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MPPP Solid Waste Management Seminar “Are We Heading In The Right Direction?”

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Georgetown, 7 November 2006 – The Municipality of Penang Island (MPPP), together with United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the State Economic Planning Unit (UPEN) has once again demonstrated their strong commitment in contributing towards a sustainable development by organizing a solid waste management seminar with the title “Are We Heading in the Right Direction?”.

The seminar was officiated by Dato’ Dr. Teng Hock Nan, Penang State Exco for Local Government, Environment and Traffic Management Committee at the The Bayview Hotel here.

The objectives of having this seminar were to have an overview of the current practice of waste management as well as to identify alternatives for the current solid waste management system. It was also hoped that the seminar can promote better understanding on the importance of an improved solid waste management system for the state.

The seminar is also aimed at developing the capacity of the private and public organizations involved in Solid Waste Management issues and is to further encourage discussions on the topic among stakeholders.

The seminar was held as part of the activities under the “Structuring and Institutionalising Solid Waste Management Project”. The project was launched in January 2006 and is a collaborative project between Penang State Economic Planning Unit (UPEN), the Federal Economic Planning Unit (EPU) and UNDP with active involvement of the two local authorities, Majlis Perbandaran Pulau Pinang (MPPP) and Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Prai (MPSP).

The seminar was attended by Dato’ Dr. Teng Hock Nan, the State Executive Councillor, President of MPPP, Director of UPEN, Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP and representatives from Government, NGOs, CSOs, private sector practitioners, and academia.