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FAMA bantu pasarkan tembikai, labu manis pekebun di Pahang

KUANTAN. - Lembaga Pemasaran Pertanian Persekutuan (FAMA) Pahang terus mengambil inisiatif membantu memasarkan hasil tanaman pekebun tembikai dan labu manis di negeri ini yang berdepan masalah lambakan.

Pengurus Khidmat Pemasaran FAMA Kuantan, Mohd Faris Abdullah berkata, bermula awal tahun ini pihaknya telah membantu 18 pekebun sekitar Kuantan, Rompin dan Pekan dengan membuat pembelian 125 tan metrik tembikai yang dianggarkan bernilai RM160,000.

Menurutnya, bagi labu manis pula pihaknya telah membantu enam pekebun di Pekan

bermula awal bulan ini dengan pembelian 35 tan metrik yang dianggarkan bernilai lebih RM28,000.

“Bagi peserta yang berdaftar dengan FAMA, kami membeli mengikut harga lantai iaitu 80 sen sekilogram untuk tembikai manakala 70 sen sekilogram bagi labu manis. Kami melakukan pembelian secara berperingkat, masih ada lagi pekebun yang menunggu hasil mereka untuk dibeli.

“Untuk pasaran kami sememangnya mengutamakan di sekitar Kuantan terlebih dahulu, jika terdapat lebih kita akan agihkan kepada FAMA lain untuk bantu memasarkan buah-buahan itu,” katanya ketika dihubungi pada

Selasa.

Selain memasarkan tanaman berkenaan di cawangan FAMA antaranya gerai buah-buahan segar, pasar tani dan agrobazaar, Mohd Faris berkata, pihaknya turut melakukan penghantaran di FAMA Selayang dan FAMA Seremban masing-masing bagi pasaran Lembah Klang serta Negeri Sembilan.

“Bagi pembeli di Kuantan, khidmat penghantaran disediakan bagi pembelian secara borong untuk 100 kilogram ke atas dan mana-mana pihak atau individu yang berminat boleh menghubungi talian 013-2224062 untuk maklumat lanjut,” katanya. - *Bernama*

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Bekas pengurus Mardi nafi pecah amanah

Kuala Terengganu: Bekas pengurus Institut Penyelidikan dan Kemajuan Pertanian Malaysia (Mardi) mengaku tidak bersalah di Mahkamah Sesyen Kuala Terengganu, semalam, atas pertuduhan melakukan pecah amanah sebanyak RM14,250.

Tertuduh, Mohd Saiful Nizam, 40, menganggu faham sebelum mohon dibicarakan selepas pertuduhan dibacakan di hadapan Hakim Dazuki Ali.

Mengikut pertuduhan, tertuduh didakwa melakukan pecah amanah dengan tidak menyerahkan wang pembayaran sewa kios bagi Januari hingga September 2019 berserta deposit kepada Bahagian Kewangan Mardi Kuala Terengganu yang berjumlah RM14,250.

Tertuduh yang juga pengurus dana di Mardi

Kuala Terengganu didakwa melakukan kesalahan itu pada Januari hingga September 2019.

Dia yang didakwa mengikut Seksyen 409 Kanun Keseksaan berdepan hukuman penjara sehingga 20 tahun dan dengan sebat dan boleh dikenakan denda jika sabit kesalahan.

Sejurus pengakuan tidak bersalah tertuduh direkodkan, mahkamah menetapkan 23 Jun depan sebagai tarikh sebutan semula kes dan membenarkan tertuduh diikat jamin RM6,000 dengan seorang penjamin.

Mahkamah turut menetapkan syarat tambahan iaitu tertuduh perlu melapor diri ke pejabat Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) pada setiap 1 hari bulan dan menyerahkan pasport antarabangsa kepada mahkamah sepanjang prosiding berlangsung.

