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MoA to talk to AG on NFCorp buyout issue

by SHAHEERA AZNAM SHAH & RAHIMI YUNUS

THE Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry (MoA) will consult the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC) to iron out any legal obstacles related to the takeover of the National Feedlot Corp Sdn Bhd (NFCorp).

Minister Datuk Salahuddin Ayub said the consultation with AGC is critical to facilitate the proposed takeover of NFCorp which had been dogged with legal issues and debts worth millions owed to the Ministry of Finance (MoF).

"I think this is the last attempt for MoA to facilitate the takeover. There are legal issues that need AGC to come on board," Salahuddin told *The Malaysian Reserve* in an interview recently.

Salahuddin has also proposed a special meeting involving the prime minister, MoA, MoF, AGC and the related parties to address the debt issue involving NFCorp.

MoA wants to avoid any legal implications, especially relating to the related infrastructure built for the project.

"The legal matter is not on financing. The previous company asked us to build the infrastructure such as roads and cow barns.

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"The prospective buyer must be able to absorb all these losses and does not implicate anything on MoA after the takeover," he said, adding that the ministry had spent about RM40 million of NFCorp's infrastructure.

Salahuddin said any buyer must settle the RM250 million NFCorp debts and seeks the relevant approval from the state government in relation to the land rights.

"The ministry can provide technical support in terms of cattle farming and its resources to help the company move forward, but they must be able to settle the debt," he said.

NFCorp had received a RM250 mil-

lion soft loan from the government and RM13 million grant to launch the cattle-farming project located in Gemas, Negri Sembilan.

The financial assistance was part of the country's initiatives to improve the country's ruminant self-sufficiency levels (SSL).

However, the project triggered a firestorm in 2010 when the Auditor-General's report flagged its poor performance after it only produced 3,289 heads of cattle or just 41% of the 8,000 target.

The government had filed a suit against NFCorp and 10 others to reclaim RM253.6 million that was loaned to the company.

The suit also named Datuk Dr

Mohamad Saleh Ismail, the husband of former Women, Family and Community Development Minister Tan Sri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, and their three children.

The government filed the suit to claim RM253.6 million, which is owed by NFCorp, from the company and Mohamad Salleh's family, with an interest of 2% a year.

It was reported that there are interested parties who want to acquire NFCorp, including to pay all the debts owed by the company to the government.

But the legal suit would make any straight takeover difficult. Meanwhile, Salahuddin said the ministry is considering various models for cattle farm-

ing to raise the SSL for ruminants and slash our dependency on imported livestock.

"The ministry is committed to increasing the local beef production to 30%. We are considering various models of cattle farming, including an integrated farming within oil palm plantations and strengthening the breeding programme," he said.

Salahuddin added that supplying grain corn for animal feed has been one of the industry's challenges.

"The animal feed is one of our difficulties as we have been stagnant in the production of local grain corn," he said, adding that the ministry has identified soybean and palm kernel

cake as substitutes with similar protein content.

Salahuddin said the ministry will engage with the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) to reserve the country's palm kernel cake to assist the ruminant industry.

"We will discuss with MPI to limit the palm kernel cake export. We need a policy on this to sustain the sector's animal feed supply," he said.

Last year, the government spent RM3.1 billion in providing subsidies for livestock breeding. The country produced 2.6 million tonnes of palm kernel cake in 2018, of which about 90% are exported.

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Kementerian siasat dakwaan AP dijual secara dalam talian

SERI ISKANDAR: Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani sedang menyiasat dakwaan Permit Kelulusan (AP) bagi mengimport pelbagai barangan makanan yang dikeluarkan kerajaan dikesan diiklankan untuk jualan secara dalam talian.
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IN BRIEF

Salahuddin: Ministry probing claims of AP abuse

SERI ISKANDAR: The ministry of agriculture and agro-based industry is investigating claims that the approved permits (APs) issued by the government for the import of a variety of food products are being offered for sale online. Its minister Datuk Salahuddin Ayub said the ministry would take stern action if the APs granted to the holders were being traded through social media platforms. "I have asked the ministry's secretary-general (Datuk Mohd Sallehuddin Hassan) to investigate the matter and to take appropriate action to ensure the APs are not misused," he said at the opening of the Amanah Parit division annual meeting yesterday. Salahuddin is Parti Amanah Negara's deputy president. — *Bernama*

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食品进口准证遭滥用 农长：严厉对付

（斯里依斯干达 18 日讯）农业及农基工业部长拿督沙拉胡丁说，该部门正调查食品进口准证（AP）遭持证人或代理通过网络销售牟利一事。

他说，农业部将严厉对付滥用这项便利者。

“我已下令农业部秘书长彻查此事，并采取必要行动以避免该准证被滥用。”

沙拉胡丁也是国家诚信党署理主席，他今天主持该党巴力区部代表大会后，对记者这么说。

他说，农业部绝不姑息滥用 AP 者，一旦查实将收回违



付滥用食品进口准证者。
沙拉胡丁：农业部将严厉对

规者的准证。

他透露，除了食品，农业部也发现有人在线上销售被指拥 AP 配额的白糖和面粉等产品。

Headline	Agriculture Ministry to probe claims of AP abuse		
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(怡保18日讯) 农业及农基工业部长拿督沙拉胡丁阿育说，该部正调查有人滥用政府的人口准证 (AP) 进口农产品及粮食，并在网上销售案例。

他指该部严正及采取严密动作对付涉及滥用这项政府便利的人士，他们为迎合人民需求，将这些政府提供给人民的进口粮食，广告方式在社媒网站宣传及销售，因此已指示其部秘书长就此事件作全面调查，一旦属实将采取适当行动将违例者绳之以法，确保这项政府权益受保障及不遭人滥用。

他也是诚信党署理主席。他今天在斯里斯干达城，为诚信党巴力区部年度大会开幕后受

進口農產品網上銷售 農業部查濫用AP者

询时，如是发言。

他指出，一旦发现有人滥用准证，该部绝不妥协，并有权收回，除了农产品，该部也发现有人也在线上销售政府的统制品如面粉及白糖。

“该部除了不向假公济私妥协，也会跨部门展开调查，因为我见到有人利用此准证售卖白糖、面粉及其他食品。”

沙拉胡丁阿育补充，本地报章广泛报导有许多自认持有入口准证者，在专属服务及产品的网页刊广告指可提供白糖、面粉、鸡、牛肉及包菜等销售服务。



■ 沙拉胡丁阿育

Headline	Agriculture Minister: Action to be taken against those who abuse AP		
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農長：有權撤回 濫用入口准證將對付

(巴力18日讯)农业及农基工业部长拿督沙拉胡丁指出，若该部发出的入口准证 (AP) 被滥用，该部将会对涉及者采取严厉行动，包括撤回准证。

他今日为诚信党巴力区部大会主持开幕后，在新闻发布会上询及有人将政府发出的食物入口准证放到社交媒体上出售的问题指出，他已指示农业及农基工业部秘书长进行调查，他会采取行动确保入口准证不被滥用。

他说，若有人被发现滥用入口准证或出现舞弊行为，该部肯定会采取严厉行动，不能妥协及任由此现象持续，但必须先进行调查。

Headline	Ministry investigating claims of AP abuse - Salahuddin		
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Ministry investigating claims of AP abuse – Salahuddin

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Sallehuddin Hassan) to investigate on the matter and to take appropriate action to ensure the APs are not misused," he told reporters when met at the opening of Parti Amanah Annual Meeting here yesterday.

