

PMC PRESENTS VALUE ENGINEERING OUTCOMES TO RECODA

Friday, 16 July 2021, Kuching – After a long and comprehensive Value Engineering (VE) exercise for the Northern Coastal Highway (NCH) project, Maltimur as PMC, presented the VE and Optimisation outcomes to the Project's implementing agency, RECODA, yesterday.

In an effort to 'leave no stone unturned', it has been a big challenge for NCH's team to undertake the VE exercise within the many COVID-19 restrictions affecting interstate travel and work capacity which have been imposed for months on end.

As a result, NCH's VE exercise has taken 7 months, since December last year. Yet, the VE exercise is most crucial to optimise the ideas and plans which were fielded in the earlier Value Assessment (VA) exercise with key Stakeholders.

The NCH is a special project indeed. When completed, the future 87.5 km 4-lane dual carriageway highway across Limbang and Lawas will enhance connectivity in the Sarawak's northern region. It will link communities; it will link with the Pan Borneo Highway of Sabah and Sarawak and neighbouring Brunei; it will develop new economic growth areas.

So what's in store for the NCH? In addition to the 4-lane dual carriageway similar to Pan Borneo Highway, NCH will be wider by 6m to make way for future fiber optic cables. Spur roads to Kampung Limpaku-Pinang in northern Limbang, to the new Lawas airport, and to Kampung Punang in Lawas will be included. NCH will also have a lighted 0.9km long viaduct in Limbang town skirting Bukit Mas, and urban road concept aesthetic features in Lawas town. And wait till you see the proposed Kuala Lawas bridge! They are already calling it iconic!

With improved access and connectivity, the future is exciting for Sarawak's northern region.

However, getting there means addressing a few challenges first, such as, building a highway in greenfield with the soft ground conditions which in some places can go up to 30m depth, and in brownfield areas with existing developments present.

As they say, "Nothing good comes easy". However, with a clear Vision and strong "Why", great people and teamwork, we believe it can be done. And Maltimur is front and centre of the action. For Maltimur, it's an exciting place to at!