Mahkamah benar tertuduh diikat jamin RM6,000 dengan seorang penjamin

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Bekas pengurus MARDI didakwa pecah amanah

KUALA TERENGGANU: Bekas pengurus Institut Penyelidikan dan Kemajuan Pertanian Malaysia (MARDI) mengaku tidak bersalah di Mahkamah Sesyen, di sini semalam atas pertuduhan pecah amanah bernilai RM14,250, dua tahun lalu.

Tertuduh, Mohd. Saiful Nizam, 40, yang sebelum ini berkhidmat di MARDI Kuala Terengganu merangkap pengurus dana agensi berkenaan membuat pengakuan tersebut selepas pertuduhan dibacakan di hadapan Hakim Dazuki Ali.

Mengikut pertuduhan, dia didakwa melakukan pecah amanah dengan tidak menyerahkan wang pembayaran sewa kiosk bagi bulan Januari hingga September 2019 di samping deposit berjumlah RM14,250 kepada Bahagian Kewangan MARDI Kuala Terengganu.

Kesalahan itu didakwa dilakukan antara Januari hingga September 2019.

Mohd. Saiful didakwa mengikut Seksyen 409 Kanun Keseksaan yang memperuntukkan hukuman penjara sehingga 20 tahun dan sebatan serta denda jika sabit kesalahan.

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MOHD. Bukhari Mohd. Noor memberikan kira-kira dua tan cili di kebunnya secara percuma kepada orang ramai kerana tidak sanggup menanggung kerugian akibat kejatuhan harga. - UTUSAN/PUQTRA HAIRRY ROSLI

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KUALA TERENGGANU: Pengusaha cili di negeri ini rela melepaskan hasil tuaian mereka secara percuma kepada orang ramai berikutan kejatuhan mendadak harga tanaman itu daripada RM6 sekilogram kepada serendah RM1.50 sekilogram.

Masalah yang dikesan berlarutan sejak kira-kira empat bulan lalu menyebabkan rata-rata mereka kini sudah putus asa untuk meneruskan tanaman tersebut kerana tidak sanggup berdepan kerugian lebih teruk termasuk tiada pulangan modal.

Kejatuhan harga cili merah kulai himoke itu dikatakan berpunca akibat lambakan bekalan

terutama apabila terpaksa bersaing dengan cili import dari Thailand.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, seorang pengusaha, Mohd. Bukhari Mohd. Noor, 33, berkata, jika dahulu dia mampu menghasilkan kira-kira 2,000 polibeg cili setiap kali tuaian dengan anggaran pendapatan hampir RM20,000 di kebun di Bukit Payung, Marang di sini, kini pendapatannya merosot lebih daripada separuh.

Katanya, harga cili yang berterusan merudum menyebabkan perniagaan rata-rata mereka kini nyawa-nyawa ikan tanpa meraih apa-apa pulangan jualan berikutan pelbagai kos yang terpaksa ditanggung.

“Upah memetik dan meng-

gred cili pun sudah mencecah RM1 untuk setiap sekilogram, tidak termasuk kos baja yang semakin mahal, racun, upah pekerja dan pengangkutan.

“Kalau berterusan harga sekitar RM1.50 sekilogram, petani berfikir panjang untuk menjual, jadi sebab itu saya mengambil keputusan untuk memberikan kesemua dua tan cili yang baru dituai secara percuma kepada orang ramai pada hujung minggu lalu,” katanya.

Menurut Mohd. Bukhari yang berpengalaman selama 15 tahun dalam bidang pertanian, itu merupakan kali kedua dia menyumbangkan cili secara percuma selepas yang pertama semasa Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) Mac tahun lalu.

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Orang tengah tidak terlibat, kos ayam di ladang turun 60 sen

Peniaga tamak main harga

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PETALING JAYA: Kenaikan harga ayam mencecah RM9.50 sen sekilogram bukan permainan orang tengah mahupun penternak, sebaliknya keputusan peniaga sendiri.

Penasihat Persekutuan Persatuan-Persatuan Penternak Malaysia, Jeffery Ng berkata, pada masa ini harga ayam di ladang turun 60 sen berbanding RM5.80 sebelum ini berikutan faktor permintaan berkurangan.

