

## **KEYNOTE SPEECH BY SS (DATUK AMAR JAUL SAMION)**

### **MAJLIS MAKAN MALAM BERSAMA PENJAWAT AWAM KERAJAAN NEGERI SARAWAK**

**Yang Berhormat Datuk-Datuk;**

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Heads of Department & Government Agencies,

Members of the Press;

Ladies and gentlemen.

Salam sejahtera and Salam Perpaduan everyone.

I would like to begin my speech and it is not too late for me to wish belated Merry Christmas to those celebrate and Happy New Year 2021 to all of us. May this year bring new happiness, new goals, new achievements, and a lot of new inspirations on your life. Wishing you a Happy New Year with the hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come. With that, I would like to welcome all of you and thank you for being able to attend our tonight's dinner. Thank you once again.

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank you Resident Office Miri as a leading agency in Miri Division for their endless effort to step up defence Miri from the Covid-19 outbreak. Resident Office Miri together with other relevant agencies have done their best part to tighten up the monitoring and screening process for travellers coming into Miri in efforts to prevent the outbreak of the pandemic. The Miri Division Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) has tightened up standard operating procedures (SOPs) for certain shops in this division in an effort to turn Miri back into a green zone.

Adding to that, I was really grateful and congratulate Miri DDMC, with regard to flood preparedness, the committee had discussed preparations to face floods during the monsoon season which is expected to from December this year to January next year.

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Even in the midst of battling the Covid-19 pandemic, various programmes have been conducted in accordance with the SOP and the new norms. The government had done its best to provide for the essential needs of the people, including completing more projects and some remain on track despite the Covid-19 slowdown. All of these undertakings would not be able to be accomplished if we do not have the great efforts put in by all of us, as well as the staff right from the management level to the supporting level.

Despite being hit by a covid-19 pandemic, Miri had done with their 'Greater Miri' Development Master Plan lab which was held last year for two-days and will be submitted to Chief Minister for final review. I was mentioned that various state departments and agencies including the community leaders came together and engaging dialogue as well as brainstorming where all participants have the opportunity to bring forward great ideas, and assist in the development of a Greater Miri Development Master Plan. It is also the State Government's longstanding aspiration to see Miri and its surrounding areas achieve a higher level of development, offer its people new economic opportunities and a conducive environment to live and grow – to essentially elevate Miri to become a thriving, truly cosmopolitan city with a distinct character and of world standard. A Master Plan should not be considered as solely a government initiative; everyone needs to be on board for it to work. With that, I would like to thank you for your participation in the previous lab.

Once again, I welcome all of you, thank you for your participation and contribution, and may you have a fantastic New Year 2021 ahead.

Thank you.