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This building is home to Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industries. Consisting of the tower block and the podium block, shading devices deploy filligree work that resembles dainty edges of Nyonya embroidery. It is the only building with cantilevered floor. A bold move by Almaz Architect as they did not want the tip of the oval to be obstructed by a single large column.

The building's courtyard is not fully enclosed within four walls (below). Therefore, sunshine is allowed to flood into this large space. Almaz Architect and SDG Associates have chosen agricultural crops, herbs and medicinal plants such as *serai wangi*, ginger and *misai kuching* to presage the character of the ministry. Pergolas are incorporated into the design of the inner street. The curving street leads to the Boulevard from the main courtyard.



Oil palm trees in concentric layout provide a sense of order to this 'halaman'. Middle: The tower block casts its shadow across most of this 'halaman' making it cool and refreshing for users. A covered walkway (right) again provides welcome protection from inclement weather. Top: Views of the tower block and the adorned podium block.