



Penang Chief Minister Officiated The Package 12, Sungai Dua Water Treatment Plant

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BUTTERWORTH, Jun 3 – The Package 12, Sungai Dua Water Treatment Plant (Sungai Dua WTP) was officiated by the Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng at Sungai Dua, Butterworth here this morning. Lim said the Sungai Dua WTP is a critical water supply installation that produces more than 80% of the treated water supplied in Penang daily.

“It is the primary frontline water supply asset that has helped us to avoid water rationing at all costs in Penang. Raw water is also everything for us, government can build the water treatment plant bigger, but if there are no resources, no longer useful,” Lim, who is also Bagan MP, told the reporters at the Opening Ceremony here.

“Super El Niño led all states to implement water rationing in some areas in April 2016. In Penang, we do not plan for rationing. We plan and work to avoid rationing. As such, even during a long dry season that stretched over 5 months since January 2016, there has been no rationing in Penang,” he said.

It is understood that the commissioning Package 12 marks the successful completion of the 7th upgrade of the Sungai Dua WTP since its opening by the late Tun Abdul Razak bin Hussein, the second Prime Minister of Malaysia, in 1973. As December 2012, the net book value of Sungai Dua WTP is RM193.4 million and in January this year, the Package 12 have completed with an additional cost of RM54.9 million.

The investments of the Penang Water Supply Corporation (PBAPP) today totalled nearly RM250 million, without taking into account ‘real value’ of Sungai Dua WTP. In another development, Lim has once again demanded the intervention of the Federal Government, as well as its promise to advance the Sungai Perak Raw Water Transfer Scheme (SPRWTS) with an allocation of RM2 billion fund, in order to guarantee the supply of raw water after 2020 in Penang is enough.

Earlier, Chief Executive Officer of PBAPP, Dato’ Ir. Jaseni Maidinsa in his speech said the Package 12 of the Sungai Dua WTP has boosted Penang’s water treatment capacity to 36.3%, one of the highest in the country. He said, in his knowledge, there are no water treatment plants in the country have upgraded comparable.

He said, in 2015, PBAPP supplied an average of 1014.5 million litres of treated water per day (MLD) in Penang. With the commissioning of Package 12, the combined treatment reserve capacity of Penang’s 9 treatment plants has reached 1,593 MLD. The capacity of the water treatment in Penang is now 36.3% above water demand or treatment reserve now is 36.3%, he explained.

In additional, Jaseni also urged the Federal Government to convince Kedah to gazette the Ulu Muda water catchments immediately, and then compensate Kedah for protecting and preserving the catchments for the benefit of four million people in Perlis, Kedah, Penang and Northern Perak.