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Ministry working to amend Fisheries Act to allow deep sea fishing — Salahuddin

KUALA LUMPUR: The Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry will table a motion to amend the Fisheries Act at the upcoming Dewan Rakyat session to enable local fishermen to enter the deep sea.

Its minister Datuk Salahuddin Ayub said the move was to give local fishermen the opportunity to venture into the tuna fishing industry, one of the world's biggest industries.

"We will give the permit first, but we will have to wait for the next parliament session to amend our Fisheries Act to enable our fishermen to go out to the ocean. I can see this is going to be among the future industries which will bring good returns as the tuna industry has the potential to raise global income levels," he said during the Ruang Bicara programme entitled 'One Year into the New Malaysia: Agricultural Transformation,' here Wednesday night.

In addition, he said, the ministry is looking for the best model to replace Padiberas Nasional Berhad (Bernas) which would conclude its concession in 2021.

Salahuddin said the module has yet to be finalised as the matter would have to be debated at eight levels of the ministry.

Among the approaches would probably be to propose that 30 or 40 per cent of Bernas' profits be channeled to farmers through a trust fund.

"Perhaps Bernas still needs to hold shares in certain percentages. We need to be careful because this is related to food safety. If 30 or 40 per cent of the profits go to the trust fund the farmers and fishermen will benefit not in the form of cash but through aid to upgrade their fishing boats or nets," he said.

On the export of agricultural products to China, Salahuddin said the ministry would intensify promotion so that Musang King durians, pineapples and honey jackfruits could enter the Chinese market.

"Through statistical data provided to us on a visit to Beijing led by the prime minister, we were told that of the 1.4 billion Chinese population, only one per cent have tasted the Musang King durian.

"As such we have to make sure that the integrity of our industry is maintained. We have to go into planting of good quality durian, pineapple and jackfruit species to advance. We will get to see the results in five years' time," he said. — Bernama

RUU KUALITI BENIH TANAMAN 2019

Jabatan Pertanian sedia bincang dengan pihak berkaitan

Kuala Lumpur: Jabatan Pertanian sedia berbincang dengan pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) dan pihak berkaitan berkenaan isu Rang Undang-Undang (RUU) Kualiti Benih Tanaman 2019.

Jabatan dalam satu kenyataan menyatakan penubuhan Lembaga Kualiti Benih Tanaman bagi meneliti beberapa aspek dan menyedaikan garis panduan berkaitan. Antaranya, ia merangkumi penyediaan mekanisme penguatkuasaan berpandukan senarai 'benih

terkawal' sama ada membabitkan varieti atau spesies tanaman.

"RUU ini tidak melarang petani menyemai benih tanaman yang dimiliki, namun sekiranya mereka ingin menjual varieti ke luar negeri, ia hendaklah berkualiti iaitu memenuhi standard minimum.

"Matlamat utama RUU ini adalah untuk mengawal kualiti benih tanaman merangkumi aspek pengeluaran, pengujian, penjualan, pengedaran, pengimportan dan pengeksportan 'benih terkawal'.

"Ia bagi memastikan kualiti be-

nih memenuhi standard yang ditetapkan, manakala aktiviti selain daripada seperti dinyatakan adalah dibenarkan termasuk bertukar benih antara petani," katanya.

Penyelaras Forum Keselamatan dan Kedaulatan Makanan Malaysia, Fitri Amir Muhammad, kemarin mendesak Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani menghentikan usaha pembentangan RUU itu yang dijadual Julai ini.

Katanya, ia jalan terbaik untuk mengelak sebarang kepincangan

dalam aspek penggubalan dasar dan kesan terhadap pasaran domestik membabitkan industri tanaman negara, selain susulan rungutan disuarakan petani.

Ambil kira isu petani kecil

Merungki polemik berkenaan, Jabatan Pertanian menjelaskan, RUU yang akan dibentangkan itu mengambil kira masalah petani kecil dengan menyediakan klausa pengecualian untuk mereka menjual 'benih terkawal'.

"Pengecualian ini juga terpakai

kepada mana-mana pihak yang ingin melakukan penyelidikan atau pembelajaran.

"RUU Kualiti Benih Tanaman tidak menghadkan penanaman sesuatu varieti, sebaliknya memberi jaminan supaya petani akan mendapat benih berkualiti dan tulen.

"Antara sebab RUU ini dicadangkan untuk penguatkuasaan ialah bagi menjamin keselamatan makanan, selaras garis panduan Pertubuhan Makanan dan Pertanian Bangsa-bangsa Bersatu (FAO) 2011," katanya.

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'Cendol Segera' menang dua anugerah antarabangsa pada ITEX 2019

TAHNIAH: Dr Chua (kiri) menerima Anugerah Produk Inovasi Malaysia menerusi inovasi Cendol Segera yang dihasilkan menerusi kerjasama MARDI Cawangan Kuching dan DBKU.

KUCHING: Inovasi 'Cendol Segera' hasil kajian penyelidik Institut Penyelidikan dan Kemaju...

