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FOREWORD BY WONG CHEN

My dear constituents of Subang,

I have been spending a good amount of time reflecting on 2023 and planning for 2024.

The year 2023 has come to an end. It was a political watershed year which started with a lot of hope and ended as a year of mixed results. From my perspective, the year 2023 will be remembered as a year of political compromises and some missteps. In Parliament, where Members of Parliament (MPs) are in charge, we had a good run of reforms but we did not deliver on the fundamental Parliamentary Services Act bill. Hopefully, we can complete that major reform in 2024.

At the government level, I have received disappointed notes and complaints. It was indeed a year preoccupied by the government's need to seek political stability at all costs. As such, major reforms were effectively put on the back burner. Now that the Unity Government has solidified its coalition and talks of a political coup have receded, 2024 holds better hope of reforms. The reforms needed for the rakyat are simple; anti-corruption and good governance at all levels of government. To be fair to the government, we have seen some notable reforms in 2023 such as the passing of the Fiscal Responsibility Act and human rights reforms on prisons and the abolishment of the mandatory death penalty. However, in the larger reform agenda, these reforms are a relatively minor start.

On the economy, I think we still have challenges ahead in 2024, but at a reduced level. I would say that the global economic problems have, in December 2023, reached their peak or near peak. Next year, we should see by the 2nd quarter, a return to lower interest rates and the easing of inflationary pressures at the global level. However persistent conflicts in Ukraine and Palestine, may continue to disrupt international trade and widen the ongoing trade war. Malaysia has to be acutely aware of the geo-political nuances and do our very best to protect our economic interests.

On a personal front, I don't remember having experienced a similar year, like 2023. I have never been busier in my official capacity as your Member of Parliament. My Parliamentary works as (i) the Chairman of the Parliament Special Select Committee for International Relations and International Trade, (ii) the Asia Pacific Representative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Working Group on Science and Technology, and (iii) the Chairman of Malaysian Chapter of the ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights, provided me volumes of varied diplomatic and policy work, and take me overseas on a frequent basis. My two other chairmanships; All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Political Financing, and Malaysia Debt Ventures (MDV), also kept me super preoccupied with other work.

On the office front, 2023 saw the changing of the guards of my officers. Bala, Cyrene and Dhaartsini ended their two-year contract with the P104 office. All three served my office with dedication and distinction. I am happy to report that all three have also secured better paying jobs. We have also hired new officers, Iskandar and Siti. The third officer will be joining us formally in January 2024. The year has also seen the return of Ivan, as my personal assistant in view of the many new extra positions that I hold.

On the community front, we have continued our yearly support for all 51 schools in Subang. All schools received a grant of RM30,000 each, totaling RM1.5 million. Associations in the area also received a total of RM 873,300. As for welfare payments, we contributed an amount of RM 561,854. We also made contributions to federal government projects such as schools, Tabika KEMAS, police and bomba, totaling RM2,000,000.00. In line with our tradition of full transparency and accountability, details of our spending for 2023 are attached in this newsletter.

Lastly, I will end this article by asking for your continued patience on the matter of government reforms. I am hopeful that we will see more reforms and economic growth in the year 2024. I will continue to do my best in Parliament and serve you at the community level without fear or favour.

Wishing all a happy and prosperous 2024 ahead.

Wong Chen

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LEGISLATIVE DUTIES: PARLIAMENT



From July 2023 to December 2023, there were two Parliamentary meetings, namely the Special Meeting for a mid-term review of the Twelfth Malaysia Plan (RMK-12) and the Third Meeting of the Second Session of the Fifteenth Parliament 2023. Throughout both these meetings, Wong Chen maintained a 100% attendance rate.

In his speech for the mid-term review of RMK-12, Wong Chen shared his insights on the third theme of this plan, advancing sustainability. He highlighted five key growth sectors for the Malaysian economy which would facilitate our transition towards net zero, namely: Agricultural, Renewable energy, Rare earth element (REE) production, Green technology manufacturing & Green and ESG consulting and services.