Salahuddin, who is Parti Amanah Negara deputy president said the ministry has the authority to retract the licences and would not compromise with those who do not comply with the conditions.

Apart from agricultural produce, APs for flour and sugar were also

being sold online, Salahuddin added.

"We will conduct an investigation, not only at the ministry level but with other ministries as well since APs for sugar, flour and other products are also being traded," he said.

Recently, local newspapers reported AP holders for flour, poultry, meat, sugar, and round cabbage were believed to have advertised the sale of the permits through a goods and services website. - Bernama

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with **Datuk Salahuddin Ayub, Minister of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry**

by **SHAHEERA AZNAM SHAH & RAHIMI YUNUS**

BEFORE the 70s, agriculture cultivation was the backbone of the Malaysian economy as the country is rich with natural resources and unutilised land.

Many Malaysians were working in the agriculture sector to make a living as the country made its maiden step to grow the economy after gaining independence in 1957.

As a result, Malaysia had emerged as one of the world's top producers of rubber and palm oil, driven by the birth of local commodity conglomerates.

Meanwhile, smallholders were the major players for crops such as rice, fruits and vegetables. However, the global race of industrialisation saw the rise of the manufacturing industry in the country, causing the agriculture sector to lag behind and put on the backburner.

In comparison, the manufacturing sector generated RM1.27 trillion in 2017 involving 2.2 million individuals in the country, while the agriculture sector made RM96 billion in revenue with the involvement of 826,974 persons.

Between April and June 2019, the agricultural sector contributed 4.2% to the total economy as revenue from the palm oil sector moderated and contraction in the fishery segment was recorded.

Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had called for a proposition to rebuild the country's agriculture industry through modernised technologies, comprehensive policies and remunerative strategies.

The task to modernise and push the sector forward fell into the lap of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry (MoA) Minister **Datuk Salahuddin Ayub**.

Salahuddin, when met with *The Malaysian Reserve (TMR)* recently, admitted that implementing the government's strategies to achieve its mission is not easy.

Since he took office last year, Salahuddin has addressed various concerns of a monopolised rice industry, the low self-sufficient level of the country's ruminant production and the income status of farmers.

Still, to him, there is a lot to be done for the industry to ensure it will be at par with other sectors and provide job opportunities for the younger generation.

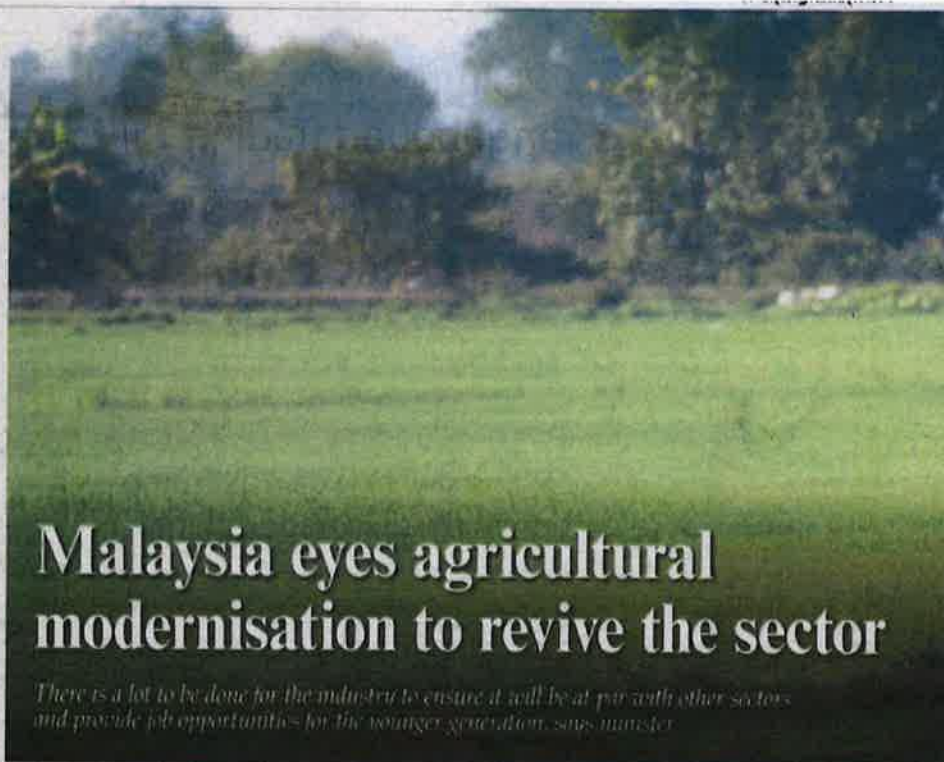
In an interview with TMR, the minister spoke at length about his 10-year plan to revive the agriculture industry.

Q: As a country that has been leveraging on the industrial sector, how do you see the agriculture industry growing in Malaysia?

The outlook for the agriculture sector for the next decade appears promising despite global challenges such as climate change, a growing population and scarcity of resources.

The agriculture sector — or more precisely the agro-food sector — continues to be one of the important growth engines for the national economy, contributing 8.2% or RM96 billion to the national GDP.

The country will still depend on other sectors'



Malaysia eyes agricultural modernisation to revive the sector

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contributions such as the services sector and the manufacturing sector.

However, the plan to revive the agriculture sector is underway as the government sees its potential beyond the country's food security.

The high-value agro-food items such as durian and pineapple are booming and our country, which is acclimatised to grow these fruits, should take advantage of this.

Q: What do you think about the current administration that shows interest in reinstating the agriculture sector?

Since Malaysia was developed from being an agrarian economy to an industrialised country, the agriculture sector has been left behind.

However, recent development shows that Dr Mahathir and Tun Daim Zainuddin are expressing greater interest in reinstating the agriculture contribution. Dr Mahathir wants the country to learn and exchange views on agriculture with China, particularly on new technologies.

I will be visiting Hainan, China, which is home to the republic's Paddy Field National Park, in October this year to learn about paddy cultivation. The paddy field in Hainan can reach between 10 and 14 tonnes per ha of yield as they are using new technologies that require less water.