Sehubungan itu, katanya, pihak berkuasa perlu bertindak bagi memastikan peniaga tamak dikenakan tindakan sewajarnya.

"Harga di ladang turun. Jika harga di pasar atau pasar raya naik, kami tidak boleh buat apa-apa. Saya difahamkan ada yang beri alasan kenaikan tersebut dibuat bagi menampung kerugian sebelum ini.

"Jadi adakah ini sudah melanggar Akta Kawalan Harga dan Antipencatutan 2011 (AKHAP 2011). Pihak berkuasa sepatutnya memantau mereka jika ini benar-



MASIH ada peniaga ayam mengekalkan harga berpatutan semasa tinjauan di Pasar Selayang, Selangor, semalam. -UTUSAN/AFIQ RAZALI

benar terjadi," katanya ketika dihubungi *Utusan Malaysia* di sini semalam.

Kelmarin, harga ayam di beberapa negeri meningkat sehingga mencecah RM9.50 sen sekilogram selepas Skim Harga Maksimum Perayaan (SHMMP) 2021 berakhir.

Menurut peniaga, harga baharu tersebut dibuat bagi menampung semula modal selepas

rugi dalam tempoh pelaksanaan SHMMP 2021.

Dalam pada itu, Presiden Persatuan Penternak Ayam Selangor Idris Zainal Abidin berkata, kerajaan perlu bertindak sekarang termasuk menggunakan semua syarikat milik kerajaan (GLC) bagi membantu memasarkan ayam secara terus kepada pengguna.

"Kita ada Felda dan Felcra.

Mereka boleh bantu kami terutama membabitkan *contract farming* untuk pasarkan terus ayam-ayam ini kepada koperasi dan pasar raya.

"Ini sekali gus dapat membantu pengguna dan dalam masa yang sama menampung bekalan di mana-mana negeri yang mengalami kekurangan bekalan termasuk yang terbaharu di Kelantan," jelasnya.

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Greens are in: Sunway iLabs director Matthijs van Leeuwen checking the vegetables at the hydroponic glass house at Sunway FutureX in Petaling Jaya — SS KANESAN/ The Star

Growing love for **urban farming**

Scarcity of land in the Klang Valley has got private companies and malls working together to grow vegetables for local consumption. Meanwhile, farming events and workshops are providing keen city folk with the latest methods of planting indoors. >2&3

STAR METRO
WATCH**ROAD CLOSURE**

There will be a full closure of the access road in and out of Jalan PP33, Bandar Putra Permai from May 26 to Aug 25. During the closure, motorists from Jalan Putra Permai heading towards Jalan PP33 are advised to use the provided alternative route through Persiaran Pinggiran Putra or use Persiaran Pinggiran Putra 2 and Jalan Putra Permai Selesa. Motorists from Jalan PP25, PP30, PP31, PP35 and PP40 heading towards Jalan Putra Permai can use Persiaran Pinggiran Putra 2 and Jalan Putra Permai Selesa or Persiaran Pinggiran Putra.

COUNCIL MATTERS

> The Selangor Municipal Council (MPS) headquarters, payment and drive-through counters will only be open from 8.30am to noon, Mondays to Fridays during the MCO 3.0. MPS branch services counters will be closed during this period. Ratepayers are encouraged to utilise its e-services at www.mps.gov.my. For details, call 03-6138 9898 / 03-6126 5824.

> Walk-ins will no longer be allowed without prior appointment at Menara DBKL 1 and 2 at Jalan Raja Laut as well as Menara DBKL 3 at Jalan Raja Abdullah. However, the customer services counter at Menara DBKL 1 will be open for the public to lodge complaints on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

SERVICE CENTRE MOVED

Segambut MP Hannah Yeoh's service centre has relocated from Plaza TTDI to Lot LG-09A, Level LG, United Point. Opening hours during MCO 3.0 are from 10am to 3pm and there will be no walk-ins to prevent crowding. For details, call 03-9871 6864 or email hannahyeoh.com

VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) will have its virtual open day from May 24 to June 30, Mondays to Fridays, from 10am to 5pm (excluding public holidays). Visitors will be able to interact with TAR UC counsellors through live chat at virtualopenday.taruc.edu.my. There will also be a series of informative webinars on various fields of study by academic staff. For details, call 011-1084 3326 or visit www.taruc.edu.my

PUBLIC WEBINAR

In conjunction with Malaysian Allergy Day, the Malaysian Society of Allergy and Immunology (MSAI) is hosting a free public webinar on June 19, from 7pm to 9pm. A panel of expert allergists and scientists will discuss topics including 'Allergies and anaphylaxis reactions', 'Covid-19 vaccines and allergic reactions' and 'Managing severe allergies effectively'. The webinar will be conducted live on the society's Facebook page 'Allergy MSAI'.

REPORT ANIMAL CRUELTY

The public can report on animals in distress and cruelty cases in the Klang Valley to the Department of Veterinary Services. Anyone found causing harm will be charged under Animal Welfare Act 2015. To report, call 03-4256 5312 (10am to 4pm, Tuesday to Sunday) or visit via <https://akh.dvs.gov.my> support.

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URBAN farming involving local communities is a much-talked-about topic among Klang Valley folk.

As more and more community and urban farms emerge in the city, shopping centres in Klang Valley are jumping on the bandwagon to showcase urban farms set up within their premises.

Tapping into the rising popularity of urban farms among city dwellers and the need for better food security amid the Covid-19 pandemic, they feel it is essential to educate and address food accessibility and sustainability to the masses.

Some malls are planning to transform underutilised space into urban farms.

Taking up 2,100sq ft, Quayside Mall by Gamuda Land in Kota Kemuning, Selangor started its farm called Farm by the Quay in the shopping complex last December.

The mall partnered with Havva Agrotech Sdn Bhd in setting up the farm and grew six types of leafy vegetables using its own method.

Gamuda Leasing, Retail and Malls director Tan Kim Whatt said the idea behind the farm was to encourage people to do their own farming.

"It goes in line with the company's core values to encourage a sustainable environment," he said, adding that the company had a vision to promote sustainable living.

"Through this urban farm within the mall, we hope to spread awareness of its importance to visitors.

"The aim behind this initiative is to show them that it is not difficult to farm with the system that we have. In the long run, it will benefit generations to come," said Tan when met at the urban farm.

Farm by the Quay, he added, created an internal and external integration with the mall in Twentyfive.7, an integrated township at the edge of Kota Kemuning, Selangor.

"While the township is centred on sustainable development, the urban farm is a precursor to bigger plans around the area.

"Within the mall, we encourage our tenants, usually restaurants, to adopt the farm-to-table practice by buying products from the urban farms.

"Aside from ensuring the freshness of the vegetables, restaurants also take only what they can sell, which reduces food wastage.

"It is a rather new concept. We are also exploring other means, including having urban farms in other Gamuda Land properties," added Tan.

Havva Agrotech farm and product director Teoh Shu Hua said Havva stood for the various urban farming techniques, namely hydroponics, aeroponics, vermiponics, vertical farming and aquaculture.

She said the system enabled plants to grow in a vertical hollowed tube with their roots exposed to water in a fish tank placed underneath the structure.

Teoh said a separate tank combined hydroponics with vermiculture to provide nutrients to plants such as kailan, bak choy, kale, lettuce and Japanese cucumber.

"We are also doing experiential engagement with mall visitors through workshops on weekends," she added.

Teoh said through Havva Agrotech, they want to educate the public that urban farming was not costly and could be done in small spaces using the company's integrated vertical farming system.

"Urban farming has become important during this pandemic as

Malls take to farming indoors

Farms within shopping centres help to ensure adequate supply of food in the city



Located on the ground floor of Quayside Mall, Farm by the Quay is home to six types of leafy vegetables — Photos: SS KANESAN, KK SHAM and CHAN TAK KONG/The Star



Tan (right) and Teoh checking vegetables at Farm by the Quay.