With each sector, Wong Chen explained Malaysia's current weaknesses - for example, with agriculture, the labour shortage issue would require more local talent to be nurtured, ensuring higher yield and competitiveness. Whilst the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) is a good framework, he opined that there needed to be a bigger focus on biomass, biogas and mini-hydro instead of solely on solar energy. He also highlighted the need for better regulations, with regards to the standards regulating disposal of waste. He strongly advocated for the enactment of the Political Financing Act and other legislations like the Unexplained Wealth Order in the United Kingdom to be practised in Malaysia. Finally, he also stressed that Malaysia should ensure that 50% of the REE extracted is deployed for manufacturing Malaysia, ensuring the growth of a new green technology manufacturing sector.

Wong Chen also debated the Public Finance and Fiscal Responsibility Bill 2023. He stressed that although this bill lacks substantive checks and balances, it can act as a guideline enabling a committee consisting of the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Economy, and most importantly Bank Negara Malaysia, to provide input on the current economic situation before the Budget is presented.

During the Third Meeting of the Second Session of the 15th Session of Parliament, the Budget 2024 was tabled and passed. In his Budget Speech, he emphasised how the MADANI government is taking an important first step in demonstrating responsibility by reducing its dependency on Petronas' revenue - from 50 billion in 2022, to RM40 billion in 2023 and RM32 billion for 2024 respectively.



Wong Chen also touched on the government's decision to increase revenue. He rationalised the increase by highlighting its correlation to GDP growth, which is projected to be between 4.5-5%. However, he also strongly urged the government to address the core issues of revenue generation through salary increment.

In requesting for more clarity on the matter of capital gains tax with regards to the unlisted shares, he suggested that the shares of Publicly Listed Companies should be taxed instead. He questioned the feasibility of taxing unlisted companies, as it would be much more complicated and arbitrary, ultimately leading to an inefficient tax system.

Closing his speech, he expressed hope as Chairman of Malaysia Debt Venture (MDV) on renewable energy initiatives as envisaged by the NETR. He expressed optimism regarding the increase in federal government allocations aimed at improving the implementation of the Corporate Green Power Programme. He also urged more support for the budding space technology sector in Malaysia.

On the 29 of November 2023, Wong Chen also participated in the debate on the Control of Smoking Products for Public Health Bill 2023. With the permission from the Member of Parliament of Sibuluan during his speech on the matter, Wong Chen interjected by questioning the logic behind reducing the fine on smoking in restricted areas from RM10,000.00 to RM5,000.00, as legislation aimed at reducing smoking dependence and related illnesses should remain punitive.

As a seasoned technocrat and a government backbencher, Wong Chen also regularly meets with representatives from various Chambers of Commerce and businesses to discuss the current administration's policies and positions.

Parliamentary Special Select Committee on International Trade and International Relations



As the Chairman of the Parliamentary Special Committee (PSSC) on International Trade and International Relations, Wong Chen and his committee members have continued engaging foreign diplomatic missions, businesses, civil society organisations and international Chambers of Commerce in line with their aim of developing policies for the following three ministries; (i) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), (ii) the Ministry of Investment Trade and Industry (MITI), and (iii) Ministry of Economy (EPU).

TRIP TO STRASBOURG, FRANCE



From 11 -16 July 2023, Wong Chen was invited alongside four other PSSC chairmen by the Speaker of the House of Representatives Malaysia to visit the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France. During the visit, they paid courtesy visits to Ms. Yaël Braun-Pivet , President of the National Assembly of France and Ms. Pascale Boyer, the President of the France-Malaysia Friendship Group of the National Assembly to discuss areas of mutual interest such as sustainable development, production of palm oil, labour and foreign policy.

MEETING WITH MITI



On 24th August 2023, the PSSC met with MITI to engage the Ministry on a wide range of issues; including net zero target and Free Trade Agreements (FTAs). The PSSC plans to follow up with MITI to discuss more questions specific to the New Industrial Master Plan (NIMP) 2030 and the electric vehicle (EV) policy.

