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PENANG

Petite pineapples all the rage

Malaysia keen to promote cultivation of ornamental plant

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FANCY a row of pineapples instead of roses or orchids in your garden?

Dwarf pineapples or "Ananas comosus" are non-edible (they are too acidic) but they are the latest ornamental or decorative plant being promoted worldwide.

A member of the Bromeliaceae family which has about 3,500 species, they are at present being promoted aggressively as a landscape plant.

"Dwarf pineapples have great potential to be developed just like the orchid industry.

"In the Netherlands, dwarf pineapples have to be grown in greenhouses but in Malaysia, they can be grown anywhere.

"This makes the cost cheaper," said Deputy Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Sim Tze Tzin at the opening of a dwarf pineapple landscaping project at the Bayan Baru parliamentary constituency service centre in Batu Uban, Penang.

Sim said the landscape was an initiative by the Malaysian Pineapple Industry Board which was promoting the cultivation of dwarf pineapples all over the country.

"This plant can bring a lucrative income to farmers because the price is the same as that of other decorative plants," he said.

Sim said the Netherlands was the biggest exporter of the decorative plant with total exports of US$10bil followed by Colombia, Germany, Ecuador and Italy.

"Malaysia is in 15th place with exports of US$138mil (RM552mil).

"In 2018, the country exported RM16.78mil worth of dwarf pineapples out of RM342mil of pineapple exports, including fresh and edible ones.

"The ministry hopes to get full support from stakeholders, including the National Landscape Department and local authorities for the development and cultivation of dwarf pineapples as a landscape plant," he added.

(From left), Malaysian Pineapple Industry Board chairman Datuk Abdul Malik Abul Kassim, Sim and state health committee chairman Dr Afif Bahardin showing the dwarf pineapples grown at the service centre.

Dwarf pineapple plants winning admirers.

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Malaysia teruskan import makanan dari China

MARANG - Kerajaan tidak menghentikan import makanan dari China walaupun Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO) mengisytiharkan wabak koronavirus sebagai darurat kesihatan dunia.

Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub berkata, tiada keperluan sekatan dilakukan kerana virus koronavirus merebak daripada manusia ke manusia, bukan melalui makanan.

"Setakat ini tiada (sekatan) dan kita tidak ada import makanan dari Wuhan," katanya selepas melawat tanaman sayuran fertigasi milik Zuliadin Abdullah iaitu peserta Rezeki Tani di Kampung Rusila di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, antara barangan yang diimport dari negara China ialah potongan ayam, buah-buahan dan sayuran terpilih yang semuanya selamat dimakan.

Walaupun tiada sekatan, katanya, Jabatan Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia (Maqis) yang bertanggungjawab mengawal pintu masuk negara mengadakan pemeriksaan secara berkala dan lebih ketat sebagai langkah berjaga-jaga.

"Kecuali kita dapati ada penemuan baharu (tentang koronavirus), kita akan ambil tindakan selanjutnya," kata beliau.

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RM108,000 aid for Terengganu farmers

SETIU: The Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry has channelled RM107,235 to aid 307 farmers affected by natural disasters in Terengganu last year. Minister Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub said 47 farmers, whose crops were damaged by drought and floods, received RM92,235 from "Tabung Bencana Tanaman Padi" to help them get back on their feet. "For 260 people whose homes were damaged by floods, they were given RM15,000 each by the National Farmers' Organisation. The ministry will ensure that the welfare of farmers is taken care of," he said during an aid presentation ceremony here yesterday, which was attended by the Farmer's Organisation Board chairman Datuk Mazlan Aliman. **Bernama**

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RM100,000 bantu peladang

Bantuan bencana kepada 307 peladang di Terengganu yang terjejas akibat banjir dan kemarau

Oleh FARAH SHAZWANI

SETIU

Kerajaan mengagihkan lebih RM100,000 bantuan bencana kepada seramai 307 ahli peladang di Terengganu yang terjejas akibat banjir dan kemarau sepanjang tahun lalu.

Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub berkata, daripada jumlah itu, sebanyak RM92,235.95 melibatkan peruntukan Tabung Bencana Tanaman Padi dan sebanyak RM15,000 daripada Pertubuhan Peladang Kebangsaan (Nafas).

Menurutnya, Tabung Bencana Tanaman Padi diwujudkan sebagai bantuan khas kepada petani yang mengalami pengeluaran padi luar jangka, kesan daripada faktor-faktor seperti serangan penyakit, bencana alam dan lain-lain faktor yang tidak dapat dielakkan.

"Ia juga sebagai bantuan sokongan kepada golongan sasar dan inisiatif kementerian ke arah mewujudkan program berbentuk *touch-point* yang khusus kepada pesawah padi.

"Di Terengganu, kita bantu seramai 47 ahli peladang di Kuala Terengganu dan Setiu yang mengalami kemusnahan sebanyak 41.79 hektar tanaman akibat banjir dengan anggaran kerugian berjumlah RM135,128.47, manakala sebanyak 23.18 hektar akibat kemarau, dengan kerugian sebanyak RM46,356.60.

"Kita juga mengagihkan kit bantuan banjir kepada seramai 260 ahli peladang di seluruh Terengganu yang terlibat dengan nilai keseluruhan berjumlah RM15,000," katanya ketika berucap pada Majlis Penyampaian Bantuan Bencana Ahli Peladang Terengganu di sini semalam.

Salahuddin (depan, dua dari kiri) beramah mesra dengan ahli-ahli Peladang yang hadir pada Majlis Penyampaian Bantuan Bencana Ahli Peladang Terengganu di Setiu semalam.

Turut hadir, Pengerusi Lembaga Pertubuhan Peladang, Datuk Mazlan Aliman.

Salahuddin turut melawat Projek Arnab Terengganu Rabbit Valley (TRV) yang merupakan anak syarikat Koperasi Peladang Kampung Saujana Setiu Berhad (KOPSAS).

TRV ialah pusat pengumpulan dan pemprosesan produk berasaskan arnab dengan modal penubuhan sebanyak RM15,000.

"Saya amat kagum dengan keupayaan mereka yang bukan sahaja berjaya dalam penternakan arnab tetapi juga mempelbagaikan produk," kata beliau.