We are also going to learn about soil profiling, fertiliser utilisation, implementation of drones for land mapping and the use of artificial intelligence technology.

Delegations from the Muda Agricultural

Development Authority and Kemubu Agricultural Development Authority will participate in the visit to implement the technologies in their programmes.

Q: What are your plans on welling agricultural production?

One of the measures for the country to move forward is modernising the agro-food sector via the adoption of technologies based on the Industry 4.0.

Sustainable agriculture growth is in line with one of the country's sustainable development goals to uplift the income status of target groups such as farmers, livestock breeders, fishermen and agro-based entrepreneurs.

To achieve this vision, the ministry has realigned the current National Agro-Food Policy (NAFP), which will end in 2020, by formulating a document entitled "Direction, Priorities and Strategies for 2019-2020".

The way forward, which involves the next five years, will be formulated through our strategic paper for the 12th Malaysia Plan. We expect the first draft to be completed by October 2019.

We are also looking at transforming the agriculture sector in the next decade with

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the formulation of the NAFP 2.0 (2021-2030), which is expected to be the catalysts for the country's modernised agriculture outlook in the next decade.

Q: MoA plans to introduce a tax incentive for agricultural farming companies in the downstream production. Has the ministry finalised the tax structure?

The current incentive under the new food production project of the Income Tax Act 1967 offers tax exemptions and deductions for companies who invest and carry out upstream production.

However, many of the emerging agropreneurs have been carrying out both upstream and downstream activities to provide a sustainable production for raw and value-added agricultural products.

Besides the incentives by the ministry, the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (Mida) also provides incentives focusing on the manufacturing sector.

However, the current incentives under Mida and MoA cover only specific sectors instead of the supply chain, which creates an unsupportive business environment for agropreneurs.

In order to shoulder the needs of the industry, MoA is seeking to expand the current scope of the incentives to cover both the upstream and downstream subsectors. This will be discussed further with the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry and Mida.

Q: The government is fine-tuning the NAFP 2.0. How will MoA formulate a comprehensive agriculture policy to sustain the country's food production and security for Malaysians?

According to the midterm review that we have done, the current agro-food policy is set



Drona Padi/Pada by Unsworth/Pada Malaysia. The drone technology is able to capture images of 140ha-950ha of the paddy field in an hour.



The high-value agro-food items such as durian are booming and our country should take advantage of this



Through FAMA's 'My Best Buy', the fisherman could negotiate their catches directly and get better prices as the MoA eliminates the chains of middlemen

to achieve its target despite the shortfalls in agro-related industries.

The study also suggests that some minor adjustments have to be made to the current policy with regard to national development.

As the current policy will expire next year, the ministry is drafting the new policy with consideration on the development of global and domestic industrial landscape by comparing policies and strategies.

We will also consider the evolution of industry players and stakeholders in the value chain, as well as their strengths and weaknesses in the role to support the government.

Currently, we are in the preliminary stage in updating the NAFP 2.0.

Q: Thirty percent of youth in the country are currently involved in the agriculture sector, particularly in the farming and fertigation subsector. What are your plans to increase this proportion?

The young agropreneur unit, a division under the ministry that encourages youth to participate in the agriculture activities, has been one of our prime focuses. Developing young agropreneurs will be achieved through two initiatives, which are the establishment of the National Young Agropreneur Council and the Young Agropreneur programme. The two initiatives are designed to facilitate and encourage the involvement of young agropreneurs along the value chain of the industry.

Q: The middlemen and proxies in the fisheries value chain have made it difficult to reduce the market price. What are your plans to eliminate this layer of business to allow direct trade between the fishermen and consumers?

For the ministry, we will increase the number of fisherman markets and promote the Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority's (FAMA) "My Best Buy" programme to increase the sales of catches.

Through "My Best Buy", the fishermen could negotiate their catches directly and get better prices as we eliminate the chains of middlemen.

We have four ministries which are currently discussing this, which are the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Housing and Local Government and MoA, since the plan involves the development of wholesale and wet markets.

We have done a pilot project in Paya Jaras, Selangor, where the bulk of the purchases were done directly at the fish-landing sites. The model had successfully reduced the prices at a reasonable rate.

However, it may not work for bigger cities just yet.

To entirely eliminate the middlemen's role, it requires a mid- to long-term plan. The idea of e-commerce has been floating around in the ministry as FAMA is currently developing an online platform for the fisheries market, imitating platforms such as Lazada.

Q: WWF-Malaysia has reported that there were 263 fish-bombing activities in Semporna, Sabah, alone in June-September 2018. What are your plans to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing?

We have launched the "Operasi Tenaga" where we would blow up a hole at the bottom of the cheaply made pump boats used for illegal fishing activities, to let them sink.

As of early August, we have captured 72 illegal vessels which had been carrying out the activities for almost three months. Currently, we have resolved four cases involving illegal fishing.

The enforcement of this operation would have to heavily involve the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA), Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN), the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In the operation, MMEA and RMN's assets are useful and convenient as a deterrent to reduce the illegal activities.

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Govt aims more than 90,000 paddy farmers on large-scale farming

This is a grand scheme to push forward the rice cultivation in the country and ultimately increase the growers' income

By SHAHEERA AZNAM SHAH & RAHIMI YUNUS

THE government targets to include up to 96,000 local paddy growers in the new consolidation policy to develop Malaysia's large-scale farming for the crop.

Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Minister Datuk Salahuddin Ayub said the target to enlist 30% of the 322,000 total farmers could be achieved in five years.

"The consolidated lands could be managed by Area Farmers Organisation (PPK) or private companies.

"For that scale of consolidation, we need ample time to get the farmers onboard with the plan.

"This is our grand scheme to push forward the rice cultivation in the country and ultimately, increase the growers' income. We want to bring them out of the bottom 40% (B40) income status," he told *The Malaysian Reserve* (TMR) in an exclusive interview recently.

Salahuddin said the concession to manage the proposed consolidated lands could take between five and 10 years, while the farmers will have profits based on their land size.

"We are considering the manage-



Salahuddin says the consolidated policy will enable the national paddy yield to increase

ment tenure to be between five and 10 years. Each plot could be expanded between 10ha and 50ha for small-sized farmers while private companies could manage land plots between 100ha and 1,000ha.

"Currently, most farmers only own one to two ha of land. This is why the average yield for paddy is only at four metric tonnes (MT) per ha," he explained.

Salahuddin added that under the policy, the farmers could be paid

monthly based on their land yields.

According to the minister, the consolidated policy, which is expected to be finalised by year-end, would enable the national paddy yield to increase from six MT to eight MT per ha annually.

"When yield has met with our national target, the paddy growers are encouraged to apply for loans to expand their land," he said, adding that the policy is part of the strategies to increase the country's rice self-sufficient level from 70% to 75% within five years.

