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Penternak di tiga negeri rugi hampir RM4 juta akibat banjir: MAFI

Ronald (kanan) melawat ladang penternakan di Rancangan Tanah Belia (RTB) Bukit Canggang, Kuala Langat pada Selasa.

SHAH ALAM - Seramai 160 penternak di Selangor mengalami kerugian dianggarkan mencecah sehingga RM2.1 juta akibat bencana banjir berdasarkan maklumat awal diterima Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan (MAFI).

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee berkata, ia meliputi kematian ternakan seperti lembu, kambing, ayam, rusa, itik, lembu sado dan arnab serta kemusnahan stok makanan ternakan, kerosakan kandang dan peralatan ladang.

"Bagi negeri Pahang dan Negeri Sembilan pula, masing-masing direkodkan seramai 55 dan 48 penternak yang terjejas dengan nilai kerugian keseluruhan sebanyak RM1.5 juta," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Selasa.

Pada Selasa, beliau melawat ladang penternakan di Rancangan Tanah Belia (RTB) Bukit Canggang, Kuala Langat bagi meninjau ladang-ladang ternakan yang terjejas akibat bencana banjir.

Hadir sama, Timbalan Menteri Pertanian Dan Industri Makanan I, Datuk Seri Ahmad Hamzah, Ketua Setiausaha MAFI, Datuk Haslina Abdul Hamid, Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Perkhidmatan Veterinar (DVS), Datuk Dr Norlizan Mohd Noor dan Presiden, Kelab Generasi Transformasi Ruminan Malaysia (GTR), Hussain Jaafar,

Pada Isnin, Ronald turut menyampaikan bantuan MAFI Prihatin kepada beberapa penternak yang terjejas akibat banjir semasa lawatan beliau ke Kampung Asahan, Kuala Selangor.

Ronald (tengah) turut menyampaikan bantuan MAFI Prihatin kepada beberapa penternak yang terjejas akibat banjir.

Menurutnya, pihak DVS juga telah mengaktifkan Bilik Bencana Banjir dan menggerakkan pegawai serta kakitangannya bagi menyelaras dan membantu memindahkan ternakan dari kawasan terjejas ke kawasan lebih selamat.

"Ini termasuk pusat pemindahan segera sejurus berlakunya kejadian banjir yang tidak dijangka itu malah makanan ternakan, rumput kering (hay) dan garam jilat turut diagihkan sebagai bantuan kecemasan kepada penternak," katanya.

Ronald berkata, DVS akan terus membantu penternak menjaga kebajikan, keselamatan dan kesihatan haiwan-haiwan ternakan yang telah diselamatkan.

"MAFI juga sedang segerakan penilaian menyeluruh bagi mengenal pasti kerosakan dan jumlah kerugian sebenar golongan sasar bagi menyediakan bantuan yang sewajarnya," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata, kerajaan turut memperuntukkan dana berjumlah RM80 juta di bawah Peruntukan Pembangunan Semula Projek Agromakanan bertujuan membantu meringankan bebanan kumpulan sasar yang terkesan akibat daripada bencana alam seperti banjir kilat yang melanda baru-baru ini.

"MAFI akan terus membantu semua yang terkesan khususnya golongan petani, penternak, peladang dan juga nelayan serta pengusaha-pengusaha di sepanjang rantaian agromakanan," katanya.

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160 penternak Selangor kerugian RM2.1 juta

PUTRAJAYA – Seramai 160 penternak di seluruh Selangor menanggung kerugian kira-kira RM2.1 juta akibat banjir besar yang melanda baru-baru ini.

Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Makanan, Datuk Seri Dr. Ronald Kiandee berkata, ia meliputi kematian lembu, kambing, ayam, rusa, itik, arnab serta kerosakan stok makanan ternakan.

"Saya dimaklumkan bahawa antara kawasan terjejas agak teruk dari lapan daerah yang dilanda bencana dahsyat tersebut sepanjang minggu lalu ialah Kuala Selangor," katanya.

Terdahulu, beliau turun meninjau beberapa ladang ternakan di daerah itu kelmarin dan meluahkan perasaan sedih apabila melihat sendiri kesan bencana itu.

