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2012 DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE

NINE BILLION HUWAS APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT

Purikali – The Parliament approved yesterday an investment of 9.3 billion huwas for the so-called 2012 National Development Package. The package comprises power plants, broadband internet and the expansion of the container terminal, among others.

Concerning the power plants, funds aim the completion of two thermoelectric and the construction of a wind plant. The government intends to cover the deficit of energy caused after the construction of Palimasune nuclear plant stopped in 2010 when the Party of Liberty-Green (PMR) came to power.

With the package, the capacity of the Bandajaya port is to be expanded from current 165,000 twenty-foot containers to 500,000 per year, becoming responsible by 70% of all the shipping trade of the country. The road Anjaru-Bandajaya will be completed and duplicated to allow the flow of container trucks between the port and

the capital. With these measures, the government expects to relieve the transit of trucks and the overloaded port of Purikali.

The development package also includes a Broadband Internet Plan that will provide Internet at 5Mbps to virtually all households by only 20 huwas per month. Furthermore, the plan will also ensure free Internet access in all schools, universities, hospitals, parks and public offices.

Among the other investments of the approved package, there will be the construction of a research ship for the new Institute of Sea Research.

Opposition, especially the National Party (PT), criticised the investments alleging that it will increase the public debt to 11% of the GDP. The pro-government coalition, however, argued that the investments are necessary to keep the economic growth rate and assured that the debt securities will be settled on time.

THE CATHOLIC TRADITIONS

SUNDAY OF EASTER

All over the country, the catholic families prepare for the celebration of Easter tomorrow. Pork is the customary meal for the Christians on the Sunday of Easter, a tradition that comes from centuries ago, in the pre-Islamic era, when the natives used to eat wild pigs

in their festivities.

The archbishop of Purikali, Waduk Nuhusedim, will celebrate the Mass of Easter in the Cathedral of Saint Gabriel tonight at nine. The presence of the royal family and other government members is expected.

OVERSEAS OPERATION

WATERA WILL PRODUCE VEHICLES IN SOUTH AMERICA

Porto da Mata – KS Watera plans to inaugurate in Yutyrama its new factory by the end of May, during the visit of His Majesty to that country. The South American subsidiary of the car manufacturer will start the production of the left-hand drive version of Jimpy, the mini car launched last year in Kaupelan. After a long discussion with the Yutyraman government, the plant was finally approved, satisfying stringent environmental requirements of that country. “The yearly production of 40,000 low cost small jeeps, which will be called Xip locally, is mostly for export to Africa and to Mercosur countries, including Brazil”, says Sean Tatji Rimarut, the plant director. “The vehicle is addressed to young costumers that love sports, adventures, open air life and look for a stylish car in the sub-economy segment”, the director adds.



Weather in Purikali – Rainy.
Max. Temp.: 30°C; Min. Temp. 23 °C