

## **BDA EXPECTS HUGE ALLOCATION FOR SCORE**

Bintulu: A mammoth sum of RM900 million will be applied through the State Planning Unit (SPU) to the federal government for ongoing development of Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE).

General Manager Datu Haji Mohidin Ishak of Bintulu Development Authority (BDA), serving as the regional development agency to implement mega projects in Samalaju Industrial park (SPI) under SCORE, said the proposed sum was meant for the various infrastructure development projects for SCORE, particularly under the 10<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan (10MP).

“ We have applied for RM300 million from Federal government through SPU in early 2008 following the launching of SCORE by our former Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Badawi,” said Mohidin.

He said about RM250 million of the allocation had been awarded to contractors with the balance still pending to be awarded to eligible contractors to carry out basic infrastructure development projects for colossal projects like aluminium smelter plant and solar cell factor plus energy intensive industries.

Mohidin said this to reporters at the Gawai Dayak Open House organised by BDA, which held at Jalan Pangeran Mathair of Jalan Tanjung Kidurong. Meanwhile, Mohidin said BDA itself had also submitted 22 proposed projects under 10MP to the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development for approval.

However, Mohidin expressed optimism that BDA would be allocated RM30 million respectively in the first two years of the 10 MP.

He explained that allocation would be utilised in improvement of infrastructure, landscaping and eradication of poverty scheme, which also include town planning projects such as construction of a boulevard, multi-storey car park, a new market in tandem with BDA's vision to elevating Bintulu to a city status by the year 2020.

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