



Mr Kong and Senator Wan Hamid in a discussion at the dialogue.

## Assurance on infrastructure devt for kampung



SIBU, Tues.— SMC chairman Kong Sien Han this morning assured the Malay community that by 1993 all infrastructure in the *kampung* will be improved.

The roads will be resurfaced and the drainage system improved, he said when speaking at a dialogue with several Malay leaders at the SMC conference room.

In the next two years, the council will focus its attention on improvement of the *kampung* more than any other areas, he added.

The chairman pointed out to them that the council had proposed to the government several development projects in the *kampung* to be carried out.

These projects include the improvement of the Bandong Road to the PBB headquarters at a

cost of \$40,000, the Kg. Baru Road to Pisau Lane (\$30,000), Bandong Road, Lane 11 (\$20,000) and Sg. Kerbau Road (\$80,000).

The drainage linking Kg. Dato, Kg. Hilir and Simpang Tiga will be upgraded at \$1.4 million.

Street lighting in the *kampung*, he added, will also be upgraded.

Some roads in the *kampung*, he said, however cannot be widened as it will clash with private property.

For a project to be approved, he pointed out, a thorough study has to be made first.

But in the case of development projects proposed by the Malay community, Mr Kong disclosed that it will not be compared to other projects in the Chinese community areas.

Earlier, Senator Wan Hamid Edruse, in his speech, thanked the council for their effort in bringing infrastructure development to the *kampung* areas.

He said most of the projects approved by the council are already 75 per cent completed.

The projects currently near completion are the drainage along Kg. Dato, Kg. Hilir and Simpang Tiga, the extension of Sg. Bakong Bridge at \$80,000, the improvement of roads and drainage along Kg. Bandong and Abang Barieng Road at \$350,000 and the culvert at Jalan Bandong.