

## Ujang hopes Jepak Bridge gets KL nod



**Media Appreciated :**Ujang (right) presents a token of the thanks in the form of backpack tp the See Hua Daily News reporter Jimmy Wong as Mohidin looks on.

**BINTULU:** It is hoped the proposal to construct another landmark for Bintulu,namely a bridge linking the town centre and Jepak by the Bintulu Development Authority (BDA) would get a fast approval from the federal government.

Deputy chairman of Bintulu Development Authority (BDA) Dato Sri Celestine Ujang hoped Kuala Lumpur give them (BDA) a quick nod.

“I believe the request is considered seriously by the federal government,” said Ujang adding that a quick nod from KL would be a great boost for Bintulu.

He added the project was significant to spur the growth of the Bintulu town as it would complement the present town’s scenery apart from reflecting the growth of domestic economy.

Ujang said if the project were to be given approval and allocation, upon completion it would create two potential economic sides in Bintulu, duplicating the Kuching City North.

The former State cabinet minister said this when speaking at the BDA and Media luncheon programme at Parkcity Everly Hotel yesterday.

According to Ujang, Bintulu has transformed into a very modern town as compared to the previous years.

He added BDA, that had been responsible in monitoring and developing the town, has numerous projects and planning particularly for the people.

All these, Ujang said, were part of efforts in turning Bintulu into the most modern town in the state and aimed at achieving its target to be a friendly industrial city by 2020.

He pointed out that BDA had played its role nicely and as a result BDA had received less complaint from the public this year compared to the previous year.

“Meaning BDA has done a good job and I congratulate BDA staff for their efforts” he said.

In achieving its vision to be a friendly industrial city, Ujang called on the people to work together wit BDA because without the people’s involvement it would be impossible for BDA to achieve it alone.

“BDA cannot achieve it unless getting full cooperation from public,” Ujang said.

Earlier Ujang and other members of Bintulu Vision Team had a dialogue on matters related to the future development of Bintulu.

He said this year they would be focusing more on a development in the rural areas apart from the urban.

Ujang said through their discussion earlier and feedbacks given by the people on the ground on their problems, BDA would extend its services to cater for the needs of the community in the rural area.

On the other hand, he urged the media to continue playing its role actively towards the town's development through their reports and the same time assisting BDA to get closer to the people.

He thus thanked the media in Bintulu in particular for their contribution to BDA and the people in general.

Among those present were Jepak assemblyman cum Assistant Minister of Tourism Datuk Talib Zulpilip, Kemena assemblyman cum Assistant Minister of public Health and Utilities Dr. Stephen Rundi, Tatau assemblyman cum Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Department Environment and Public Health John Sikie Tayai, Assistant Minister of Environment and Public Health Datuk Peter Nansian Ngusie, BDA general manager Datu Mohidin Ishak and other senior officers of BDA.