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Tengku Zafrul holds engagement session with Sarawak govt

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KUCHING, July 13 – An engagement session on the National Recovery Plan (PPN) was conducted virtually between the Finance Ministry and Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) government leaders this evening.

The Sarawak Chief Minister's Office, in a statement tonight, said the one-hour session, chaired by Finance Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, who is also PPN coordinating minister, was held to improve the effectiveness of PPN.

The GPS team in the session was led by Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Openg and his three deputies, Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas, Tan Sri Dr James Jemut Masing and Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan. Also present were Local Government and Housing Minister Datuk Seri Dr Sim Kui Hian and Assistant Minister Datuk Dr Penguang Manggil.

"The Sarawak government gave several input from Sarawak's perspective to strengthen the state's economy while taking into consideration the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and (Sarawak's) contribution to the national economy," the statement read.

The issues tabled included the vaccination programme in Sarawak, which is progressing smoothly, infrastructure development programmes, ICT development programmes, manufacturing industry and foreign investment as the core to improve Sarawak's economy.

Core factors also encompassed agriculture's potential based on the Internet of Things (IOT) and sustainable economy as well as security along the very long border between Sarawak and Kalimantan that has a deep impact on Sarawak's socio-economy.

The implementation of PPN's phases that have to be adapted to the situation in Sarawak, which is almost as large as peninsular Malaysia, was also discussed, according to the statement.

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