Van Leeuwen is looking at other Sunway properties to incorporate urban farming.

more people start to adopt this practice," she said.

Farm in the city

In October last year, the Sunway Group launched the Sunway FutureX farm, an urban farm innovation hub in Bandar Sunway.

At the farm, rows of hydroponic vegetables are grown in a glass house fit with advanced technologies to monitor the optimum growing condition for the plants.

Led by Sunway Labs, Sunway FutureX serves as a skills building hub for urban farmers, technology companies, researchers as well as young talents to collaborate and create transformative solutions that focus on food and agriculture technology.

It currently features two aquaponic farms, an indoor vertical farm and an outdoor hydroponic farm.

Sunway Labs director Mathijs van Leeuwen said FutureX farm was equipped with technology

such as the Internet of Things (IoT) to monitor the plants' growth.

"The hydroponics method uses 90% less water and generates 30% to 40% higher yield per square feet.

"For the past seven months, we have grown and harvested 25,000 plants and fed 500 families," he said.

The pandemic also showed the lack of food security in the city and the need to bring food production closer to it.

"Supply of vegetables at the Kuala Lumpur wholesale market was disrupted and this showed that a centralised supply chain system does not work.

"Hence, a food production system closer to the community removes all the logistics needed to ferry supplies from rural areas to the city.

"It also reduces carbon dioxide emission and improves the nutritional value of vegetables," added van Leeuwen.

Technology aside, the farm also

engages with the community to be involved in urban farming.

Sunway FutureX Farm also teamed up with Sunway Property in its growing and owning initiative for individuals who want to grow their own produce.

"Interested individuals pay for a small farm plot and they are provided with the seeds and gardening materials. We then manage it for them.

"One can pick up their greens or have it delivered to them," explained van Leeuwen.

FutureX Farm also aims to educate and empower communities through sustainable living and urban farming. It also hopes to nurture more agriculture entrepreneurs in Klang Valley.

Van Leeuwen said they were looking at incorporating these urban farms into Sunway properties.

"We are also talking to other Sunway properties about reimagining space to transform underutilised areas into urban farms.

"Sunway Property is looking at potential spaces around its devel-

WITH the rising trend of urban farming amid the Covid-19 pandemic, more and more city folk have started to plant leafy greens at home.

Despite the cramped and compact spaces common among high-rise residences, urban farming seems to fit in just well.

Urban farming industry players believe that it is the next big thing for them.

Cityfarm Sdn Bhd co-founder Jayden Koay said the urban farming system — be it hydroponics or aquaponics — allowed city dwellers to plant vegetables in small spaces at home.

"Urbanisation is a global issue and when a city is overpopulated, food security can be a problem to its residents.

"While traditional farming often takes place in rural areas, the distance from these farms to the city can contribute to the loss of nutrients in the vegetables.

"The food degrades over long distances and prices would be high after factoring in the logistics of the vegetables.

"The solution to this is to bring the farm to the city," he said during the Urban Farm Festival in Central i-City shopping centre.

Established in 2016, Cityfarm provides indoor and outdoor farming solutions, including vertical farming and hydroponics system for its customers.

Hydroponics refers to growing plants or crops without soil and feeding the plants with mineral nutrient solutions.

In an aquaponic system, waste from fish reared underneath the plants are converted into fertiliser for the plants. The plants then consume the nitrates and maintain the system in a balance.

Koay said those involved in urban farming either started it as

Farming solutions to help city folk grow fresh produce for their own consumption



Visitors checking out the various urban farming techniques at Central i-City mall.

a hobby or intended to expand it into a business.

"Some of them want it to be part of a healthy routine and plant the vegetables for their own consumption.

"This is good for city dwellers, especially those with limited space because they get their own urban farming sets.

"Those who want to turn it into a business should decide what they want to grow.

"There are four types of edible plants that can be grown using hydroponics, such as leafy greens, herbs, fruiting plants and root vegetables.

"Then they can delve into their preferred type of farming suitable for the crops," he said.