It is also expected to shift the paddy sector from being heavily-subsidised to the implementation of targeted subsidy while addressing the issue of leakages along the chain at the same time.

"The scenario today is, old paddy farmers who do not work on their land are still receiving the subsidies provided by the government.

"There are also cases where some farmers sell their fertilisers to get easy return. Hence, we are going to do a

'whitening' exercise to identify the roots of this problem and rectify it," he said.

For 2019, the ministry has allocated up RM1.2 billion for rice-farming subsidy, about 40% decreased from last year's total subsidy of RM2 billion.

According to the ministry's Direction Priorities and Strategies 2019-2020 unveiled in February, the proposal will only involve any takeover or transfer of the land ownership.

Salahuddin said the Kemubu Agricultural Development Authority in Kelantan and Muda Agricultural Development Authority in Kedah have begun to draw up an action plan for the proposed consolidation plan.

He added that new paddy varieties developed by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Universiti Putra Malaysia have proven to produce higher yield and expected to contribute in increasing the country's paddy sufficiency.

Bernama reported yesterday that the government will announce a new policy on smart farming in the near future.

Economic Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said the adoption new technology including robotics would further boost the sector.

"The ministry is now in talks with several financial institutions regarding funding with minimal interest for smallholders involved in smart farming.

"But we need the people to be trained for this sector," he was quoted as saying after taking part in the World Stats Congress 2019 run for the 5km category at Dataran Merdeka.

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Kerajaan siasat dakwaan AP dijual online

SERI ISKANDAR - Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani sedang menyasat dakwaan Permit Kelulusan (AP) bagi mengimport pelbagai barangan

makanan yang dikeluarkan kerajaan dikesan diiklankan untuk dijual secara dalam talian.

Menterinya, Datuk Salahuddin Ayub berkata, pihaknya akan

mengambil tindakan yang tegas jika AP yang dikeluarkan kepada penerima kemudahan itu dalam usaha memenuhi keperluan rakyat disalah guna dengan menjualnya menerusi laman web dan media sosial.

"Saya telah meminta Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani untuk menyasat perkara ini dan mengambil tindakan sewajarnya bagi memastikan ia tidak disalahgunakan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditemui pemberita selepas menyempurnakan Majlis Perasmian Mesyuarat Tahunan Amanah Kawasan Parit di Seri Iskandar semalam.

Beliau berkata, pihaknya juga mempunyai kuasa untuk menarik semula kemudahan itu kepada penerima yang dikenal pasti menyalahgunakan AP

berkaitan pertanian tanpa kompromi.

Salahuddin berkata, selain barangan pertanian, pihaknya turut mengesan penjualan AP secara dalam talian membabitkan barangan lain seperti gula dan tepung.

"Kami tidak akan berkompromi dengan peyelewengan dan periu menjalankan siasatan bukan sahaja di peringkat Kementerian ini tetapi Kementerian lain kerana saya lihat terdapat penjualan AP bagi gula, tepung dan lain-lain," katanya.

Akhir tempatan melaporkan banyak pihak dipercayai mendakwa mempunyai AP seperti tepung, ayam, daging, gula dan kubis bulat yang diiklankan web yang menerusi sebuah web yang menjadi saluran iklan perkhidmatan dan barangan. - Bernama



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Tarik semula AP jika seleweng

Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani boleh menarik semula Permit Kelulusan (AP) mengimport makanan berkalutan produk pertanian sekiranya berlaku penyalahgunaan dan penyelewengan.

Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, Datuk Salahuddin Ayub berkata, pihaknya akan mengambil tindakan tegas terhadap mana-mana pihak yang dikesan melakukan penyelewengan membabitkan penggunaan AP.

“Apabila keluar berita itu semalam (berkenaan AP dikesan dijual oleh penerima kemudahan itu atau ejen mereka di media sosial dan laman web), saya sudah minta Ketua Setiausaha kementerian (Datuk Mohd Sallehuddin Hassan) menylasat perkara ini.

“Kami tidak boleh biarkan ia berlaku dan saya akan mengambil tindakan dengan tanggungjawab sepenuhnya untuk memastikan pengeluaran AP itu tidak disalahgunakan.

“Sekiranya ada pihak yang menyalahgunakan atau berlaku penyelewengan sudah pasti kami akan mengambil



“**Sekiranya ada pihak yang menyalahgunakan atau berlaku penyelewengan sudah pasti kami akan mengambil tindakan tegas”**

Salahuddin Ayub

tindakan tegas mengikut kadar apa yang sudah mereka lakukan sebagaimana tindakan yang diambil terhadap isu yang lain,” katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditemui selepas merasmikan Mesyuarat Tahunan ke-3 Parti Amanah Negara (Amanah) Kawasan Parit di sini hari ini yang turut dihadiri, Pengerusi Amanah negeri, Asmuni Awi.

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Rugi RM60.2 juta



KEADAAN ternakan ikan dalam sangkar yang rosak teruk akibat ribut dibawa ke jeti untuk dibaloi di jeti Pendaratan Ikan Sg Udang, Nibong Tebal, Pulau Pinang.

■ Sektor agro makanan terjejas teruk angkara Taufan Lekima

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Nibong Tebal

Sektor agro makanan negara mengalami kerugian RM60.2 juta kesan tempas Taufan Lekima yang melanda beberapa negeri, baru-baru ini.

Kerugian itu membabitkan tanaman padi, kontan, ternakan ayam dan ikan sangkar yang terjejas berikutan ribut berkenaan.

Timbalan Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, Sim Tze Tzin berkata, daripada jumlah itu pengusaha ternakan ikan sangkar di Pulau Pinang paling teruk

terjejas dengan nilai kerugian sekitar RM29 juta.

"Seramai 152 penternak sangkar ikan di tiga kawasan iaitu Sungai Udang, Teluk Bahang dan Pantai Jerejak didapati terkesan apabila lebih 800 metrik ikan mati dalam kejadian ribut yang melanda baru-baru ini.

"Ia satu kejadian yang tidak diduga selepas peristiwa sama pernah terjadi pada 2017 yang lalu, namun pihak kementerian memandang serius dengan mencari inisiatif membantu penternak terbabit," katanya ketika mengadakan tinjauan ke sangkar ikan di peraliran Sungai Udang di sini, semalam.

Jelasnya, inisiatif perlu di-

cari berikutan bimbang kekurangan hasil ikan, sekaligus membebankan rakyat yang terpaksa membeli ikan dengan harga tinggi.

"Berikutan itu, kementerian sedang mengumpul maklumat terperinci untuk membantu antaranya dengan mengatur pertemuan antara penternak terbabit dengan pihak Agrobank dalam membolehkan mereka membuat pinjaman tanpa melalui sebarang proses birokrasi.

