected my experience as an intern here to be invaluable to the career I aspire to, and it exceeded all my expectations. I relish working alongside pure-hearted colleagues, meeting interesting personalities, and working under YB Wong Chen.

Through this internship, I was more in touch with the urban poor of the constituency, have insightful conversations with YB Wong Chen, and contribute to INVOKE's causes; which fulfilled my desire to grasp the realities of Malaysia, quench my curiosity on macroeconomics, and to assist in GE14 preparations.

But most profoundly and unexpectedly, YB Wong Chen's generosity in sharing his experience as an MP has allowed me a glimpse of the challenges of being a clean and honourable MP in Malaysia today, which has in turn filled me with optimism and desire to work towards a progressive Malaysia.



Eugene

Never had I thought that a spontaneous email 6 months ago would have thrown me into this field. I was able to talk and see first-hand, the people and the problems in the country. Working at YB Wong Chen's office has been an awesome experience. Despite only having worked for a short time, I've learnt so much.

From serious chats about policies and law, to music over makan, the things that I've experienced has been really diverse! Even with completing small tasks, it showed me that everyone and anyone can make a difference in other's lives.

This internship recognises that we need to groom the next generation of workers and youth to serve. Malaysia still has a long way to go, but there is no knowing how far we can grow.



Samuel

Truthfully, I never intended on taking up the internship programme. But within the single week I've been here, it has been the most eye opening experience this year.

Until recently I've had little interest in the socio-political and economic state of our country. Little did I know that I would put an effort to be informed about the state of politics nearing GE14 as well as writing a paper on drug policies in Malaysia. Our boss is an entertaining person to talk to and genuinely engages you in his morning discussions regarding any topics we may choose to bring up. I assumed I would be spending my days tirelessly sorting files or listening to lengthy debates but was instead greeted by community service, charity events and enjoyable day-trips.

This internship experience, however short it has been, has and will always be an enlightening experience i will treasure as long as I live.

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How I Met Your MP - Staff Edition: Tina Lai

Tina is a law graduate from Multimedia University and a former researcher for Sisters In Islam. A self-identifying feminist and “flaming liberal” (coined by intern Cassandra), she was an intern with the office about two years ago. Convinced that she would plunge into legal practice right after graduation, she was actively seeking employment and had actually secured a placement when the office made her an offer to board the P104 ship. After an intense inner struggle between wanting to pursue her passion in dismantling the patriarchy and inequality, and facing the pressure of having to be a financially independent adult, she took a leap of faith and chose the former.

Her duties range from day-to-day administration , managing of interns, to Parliamentary and community work. Oh. She dances too.

Abigail Nimbalker

Abigail is a graduate from the University of Reading before pursuing her Masters in International Law at the International Islamic University. She first joined the office as a curious intern, before being offered the position of Operations Officer. As Operations Officer, Abigail has handled various welfare and citizenship cases. She has also researched on the TPPA and contributed to the Opposition Leader's parliamentary speech on the Child (Amendment) Bill 2015.

Abigail is currently the office’s Broadway musical star and interior designer.

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Outgoing Staff Nadirah Sharif

I'm pretty sure it's impossible for time to pass by at both the speed of light and the pace of a government department that hasn't given an official response you so desperately need, like, two days ago. But how else to describe the feeling as though everything P104 happened only yesterday when in fact it's already been three months since I've left the office? London has surprisingly been kind to me—gloomy weather and crowded Tube stations seem to appeal to my inner masochist. My course has been academically interesting so far and I've even made new friends (oh wow, now how did that happen?).

However, my feelings would occasionally decide to overthrow logic before proceeding to drag me screaming through memory lane. I know I'll miss working at the Kelana Jaya office—an undeniable fact, really—but now that I'm 10,540 km away from home, nostalgia really hits like a truck. It quickly became clear, though, that the one thing I miss most is knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt that no matter what happens, we've always got each other's six. Family not by blood but by bond indeed. To the office that routinely scoffs in the face of injustice, may the Force ever be on your side.

Tania Loke

Public service in P104 involves using your head for research, serving constituents hands-on, and developing a heart for people. Reforming Malaysia's corrupt political institutions seems like it will take a lifetime (and it has, for some); so I'm glad to have made, in an apolitical political office, lifelong friends who are truly public servants. If only I could be with them for GE14 this year!

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1. YB Wong Chen and his phone during the anti-kleptocracy rally.
2. Tina and Abigail living their lost childhood whilst Deepavali shopping.
3. YB Wong Chen visit to Taman Desa Ria for lunch at the Indian temple.
4. YB Wong Chen with Rafizi Ramli at INVOKE's Asset Declaration event.
5. Abigail asking her boss for a payrise.
6. Portrait of YB Wong Chen sketched by a boy in Desa Mentari.
7. Interns Sean Ferdinand and Seng Kiat meeting Rafizi Ramli.
8. Putting on make-up for YB Wong Chen.
9. YB Wong Chen on stage for Sambutan Program Deepavali 2017.
10. YB Wong Chen and YB Hannah Yeoh taking a fun photo together.