Koay also felt that urban farms would eventually turn into conventional farming.

"Even big farms in Cameron Highlands and Genting Highlands are slowly relying on modern farming methods without using soil," he said.

Aquaponics Hardware Asia (AHA) Sdn Bhd aquaponics consultant Yoon Wong said urban farming was a proven system that ensured food safety while reducing carbon footprint.

"Customers can enjoy the fresh-



Koay showing how hydroponic farming works at the urban farming festival.



Sim's company helps others build their own urban farms.

est of vegetables and safe products without the use of pesticides.

"As the question of food security arises during this MCO (movement control order), people are more aware of what they put on their plates," she said.

The company that now offers aquaponic systems is coming up with a mini aquaponics set for city folk.

"However, urban farming is still a niche market. There are many people who want to try out the system but are afraid they cannot handle it.

"We are happy to educate the masses at this Urban Farm festival," she added.

Sim Chee Kong, the director of Urban Roots Agritech Sdn Bhd, an urban farm management consultant, said individuals could do it as a hobby first before deciding to

commercialise.

"Our companies provide business consultation to those who are in the urban farming business.

"While commercial farming still produces the bulk of it, urban farming also complements the segment," he said.

"Urban farming has gained a lot of traction over the past three years and the MCO has accelerated it.

"With the technology available, it helps bring the cost down in the niche market of community-based urban farming.

"Currently, we are in talks with five farmers across 29ha of land to combine and create a hub to help farmers grow and sell vegetables commercially.

"If the trend continues, we are contemplating exporting to other countries," he said.



The hydroponic glasshouse at Sunway FutureX uses modern technology to monitor the light intensity and humidity of the surroundings to ensure it provides the optimum environment for vegetables.

opment projects to set up urban farm plots," he said, adding that similar talks were being held with Sunway City Iskandar Puteri in Johor and Sunway Penang.

"In Klang Valley, we potentially would expand the urban farm in Sunway Velocity and Sunway Pyramid, but we are still in the planning phase.

"We want to educate and raise awareness among the people and get the community involved in urban farming.

"By putting an urban farm in a mall, visitors get to try it out themselves. Ultimately, we want to inspire them. They can then bring this concept back to their community," he said.

Public exposure

Central i-City shopping centre in Shah Alam, Selangor teamed up with Trex Event Management to

organise its first Urban Farming Festival last month.

Featuring 15 exhibitors, the exhibition had a two-pronged approach — to introduce a new and healthy trend to the public while helping the urban farming industry players introduce their products to the masses.

Central i-City Marketing and Strategic Communications senior executive Joyce Chew said the festival encouraged urban farming as a new trend.

"People can consider taking up urban farming as a new hobby that encourages and elevates quality of life.

"We believe urban farming can help many to achieve their close-to-impossible goal of having green space at home through a sustainable and effective system," she said.

Chew added that the festival had paved the way for the possi-



One of the leafy vegetables at Farm by the Quay.

bility of having an urban farm in the mall.

"Since we have a vast open area at the mall's Level Four, we are exploring the idea to transform the space," she said.

Participants' feedback

Sunway Geolake resident Yap Wei Hsum, 35, who participated in the mall's Level Four, said she liked the food sustainability efforts pro-



Havva's urban farming techniques include hydroponics, aeroponics, vermiponics, vertical farming and aquaculture.



moted by the farm. "When I purchased the property here, I got to know about the programme through an email.

"Feeling curious, I found out more about it and joined it eventually.

"Initially, the vegetables that I collected weekly were rather small in size, but they improved gradually.

"I was happy with the weekly harvest as it was fresh and enough for the family," she said, adding

that she even participated in the workshop to learn how the vegetables are grown.

Farm at the Quay visitor Vincent Lim, 35, lauded the mall's effort to promote urban farming in the city.

"It is a fresh idea that the public can take up as a hobby and grow vegetables in their own backyard.

"We can also teach our children about urban farming, which is something they may not be exposed to while living in the city," he said.