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## Agriculture minister: RM9.04m allocated for fishermen housing project in Sabah |

Datuk Seri Ronald Kiandee said the LKIM Special Housing Project had so far benefited 716 fishermen. — Picture by Shafwan Zaidon SANDAKAN, June 14 —The Fisheries Development Authority of Malaysia (LKIM) had since 2017, allocated RM9.04 million for projects...

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# Sasar 30,968 peneroka FELDA sertai PPP

Projek di Bukit Rokan babit sektor pertanian, ternakan sejak akhir 2019

**Tampin:** Kerajaan menyarankan pembabitan 30,968 peserta dalam kalangan peneroka FELDA menerusi Program Pembangunan Peneroka (PPP) menjelang hujung tahun ini.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Ekonomi), Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, berkata ketika ini 200-peserta gigit menyertai projek rintis PPP di FELDA Bukit Rokan di sini, yang mencapai kemajuan kerja 65 peratus bagi fasa pertama pelaksanaan.

nya, bermula sejak hujung tahun lalu.

Katanya, projek utama PPP di FELDA Bukit Rokan ini membabitkan sektor pertanian dan ternakan, antaranya tanaman cili, cendawan, sayur berdaun dan ternakan arnab di kawasan tanah seluas 31.3 hektar.

“Projek rintis ini akan dikembangkan ke seluruh 11 wilayah FELDA di seluruh negara,” katanya kepada pemberita selepas lawatan kerja di Rancangan



Mustapa (dua dari kiri) mendengar penerangan oleh Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Koperasi Permodalan FELDA (KPF), Sarinah Salleh mengenai projek tanaman cili fertigasi ketika mengadakan lawatan kerja ke FELDA Bukit Rokan, Wilayah Raja Alia, semalam. (Foto Azrul Edham Mohd Aminuddin/BH)



BH TV

FELDA Bukit Rokan dekat sini, semalam.

Yang turut hadir, Pengarah Besar FELDA, Datuk Dr Othman Omar.

Mengulas lanjut, Mustapa berkata, daripada peruntukan RM250 juta yang disediakan kerajaan untuk PPP di seluruh negara tahun ini, sebanyak RM10 juta adalah bagi projek rintis PPP di FELDA Bukit Rokan.

Katanya, ternakan arnab yang dilaksanakan menerusi projek

**Projek rintis ini akan dikembangkan ke seluruh 11 wilayah FELDA di seluruh negara.**

**Mustapa Mohamed,**  
Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Ekonomi)

rintis PPP mempunyai potensi besar dieksport memandangkan ia mempunyai nilai yang tinggi.

“Koperasi Permodalan FELDA Malaysia Berhad selaku pemaju utama turut menguruskan hal berkaitan pemasaran. Kejayaan di sini akan menjadi contoh dan motivasi bagi peserta lain untuk terus berdaya saing dalam meningkatkan hasil pendapatan mereka dan tidak hanya bergantung kepada hasil tanaman getah sawit.”

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## Terengganu Buka Peluang Kepada Siswazah Jadi Petani Profesional



SETIU, 13 Jun – Kerajaan Terengganu menerusi Jabatan Pertanian Negeri membuka peluang seluas-luasnya kepada siswazah yang sedang mencari pekerjaan untuk menceburi bidang pertanian termasuk sebagai pencantum pokok profesional.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pertanian, Industri Asas Tani Dan Pembangunan Desa Negeri Terengganu, Dr Azman Ibrahim berkata, peluang tersebut dibuka untuk sesiapa sahaja yang berminat belajar dan menceburkan diri dalam sektor berkenaan.

"Jabatan Pertanian Negeri menjemput sesiapa yang berminat terutamanya siswazah menganggur untuk menceburi bidang pertanian khususnya menjadi pencantum pokok secara profesional.

"Selepas menjalani kursus secara intensif, pencantum-pencantum profesional ini akan membantu pekebun-pekebun atau pemilik pokok durian, mangga dan lain-lain tanaman bagi menjana pendapatan sendiri yang lebih lumayan dalam Program Pemulihan Dusun yang sedang dilaksanakan kerajaan negeri," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di Facebook rasminya hari ini.

Tambah beliau, kaedah cantuman dewasa ini boleh dipraktikan untuk semua pokok seperti nangka biasa boleh dijadikan nangka madu.

"Syaratnya mesti dari 'keluarga' yang sama. Tidak boleh nak cantum mempelam supaya berbuah durian.

"Pokok durian kampung tidak perlu ditebang untuk tanam 'Musang King'. Pokok mempelam biasa juga tidak perlu dibuang untuk tanam Harum Manis. Pokok asal boleh dkekalkan.

"Yang perlu ialah tunas 'Musang King' atau tunas Harum Manis kita cantumkan pada pokok asal dengan kaedah cantuman dewasa. Maka insya-Allah akan berbuah pokok tersebut dengan 'Musang King' atau Harum Manis," jelasnya lagi.

