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Mosti Rancang Laksana Polisi 'beli Balik' Untuk Komersialkan Produk Inovasi

BUKIT MERTA JAM, 14 Sept (Bernama) -- [Kementerian Sains Teknologi dan Inovasi](#) merancang untuk melaksanakan polisi 'beli balik' produk inovasi tempatan bagi membolehkan ia dikomersialkan dan meyakinkan pengguna.

[Timbalan Menterinya Datuk Dr Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah](#) berkata kementerian sudah mencadangkan perkara itu kepada Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak dan memohon peruntukan sebanyak RM500 juta untuk membeli produk inovasi yang dihasilkan penyelidik tempatan untuk dikomersialkan.

"Malaysia perlu menjadi sebuah negara pengeluar teknologi dalam usaha merealisasikan impian menjadi negara berpendapatan tinggi...kita rancang polisi 'buy-back' ini dan ia dapat membuktikan nilai komersial produk inovasi di pasaran tempatan.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas merasmikan majlis Konvokesyen Ke-14 Politeknik Seberang Perai di sini, Ahad.

Sebanyak 1,265 graduan menerima diploma masing-masing dalam istiadat konvokesyen yang diadakan selama dua hari, bermula hari ini.

Abu Bakar berkata kementerian juga menyasarkan 360 produk penyelidikan dan pembangunan (R&D) tempatan berjaya dihasilkan dalam tempoh enam tahun menjelang 2020.

"Ini bermakna, setiap tahun kita perlu hasilkan sekurang-kurangnya 60 produk R&D tempatan yang berjaya dikomersialkan di pasar raya, kedai serbaguna dan mana-mana premis perniagaan bagi memastikan inovasi yang dihasilkan tidak sia-sia.

"Dalam Rancangan Malaysia Kesembilan (RMK-9) kerajaan memperuntukkan RM3.2 bilion untuk geran pembangunan R&D sementara bagi Rancangan Malaysia Kesepuluh (RMK-10) sebanyak RM850 juta dibelanjakan untuk tujuan sama," katanya.

Beliau berkata masyarakat juga perlu mengubah persepsi dan sikap percaya dengan hasil produk inovasi tempatan.

"Sudah tiba masa rakyat yakin dengan kepakaran tenaga penyelidik Malaysia supaya kita tidak terus kekal menjadi negara dengan identiti 'pengguna teknologi' sebaliknya berubah menjadi negara pengeluar teknologi," katanya.

DNA centre opens in Sabah

KOTA KINABALU: A newly opened DNA (Deoxyribonucleic acid) forensics centre under the Chemistry Department promises analysis results within a month.

The fifth world-class accredited facility in the country, after those in

Selangor, Johor, Penang and Sarawak, will be able to handle about 4,500 cases annually.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin said the centre would benefit the people of Sabah in many aspects.

Keeping mum on details

Muhyiddin declines to confirm whether it was an 'inside job'

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TUMPAT: The Government is keeping mum on whether the UPSR exam leak was "an inside job" despite the fact that some have been identified as possible culprits.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said police obtained the names of the suspects with the help of **Cyber Security Malaysia**.

"Police have managed to get some leads and we are waiting for them to conclude investigations.



"Let us allow the authorities to investigate the case so that those responsible for leaking the papers will face the full brunt of the law," he told reporters in Pengkalan Kubor.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, however, declined to comment if the leak in the Science and English papers

was "an inside job".

The Science and English papers had been leaked on social media before the UPSR students were to sit for them and the Education Ministry has announced that the students will resit the papers on Sept 30.

In a related development in Kuala Lumpur, City CID chief Senior Asst Comm Gan Kong Meng said seven people, including a journalist, had their statements recorded to facilitate the investigations into the matter.

No arrest has been made so far. Yesterday, Muhyiddin said the independent committee set up by

the ministry would look at ways to improve the Examinations Syndicate, particularly on the part of security and secrecy.

He said while the standard operating procedure in delivering the examination papers had been followed, the process would have to be re-examined if investigations showed weaknesses.

Muhyiddin also urged parents to calm their children affected by the leak and not to let the incident affect them.

"My granddaughter is among those sitting for UPSR and she is worried over what happened. Her parents and I had to calm and

pacify her and convince her that everything is alright," he added.

The Examinations Syndicate chief Dr Na'imah Ishak and deputy Dr Wan Ilias Wan Salleh have been suspended with immediate effect over the leak.

Education deputy director-general (Teaching Professionalism Development Sector) Datuk Misrah Ibrahim will take over the duties and responsibilities of the director during the period of suspension.



Testing times indeed
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