

Ministry allocates RM252.8 millions to local authorities



Heads of departments at the opening ceremony



Ab Rahman presents a souvenir to Mohd Nazri, the conference's host

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LABUAN: The Ministry of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government has provided RM252.8 million in allocations to local authorities for this year.

Its minister Datuk*Abdul Rahman Dahlan said that allocations were meant for the implementation of development programmes and cleanliness activities in order to create a good environment in each local authority area.

"In addition, the ministry has also provided RM7 million under the 10th Malaysia Plan for local authorities to carry out environmental health and cleanliness activities," he said when opening the Local Authority Environmental Health Conference in conjunction with the national level World Environmental Health Day at the Financial Park Convention Hall here yesterday.

His speech was read by Director General of Department of Local Government, Dr Ab Rahman Awang.

Also present were Chief Executive Officer of Labuan Corporation Dato* Mohd



Ab Rahman and Mohd Nazri visit an exhibition held in conjunction with the conference

Nazri Osman, Deputy Director General (Technical) Department of Local Government Zainal Abidin Saidun and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Labuan Corporation Siti Maznah Awang Daunit.

Meanwhile, the minister said his ministry had established the Communication for Behavioural Impact (COMBI-LA21) and Residents'

Representative Committees, which among other things aimed to work together with state or district health offices to combat dengue fever.

The two-day conference, with the theme "Children are our Hope for the Future", was attended by 300 participants from various disciplines related to environmental health including technical personnel from 154 local authorities

throughout the country as well as public and private higher learning institutions and relevant government agencies such as the Ministry of Health and Department of Occupational Safety and Health.

A total of 10 papers will be presented during four conference sessions covering urban sanitation, public health, vector and disease control and environmental health management.