MEETING WITH ADPAN



On the 19th of September, the PSSC met with the Anti-Death Penalty Asia Network (ADPAN). Wong Chen engaged MoFA and civil society organisations to discuss the role of Malaysian diplomatic missions abroad to aid Malaysians on death row. This session was informative in understanding the potential areas where Malaysia could advocate for more humane treatment of Malaysian prisoners on death row, particularly in other Southeast Asian countries. Research on better prison standards and regulations is being pursued to support the PSSC's suggestions.

TWN AND IPEF DELEGATION



Leading up to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders’ Meeting (ALEM), the Committee also held meetings with an Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) delegation of officials and staffers from the United States Senate. The Committee also received briefings from Third World Network (TWN) on the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and IPEF. The PSSC aims to engage with MITI to request full access to ongoing treaties to ensure closer monitoring of developments.

The Committee also hosted TWN again with a joint meeting with the PSSC on Domestic Trade, Entrepreneurship, Cost of Living and Agriculture to look into the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), discussing the issue of plant seeds, intellectual property rights vis-a-vis FTAs. The findings of this hearing were communicated to the relevant Ministries, requesting urgency on the serious matter of food security.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE



In line with the government’s policy directives aimed at economic and investment growth, the Committee met with a few international Chambers of Commerce - EUROCHAM Malaysia, American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM), China Enterprises Chamber of Commerce (CECC) and the Swiss Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (SMCC), and the US-ASEAN Business Council. Discussions mainly focused on themes of sustainable investment in Malaysia, free trade agreements, 5G technology in Malaysia and labour issues. It was evident over these meetings that with better policing and prioritisation towards ease of doing business, Malaysia will stand to gain more on trade and investment opportunities

ISRAEL-PALESTINE WAR



On security matters, the Committee continued to monitor the ongoing Israel-Palestine war. The Committee received a special briefing on this matter, attended by officials from MoFA, MITI and EPU. The PSSC also had a second meeting with EPU specifically on the potential economic impact of the war on Malaysia.

CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN TUNISIA



Wong Chen and YB Syed Ibrahim Syed Noh held a press conference on the current political situation in Tunisia and the arrest of former Speaker of the Tunisian Assembly of the People's Representatives, Mr. Rached Ghannouchi.

CHINA TRIP



From 5 to 9 December 2023, the Committee was hosted by the People's Republic of China by the International Department, Central Committee of C.P.C (IDCPC). They visited cultural, investment, technology and trade centers in China. Key to this trip was the official meeting with Mdm. Sun Haiyan, Deputy Minister of the IDCPC where geo-political and bilateral trade issues were discussed. The members also visited agencies such as the Beijing municipal anti-corruption agency to learn how China has successfully curbed corruption.

All-Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia on Political Financing



As the Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia (APPGM) on Political Financing, Wong Chen along with his fellow members and secretariat continued to advocate the need for a new law to regulate political financing.



During the Third Meeting of the Second Session of the Fifteenth Parliament 2023, the committee refined their draft bill designed to fight and eliminate political party corruption. In keeping with the government's public commitment that legislation in this area will be considered by the Parliamentary Special Select Committee on Human Rights, Election and Institutional Reform, the APPGM requested and successfully participated in a committee hearing with the above mentioned Parliamentary Special Select Committee, chaired by YB Tuan William Leong Jee Keen. During this hearing, the APPGM's draft bill was presented for the committee's consideration and to be presented to the government officials.

DIPLOMATIC & INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR)



As the Chairperson of the Malaysian Chapter of ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR), Wong Chen has worked to further APHR's objective of promoting democracy and human rights across Southeast Asia.

In October 2023, APHR members, consisting of former and current parliamentarians from neighbouring ASEAN countries, made a mission trip to Malaysia. Wong Chen gave them a tour of the Parliament of Malaysia and organised a fact-finding roundtable on peace and harmony in Malaysia.

