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Penang's administrative centre will remain in the iconic tower in George Town for now as it is difficult to find land and money for a new government hub, says Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow. >3



Precious resource

(From right) Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow, Sungai Pinang assemblyman Lim Siew Khim and PBAPP chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa inspecting water samples from eight taps on display during the World Water Day 2019 celebration at the Bukit Dumbar Recreational Park in George Town. — MUSTAFA AHMAD/The Star >2

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Fixing the Sungai Perak issue

Jaseni: Technical findings will decide best option for raw water transfer scheme



Easy Pack director Goh Toh Sin (right) explaining to visitors about the aquaponics systems. — Photos: MUSTAFA AHMAD/The Star

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A TECHNICAL study by the Federal Government will reveal the best option for Penang and Perak with regards to the tapping of Sungai Perak for water supply.

Penang Water Supply Corporation (PBAPP) chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa said the findings should be available in a few months.

“Both Penang and Perak are keen on Sungai Perak as a future raw water resource.

“However, while Penang is seeking raw water from Sungai Perak, Perak is keen to sell treated water from Sungai Perak to Penang,” he said during the launch of World Water Day 2019 at Bukit Dumar Recreational Park on Saturday.

On March 1, representatives from two state governments — Penang and Perak — met with officials from the Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources in Putrajaya.

Jaseni said the ministry agreed to undertake technical studies to determine the best option for mutual benefit.

“The three options are the Penang’s raw water proposal, Perak’s treated water proposal and a third ‘hybrid’ proposal which incorporates transfers of both raw



Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow (white T-shirt) presenting the Huawei MediaPad T5 to Chew Yu Qi, 11, who won the water-guessing game during the World Water Day at the Bukit Dumar Recreational Park in George Town. With them are Jaseni (left) and Sungai Pinang assemblyman Lim Siew Khim.

water and treated water to Penang and Perak’s water supply infrastructure,” he said.

Jaseni cited several examples of inter-state water transfer such as when Selangor wanted to buy water from Pahang.

“The state that is selling the water would want to sell treated water but the Federal Government intervened, opting for an inter-state water transfer which is on raw water.

“This was the same when

Melaka wanted to buy water from Johor,” he said.

It was reported that Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Faizal Azumu said the state government will only sell treated water to Penang.



Teenagers trying to outdo each other in one of the interesting games.



Children taking part in the colouring contest.