Beliau juga berkesempatan melawat ladang lembu tenusu Es Agro Farm selain ladang kambing diusahakan penternak dikenali sebagai Zafir dan Palaniappan serta ladang lembu oleh Haskat.

Mengulas lanjut, Ronald berkata, pihak kementerian sedang giat berusaha membantu semua pemain industri yang terkesan khususnya penternak di samping rantaian agromakanan negara.

"Bantuan adalah melalui dana berjumlah RM80 juta di bawah Peruntukan Pembangunan Semula Projek Agromakanan untuk meringankan beban kumpulan sasar terjejas," katanya.

Justeru, beliau memberi jaminan bahawa pihak kementerian sedang menyegerakan proses penilaian menyeluruh bagi mengenal pasti jenis kerosakan dan jumlah kerugian sebenar.

Ujarnya, pihak JPV akan mengambil tindakan segera bagi membantu pemindahan ternakan dari ladang pengusaha ke pusat sementara atau kawasan lebih tinggi dan selamat.

Malah, agensi tersebut akan terus menolong penternak dalam aspek penjagaan kebajikan, keselamatan dan kesihatan haiwan terbabit yang mungkin masih trauma setelah diselamatkan.

Ketika tinjauan tersebut, beliau turut menyampaikan bantuan MAFI Prihatin yang merangkumi makanan ternakan sambil berharap ia dapat meringankan kesukaran pengusaha terbabit.

RONALD (empat dari kanan) menyantuni penternak yang terjejas akibat banjir besar di Kuala Selangor kelmarin. – IHSAN JPV

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Maqis seizes cat food from Thailand worth RM103,672

ALOR STAR: The Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (Maqis) seized more than 10 tonnes of cat food worth RM103,672 at the Bukit Kayu Hitam Immigration, Customs, Quarantine and Security Complex on Thursday. Kedah Maqis yesterday said the seizure was made following an inspection on a lorry that was ferrying the items from Thailand without a permit. "The cat food was brought in to be sold in the local market. The items did not fulfil Maqis' import permit regulations for failure to produce or display the trade product manufacturing date and lot numbers, among others." The matter is an offence under Section 15(1) of the Quarantine and Inspection Services Act 2011. Offenders face a maximum RM100,000 fine or six years' jail.

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Rampas 10 tan makanan kucing

Maqis Kedah gagalkan cubaan seludup produk RM103,672 dari Thailand

SEBAHAGIAN makanan kucing yang beratnya lebih 10 tan dirampas Maqis Kedah di ICQS, Bukit Kayu Hitam.

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Jabatan Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia (Maqis) merampas makanan kucing lebih 10 tan dianggarkan bernilai RM103,672 di Kompleks Imigresen, Kastam dan Keselamatan (ICQS) Bukit Kayu Hitam, Khamis lalu.

Maqis Kedah dalam kenyataan berkata, hasil pemeriksaan rutin anggota penguat kuasa Maqis kira-kira jam 5.05 petang ke atas sebuah lori mendapati produk dari Thailand itu dibawa masuk tanpa permit import yang sah.

"Makanan haiwan itu dibawa masuk ke Malaysia dipercayai untuk pasaran tempatan.

"Semua barangan terbabit ditahan untuk siasatan lanjut kerana tidak mematuhi syarat permit import Maqis iaitu gagal memaparkan nombor kumpulan atau nombor lot serta tarikh pembuatan produk dagangan," katanya.

> **"Patuhi syarat import yang sudah ditetapkan atau berhadapan tindakan"**
> *Maqis Kedah*

Menurut kenyataan itu, kegagalan untuk mengemukakan maklumat berkenaan menjadi kesalahan mengikut Seksyen 15(1), Akta Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia 2011 (Akta 728).

Katanya, jika sabit kesalahan boleh didenda tidak melebihi RM100,000 atau dipenjara tidak melebihi enam tahun atau kedua-duanya mengikut Seksyen 15(2), akta sama.

