



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **KOTA BHARU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ISLAMIC CITY (MPKB-Bri) NOTICE OF OFFENCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH KELANTAN THEATRE FESTIVAL 2019**

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 September – The Kelantan National Department for Culture and Arts (JKKN) have just concluded in organizing the Kelantan Theatre Festival 2019 on 13-18 September 2019 which took place in Kelantan JKKN Complex Auditorium and with resounding responses from an estimated attendance of almost 5000 audience and visitors with the participation of nine (9) groups compared to only four (4) last year.

The Kelantan JKKN received a Notice of Offence from MPKB-Bri on the 16th September 2019 during the festival for the offence under Section 6 - Organizing Entertainment Without Licence. However, Kelantan JKKN had not applied any licence previously for organizing stage performance in the Auditorium considering that it was a program held at the premise. Moreover, the Kelantan JKKN Complex is considered a public area which conducts state tourism and cultural activities as stated in the State General Circular No.4, 2003 - Entertainment Control Guidelines Item 5 (5.2) (ii) which explains the Exclusive Status and Exemption-Entertainment and entertainment Outlets that can be categorized as exclusive are **(ii)At selected Art Arenas and selected Public areas for State tourism and cultural official events.**

The Kelantan JKKN believes that the actions of MPKB-Bri is the result of extensive promotions viraled by netizens who shared the program's exposures and receiving a great response for the two (2) competition held on the Facebook social web which are the Best Group of Viewer's Choice and the Best Poster of People's Choice.

However, the Department takes great concern and abide with the advice from MPKB-Bri and promised to abide by the guidelines set-out and will make the effort of not repeating it in the future.

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