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Youths needed in food production

"I DON'T want any of my children to work in this industry. The volume of fish is reducing; you can't even earn enough to survive. Why would I want my children to take over my business? That's why there are no young people that want to be fishermen. We are the last generation!" (TheStarOnline at bit.ly/2H7AFKv, May 4).

These comments on the plight of fishermen in Muar hit me hard, and I believe that most, if not all farmers growing our food, would have the same outlook.

Not unlike the fisherman's lot, a farmer's income is unstable, his produce perishable and his yield at the mercy of changes in the weather and prices of inputs. He most definitely does not have employee benefits and paid leave.

In fact, when prices of goods at the supermarket go up, farmers probably do not get an increase in income, but when prices fall, they would be the first to suffer the ill effects.

Farming is also what most people would consider "dirty, difficult and demanding". It is no wonder that young people are not interested in this sector!

The United Nations has projected that world population would reach 9.8 billion in 2050 from the current figure of 7.6 billion.

Food production in agriculture is one of the most essential sectors but also the most criticised and under-appreciated.

As a graduate with an agriculture degree in Malaysia, I often wonder how many of us would eventually end up in the agricultural field. I cannot help but lament Malaysians' dependence on food



is traded at the world market and even one's decision to become a farmer. Effective agricultural policies will encourage and guide producers and the general public to improve the agricultural sector.

However, crafting policies and implementing them is one thing, but continuous work and follow up to ensure success is another.

Over the past decades, have subsidies and incentives proven beneficial to farmers in Malaysia? Did we achieve the objectives of the earlier national agricultural policies and follow through with the outcome?

The new direction, released by the Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry looks promising but they have a lot to do to ensure efficient use of resources and protect the welfare of both producers and consumers.

Food security and sustainable agriculture go hand in hand with economic development. By focusing on value addition and tapping the right market, Malaysia's food production sector has as much potential as, if not more than, our palm oil industry.

We need young farmers and entrepreneurs to realise this potential. We Malaysians show the most passion for food, yet we also take food for granted. Remember that farmers feed all of us regardless of whether we are doctors, CEOs, engineers or accountants.

So why not be a farmer?

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is so extensive that the opportunities are endless, especially with social media and the Internet to facilitate growth. We can now diversify our markets and sell agricultural products to anywhere in the world.

We should leverage on our youths' creativity and encourage them to innovate and venture into agricultural entrepreneurial activities. This is especially crucial to promote rural development and empower rural communities, particularly women and youth.

A government's influence on agricultural decisions cannot be emphasised enough. It affects what a farmer grows, how a commodity

use of artificial intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT) and other evolving technologies can change the perception of how food is produced, making it more appealing for the younger generation.

It is important to make our children realise that tomatoes and eggs do not magically appear on the supermarket shelves. Education, starting from a young age, will help alter the deep-rooted mindset that farming is a lowly career option.

Introducing hands-on agricultural and farming activities to children would teach them where food comes from and how it is produced.

The supply chain in agriculture

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10,514 anjing peliharaan di Sarawak telah diberi vaksin - Uggah

KUCHING: Sebanyak 4,350 ekor anjing liar telah dilupuskan manakala 10,514 ekor anjing peliharaan di Sarawak telah diberi suntikan vaksin Rabies pada tahun ini.

Timbalan Ketua Menteri Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas berkata sehingga 3 Mei, operasi khas Rabies fasa 1 hingga fasa 3 bagi daerah Lundu, Bau, Padawan, Samarahan dan Bandaraya Kuching telah berjaya dilaksanakan.

"Jumlah terkumpul anjing yang disuntik vaksin Rabies di seluruh Sarawak adalah 120,353 atau 57 peratus dari anggaran 210,000 ekor manakala bilangan kes kumulatif gigitan haiwan yang berlaku sejak 1 Julai 2017 sehingga 3 Mei 2019 adalah berjumlah 25,593 kes," katanya dalam ucapan penggulungannya di Dewan Undangan Negeri di sini, hari ini.

Sementara itu, Uggah yang juga Menteri Pemodenan Pertanian, Tanah Adat dan Pembangunan Wilayah berkata jenayah indeks Sarawak telah meningkat sebanyak 1.05 peratus iaitu pertambahan 20 kes bagi empat bulan pertama tahun ini berbanding tempoh yang sama 2018.

"Jenayah kekerasan telah menunjukkan penurunan sebanyak 8.88 peratus (272 kes) tetapi jenayah harta benda telah menunjukkan peningkatan sebanyak tiga peratus iaitu pertambahan 47 kes yang disumbangkan oleh jenayah pecah rumah dan curi.

"Walaupun terdapat sedikit peningkatan bagi jenayah indeks dan harta benda, secara keseluruhannya, keadaan keselamatan negeri Sarawak masih dalam keadaan selamat dan terkawal," katanya.

Uggah berkata isu keselamatan maritim turut diberi perhatian memandangkan wujud insiden pihak negara asing menghalang nelayan tempatan menjalankan aktiviti perikanan di perairan Sarawak.

"Pencerobohan oleh nelayan asing juga dipantau rapi dan diambil tindakan tegas oleh agensi-agensi penguatkuasaan yang berkaitan," katanya.