

201. To attract environmentally-friendly investments and to reduce the pollution of plastic waste, the Government proposes to provide Pioneer Status incentive of 70% or investment tax allowance of 60% for 5 years to companies which produces environmentally-friendly plastics based on bio-resin and biopolymer materials.

202. To incentivise investments in green technology, a RM2 billion Green Technology Financing Scheme (GTFS) will be made available where the Government will subsidise the interest cost by 2% for the first 5 years.

203. Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad will also provide a Sustainable Development Financing Fund of RM1 billion to support Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development as well as the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) under the United Nations Development Programme. To this end, The Government will provide an interest subsidy of 2% as an incentive.

204. Additionally, to promote the use of green technology, the Government will expand the list of green assets which qualifies for the Green Technology Investment Allowance (GITA) from 9 assets to 40 assets which will be listed in the MyHijau directory.

## **CONCLUSION**

Mr Speaker Sir,

205. Budget 2019 will allocate a total of RM314.5 billion in expenditure as compared to an estimated RM290.4 billion in 2018. From the total, RM259.8 billion is for Operating Expenditure while RM54.7 billion is provided for Development Expenditure. This does not take into consideration the Contingency Fund of RM2 billion.

206. For Development Expenditure, the Economic Sector received the highest allocation of RM29.2 billion encompassing transport, trade, industry, energy and public utilities and agriculture. The Social Sector will receive RM15.2 billion. The Security Sector will receive an allocation of RM7.1 billion, and General Administration, RM3.2 billion.