"Ia adalah bagi memudahkan mereka memperoleh pinjaman segera seterusnya membaiki sangkar ikan yang terjejas," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, Tze Tzin berkata, kementerian juga

mencadangkan kepada penternak ikan sangkar untuk mengubah cara ternakan tradisional kepada lebih moden dengan pembinaan sangkar ikan moden berteknologi tinggi dikenali 'HDPE'.

"Buat peringkat awal, kementerian akan menyumbangkan dua sangkar ikan HDPE yang kosnya RM50,000 sebuah kepada penternak di negeri ini sebagai projek perintis.

"Sebelum ini, sudah terdapat pengusaha ternakan ikan sangkar yang mengambil langkah mengubah kepada ternakan lebih moden dengan kaedah HDPE di Tasik Temenggor, Gerik dan Kukap," katanya.

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Kaji sebelum warta taman laut

Kajian terperinci perlu dilakukan sebelum mewartakan Pulau Sembilan di Bagan Datuk di sini sebagai Taman Laut Malaysia termasuk pengumpulan data hidupan dan masalah sampah di pulau berkenaan.

Pengerusi Pelancongan, Kesenian dan Kebudayaan negeri, Tan Kar Hing berkata, kajian kali kedua sedang dijalankan pihak berkaitan di pulau terbabit dan tiada tarikh khusus dapat ditetapkan untuk mewartakan ia sebagai taman laut.

“Kami masih membuat kajian, baru semalam pasukan pengkaji sekali lagi datang bagi membuat kajian dan mengumpul data, ini adalah kali kedua kajian dibuat tahun ini.

“Ada beberapa tempat lagi yang belum dikenal pasti dan beberapa kajian membabitkan batu karang,

kuda laut, penyu, hidupan di pulau berkenaan serta tentang bagaimana kami boleh selesaikan masalah sampah di sekitar pulau kerana ia betul-betul berdepan dengan muara sungai yang mana ada banyak sampah sampai ke pulau itu,” katanya.

Bellau berkata demikian selepas merasmikan program Festival Kartun Perak (PECAF) di Koloni Karyawan Amanjaya (PORT), Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah di sini, semalam.

Menurutnya, hasil kajian saintifik diperlukan sebelum Pulau Sembilan boleh diwartakan sebagai Taman Laut Malaysia dan ia memerlukan sedikit masa lagi.

Kar Hing berkata, pihaknya akan mengadap Sultan Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah untuk sembah maklum hasil laporan sebaik kajian penuh diperoleh nanti.

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Pengusaha ikan terjejas

Taufan Lekima menyebabkan lebih 800 tan metrik ikan mati

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NIBONG TEBAL

Seramai 152 pengusaha ternakan ikan dalam sangkar di negeri ini terjejas akibat taufan Lekima pada 9 Ogos lalu.

Timbunan Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, Sim Tze Tzin berkata, lebih 800 tan metrik ikan mati dengan nilai kerugian kira-kira RM29 juta.

Menurutnya, antara kawasan paling terjejas ialah di Sungai Udang apabila hampir keseluruhan sangkar ikan yang diusahakan 141 penternak rosak.

"Tinjauan mendapati kerosakan serius infrastruktur dan peralatan

mengakibatkan satu tan metrik ikan terlepas dengan anggaran kerugian RM68,000.

Katanya, satu laporan terperinci akan dibuat berhubung kerugian dialami petani, penternak serta nelayan akibat bencana itu bagi memastikan bantuan sesuai diberikan.

Beliau turut mengesyorkan pengusaha ternakan ikan sangkar tidak lagi menggunakan kaedah lama dalam usaha membangunkan semula sangkar ikan mereka.

Tambahnya, penggunaan sangkar ikan berteknologi baharu atar High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) boleh meminimumkan menahan ombak besar dan ribut selain mempunyai teknologi pengamatan yang canggih.

Katanya, kementeriannya akan memberi dua sangkar moden itu kepada Persatuan Penternak Ikan Dalam Sangkar di Sungai Udang sebagai projek perintis ke arah usaha mengubah kaedah penternakan ikan dalam sangkar.

Jumlah ikan mati

Sungai udang

700
tan metrik

Teluk Bahang

96
tan metrik

Pantai Jenjak

1
tan metrik

Aisyah Abu Bakar dan wakil Persatuan Penternak Ikan Dalam Sangkar Sungai Udang, Daerah Seberang Perai Selatan.

Tze Tzin berkata, anggaran kematian ikan di Teluk Bahang sebanyak 96 tan metrik dengan nilai RM3.55 juta.

Sementara itu, katanya, seramai tiga pengusaha terjejas di Pantai Jerejak akibat kerosakan infrastruktur sangkar selain



Tze Tzin (kanan) ketika meninjau keadaan sangkar ikan yang rosak selepas kejadian Taufan Lekima yang melanda negeri itu pada 9 Ogos lalu.

Kerugian dianggarkan berjumlah RM25 juta selepas lebih 700 tan metrik ikan terlepas dari sangkar.

"Turut terkesan pengusaha ikan dalam sangkar di Teluk Bahang membabitkan enam pengusaha. Ikan mati kerana perubahan arus laut yang membawa

bersama nutrien dan partikel terampai serta paras oksigen rendah," katanya pada sidang media selepas membuat tinjauan di kawasan ternakan sangkar ikan di Sungai Udang semalam.

Turut hadir, Pengarah Jabatan Perikanan Pulau Pinang, Nor

Headline	Lekima wiped rm60mil out of penang agro industry, says Sim		
MediaTitle	The Star TV (www.thestartv.com)		
Date	19 Aug 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	News	Circulation	3
Order Rank	7	Readership	4
Language	English	ArticleSize	N/A
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 900
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 2,700

Lekima wiped rm60mil out of penang agro industry, says Sim

While the destruction done by Typhoon Lekima was not expected to lead to a nationwide shortage of fish, Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Deputy Minister Sim Tze Tzin said it could cause fish prices to rise if those who suffered a complete loss could ...

