# *HISTORY OF BUKIT ROTAN POST OFFICE, KUALA SELANGOR*

*The Bukit Rotan post office is the fourth post office opened in the Kuala Selangor district after the Kuala Selangor Post Office, the Jeram Post Office and the Batang Berjuntai Post Office. The location of the Bukit Rotan Post Office is located on Jalan Bukit Rotan-Sungai Buloh which is also connected to two villages namely Kampung Assam Jawa and Kampung Kuantan. This post office building was previously a police station (or pasung house) of the Federated Malay States that operated from 1914 to September 1, 1933. This police station was built to control crimes that occurred among the residents who worked in the seven rubber plantations and provide protection to the European community working on the plantations.*

*On September 1, 1933, this police station was closed due to economic turmoil and the government's plan to build a new police station in Pasir Penambang. This has caused this building to be empty and the Public Works Department has opened an advertisement for this building to be rented. Selangor state engineer H.T. Nicholas has suggested to the Selangor Resident that the rental price for the seven rooms in this barracks is $1 per month. There were several applications to rent these buildings and barracks but were rejected by the Public Works Department on the basis of institutional suitability.*



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*On August 10, 1936, the idea of using this building as a post office was proposed by the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, namely T.P. Coe to Selangor Residents. Coe wrote a letter to the government to allow this building to be reused and stated that the renovation cost was only $1,450.00 for the construction of a toilet and shower room for use by a postal staff. This Coe initiative is also supported by the Kuala Selangor District Farmers Association who consider this facility appropriate to be held for local facilities. The postal service in Bukit Rotan was seen as a bit complicated before when there was only one mailing box and seven farms used locked bags for mailing purposes. In addition, these letters need to be sent to the Klang Post Office first before arriving at the Kuala Selangor Post Office. General mail delivery from Kuala Selangor is effective once daily but all estates are users of the Post Office Locked Bag service and arrange for their messengers to pick up mail at the Kuala Selangor Post Office daily.*

*The Bukit Rotan Post Office was officially opened on January 1, 1937 and Coe appointed a postal staff, a clerk at the Kuala Selangor Post Office, to hold the position of Postmaster. Bukit Rotan Post Office operations stopped in January 1942 due to the Japanese occupation of Malaya. This service resumed on 20 September 1945 and continues to operate until today and is managed by the latest branch officer, Mr. Khairul Azman Nyamin (2023). For the record, only Bukit Rotan Post Office and Kuala Selangor Post Office are still functioning while Batang Berjuntai Post Office and Jeram Post Office are no longer in operation.*