An important consensus from this session was that politicians and community leaders must play a more pivotal role as key opinion leaders in promoting inclusivity. It was also envisaged that these opinion leaders must exercise responsibility when engaging with the public, particularly when on social media platforms, to prevent the continuous exploitation of religious and racial polarisation issues. The Election Commission (EC), the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) and Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) were asked to work closely to address this issue.

APHR also launched a toolkit on advancing human rights through the Malaysian legislative process on 1st December 2023. In order to prevent the further erosion of human rights in Southeast Asia, as well as to strengthen these rights, parliamentarians should use their political mandate more effectively. As such, this toolkit serves as a guide to MPs and other civil society organisations to better understanding the parliamentary process.



ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

In August 2023, Wong Chen represented Parliament Malaysia at the 44th General Assembly held in Jakarta, Indonesia. The theme was “Responsive Parliaments for a Stable and Prosperous ASEAN”. Wong Chen was there to also advocate for strong, concrete actions rooted in human rights principles in response to the worsening Myanmar crisis. In the assembly, Wong Chen expressed the importance of this assembly where lawmakers from across the region come together and work on key issues, especially on the crisis in Myanmar. He highlighted that AIPA representatives must recognise that Myanmar junta cannot be relied on, as shown by its continued disregard of the Five-Point consensus.

Wong Chen also reiterated the concerns that some ASEAN leaders have indicated their openness to engage with the junta. Such engagements would only be used as military propaganda and will help the junta paint the pro-democracy movement as an obstacle to peace, when in fact, establishing an inclusive and human rights-respective democracy, is the only way to ensure lasting solutions in Myanmar. Lawmakers are urged to call on their governments to continue to work towards holding the junta accountable for its widespread and systematic crimes against its own people.

WELFARE & COMMUNITY UPDATES

Projek Mesra Rakyat Allocation 2023

Projek Mesra Rakyat (PMR) is a government allocation that is meant for the upgrading and fixing of government or government related infrastructure within each Member of Parliament's constituency. The government allocated a total sum of RM2 million for the year 2023.



Timeline

25th June 2023 - 10th August 2023:

Briefing sessions for the 73 PMR recipients for the year 2023.

11th August 2023 - 31st August 2023:

Preparation of documents for submission to ICU JPM Selangor office, including conducting site visits with officers from Pejabat Tanah dan Daerah Petaling to prepare the bill of quantities.

1 September 2023:

Deadline for Submission of applications to ICU JPM Selangor office.

8th September 2023:

Distribution of allocations to recipients receiving aid from our office.

31st December 2023:

Completion of all projects and deadline for submission of report.

List of Projects

IBU PEJABAT POLIS DAERAH SUBANG JAYA

BALAI BOMBA SUBANG JAYA

SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN SS 19 SUBANG JAYA

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SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN SRI SUBANG JAYA

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SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN SERI SELANGOR

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SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN USJ 2

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SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN DATO' ONN JAAFAR

SEKOLAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (CINA) LICK HUNG

SEKOLAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (CINA) TUN TAN CHENG LOCK

SEKOLAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (CINA) CHEE WEN

SEKOLAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (TAMIL) LDG SEAFIELD

SEKOLAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (TAMIL) TUN SAMBANTHAN

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SEKOLAH MENENGAH KEBANGSAAN SS 17

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SEKOLAH MENENGAH KEBANGSAAN USJ 13

SEKOLAH MENENGAH KEBANGSAAN USJ 8

SEKOLAH MENENGAH KEBANGSAAN USJ 12

SEKOLAH MENENGAH KEBANGSAAN BANDAR SUNWAY

SEKOLAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (CINA) KHENG CHEE

SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN PUCHONG JAYA

SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN PUCHONG PERDANA

SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN BUKIT KUCHAI

SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN SEKSYEN 1 BANDAR KINRARA

SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN PUCHONG INDAH

SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN PUSAT BANDAR PUCHONG (1)

SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN SEKSYEN 2 BANDAR KINRARA

SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN PUSAT BANDAR PUCHONG 2

SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN PUCHONG JAYA 2

SEKOLAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (CINA) YAK CHEE

SEKOLAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (CINA) SHIN CHENG (HARCROFT)

SEKOLAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (TAMIL) CASTLEFIELD

SEKOLAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (TAMIL) PUCHONG

SEKOLAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (TAMIL) LDG KINRARA

SEKOLAH MENENGAH KEBANGSAAN PUCHONG

KOLEJ TINGKATAN ENAM PUCHONG

SEKOLAH MENENGAH KEBANGSAAN SEKSYEN 1 BANDAR KINRARA

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SEKOLAH MENENGAH KEBANGSAAN SEKSYEN 4 BANDAR KINRARA

SEKOLAH MENENGAH KEBANGSAAN PUSAT BANDAR PUCHONG 1

SEKOLAH MENENGAH KEBANGSAAN BANDAR PUCHONG JAYA (A)

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PANGSAPURI ENGGANG

Deepavali Program 2023



Statistics: 6 temples received **RM2000.00 each** in monetary aid. Needy residents were identified from 9 associations in Kinrara and Subang Jaya, benefitting 263 residents.

1. Kuil Sri Varatharajah Perumal Subang Jaya
2. Kuil Sri Subramaniam
3. Sri Maha Mariamman Devasthanam Temple Jalan Kenari 2
4. Kuil Sri Srinivasa Perumal Devasthanam
5. Kuil Sri Maha Mariamman (Golden Temple)
6. Sri Maha Maheswari Kalliamman Temple

Additional Round of Flood Compensation 2023

After the devastating floods of 2021-2022, the Office of the Member of Parliament of Subang provided a total of RM711,200.00 in post-flood aid to the 2,026 households in Taman Kinrara Seksyen 1 & 2.

In April 2023, YB Wong Chen made an appeal for a number of residents whose applications for the Bantuan Kerja-kerja Pembaikan Rumah sehingga RM5,000.00 aid which were not considered.

Whilst our office sent a letter of appeal to the Prime Minister's Office on this matter to reconsider the applications of those affected by this issue, YB Wong Chen also decided that it would not be fair to leave the residents without any recourse.

These households whose applications were unfortunately not processed were placed under our additional and final flood aid to the residents of Taman Kinrara Seksyen 1 & 2. We managed to contact and provide RM1000.00 each to 115 victims, bringing our total assistance over the past two years to RM 866,200.00 as of the time of this newsletter's publication. The office continues to monitor the flood situation in Taman Kinrara, working with the relevant agencies to ensure there are permanent solutions to this issue.

MITRA 2023

In 2023, the Office of the Member of Parliament of Subang received an allocation of RM100,000.00 from The Malaysian Indian Transformation Unit (MITRA). This allocation was meant to be distributed to reach the following broad aims:

- Human capital development program for the Indian community,
- Community entrepreneurship and career development programs, and
- Social development programs concerning the welfare and well-being of the Indian community.

In keeping with the aim of increasing the literacy levels in the Parliamentary constituency of Subang, as well as ensuring proper tools for teaching and learning in the schools within this constituency, the Office of the Member of Parliament for Subang decided to direct 90% of these funds (RM90,000.00) to the 5 Tamil schools within the Parliamentary constituency of Subang.

These schools have agreed to conduct programs that benefit those from the Bottom 40 (B40) group of students, which include programs to provide tuition to underprivileged students, to provide necessities such as glasses and stationary sets for students and many more. The remaining 10% of funds have been provided to an association focused on providing entrepreneurial opportunities for young Indian women.

PRESS & MEDIA

July

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OFFICER'S FAREWELL

Dhaartshini Senguttuvan



When I received the offer for the position of an officer to the Member of Parliament for Subang in December of 2021, I was correct in anticipating that the only constant I would have over the next two years was inconsistency - driving me to learn and grow every single day.