"Sehubungan itu, Maqis memberi amaran tegas kepada mana-mana pengimport supaya sentiasa mematuhi syarat import yang sudah ditetapkan atau bakal berhadapan dengan tindakan undang-undang yang tegas.

"Untuk makluman Akta Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia 2011 (Akta 728) digunapakai bagi memastikan kawalan penyakit haiwan, ikan, tumbuhan dan jaminan keselamatan makanan serta dapat mengawal kemasukan penyakit berbahaya yang berpotensi mengancam industri pertanian negara," katanya.

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FAMA sets up crisis management centre to support farmers, ensure supply chain

Sin Chew Daily, Malaysia

FAMA設危機管理中心
援助農民保障供應鏈

（浦种28日讯）雪州联邦农业销售局（FAMA）派发物资给183名受水灾影响的雪州农业市集小贩，并承诺将会关注受影响的农民，以确保供应链不会受到影响。

雪州联邦农业销售局局长艾达昨日派送物资给雪州农业市集小贩代表及主持挥旗礼时表示，该局在关注小贩福利之际，也会进一步关注农民的农作物损坏程度，以避免影响供应链。

物资捐雪9县受灾户

她说，由于水灾严重影响农作物生长及农民的肥料已被浸坏，因此该局将会进一步观察，确保供应链不受影响。

"雪州联邦农业销售局已成立危机管理中心，营运时间为上午8时30分至晚上7时。"

"雪州联邦农业销售局与雪州农业市集委员会展开合作，并在短短1星期内收集到所需物资给受影响的小贩。"

她说，该局派送的物资包含干粮、罐头食品、饮料、酱料、日常用品及被单等。负责派送物资的队伍将会派发给雪州9个县受影响的小贩及农民，包括巴生县、八打灵县及乌冷县等。

设基金援助小贩农民

艾达也说，该局将会竭尽所能给予受影响小贩及农民各方面的协助。

她说，今日的派送物资行动是该局的第一阶段活动，该局目前在收集资料及做出审核，并在日后再为受影响小贩及农民提供协助。

"我们非常关注小贩及农民的福利，我们也设立了基金，并依据他们的需求提供援助。"

雪州农业市集委员会主席祖阿末表示，他们将协助把物资送到受影响小贩的住家，并表示在冠病疫情期间面对水灾确实不易，希望能尽一点绵力协助受影响的小贩及农民。

祖阿末（左）派发物资予雪州农业市集小贩代表，由艾达（中）见证。（蔡伟传摄）

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PUTRAJAYA: Skim Harga Maksimum Keluarga Malaysia (SHMKM) yang dijadualkan berakhir Jumaat ini (31 Dis), dilanjutkan selama 35 hari lagi berkuat kuasa 1 Januari hingga 4 Februari tahun depan, kata Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi.

Beliau berkata, jumlah barangan harga terkawal bagi pelaksanaan SHMKM itu adalah sama iaitu melibatkan 12 jenis barangan makanan keperluan asas dari kategori ayam, telur ayam dan sayur-sayuran.

Antara barangan yang disenaraikan di bawah skim tersebut ialah ayam hidup, ayam standard, ayam super, telur ayam gred A, B dan C, kacang panjang, cili merah, tomato, sawi, kubis bulat import (dari Indonesia dan China) serta timun.

"Berdasarkan maklum balas yang diterima dan sebagai langkah berterusan untuk menstabilkan harga barangan dan memastikan keberadaan bekalan, kementerian memutuskan untuk melanjutkan tempoh pelaksanaan SHMKM," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Sebelum ini, kerajaan mengumumkan pelaksanaan

NANTA

SHMKM berkuat kuasa 7 Disember hingga 31 Disember ini dalam usaha kerajaan untuk menstabilkan harga barangan keperluan dan memastikan bekalan itu mencukupi di pasaran.

Nanta berkata, terdapat empat jenis barangan yang terlibat dengan pelarasan harga dalam SHMKM iaitu ayam, telur ayam, sawi dan kacang panjang untuk lokasi-lokasi terpilih.

"Pelarasan harga ini dibuat adalah berdasarkan kepada situasi dan faktor-faktor tertentu bagi menjamin kestabilan harga dan bekalan," katanya.