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MediaTitle	Kwong Wah Yit Poh		
Date	19 Aug 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	Nation	Circulation	59,667
Page No	A5	Readership	179,000
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	447 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 5,012
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 15,036



沈志勤：鼓励业者现代化操作 高渊港口设②先进箱网

(威南 19 日讯) 农业部副部长沈志勤宣布 10 万令吉购置两个海上先进箱网 (HDPE)，设在高渊港口海上成为示范区供业者及北马业者参考，以鼓励业者朝向现代化建设操作。

他说，先进养殖场可以减少外劳人力、不易损坏，业者可以渐进至自动化喂鱼，甚至还可以海底闭路监视。霹雳州宜力、柔佛州龟咯岛有业者正采用这建设。对于国外如中国、台湾及欧洲国家，他们都用现代化箱网。

他指出，高渊港口海上养殖业已经操作逾 30 年，但都在传统木板模式下操作，简陋建设不堪强风及海浪的冲击力破坏。设在高渊港口的先进示范养殖场所赚取的利润，希望有关公会可以回馈给社会。

他是周日巡视高渊港口海上养殖场，在 9 月 9 日遭遇利奇马台风后的情况后，向媒体作如是发表。陪同者有高渊港口海上养殖公会主席张展来、槟城养鱼公会主席许银添、高渊港口社管会主席周童泰、高渊港口渔民协会主席许海强等。

养殖场遭遇风灾变“空荡荡”

沈氏说，作为最大的海上养殖场，惨遭风灾摧毁后，海上目前有“空荡荡”感觉，因有很多鱼排被拖往维修。这次的风灾造成粮食业上惨重损失，除了海上养殖场，也包括稻田、养鸡场。

“受台风影响的檳城农民和渔民，有近 80% 至 100% 的损失。檳城海上养殖业遭受的总损失涉及有 152 户、800 多吨鱼，初步保守估计损失 2900 万令吉。”

他说，高渊港口最严重，有 141 户的养殖场设施和设备面对严重破坏，估计损失在 2500 万令吉，和 700 多公吨的鱼“失踪”。在直弄巴巷，就有 6 户鱼只因缺氧死亡，因海水变化导致微生物引起变化降低氧气含量。估计死亡率 96 公吨，价值为 355 万令吉。

在班台慈雅也有 3 户，1 吨鱼失踪，及估计损失了 6 万 8000 令吉。他补充说，海上养殖业贡献市场 60% 鱼获，高渊港口最大。该部正积极收集资料，以设法如何帮助业者度难关。对于政府方面也是无法大力辅助业者，业者希望银行可以提供贷款便利，协助他们重新立业。他将尽快安排农业银行与他们会面交流，谈妥贷款手续。#



张展来移交备忘录予沈志勤 (左 5)。左起许银添、周童泰及右许海强等人。



沈志勤指灾后后的海上养殖场，有如“空荡荡”的感觉。



海上先进箱网模式。

Headline	Penang paddy farmers loses RM16.8 mil due to storm		
MediaTitle	Oriental Daily News		
Date	19 Aug 2019	Color	Black/white
Section	News	Circulation	85,616
Page No	A21	Readership	256,848
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	281 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 3,286
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 9,858



风灾摧毁 槟稻农损失1680万

【檳城18日讯】槟州适逢稻米收割季节受利奇马台风影响，大片稻田损毁，稻农损失惨重，稻米收成面对1680万令吉损失价值。

农业及农基工业部副部长沈志勤今午到威北瓜拉哥打巴都稻田农耕地巡视时指出，今年受到风灾影响的情况增比2017年的大水灾，槟州的农作物损失严重，尤其是稻米。

槟州拥有约1万837公顷稻田，约1938公顷稻田及1688名农民受影响，稻米损失约1680万令吉。在受影响的地区当中，威北

占约80%，受损稻田土地约1700公顷，涉及约1458万令吉的稻米收成价值。威中则有207公顷稻田受损，西南区则是31.36公顷，损失价值分别是184万令吉及24万4608令吉。

水果种植估计面对6万1600令吉损失，蔬菜约1万4300令吉，其他农作物包括茄类种植约15万令吉、农基加工业则约6000令吉。

沈志勤说，风灾也导致北

马区面对价值6020万令吉的农作物损失，有5514名农民、渔民、蔬菜农民受影响。联邦政府将会评估农民的损失给予补贴及援助金，但无法给予全额赔偿。

「利奇马台风带来的灾害，让农民的心血毁于一旦，希望受灾农民不要灰心。」

他促请农民务必在8月21日，通过农业部呈交灾情受损评估表格，槟州农业发展机构收集

数据后，农业部将讨论给予农民多少的援助。

另一方面，沈志勤巡视高湖港口海上养殖场时，宣布拨出10万令吉购置两个海上先进渔网（HOPE），设在高湖港口海上成为示范区供业者及北马业者参考，以鼓励业者朝向现代化建设操作。

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Pesawah rayu pemetung runtuh dibaik pulih

PASIRMAS - Lebih 50 pesawah dari Kampung Banggol Perdana merayu pihak berkaitan membaik pulih semula sistem pemetung yang runtuh kira-kira enam tahun lalu.

Wakil pesawah, Abdul Rahman Yaakob, 50, berkata, sejak pemetung itu rosak mereka berdepan kesukaran untuk berulang-alik ke bendang apabila terpaksa menggunakan laluan yang jauh.

"Kami sudah panjangkan perkara ini kepada pihak berkenaan

namun tiada sebarang maklum balas sehingga kini," katanya.

Abdul Rahman berkata, kumpulan pesawah amat berharap pihak berwajib dapat membantu menyelesaikan kesulitan yang dialami oleh mereka di sini.

Menurutnya, jika laluan dibaiki lebih banyak manfaat akan dinikmati pesawah.



ABDUL RAHMAN

"Saya juga yakin produktiviti dan pengeluaran hasil padi di kawasan ini mampu ditingkatkan kerana kerja-kerja menguruskan petak sawah akan menjadi lebih mudah dan pesawah dapat memberikan tumpuan yang lebih tanpa perlu lagi memikirkan jarak perjalanan," katanya.

Abdul Rahman berkata, pemetung itu turut memainkan peranan sebagai saluran air buang,



Wakil pesawah menunjukkan kawasan pemetung yang runtuh hampir enam tahun lalu.

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Kerajaan bakal umum dasar baharu berkaitan pertanian pintar

KUALA LUMPUR - Kerajaan akan mengumumkan dasar baharu melibatkan pertanian pintar dalam masa terdekat ini.

Menteri Hal Ehwal Ekonomi, Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali berkata, pihaknya sedang berunding dengan beberapa institusi kewangan bertujuan menyediakan pembiayaan bagi membantu golongan petani kecil terlibat dalam pertanian pintar.

"Perbincangan sedang dibuat untuk menyediakan bantuan kewangan berbentuk pinjaman dengan kadar faedah yang paling minimum.

"Pada dasarnya ia telah dipersetujui namun perincian sedang dilakukan supaya institusi kewangan yang terlibat dalam sektor pertanian itu diberikan peranan untuk membiayai program pertanian pintar," katanya kepada pemberita ketika ditemui selepas World Stats (WSC) Run 2019 di Dataran Merdeka di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, pelaksanaan pertanian pintar berpotensi besar dalam membantu mengembangkan sektor pertanian khusus untuk tujuan eksport.



Mohamed Azmin ketika ditemui pemberita di Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur semalam.

Katanya, pendekatan baharu itu juga dapat membantu para petani menyediakan peralatan canggih supaya tidak terlalu bergantung dengan tenaga asing.

