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UTUSAN MALAYSIA (DALAM NEGERI): MUKA SURAT 13
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KUALA LUMPUR 12 Mac - Guru Sains dan Matematik perlu mengamalkan budaya kerja cemerlang bagi merealisasikan misi kerajaan untuk menjayakan program transformasi dan pembaharuan dalam bidang pendidikan negara.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif, Akademi Sains Malaysia (ASM), Dr. Ahmad Ibrahim berkata, penurunan prestasi pelajar dalam kedua-dua mata pelajaran tersebut berkaitan dengan kegagalan guru menunjukkan minat mereka secara mendalam ketika proses pengajaran di sekolah.

"Saya melihat guru lebih banyak membaca daripada buku teks dan tidak menunjukkan minat untuk mengajar dan cara itu perlu diubah, jika guru sendiri gagal meyakinkan pelajar, bagaimana pelajar mahu memahami sekali gus menjadikan bidang sains dan matematik sebagai satu kerjaya cerah pada masa hadapan.

"Guru perlu mempelbagai teknik dan cara baharu dalam pembelajaran untuk menarik minat pelajar," katanya ketika ditemui selepas rakaman program perbincangan meja bulat Anugerah Merdeka Keenam di Petrosains, di sini hari ini.

Pembenihan awan masih ditangguhkan ekoran misi SAR pesawat MAS yang hilang

KUALA LUMPUR - Usaha pembenihan awan masih ditangguhkan kerana pesawat Tentera Udara Diraja Malaysia (TUDM) digunakan bagi memberi tumpuan dalam operasi mencari dan menyelamat (SAR) pesawat Penerbangan Malaysia (MAS) MH370 yang hilang sejak Sabtu lalu.

Pengarah Bahagian Sains Atmosfera dan Pembenihan Awan, Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (JMM), Azhar Ishak berkata, sebarang rancangan untuk pembenihan awan kini tertakluk kepada TUDM yang akan memaklumkan pihaknya jika mempunyai pesawat yang boleh digunakan bagi tujuan itu.

"JMM cuma memantau operasi pembenihan awan dan hanya boleh meneruskannya jika ada pesawat yang boleh digunakan sama ada daripada TUDM



PROSES pembenihan awan ditangguhkan berikutan pesawat TUDM digunakan dalam operasi mencari dan menyelamat pesawat MAS yang masih hilang sejak Sabtu lalu. - Gambar hiasan

atau pihak swasta.

"Kita jangka cuaca akan semakin lembap mulai pertengahan bulan ini sehingga April depan secara perlahan-lahan tetapi

jika bekalan air masih berkurangan, JMM tetap akan lakukan pembenihan awan," katanya ketika dihubungi *Kosmo!* di sini semalam.

Beliau mengulas penangguhan operasi pembenihan awan sejak 9 Mac lalu bagi menumpukan perhatian kepada misi mengesan pesawat MH370 yang didapati hilang bersama 227 penumpang dan 12 anak kapal sekitar 1.30 pagi pada 8 Mac lalu.

Dalam pada itu, Azhar menjelaskan, pihaknya bersedia sepanjang tahun untuk melakukan pembenihan awan di kawasan-kawasan yang menghadapi cuaca kering berpanjangan.

"Peralihan angin Timur Laut ke angin Barat Daya bulan ini akan meningkatkan kelembapan tetapi hanya untuk seketika kerana bulan Jun hingga Ogos dijangka kembali kering seperti tempoh sama tahun lalu," ujarnya.

Sehingga kini, negara masih dilanda musim panas dan kering sejak Januari lalu.

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Water levels in dams continue to drop



GOING DOWN: The dam level at Sungai Selangor was at 40.99 per cent yesterday

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THE water level in all dams in Selangor continue to decrease with the dam at Sungai Selangor giving the authorities cause for concern.

Yesterday, the level at Sungai Selangor was 40.99 per cent compared to 43.87 per cent a week ago.

A Syarikat Pengeluar Air Sungai Selangor Sdn Bhd (SPLASH) spokesman said the control level for water dams should not go below 45 per cent.

"Anything lower would be worrying," he said.

The authorities are hoping there would be a break in the dry season as the Meteorological Depart-

ment has forecast rain in Selangor tomorrow.

The water levels at the other dams in in Batu was 90.78 per cent (91.09 last Thursday), Klang Gates 51.72 per cent (52.70), Langat 62.39 per cent (67.16), Semenyih 78.15 per cent (81.66), Sg Tinggi 71.79 per cent (75.17) and Tasik Subang 92.10 per cent (95.28).

The state government had decided on March 6 to kick off phase three of the water rationing to improve raw water emission reduction from 200 million litres per day (MLD) to 500 MLD from the Sungai Selangor dam and 30 MLD from the Klang Gates dam.

The National Water Services Commission (SPAN) approved the

third stage of the water rationing exercise which started on Monday and is scheduled for a two-day on two-day off pattern until March 31.

The rationing exercise affects almost 2.9 million users in Gombak, Kuala Lumpur, Petaling, Klang/Shah Alam, Kuala Selangor and Hulu Selangor.

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Cloud seeding on hold with aircraft in search operations

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CLOUD seeding operations have been put on hold because the aircraft belonging to the **Meteorological Department** has joined the search and rescue operations for Flight MH370.

The department's director of atmosphere science and cloud seeding, Azhar Ishak, said their

single C-130H Hercules aircraft had joined the search and rescue operations since Sunday.

"We've not been informed when it will return, as we don't know when the operations will end," he said.

"However, it could return in maybe three or four days. And then priority (to use it) will be given to us again."

He said the cloud seeding was planned to be done until mid-

March, as the monsoon transition period would see winds shifting from the northeast to the southwest.

"We initially wanted to carry out cloud seeding from March 9 to March 16. It also depends on atmospheric conditions."

According to him, a local private company called AF Jets is contracted under the department to help conduct cloud seeding activities.

"They offer the services of a single aircraft. However, it needs to undergo flight testing next week. If all goes well, we can use it right away," he said.

According to the Meteorological Department's website, Malaysians can generally expect showers from Friday onwards.

Selangor, Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur can expect isolated showers everyday from Friday to Tuesday next week.

