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RM817M ALLOCATION

Terengganu Health Dept making sure projects completed on time

MARANG: The state Health Department is making its round to make sure that all projects approved under a RM817 million allocation in the 11th Malaysia Plan are completed on time.

The sum involved the development of 20 projects, including a Type-5 health clinic complete with quarters in Pulau Redang.

The project, which started in November 2016, was the first to be completed in Terengganu.

"We have 15 projects worth RM753.64 million under various stages of development," said state Health director Dr Mohammad Oman.

"Most of the projects are expected to be completed early next year. The last project to be completed will be Kemaman Hospital in 2021."

Mohammad cited the Type-3 Marang health clinic as an example of good coordination and commitment between all agencies and the contractors as the project was about six per cent ahead of schedule.

"We plan to showcase the Marang health clinic project to contractors involved in health projects nationwide.

"Never before has the development of a health clinic moved ahead of schedule.

"We hope it will be completed well before its target date in February 2019.

"The earlier such projects are completed, the faster we can serve the people," Mohammad said, adding that four projects involving RM53 million had to be reschedule due to factors, such as unsuitable land.

The four projects are the Type-5 health clinic with quarters in Pulau Perhentian, the upgrading of the gas distribution system at Sultanah Nur Zahirah Hospital, the high-dependency ward and Besut Hospital and dental clinic in Pasir Akar, Besut.

"The dental clinic in Pasir Akar had to be moved to a new location as the existing facility was often inundated by floods," Mohammad added.