Sepanjang pelaksanaan SHMKM itu, anggota penguat kuasa dan pegawai pemantau harga Kementerian Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna (KPDNHEP) akan melakukan pemantauan setiap hari di seluruh negara, katanya.

"Pemeriksaan antaranya melibatkan lokasi-lokasi yang menjadi tumpuan orang ramai seperti pasar awam, pasar tani dan pasar raya serta peniaga-peniaga di peringkat rantaian borong," katanya.

Beliau berkata, KPDNHEP serta Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan (MAFI) sentiasa bekerjasama melakukan pemeriksaan untuk memastikan bekalan barangan adalah mencukupi selain menjamin kestabilan harga barang di pasaran.

Nanta mengingatkan semua peniaga agar terus mematuhi harga maksimum yang telah ditetapkan di bawah skim itu kerana jika gagal, mereka boleh diambil tindakan di bawah Akta Kawalan Harga dan Antipencatutan 2011.

Orang ramai dan peniaga boleh merujuk di portal rasmi kementerian iaitu https://www.kpdnhep.gov.my/ms/pengumuman/1117-harga-maksimum-shm-keluarga-malaysia-28-dis-2021.html untuk senarai daftar barangan dan harga yang terlibat dalam skim ini. — Bernama

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Keluarga Malaysia price control scheme extended to Feb 4 next year — Nanta

KUCHING: The Keluarga Malaysia Maximum Price Scheme (SHMKM) will be extended from Jan 1 to Feb 4 next year, announced Minister of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) Dato Sri Alexander Nanta Linggi.

He said the decision for the extension was made following feedback received by the ministry as well as to serve as a continuous effort to stabilise the items' prices and to ensure sufficient supply of the items.

"There are 12 controlled items under this scheme consisting of basic food items such as chicken, eggs, and vegetables," he said in a statement yesterday.

SHMKM was originally slated to end Dec 31 this year.

The items included in SHMKM are live chicken; dressed chicken (slaughtered and cleaned with feet, head, heart and liver or any parts); whole dressed chicken (slaughtered and cleaned without its head, feet, heart and liver); Grade A eggs (weighing between 65.0 and 69.9g per egg); Grade B eggs

Dato Sri Alexander Nanta Linggi

(weighing between 60.0g and 64.9g per egg); and Grade C eggs (weighing between 55.0g and 59.9g per egg).

Vegetables included under the SHMKM price control scheme are long beans, red chilli, tomato, sawi hijau, imported round cabbage (Indonesia and China, excluding Beijing) and cucumber.

Nanta added there are four types of goods involved in the price adjustment under the scheme, namely chicken, chicken eggs, sawi and long beans, for selected locations.

He pointed out these price adjustments are made based on the situation and certain factors to ensure price and supply stability.

"KPDNHEP enforcement officers and price monitoring officers will conduct daily monitoring throughout the country, involving inspections at locations that are the focus of the public such as public markets, farmers' markets and supermarkets as well as traders at the wholesale chain level.

"During the enforcement period, KPDNHEP and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry (Mafi) will cooperate by conducting inspections to ensure the supply of goods is adequate as well as to ensure the stability of prices of goods in the market," he added.

In reminding all traders to comply with the maximum prices set under the schemes, Nanta said under the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011, any individual found to be selling controlled price goods exceeding the maximum price imposed will be fined up to RM100,000 or jailed for three years or both, or they issued a compound of up to RM50,000.

For companies, they will be fined up to RM500,000 or be issued a compound of up to RM250,000.

"Any individual who fails to attach the pink price tags for controlled price goods can be fined up to RM10,000 or be compounded up to RM5,000.

"For companies, they can be fined up to RM20,000 or be compounded up to RM10,000," Nanta said.

Traders and members of the public can visit KPDNHEP's official portal https://www.kpdnhep.gov.my/ms/pengumuman/1117-harga-maksimum-shm-keluarga-malaysia-28-dis-2021.html, for the full list of items involved in the scheme.

