MEDIA STATEMENT

Madani Government Grants 99-Year Lease Renewal for KLSCAH at Nominal Premium of Rm1,000 To Preserve Historic Landmark

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The Government has approved a 99-year lease renewal for the Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall (KLSCAH), with the land premium fixed at a nominal RM1,000, a significant reduction from the earlier estimated premium of approximately RM4.67 million.

The decision reflects the MADANI Government's commitment to safeguarding Kuala Lumpur's historical landmarks and ensuring that institutions of heritage significance can continue to serve future generations.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Hannah Yeoh said the nominal premium was approved following Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's commitment to give special consideration to the preservation of the historic building.

During his visit to KLSCAH for a Chinese New Year celebration on 17 February 2026, the Prime Minister instructed Yeoh to look into resolving the outstanding land and lease matters, recognising the Hall's historical and cultural significance.

Following this, the Federal Territories Land Committee on 14 September 2026 approved the surrender and re-alienation of the land for institutional use, with a lease tenure of up to 99 years.

The formal approval letter, dated 1 October 2026, confirmed the land premium at RM1,000. The total amount payable under the official land notice is RM5,011, inclusive of the first year's land rent and administrative charges. The annual land rent is RM3,151.

Yeoh announced the decision at KLSCAH's 103rd anniversary dinner tonight. "When the Prime Minister visited this Hall in February, he asked me to find a solution. I took that instruction seriously, and I am pleased that we have been able to deliver an outcome that recognises the importance of preserving this historic institution," she said.

"Having been recognised as a National Heritage building since 2007, KLSCAH is an important part of Kuala Lumpur's history. However, heritage recognition must be accompanied by meaningful efforts to ensure that these buildings are properly maintained and preserved.

"By easing the financial burden associated with the land premium, we hope KLSCAH will be able to channel more of its resources towards maintaining the Hall, preserving its heritage and continuing its work for the community."

Yeoh emphasised that heritage preservation must reflect the diverse history and identity of Kuala Lumpur, adding that efforts to safeguard the city's heritage should extend across all communities.

She cited ongoing efforts by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to study the preservation of traditional Malay villages in Sungai Penchala, including Kampung Palimbayan and Kampung Bukit Lanjan.

"Whether it is a traditional Malay village or a historic Chinese Assembly Hall, both deserve a place in the future of Kuala Lumpur.

"Our city's history was shaped by many communities, and every community has contributed to the Kuala Lumpur we know today. Preserving this shared heritage is a responsibility we must uphold together."

Yeoh expressed her appreciation to the Prime Minister for his support, as well as to the Federal Territories Department, the Federal Territories Land and Mines Office and all officers involved in facilitating the approval.

She also thanked the KLSCAH leadership for its patience, cooperation and persistence throughout the process. She hoped that the renewed lease would provide KLSCAH with greater long-term certainty and enable the institution to continue its important role in preserving Kuala Lumpur's cultural and historical heritage.

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