Sehubungan dengan itu, bagi yang berminat untuk berkecimpung dalam bidang itu, boleh berhubung dengan Pejabat Pertanian Daerah terdekat sekitar Terengganu bagi proses temuduga terbuka atau pertanyaan.

"Kursus tersebut akan dijalankan dalam masa terdekat. Percuma sahaja asalkan minat nak belajar," ujar Dr Azman.

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**Faced with tough job prospects, some youths find a new perspective on agriculture**



**Farming and plantation work is hard but can be rewarding for those who are interested.**

WITH rising unemployment and tough economic times, some youth are starting to reconsider working as labourers in plantations and farms.

Before this, the sectors faced difficulty in recruiting locals and relied mainly on foreign workers as a plantation labourer's work is seen as a 3D job – "difficult, dirty and dangerous".

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## Former pilot grounded with urban farming



*Chuo's hydroponic lettuces are grown in the backyard of his parents' home.*

URBAN farming is fast catching on in Malaysia with many young people taking it up to grow vegetables in the backyards of their city dwellings.

There are many types of urban farming but one that is popular with many city folk is hydroponics.

Former pilot Eric Chuo Chuan Jin of Miri said he developed his interest in urban farming, particularly hydroponics, when he changed his diet last year.

"It all started when I became concerned about my health. I began working out and making changes to my eating habits, basically looking for clean and nutritious food.

"But eating healthy isn't easy, especially here, and to get around this, I started thinking about how I could grow clean food in the backyard," the 31-year-old recalled.



*Chuo regularly checks on the lettuces he grows in his parents' backyard.*

Chuo said he researched the subject online and attended a hydroponics course in Kuala Lumpur.

"Thankfully, we have the Internet where we can pick up a lot of things. That was how I learned about hydroponic techniques."

Of the many hydroponically grown vegetables, Chuo chose lettuces such as green coral, butterhead, and red leaf.

It took him some two months — from November last year — to plan and set up his small soil-less farm in his parents' backyard (about 1,500 square feet) at Taman Tunku.

Chuo admitted starting the project wasn't smooth sailing and it took him some time to get things right. But with all the trials and errors behind him, he has been reaping the fruits of his labour with good lettuce harvests since January.



*New batches of lettuce are continuously planted to ensure consistent supply.*

Before going into hydroponic farming, Chuo was a pilot, then a service engineer in Brunei, before moving back to Miri for good.

### Opportunities

As he started to harvest more, and knowing the difficulty in obtaining fresh and pesticide-free vegetables locally, Chuo realised the huge potential in commercialising his organic greens.

vegetables to the people in Miri.

Subsequently, he set up a company to supply fresh, quality, and affordable



*Chuo and his mum stand beside the stands of his hydroponic greens.*

With his parents' help, he has so far managed to sell to a few fruit stores, restaurants, and supermarkets.

"I supply about 5kg of lettuces daily to these places. Sometimes, I get surprise purchases from walk-in customers as well," he said.

Chua said while he was able to do business under the Movement Control Order (MCO) and the Conditional MCO from March 18 till June 9, he couldn't supply to restaurants which had been closed due to the lockdowns.



*A few days before these lettuces are harvested.*

"As you know, lettuces are widely used in restaurants for western food. So when they stopped operating, I was forced to look for other options.

"That was when I approached and negotiated with the supermarkets and stalls, selling fresh fruits, to include my vegetables on their racks. Thankfully, I managed to find these much needed outlets," he said.

Now, with the lifting of restrictions, Chuo said he couldn't wait to resume business with the restaurants he had previously supplied.

### **Challenges**

While enjoying good business with his homegrown lettuces, he also faces the challenge of maintaining the amount he produces — on top of vouching for their quality — to ensure consistent supply to meet demand.

According to Chuo, one of the main concerns is the weather as lettuces need cool weather and slight shading to grow.



*Fresh lettuces ready for delivery to the supermarket.*

He needs to check the water level regularly to produce quality vegetables. The ventilation uses a timer, so it's easy to control the moisture.

Another consideration is the high electricity bill.

"The ventilation, including the watering system, is automated, so electricity consumption is relatively high. But this is not a big issue," he said.

Chuo pointed out that due to the limited growing space and the lengthy period between harvests, he had to keep planting in batches to ensure uninterrupted supply.

"It takes 45 days for each head of lettuce to be ready for harvest. So I have to plant continuously to avoid running out of stock. The challenge is I have limited growing space."

Because of the huge market potential for his products in Miri, Chuo said he would be starting another project soon.

"I'm trying to plant other vegetables as well — tomatoes and herbs such as parsley.

"I'll be using the same hydroponic and pesticide-free techniques to keep the taste, freshness, and quality of the vegetables," he said.