Any complaints or inquiries can be channelled to the ministry through e-aduan@kpdnhep.gov.my, 1-800-886-800 (call centre), e-aduan@kpdnhep.gov.my (email), Ez ADU KPDNHEP smartphone application, or WhatsApp to 019-2794317.

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FAMA sediakan makanan untuk mangsa banjir

PUTRAJAYA – Lembaga Pemasaran Pertanian Persekutuan (FAMA) berganding menyediakan makanan siap dimasak bagi disumbang kepada mangsa banjir di daerah Kuantan, Pahang.

Uniknya, agensi tersebut turut menawarkan hampir satu tan pelbagai jenis sayur antaranya kubis, kentang, tomato, lobak, halia, bawang kecil dan besar yang bernilai lebih RM3,000.

Menurut Timbalan Ketua Pengarah (Operasi) FAMA, Abdul Rashid Bahri, kesemua bahan itu dimasak secara bergotong royong dengan 30 pelajar dari Kolej Yayasan Pahang di Kuantan dari jurusan kulinari dipantau tenaga pengajar bertauliah dalam bidang penyediaan sajian.

"Kami turut dibantu Angkatan Tentera Malaysia melibatkan sepasukan 10 anggota dari Kor Perkhidmatan Diraja di Kem Batu 10, Kuantan. Setelah selesai memasak makanan itu, kemudian diagihkan ke beberapa pusat pemindahan sementara (PPS) di daerah tersebut." katanya menerusi kenyataan di sini semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Pengarah FAMA negeri, Saiful Sadri berkata, program inisiatif Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan di bawah program MAFI Prihatin Banjir Pahang 2021 menyediakan menu terbaik pada kos rendah melalui peruntukan sebanyak RM18,000 meliputi seramai 18,000 ketua isi rumah yang terjejas bencana seluruh negeri itu. – K! ONLINE

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Sangkar ikan patin rosak, Amerul tunggu janji bantuan

Bintang utama filem *Prebet Sapu*, Amerul Affendi, 35, sekali lagi berdepan ujian getir apabila perusahaan sangkar ikan patin diusahakannya di Sungai Pahang, Temerloh terpalit kesan banjir yang melanda, baru-baru ini.

Bagaimanapun, Amerul menarik nafas lega kerana insiden banjir kali ini tidak membawa kepada kerosakan.

Namun, aktor yang diangkat Pelakon Pembantu Lelaki Terbaik, Festival Filem Antarabangsa ASEAN (AIFFA) 2019 itu berkata, perniagaan yang diusahakan bersama rakan kongsi mengalami kerosakan teruk, awal tahun ini akibat musibah banjir.

Katanya, biarpun kerosakan dan kerugian sudah dilaporkan kepada pihak berkaitan, namun, sehingga hari ini, tiada bantuan dihulurkan seperti diharapkan.

"Jaring dan besi sangkar banyak rosak ketika musibah banjir, awal tahun ini. Malah, ada sangkar yang dirempuh kayu balak dan dibawa hanyut arus air.

"Saya sudah membuat laporan polis memaklumkan kerosakan berlaku. Namun, akhirnya bantuan diterima adalah makanan ikan. Sedangkan, ada pihak sudah berjanji mahu menghulurkan bantuan bencana.

"Belum selesai kes terdahulu, kini saya diuji lagi," katanya kepada *HIP*.

Amerul Affendi

Akur dengan kerenah birokrasi, pemilik nama penuh Mohd Amerul Affendi Mohd Mawardi itu cuba menelannya tanpa menyimpan perasaan tidak puas hati.

"Saya terkedu apabila diberitahu bantuan yang tiba hanyalah makanan ikan. Pelik juga pihak berkenaan minta macam-macam termasuk anggaran kerugian sangkar ikan patin yang rosak.

"Namun, bantuan yang datang bagaikan tersasar. Kebanyakan penduduk rumah terjejas teruk akibat banjir awal tahun ini sudah menerima bantuan, sebulan lalu.

"Baru sahaja nak bertenang, diuji sekali lagi dengan musibah banjir," katanya dengan reda.