Indeed, what attracted me to this job was the variety of experiences it presented. One day, I'd be working with experts on flood mitigation and the next I'd be learning about preschool tuition fees regulations in Malaysia.

With regular engagements from foreign diplomatic missions, business leaders and civil society activists, my tenure was informative and insightful at every turn. I conclude my two years here with a breadth of knowledge and experience newly obtained; and possible in such a short period of time at the P104 office.

I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to Wong Chen for choosing me to embark on this journey and guiding me on policy making, work ethics and community service during my term. To Mr Leong, the office volunteers, community leaders, my colleagues and interns - thank you for the unwavering support you have given me throughout this process.

To the constituents, it has been a privilege to serve the people of Subang - a harmonious, tolerant community that consistently demonstrates the strength of togetherness. I end by wishing everyone the best in advancing towards the promise of a better Malaysia.

Dhaartshini

OFFICER'S FAREWELL

Cyrene Perera

Sometimes I can scarcely believe that my two years at P104 have just gone by. It seemed only yesterday, I was that young, anxious, bright-eyed, bushy haired girl who was eager to start her first day at this office. Now I find myself reflecting on memories, memories that have shaped the person I am today. And I am grateful for the time I had at P104.

When Oscar Wilde said, "Most people are other people. Their thoughts are someone else's opinions, their lives a mimicry, their passions a quotation."



This holds true for me. In P104, I've had the opportunity to meet a lot of people, community leaders, various leaders from NGOs, and your everyday rakyat. To hear their stories, life experiences, has been memorable.

However, my experience at P104 would be incomplete without these special few for whom I've learned a great deal from: Boss, Mr. Leong, the volunteers, my colleagues, and how can I forget my interns. Each of them I've had the pleasure of working with, hearing their stories that contained trinkets of life lessons or just simply, getting to know them, the person they are, their passion, their opinions, their lives. I am all the people that I have met as.

Jorge Luis Borges once said, and these people have made my experience at P104 worthwhile. So, this farewell really is a thank you to them. And with that, I hope the current and future officers would be as fortunate as I was in their endeavors at P104.

May the force be with you all.

Cyrene

OFFICER'S WELCOME

Iskandar Putra



Hi everyone! I'm Iskandar. Returning to the P104 office is an honor. Serving twice as an intern before has prepared me to take on the challenge that will come as I begin my two-year tour as an officer. A good balance between my interests in policy making, community work and (maybe) a bit of politics will hopefully help maintain the high standards that the office has set.

Looking forward to engage with parliament officials, fellow officers, foreign embassy officials and ambassadors and ultimately the good folks of Subang Jaya and Kinrara.

Siti Noorhannie

I began my service with P104 in September 2023 as an Administration Manager. I am very grateful and honored to have joined P104. During my 4 months of service in P104, I have learned many things to balance responsibilities for office and community work. My tasks include managing allocations, PMR projects, and office work, as well as participating in programs with residents and addressing community issues. Nevertheless, it is a responsible and valuable opportunity. Thank you once again for the opportunity to be part of the P104 family.



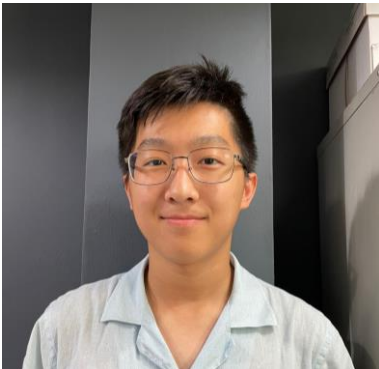
INTERN'S TESTIMONY

Lin Yan Ying



My internship experience at P104 with YB Wong Chen was a fruitful one because I learned about political knowledge from scratch thanks to the weekly discussion he always had with his interns. I gained insight about the legislative process, attempted research with my fellow colleagues, participated in election campaigns, and conducted social welfare in the office. Particularly, having conducted social welfare has influenced me to look into being a social worker and I was glad to have supportive colleagues where I learned a lot from them and also given chances to amend my mistakes. Overall, it was an unforgettable experience!

