

Federal Govt approves RM752 million for 38 projects in Labuan

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LABUAN: The federal government has approved RM752 million to implement 38 projects in Labuan under the 11th Malaysia Plan.

Among the projects are a coastal road from Membedai to Kampung Tanjung Aru that costs RM200 million, Phase II of the Fish Landing Complex, replacement of the bridge on Jalan Patau-Patau, tourist jetties on the islands of Rusukan, Kuraman and Papan, replacement of lifts at the Labuan Hospital and the Batu Arang People Housing project.

"All these will be implemented in stages but priority will be given to the people's immediate needs and for tourism," said Labuan member of parliament, Datuk Rozman Datuk Isli.

He was speaking to the media at the 2017 Budget briefing held at the Labuan International School on Monday.

For the year 2017, the government has allocated RM120 million to implement people-centred projects and other projects to boost the tourism sector on this island.

Rozman who is also the chairman of Labuan Corporation said a large part of the

projects for tourism would be carried out by the private sector.

At the briefing he announced the Labuan Development Action Plan that will be completed early next year which he said would transform the landscape in Labuan.

Rozman also disclosed that during his meeting with Sabah Chief Minister, Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman recently, the latter gave his full support for the bridge that would connect Labuan to mainland Sabah via Menumbok.

The issue often becomes a hotly debated topic whenever elections are near.