Tambah Amerul lagi, perusahaan sangkar ikan patin diusahakan terletak pada bahagian saliran sungai dari Kuala Lipis.

"Jadi, kawasan ini agak terselamat berbanding sangkar yang terletak di Sungai Semantan yang mengalir dari Bentong dan Karak, sekali gus membawa bersama kayu balak yang hanyut.

"Apa yang berlaku dalam dua kejadian banjir ini tidak seteruk jika mahu dibandingkan banjir sekitar 2014.

"Kami mempunyai 12 sangkar ikan patin. Masa insiden banjir, lima daripada sangkar rosak pada awal tahun ini.

"Kami hanya dapat tuai hasil daripada tiga sangkar sahaja. Jika dihitung semula, memang tidak pulang modal.

"Kerugian dan kerosakan sangkar masa banjir awal tahun ini belum dapat diatasi. Malah, masih ada belum dibaiki dan diganti baharu. Keadaan saya agak bergelut, tetapi apakan daya," katanya.

Kerosakan sangkar ikan patin milik Amerul ketika banjir awal tahun ini belum sempat dibaiki dan diganti baharu.

Tambah pelakon filem *Polis EVO* itu, kos membaiki sangkar mencecah lebih RM4,000.

"Boleh jadi kos lebih lagi. Itu hanya satu sangkar kosong yang tiada ikan dan makanan yang tidak dicurah ke dalamnya," katanya.

Bagaimanapun, pelakon berbakat besar yang menganggap dunia lakonan sebagai hobi bersyukur kerana perusahaan penternakan kerbau diusahakan terselamat daripada ditelan banjir.

"Mujur kandang penternakan kerbau berada di kawasan tinggi, biarpun masih kawasan sama dengan sangkar ikan patin.

"Kali ini, kawasan Mentakab teruk dilanda banjir. Itulah kali pertama banjir teruk terjadi termasuk Karak, Lanchang dan Bentong selama hidup di Pahang. Lumpur tebal dan banyak kayu balak hanyut dibawa arus.

"Tetapi, saya menarik nafas lega kerana rumah ibu di Taman Pasir Rawa tidak terjejas kerana terletak di kawasan bukit," katanya.

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Pemandu kren tidak menyesal ubah nasib jadi usahawan timun

PONTIAN – Penglibatan ramai golongan muda dalam bidang pertanian menerusi penggunaan teknologi moden telah memberi idea kepada seorang pemandu jentera berat untuk beralih kepada kerjaya baharu itu.

Malah, Mohamad Zurin Mohamad Idris, 30, dari Kampung Sri Gambut, Pekan Nanas di sini sanggup berguru sejauh 400 kilometer (km) ke Banting, Selangor semata-mata untuk menuntut ilmu daripada pakar pertanian.

Katanya, setelah meninggalkan kerjaya sebagai pemandu kren pada tahun 2019, dia memulakan langkah dengan mengusahakan tanaman timun gantung fertigasi di atas tanah seluas kira-kira 0.4 hektar.

"Gaji saya ketika itu telah dipotong disebabkan kurang permintaan di mana tapak-tapak pembinaan ditutup, manakala sektor lain yang memerlukan penggunaan kren juga amat terhad ketika itu.

"Selepas itu, saya berjumpa dengan rakan-rakan yang telah menjalankan projek pertanian kaedah fertigasi yang telah mencadangkan supaya mencuba untuk 'beralih' angin dalam bidang

MOHAMAD ZURIN memeriksa hasil tanaman timun yang diusahakan di kebunnya di Kampung Sri Gambut, Pekan Nanas, Pontian baru-baru ini.

baru," katanya yang pernah menerima gaji RM6,000 sebulan sebagai pemandu jentera berat.

Tambahnya, dia mengambil cadangan tersebut dengan memulakan tanaman timun gantung dengan kos permulaan bagi kerja-kerja tanah dan pembelian peralatan berjumlah RM22,000.

"Saya sebenarnya mengambil risiko apabila beralih kepada bidang pertanian dengan ilmu yang kosong kerana selama ini hanya tahu memegang stereng kren dan peralatan yang lain," ujarnya.