"Import makanan negara hari ini terlalu besar. Makanan seperti sayur, cili, halia dan kubis sebenarnya boleh ditanam dalam negara.

"Tanah kita (Malaysia) subur, cuaca baik, tiada gunung berapi atau malapetaka lain, cuma kita mahu rakyat khususnya petani diberikan latihan dan bantuan sektor pertanian pintar," katanya.

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SEBELUM bergelar usahawan berjaya sehingga mampu memiliki kilang sendiri, Rahayu Usop, 36, menjadi peniaga pasar malam dengan menjual pelbagai jenis murtabak.

Selama setahun, Rahayu gigih menjalankan perniagaan murtabak di pasar malam dan bazar Ramadan bagi mendapatkan maklum balas pelanggan mengenai produk yang dihasilkan itu.

Sehinggalah pada 2017, Rahayu bersama suaminya, Megat Ardy Megat Aziz, memberanikan diri untuk melangkah lebih jauh dalam bidang perniagaan dengan memasarkan produk murtabak mereka secara sejuk beku.

Rahayu yang merupakan graduan dalam bidang seni bina berkata, dia mula belajar cara-cara membuat murtabak daripada ibu mentuanya, Fatimah Hashim, 65, yang merupakan peniaga murtabak terkenal di sekitar Seberang Perai selepas mengambil keputusan untuk berhenti kerja dan menjadi suri rumah sepenuh masa.

"Resipi ibu mentua saya mempunyai ramai peminat, jadi saya berusaha untuk berkongsi keenakan murtabak ini dengan lebih ramai penggemar murtabak."

"Pada mulanya saya hanya mampu menjual 200



MURTABAK dimasukkan ke dalam mesin untuk dimasak.

RAHAYU USOP dan Megat Ardy Megat Aziz memajukan produk kulwara syarikat mereka.

Dulu di pasar malam sekarang ada kilang

biji murtabak di pasar malam pada 2016.

"Namun kini sekitar 35,000 pek murtabak sejuk beku berjaya dihasilkan di kilang kami," katanya ketika ditemui di Kilang I-On Enterprise di Entrepreneur Park, Pongsu Seribu, Kepala Batas, Pulau Pinang.

Rahayu berkata, dia turut membuat inovasi dengan menambah keju di dalam produk keluaran syarikatnya bagi mempelbagaikan rasa murtabak berkenaan.

"Terdapat enam produk

murtabak sejuk beku yang dikeluarkan iaitu murtabak keju lava ayam, murtabak keju lava daging, murtabak ayam, murtabak daging, murtabak kambing serta murtabak asli ayam dan daging.

"Setiap murtabak ini mempunyai resipi istimewa yang diwarisi turun-temurun daripada ibu mertua saya yang merupakan peniaga murtabak sejak 1985.

"Saya mula mempelajari resipi murtabak ini pada 2016 kemudiannya memperkenalkan kelainan pada produk ini

dengan menambah keju di dalamnya dan produk ini terus mendapat sambutan daripada pelanggan," katanya.

Rahayu yang merupakan ibu kepada empat orang anak berkata, produk murtabak sejuk beku berkenaan yang pernah dipromosikan ke karnival makanan di Singapura oleh Lembaga Pemasaran Pertanian Persekutuan (FAMA), mendapat sambutan yang menggalakkan daripada pelanggan.

"Kita ada perancangan untuk menembusi pasaran Singapura dan Brunei sekitar hujung

tahun ini kerana melihat kepada sambutan yang menggalakkan daripada pelanggan di sana.

"Setakat ini kita mampu mengeluarkan 35,000 pek setiap bulan dan kini dalam usaha untuk meningkatkan kapasiti pengeluaran dengan beberapa penambahbaikan," katanya.

Tambahan, syarikatnya juga menerima geran *change upgrade product (CUP)*, mesin dan peralatan daripada FAMA pada 2017 untuk memajukan perniagaan mereka.

Katanya, menerusi geran



MURTABAK diproses dalam persekitaran bersih di kilang.



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Latih pegawai dalam bidang pertanian

MENYEDARI ilmu sangat penting dalam pelaksanaan sesuatu pekerjaan, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) bekerjasama dengan Agrobank menganjurkan program Persijilan Pertanian Agrobank-UPM (AU-ACP) bagi memberi pendedahan kepada pegawai Agrobank mengenai senario semasa bidang pertanian.

Program pensijilan tersebut dirumuskan khas untuk pegawai Agrobank yang tidak mempunyai latar belakang akademik dalam bidang pertanian.

Melalui program tersebut, pegawai Agrobank dapat menimba ilmu, kemahiran asas dan ilmu terkini dalam aktiviti pertanian dan perdagangan.

Dekan Fakulti Pertanian UPM, Prof. Dr. Abdul Shukor Juraimi berkata, pegawai Agrobank yang terlibat dalam kursus kali ini dianugerahkan sijil.

"Majlis penyampaian sijil merupakan satu-satunya pentas pengiktirafan kecemerlangan peserta kursus dalam menuntut ilmu pertanian.

"Semoga ilmu yang diterima dapat dimanfaatkan sepenuhnya untuk melaksanakan tugas seperti yang diperlukan dan Fakulti Pertanian bersedia untuk mengedalikan kursus ini untuk tahun-tahun seterusnya dengan penambahbaikan modul dan serta kaedah penyampaian secara berterusan," katanya.

Semamai 41 orang pegawai Agrobank menerima sijil kursus AU-ACP berkenaan yang diadakan di Dewan Pertanian, UPM.

Sementara itu Pengerusi Agrobank, Tan Sri Mohamad Zabidi Zainal berkata, pelaksanaan program itu mencerminkan komitmen tinggi pengurusan Agrobank untuk meningkatkan keterampilan pegawai bank dalam memberi perkhidmatan harian.

"Kami telah menetapkan matlamat jangka panjang untuk melatih pegawai kami secara berperingkat.

"Ia dijalankan selama enam bulan dan peserta mendapat sijil setelah tamat kursus dengan jayanya.

"Program ini merupakan usaha untuk memantapkan pengetahuan dan kemahiran teknikal serta kesiapsiagaan pegawai bank khususnya di peringkat pengurusan supaya



SEBAHAGIAN peserta yang menerima sijil pada majlis penyampaian sijil Agrobank - UPM di Fakulti Pertanian, UPM, Serdang, baru-baru ini.

lebih efisien," jelasnya.

Kursus siri pertama dibahagikan kepada dua bidang iaitu tanaman dan ternakan dan kemudian ditambah baik dengan penambahan dua lagi bidang iaitu tanaman komoditi dan akuakultur pada siri kedua bagi memastikan peserta menguasai semua bidang pertanian.

Dalam pada itu, graduan terbaik keseluruhan menjadi milik Zubaidah Hamad dari Agrobank cawangan Pahang.