Blake A. Gunawan



Interning at the Subang Service Centre was a formative and enjoyable experience, one which I can seriously recommend to anyone interested in public policy, government, or social work. Dhaartshini, Cyrene, and Iskandar (later) were great to work under, and my other interns - Rayna, Daniel, Yan Ying, Hailey, Justin, Ashvini, Abigail, and Hymm all contributed to a festive environment centred around the personality of Wong Chen. The work that we did at the office was useful in its own right, and it was a privilege to have been part of such a wonderful group in serving the Subang constituency area.

Rayna Ganesarajah



My internship at the P104 Office has truly been one of my favourite memories till this day. Special thanks to YB Wong Chen (Boss), Mr Leong, Ivan, the officers, and the other interns for guiding and inspiring me to work harder to be able to help more people. Through all the trials and tribulations of adapting to the fast-paced environment in Parliament, engaging with constituents in my neighbourhood, doing policy research together with a group of passionate interns and campaigning, I can easily say I'm forever grateful for this opportunity to refine my skills, grow and learn!

Putera Daniel Hakeem bin Saiful Azuan



After volunteering in GE15, this was my 3rd time working with and my 2nd summer spent interning in P104, this time with bigger responsibilities. I was given the opportunity to work on Projek Mesra Rakyat for 2023, where I learnt about the in and out of how government programmes worked. Through this project and other work, I was able to grow and learn important life skills which I will gratefully remember forever. I would like to thank the wonderful interns who lived up the atmosphere, they truly made the office akin to home. Thank you to the constituents who were patient with me when dealing with their queries, issues and requests, they have truly given meaning to my life. To the kind and extremely caring officers, thank you so much for bearing with my mistakes and providing me the space to learn from them, it has truly changed my life for the better. Thank you boss for once again giving your insight and guidance on political and personal issues throughout the internship, it had been an experience of a lifetime (thrice in a row).

Cheng Yang Qi



My internship at the P104 office constitutes part of the most important journey of my life as I have learned a lot and been able to explore various issues that we are facing in Malaysia. I built my knowledge about the political landscape of Malaysia and had the opportunity to handle social welfare cases of the constituents. By conducting research and discussion with my fellow interns, I developed my critical thinking and analytical skills. Everyone in this office is being very helpful and provides useful guidance to me. P104 is definitely a warm family!

Ashvini Se-Lin Prem



My internship at the P104 office was a transformative experience. The highlight of my internship was the several parliamentary visitations, where I witnessed democracy in action firsthand. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the P104 officers who guided me in crafting a policy paper, which allowed me to realise my passion for policy research. This internship has profoundly influenced my career aspirations, and I am extremely thankful to YB Wong Chen for offering me this opportunity.

Abigail



My time interning at P104 has personally been a learning curve for me. I enjoyed the diverse views and opinions of my fellow interns. Their company made coming to work so much more fun and I will always cherish the memories we created together. I learnt a lot from the officers who never held back in sharing their extensive knowledge on any subject that we were curious about. Each of them patiently guided us on how to navigate working in both the service centre and the parliament. I would like to specially thank YB Wong Chen and Mr Leong, who were particularly generous with their time and knowledge as well. The internship was filled with notable moments, including lecture series, intern question time and budget season. I want to express gratitude to YB Wong Chen for providing me with this opportunity, it has been wonderful to serve the Subang constituents.

Leong Hymm



Interning at YB Wong Chen's office was truly an experience that broadened my perspective on various aspects of public service. Engaging in meaningful constituency work and actively contributing to research allowed me to gain valuable insights. YB Wong Chen is someone who demonstrates a genuine commitment to our learning journey. Question time with boss were particularly enlightening, with YB willingly sharing his knowledge, especially in politics and economics. Personally, I found immense fulfillment in the constituency work, where I had the opportunity to interact with constituents and assist them with a cases, spanning from welfare concerns to citizenship matters. The dynamic nature of the office ensured that each day presented new challenges, that fosters an environment where everyone openly shares their thoughts, promoting continuous critical thinking. The most rewarding aspect of this internship lies in how one chooses to interpret and frame the experiences gained. It's about finding your niche and understanding which aspects resonate with you the most. Bonus, boss is a really funny guy!