Jelasnya, pada peringkat awal, dia menanam 12,000 polibeg timun dan petola dengan memperolehi pulangan kira-kira RM15,000 satu pusingan tanaman dalam tempoh kira-kira empat bulan.

"Masih terlalu awal untuk berpuas hati kerana saya turut mengalami kerugian pada percubaan pertama sebelum ini," katanya.

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An agricultural farm using the fertigation system was affected by the Dec 18 flood in Rancangan Belia Bukit Changgang, Kuala Langat. – Bernama

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Mersing to be hub for agro-food projects

Dairy farm and fish processing park will improve food security in state, says Johor MB

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MERSING is set to emerge as one of the leading districts in Johor involved in agribusiness activities with two major agro-food projects in the state.

Johor Mentri Besar Datuk Hasni Mohammad said the two projects were the Jemaluang Dairy Valley and Endau-Mersing Fish Processing Park.

He said the projects were in line with the initiatives outlined under the Johor Budget 2022 which was tabled on Nov 18.

"Mersing has the right ecosystem for improving food security and further developing agro-food production in the state," Hasni said after chairing the East Coast Economic Region Development Council (ECERDC) meeting in Kota Iskandar, Iskandar Puteri.

Also present at the meeting were the council's chief executive officer Baidzawi Che Mat and members of the East Coast Economic Region (ECER) Implementation and Coordination Committee Johor.

Hasni said work on the dairy valley would start this month following the signing of the cooperation agreement between ECERDC, the state government and the State Secretary Johor Incorporation on Sept 18, 2021.

He said the project was slated for completion in December 2023, while the appointment of the holding company to manage the project would be finalised in June 2022.

"Once fully operational, the project is expected to produce about 5.1 million litres of fresh milk annually and boost the national milk production by 11%," said Hasni.

He said work on the fish processing park was now 53% complete, adding that the project would rejuvenate Mersing's fisheries sector.

Hasni says the two agro-food projects are in line with initiatives outlined in the state Budget 2022.

Hasni said the project would provide a platform for local small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to produce value-added downstream fish-based products.

Meanwhile, Baidzawi said ECERDC was looking forward to rolling out the second phase of ACES I4.0 Web App programme in Johor to support the state's digitalisation efforts.

He said the Web App which was developed by Asia Centre of Excellence for Smart Technologies (ACES) would be extended to an additional 3,000 secondary school students in Mersing, Segamat and Kota Tinggi.

"It is an interactive learning application to provide exposure and knowledge on the concepts and advantages of Industry 4.0 technology to students, its social impact and future careers in the various related fields," said Baidzawi.

ACES is a joint initiative of ECERDC, TUM International, a subsidiary of Germany's top Technical University of Munich.

He also said that ECERDC had implemented various projects to boost tourism in Mersing such as the Tanjong Penyabong Waterfront development project.

Baidzawi said the project received "Special Commendation Government (Public Space)" at the Placemaker Awards Asean (PPA) on Nov 21, organised by PPA and Nextdor Property Communications.

He said the award was given in recognition of the project's impact as a public space that caters to the community's needs.

Baidzawi said work on the Kampungstay project in Air Papan — consisting of 10 chalets, a multi-purpose hall and two restaurants, as well as the upgrading of homes to promote community-based development — was expected to be ready next May.

"The project will enable local houseowners to earn an income by providing a kampung stay-experience and other tourism-related services, including guided tours," he said.

Baidzawi said another ongoing project was the construction of the PETA Rainforest Discovery Centre in Endau-Rompin (Johor) National Park.

"Once completed in April 2023, this new tourist attraction is expected to create job opportunities in the tourism industry for locals, especially the Orang Asli in the area," he said.

Baidzawi said a Cabinet meeting in October had approved the proposal paper to include Segamat district as part of the ECER and is expected to be tabled in Parliament in March 2022.

Under the ECER Master Plan 2.0, Segamat is envisioned as a Bio-Agro Valley focusing on agro-based industries, including durian plantations, aquaculture and dairy farming.