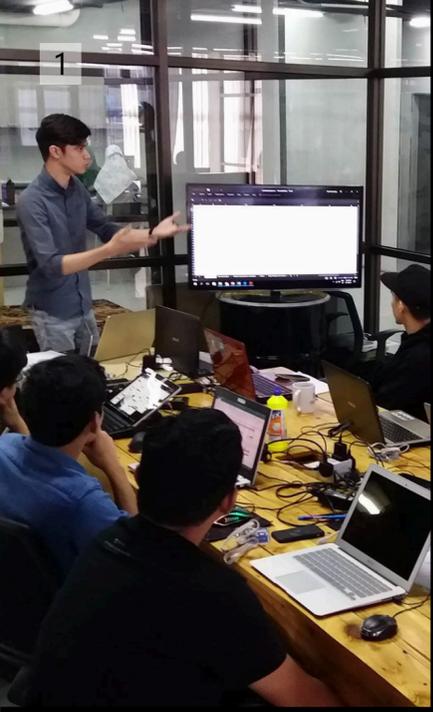
1. Interns listening to a career talk.
2. A farewell to intern Sean Ferdinand.
3. YB Wong Chen enjoying durian with other politicians.
4. Wefie taken during a budget interview in INVOKE.
5. Setting up for a press conference in Parliament.
6. Interns posing with lightsabers.
7. Interns Sean Ferdinand and Seng Kiat during Rafizi Ramli's court case.
8. Wefie outside Parliament.
9. YB Wong Chen resting.
10. YB Wong Chen and YB Hannah Yeoh meeting constituents whilst shopping.



1. Staff and interns of P104 posing with the Alternative Budget.
2. Sean, Abigail, and Sean Ferdinand celebrating their CLP results with YB.
3. YB Wong Chen in Ipoh.
4. Abigail presenting past-intern Kevin his dogtag.

5. YB Wong Chen with his staff and interns in Gua Tempurung.
6. YB Wong Chen with YB Rafizi Ramli and Andrew Claster.
7. Past-intern Cassandra at work.
8. A Mr. Bean impersonator during Children's Day
9. YB Wong Chen speaking in public.





1. Field operations briefing at INVOKE
 2. P104 office having a year-end lunch with YB Hannah Yeoh's office.
 3. YB Wong Chen celebrating Deepavali with YB Manivannan.
 4. YB Wong Chen giving out free dustbins provided by MBPJ.
 5. YB Wong Chen working on bill debates.
 6. YB Wong Chen at the anti-kleptocracy event.
 7. YB Wong Chen playing badminton.
 8. YB Wong Chen meeting YB Darell Leiking.
 9. The interns of P104 hard at work.
 10. The staff and interns of P104 at this year's movie fundraiser.
 11. Protesters demanding the return of subsidies outside Parliament.

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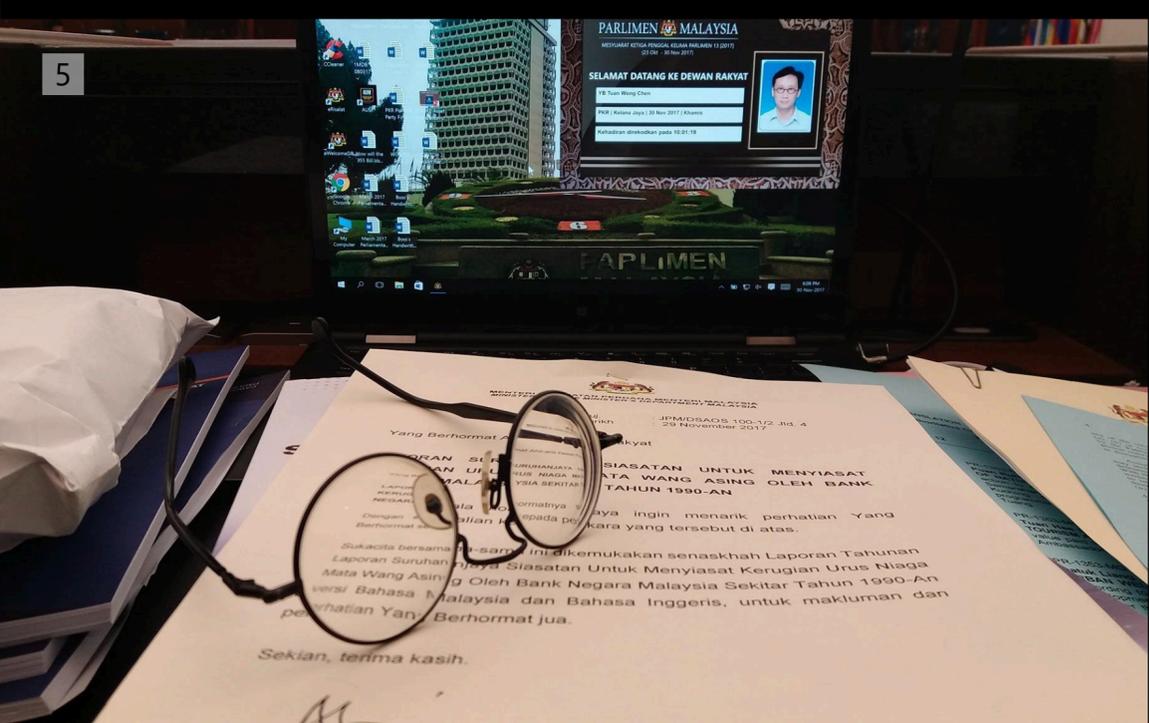
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- SS 5-7, 12-19
- PJS 5-11
- Glenmarie
- Seri Setia
- Rumah Pangsa Sungai Way
- Kampung Lindungan

Parliamentary Issues:

- Raise various national issues on your behalf
- Represent Kelana Jaya on policies and laws
- Update residents on all national issues

Community Issues:

- Support application for medical aid and welfare payments
- Apply for medical exemptions
- Connect with welfare and medical NGOs

Citizenship Issues:

- Support applications for blue ICs and issue letters of enquiries
- Follow up with JPN and immigration

Volunteerism:

- Liaise with INVOKE Malaysia, a volunteering-based NGO
- Conduct phone banking canvassing, and other campaign activities

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