Ryan Sua Li Wei



The P.104 office has just about anything for those wanting a glimpse of public service and politics. Coming into the busy Budget 2024 season, this internship has really opened my eyes to the various roles and responsibilities of Members of Parliament. Besides having to debate on legislative matters in Parliament, YB Wong Chen also has the responsibility to represent and assist his constituents as best he can. Whether it be welfare or citizenship issues, the P.104 office has always done its very best to help as many people as they can. This internship has been insightful; I'd love to return!

Haree Ram A/L C Rajaram



Stepping out of the medical world and exploring new things was something very nerve-wracking for me. That one line easily sums up my whole internship at P104. Although the five weeks may seem like a short stint here at P104, I truly enjoyed every moment of my internship. I could not have found a better mentor than YB Wong Chen, someone who truly inspired me during this short spell. I believe this internship will be a crucial and life-changing moment for me. So, I would like to take this time to thank YB Wong Chen and the P104 family.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & ALLOCATION SPENDINGS

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

<u>Asset</u>	RM
Cash and bank balance	713,554
Net Asset for period ending 31st December 2023	<u>713,554</u>
Excess funds from prior period	348,068
Current period surplus	365,486
Excess funds for Period Ending 31st December 2023	<u>713,554</u>

Income Statement for Period Ending 31st December 2023

	RM	
Income		
Federal Allocations	2,300,000	
Donations	352	N1
Bank Interest	870	
	<u>2,301,221</u>	
Less : Expenses		
Federal Allocation spendings	1,580,154	N2
Salaries, allowances & bonuses	248,629	
EPF, SOCSO & EIS	23,356	
Rental of premise	24,000	
Utilities	18,056	N3
General expenses	41,541	N4
	<u>1,935,735</u>	
Net surplus for Period Ending 31st December 2023	<u>365,486</u>	

Notes:

These donations were received from the public during GE15.

Federal Allocation Spending is as follows :

Federal: Welfare Assistance	561,854
Federal: Associations	873,300
Federal: Flood Relief Aid	45,000
Federal: MITRA	100,000
	<u>1,580,154</u>

Utilities include electricity, water, telephone & internet, etc.

General expenses include office cleaning, office supplies, digital services, bank charges etc.

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FEDERAL ALLOCATION SPENDINGS

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This makes the allocation received amounting to RM1,700,000 until the end of 2023 and an allocation for MITRA of RM100,000 for the human capital development program for the Indian community was distributed during Deepavali 2023.

P104 Allocation
RM 2,700,000

MITRA
RM100,000

Community
RM2,300,000

P104 Office Operating Expenses
RM 300,000

CONSTITUENCY SERVICES

We serve all residents in the Parliamentary constituency of Subang which includes:

Subang Jaya:

USJ 1 - 22; SS 12 - 19; PJS 7, 9, 11, Bandar Sunway;

Kinrara:

Kinrara Seksyen 1 - 7; Puchong Jaya Timur; Puchong Jaya Barat; Puchong Jaya Utara; Batu 12 & 13; Batu 7 Jalan Puchong; Bandar Kinrara Seksyen 1 - 5; Pusat Bandar Puchong; Bandar Puteri; Puchong Indah 1 - 2; Puchong Perdana 1 - 2; Puchong Intan.

Parliamentary Affairs:

- Raise various national issues on your behalf
- Represent P104 Subang on policies and laws
- Update residents on all national issues

Community Affairs:

- Support application for medical aid and welfare payments
- Apply for medical exemptions
- Connect with welfare and medical NGOs

Citizenship and Immigration Affairs:

- Support application for blue identity card and issue letter of enquiries
- Follow up with Jabatan Pendaftaran Negara (JPN) and Immigration Department





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