

## Sarawak Chief Minister Impressed With Plans For Northern Coastal Highway

**Wednesday, 17 March 2021, Limbang** – Our PMC NCH team was given the opportunity yesterday to brief Sarawak's Chief Minister on the progress of planning for the future 4-lane dual carriageway Northern Coastal Highway across Limbang and Lawas. Of particular interest to the Chief Minister were plans to construct a viaduct for the highway to skirt along Bukit Mas in Limbang. The scenic 1.0 km long viaduct design was chosen in order to minimize disruption to the local environment and town centre.

According to Acting Project Director for PMC NCH, Lawrence Low, "We showed the Chief Minister an eye-catching video of the proposed viaduct for the NCH to demonstrate that there would be little disturbance to the pristine Bukit Mas in Limbang except for foundation works at the foothills."

"Being a big bike enthusiast, I likened the video to the experience that Chief Minister will enjoy while riding his motorbike, skirting Bukit Mas. He was indeed pleased", added Lawrence.

The briefing on the NCH to the Chief Minister included the overall highway alignment, road inventory, timeline, land acquisition, as well as plans for Lawas town beautification.

Sarawak's Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Abang Abdul Rahman Zohari Tun Abang Haji Openg, was on a one-day visit to Limbang yesterday. Whilst there, among others the Chief Minister visited the site of the iconic Sungai Limbang bridge and received updates on progress of other infrastructure projects in the area.

According to Datuk Patinggi Abang Abdul Rahman Zohari, the northern region of Sarawak is set to undergo a transformation with development of road infrastructure which would meet global standards without compromising the environment.

"The development includes a network of dual-carriageways, which in 5 years' time upon the completion of the highway, will showcase a transformation of the landscape of Limbang and Lawas."

The Northern Coastal Highway across Limbang and Lawas is being implemented by the Northern Regional Development Authority ("NRDA") under RECODA. Maltimur is the Project Management Consultant for the 88.5km highway which is expected to begin construction later this year.