Gadis berusia 29 tahun itu dianugerahkan sebagai graduan terbaik keseluruhan berdasarkan kecemerlangan yang ditunjukkan dalam menyiapkan semua tugas yang diberikan termasuk kelas, latihan dan amali.

Kata anak kelahiran Terengganu itu, antara tip kejayaannya sepanjang kursus adalah sentiasa berdisiplin dalam setiap perkara yang dilakukan.

Walaupun terpaksa membahagikan masa yang terhad antara kelas dan kerja, dia tidak pernah gagal untuk menyiapkan segala tugas yang diberikan oleh tenaga pengajar.

"Saya komited dalam setiap perkara yang dilakukan dan berasa sangat tertarik dengan modul pembelajaran seperti modul ternakan kerana dapat mengetahui kaedah ternakan dilakukan. Tenaga pengajar juga sangat baik dan komited

mengajar.

"Cabaran yang dihadapi adalah dalam kesibukan bekerja saya harus pandai membahagikan masa untuk belajar dan menyiapkan tugas supaya dapat dihantar mengikut tempoh yang diberikan pensyarah," katanya.

Berkongsi pengalaman Zubaidah berkata, dia memulakan kerjaya di Agrobank semenjak 2013 dan mempunyai pengetahuan yang tidak seberapa dalam bidang pertanian.

Bidang kerjayanya dalam bahagian pembiayaan dan penilaian pembiayaan pelanggan sangat menuntunya untuk mendalami bidang pertanian secara mendalam sebelum menguruskan sebarang pembiayaan.

Oleh itu jelasnya, pelbagai ilmu baharu yang diperoleh dalam kursus berkenaan akan digunakan sebaiknya dalam melaksanakan tugas supaya industri pertanian negara akan dapat terus dipertingkatkan.

Akuinya, setelah menjalani kursus, hatinya lebih tertarik untuk mendalami bidang pertanian yang disifatkan sebagai menarik dan mampu menjana pendapatan lumayan sekiranya diusahakan dengan bersungguh-sungguh.

"Apabila menjalani kursus modul ternakan saya dapat mempelajari banyak benda baharu yang tidak diketahui sebelum ini seperti bagaimana bidang ternakan dijalankan dan kos yang

harus dilaburkan.

"Bila saya melihat sendiri, melakukannya dalam latihan dan amali, saya lebih memahaminya dan pasti akan mempraktikkan ilmu yang saya dapat itu pada masa depan," ujarnya lagi.

Penerima anugerah lain ialah K. Sudarveli, Graduan Terbaik (sains ternakan); Emy Ramie Ilihanie Abd. Rani, Graduan Terbaik (Tanaman Makanan); Fazleyani Sarif, Graduan Terbaik (Tanaman Komoditi) dan Sharifah Zaharah Syed Redzwan, Graduan Terbaik (Akuakultur).

Sementara itu, tenaga pengajar yang telah mencurahkan ilmu turut mendapat pengiktirafan pensyarah terbaik bagi program edisi kedua ini.

Penerimanya, Prof. Dr. Mohd. Salleh Kamarudin berkata, pengiktirafan tersebut merupakan satu penghargaan yang terbaik buatnya yang sudah lebih 34 tahun dalam bidang berkenaan.

Katanya, tempoh selama enam bulan itu digunakan sepenuhnya untuk berkongsi ilmu pengetahuan mengenai dunia pertanian kepada para peserta kursus.

"Kita berikan asas agrikultur supaya mereka boleh memahami apa itu pertanian sebenarnya dan supaya mereka boleh mengaplikasikan segala ilmu pengetahuan itu dalam pekerjaan.

"Kita juga telah berikan mereka segala pendedahan melalui pembelajaran di dalam kelas, latihan amali di lapangan dan tugas-tugas yang harus siapakan dalam tempoh tertentu," jelasnya.



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风灾令檳稻米失收1680万 沈志勤:依评估给补贴援助



李金洪:2公顷稻田被摧毁损失1万令吉,希望政府协助渡难关。



陆光龙:水利灌溉局依照放水时间表,稻农可能渡过此次的风灾。

【北海 18 日讯】适逢稻米收割季节,却面对利奇马台风过境,檳州稻米收成面对 1680 万令吉失收价值,稻农损失惨重,威北受灾层面最大。

农业及农基工业部副部长沈志勤指出,受到台风影响的情况堪比 2017 年大水灾,檳州的农作物损失严重,尤其稻米是面对最大破坏程度。

檳州拥有约 1 万 837 公顷稻田,受影响的约 1938 公顷及 1688 农民,其中涉及价值约 1680 令吉的稻米损失。除了稻米,其他和农业受损程度也不少,水果种植估计面对 6 万 1600 令吉损失,蔬菜约 1 万 4300 令吉,其他农作物包括茄类种植面对约 15 万令吉损失,农基加工业则约 6000 令吉。

至于受影响的地区,威北占约 88%,受损稻田土地约 1700 公顷,涉及约 1458 万令吉的稻米收成价值。威中则有 207 公顷稻田面对灾损,西南区则是 31.36 公顷,损失价值分是 184 万令吉及 24 万 4608 令吉。

无法全数赔偿

沈志勤是周日下午,连问多个部门及

机构官员,包括农业发展机构、农业部、水利灌溉局、联邦农业销售局等,到来威北瓜拉哥巴稻田农地巡视,并传达联邦农业部的援助讯息。

他透露,利奇马的灾害也导致北马区面对价值 6020 万令吉的农作物损失。联邦政府会依据评估损失后给予一定的补贴及援助金,但无法给予全数赔偿。

他促请农民务必在 8 月 21 日,通过农业部提呈灾害受损评估表格,檳州农业发展机构在收集后,农业部将做援助讨论,再决定发予农民多少的援助。

檳州农业发展机构主任诺玛拉接受询问时表示,已倒下的稻穗还是可以收成,由于还未完全成熟,其品质还算可以达到 25 至 40%。但倒下的稻穗若面对积水、下雨天,稻米将腐烂及流失。同时,已倒下却不够成熟的稻穗再浸在积水里会算完全损毁。

陆光龙:损失近万

瓜拉哥巴稻民陆光龙(56岁)说,从播种到收割约要 4 个月 15 天,若水利灌溉局依照原有放水时间表,该区稻农可能渡过此次风灾。

拥有 4 公顷稻田的陆光龙说,其中 2 公顷稻田,仅可以回收 30%,余下 2 公顷可以回收 80%,损失约 1 万令吉。

李金洪:心血尽毁

瓜拉哥巴华人稻田区主任农李金洪说,他本身拥有 8 公顷稻田,在此次风灾有 2 公顷稻田被摧毁,损失约 1 万令吉。风灾下稻农的心血都毁了,希望政府能助稻农渡过难关。



沈志勤与官员检查被强风吹倒的稻穗。