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Faster travel: An aerial view of the completed RM207.7mil federal road upgrading project between Teluk Kumbar and Bayan Lepas, Penang. — ZHAFFARAN NASIB/The Star

Making driving a breeze

Travelling along the 3km road between Teluk Kumbar and the Penang International Airport in Bayan Lepas is now convenient, thanks to a federal upgrading project. >3

**ARTISAN MARKET**

The Artisan Market and Garage Sale will be held tomorrow from 10am to 4pm at The Star Pitt St. in Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, George Town. Admission is free. For booth enquiries, call Janice (04-6473388).

EDUCATION FAIR

Promotions and scholarships await SPM and STPM leavers at the Star Education Fair 2018 in SPICE Arena, Relau, on March 17 and 18. Visitors will benefit from education and career talks to be held from 11am to 7pm daily. Admission is free. Limited exhibitor booths still available. Call 03-79671388 ext 1097/1541.

FOOD FAIR

Eden Handicap Service Centre will hold its annual Charity Food Fair on April 14 from 9am to 2pm at the Han Chiang High School indoor stadium. Proceeds from the fair will go to the centre to provide free services to the disabled. Booklets priced at RM20 each are available at its office at the Caring Society Complex and centre in Jalan Sir Hussein. Details, call Elreen (04-2295648) or Derrick (04-2282758).

PUBLIC TALK

Lam Wah Ee Hospital will hold a free talk in English on 'Eye — How Much do you Know?' tomorrow at 2.30pm at its College of Nursing auditorium in Jalan Tan Sri Teh Ewe Lim, Penang. Refreshments will be served. For details and registration, call 04-6528990.

BLOOD DONATION

Hui Yin Seh Metta Blood Donation Group is organising a blood donation campaign on Sunday from 9am to 1pm at Wisma Hui Yin, 30, Lintang Paya Terubong 3, Penang. Details, contact Thum at 016-4980139.

FOR CHARITY

Penang Community Care is holding the 'We Care Charity Food Fair' on Sunday in aid of Peace and Harmony Home and Balik Pulau's SJK (C) Tar Thong. The event will be held at the Methodist Boys School in Jalan Ayer Itam, Penang, from 9am to 2pm. Call Wendy Ang (012-4785124) for more details.

FREE ALPHA COURSE

Trinity Methodist Church will hold an Alpha Course on life and faith every Sunday for 12 weeks from Sunday at 3pm at 16, Jalan Masjid Negri. Light refreshments will be served. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/alphapenangtrinity> or call 04-8287445.

MANDARIN CLASSES

The Penang Chinese Town Hall (PCTH) will conduct a Mandarin class (Level 1) from March 6 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at its premises in Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling. The class will be conducted every Tuesday. The syllabus will cover phonetics and conversation system. For details, call 04-2628939 (Tuesday to Saturday from 11am to 6pm, Sunday 9am to 1pm).

CANCER TALK

Gleneagles Penang will hold a public talk and panel discussion with the hospital colorectal surgeon Dr Buvaneshvaran and resident oncologist and radiotherapist Dr Amir Shah at Straits Quay on March 17 from 7.30pm to 9pm. The talk will include survivors of colorectal cancer who will share their story of cancer discovery and treatment management. A free health screening is also available from 5pm onwards. Details, call 04-2229207.



The elevated U-turn which is part of the completed federal road upgrading project from Teluk Kumbar to the Penang International Airport in Bayan Lepas. — Photos: ZHAFFARAN NASIB/The Star

Smoother driving in the south

Upgrading of stretch eases travelling between Teluk Kumbar and Bayan Lepas

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THE upgrading of the federal road from Teluk Kumbar to Penang International Airport in Bayan Lepas has been completed, making commuting between the two areas faster and more convenient.

The RM207.7mil project included the upgrading of two overhead bridges, a four-lane 750m elevated structure from Jalan Teluk Kumbar to the airport and also an elevated U-turn.

The upgraded 3km four-lane road was upgraded to ease access to the second Penang bridge and to cut travelling time from 30 minutes to 10 minutes during peak hours.

The Works Ministry's corporate communications unit in a statement said the project started on February 2014 and was completed on Dec 23 last year.

"The upgrading of the road is also aimed at promoting the growth of the local economy in Teluk Kumbar and Balik Pulau."

Penang Works, Utilities and Transportation Committee chairman Lim Hock Seng thanked the Federal government for the project as it would serve the people especially in the Balik Pulau area well.

"It is a straight road and will give them direct passage."

"I urge the Federal government to build more roads like these," he said yesterday.



It is now a breeze to drive between Teluk Kumbar and Bayan Lepas with the completion of the RM207.7mil federal road upgrading project.