"The district tourism industry, and small and medium industries sector will stand to benefit from our long-term socio-economic development plans," he concluded.

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In-store farm concept yields healthy harvest

Plant station at supermarket part of couple's vertical farming venture

Kok (left) and her employees packaging the produce to be sold at Vegetory. – Photos: Bernama

NEAR the vegetable section of the BSC Fine Foods supermarket at Bangsar Shopping Centre in Kuala Lumpur stands a rather clinical-looking installation resembling a refrigerator.

It is in fact a 200 sq ft "plant station" where five varieties of lettuce are grown under the glare of LED light and remotely-controlled temperatures, ready to be picked by customers.

This plant station or in-store farm is part of an ambitious vertical farming venture operated by Vegetory, a Malaysian company that is responsible for developing the Plant Factory Indoor Farming (P-F-I-F) system.

The premium supermarket's plant station came into operation sometime last year – a collaboration between BSC Fine Foods and Vegetory.

Vegetory, founded by husband-and-wife duo Roy Liew and Celleste Kok in 2017, strives to drive innovative and sustainable farming methods by using advanced technology to produce fresh vegetables.

"We emphasise food safety and produce fresh crops with stable quality.

"Aside from offering consumers tastier and healthier vegetables, the in-store farm is much kinder to the environment than traditional farming," said Liew.

Kok said currently, five types of lettuce – mizuna, romaine, crisphead, red oak and rocket – as well as two types of kale – green and red – are being cultivated in the indoor farm.

The couple, who both have a background in science and technology, are at present conducting research and development on the cultivation of tomatoes, wasabi leaves and basil in the plant station environment.

"All our produce are harvested and packed fresh daily and can be readily consumed as they are grown hydroponically and are 100% free of pesticides.

"As there is no middleman, our vegetables retain their nutritional value and taste for a longer period of time.

"Usually, the shelf life of the vegetables is a week, but our customers mostly buy and consume them on the same day," she said, adding that public response to their produce has so far been excellent.

A medium-sized box of the plant station-grown lettuce costs RM7.20 to RM9.90.

According to Liew, the vertical farming concept is used as it does not require much space and will not give rise to issues such as soil degradation and pollution, which often lead to the formation of wastelands.

BSC Fine Foods's plant station is based on the modular farm system that Vegetory has developed for supermarkets and grocery stores.

The facility is Vegetory's first in-store farm in Malaysia.

"Our modular farms can be placed in a variety of customer-facing city locations, such as grocery stores, restaurants, malls and even schools, enabling end consumers to pick the produce themselves," he said.

Liew added that the idea of embarking on a vertical farming project came about during a business trip to Taiwan where vertical farming is referred to as a plant factory.

"My wife and I got to visit a plant factory where we tasted a big bowl of freshly-picked and crunchy salad.

"We were then not really vegetable eaters nor a fan of greens and salads, but when we tried their salad bowl, we fell in love with its taste.

Kok inspecting the quality of produce grown at Vegetory.

"We didn't even realise that we had finished the whole bowl," he said.

Kok said the company operating the plant factory was very helpful and said it could consult them when told about their idea of starting a similar venture in Malaysia.

Starting the venture was not easy for the couple as they did not have a background in agriculture.

"I previously worked in sales engineering while my wife was a computer science graduate.

"But for us, nothing is impossible.

"We really wanted to share with Malaysians those flavours that we experienced from fresh produce overseas," Liew said, adding that they started their own plant factory project in a shoplot in Puchong, Selangor, where they also did their own R&D.

In their first year of operation in 2017, they did not do any sales. Instead, they gave away their produce to chefs and restaurants around the Klang Valley to get their feedback.

Kok said: "We learned a lot from the chefs because they really understand the taste and demands of their customers.

"At the same time, we made improvements to our produce through the R&D process at our plant factory."

Liew said vertical farming allowed them to control the different factors, such as light intensity, amount of water and type of medium, that affect the growth, taste and nutrient level of the produce.

"That's why our vegetables are tastier, more nutritious, safe from pesticides and herbicides, and remain fresh even by the time they reach the hands of the consumers."

— Bernama