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Science centre reaches out

It is holding nationwide roadshow following centre's closure for upgrading work

THE National Science Centre is conducting a nationwide roadshow offering 52 programmes for various sectors of society.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin said more than 100,000 people would be involved in the programmes.

"We have tailor-made programmes to suit students, teachers, youths, the orang asli, disabled and the public.

"We are bringing science and technology to the people because we want to create a love for this field among all levels of society," he

said when launching Trooperz – the centre's outreach initiative to raise awareness on science, technology and innovation among Malaysians.

Dr Ewon said the centre, located in Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur had been closed to the public since March 20.

"This is to enable major upgrading work to be carried out and it is expected to be completed by November next year.

"It will offer visitors more comfort and double the excitement," he said, adding that the upgrading would cost RM20mil.



Science at work: Dr Ewon's hand looks like it is engulf in flames during a science experiment held during the launch of National Science Centre's Trooperz in Putrajaya. – Photos by MOHD SAHAR MISNI



Interesting: Dr Ewon observing a science experiment involving a balloon strapped to a battery-operated device.



Mosti jejak projek inovasi sosial

PUTRAJAYA - **Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (Mosti)** akan menjejaki produk-produk inovasi sosial ke peringkat akar umbi supaya aplikasinya lebih meluas dan faedah sosialnya berganda melalui program Inovasi Nasional Mosti.

Menterinya, Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin berkata, pada tahun ini melalui dana RM20 juta yang diperuntuk untuk penyelidikan, pembangunan dan komersialisasi untuk inovasi sosial, pihaknya berharap setiap inovasi mampu memberi kesan langsung kepada rakyat.

Katanya, program itu juga direncana untuk meningkatkan keupayaan individu untuk bertindak melalui jaringan kerjasama pelbagai pihak.

"Majoriti program inovasi sosial yang berjaya di dalam dan luar negeri melibatkan kerjasama erat antara individu, komuniti, kerajaan, pertubuhan dan syarikat swasta," katanya ketika berucap merasmikan Karnival Kreativiti dan Science4u Putrajaya (Zon Tengah) 2015 di sini hari ini.

Sebagai permulaan, katanya, pelaksanaan MSI akan melibatkan program 'outreach' termasuk Jejak Inovasi Mosti-Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia (YIM) bersama pelajar, badan bukan kerajaan, komuniti, pertumbuhan wanita, etnik dan komuniti terpilih.

Peringkat seterusnya ialah Cabaran Inovasi Sosial bagi mendapatkan cadangan idea atau projek yang lebih berimpak tinggi yang sesuai diletakkan di bawah MSI, katanya.

Karnival Kreativiti dan Science4u Putrajaya yang berlangsung tiga hari bermula hari ini menyaksikan sebanyak 21 aktiviti menarik dijalankan termasuk Cabaran Inklusif 2015 anjuran YIM yang menawarkan hadiah wang tunai RM27,000 kepada inovator yang berjaya menampilkan inovasi terbaik



MOSTI To Track Social Innovation Products At Grassroot Level

PUTRAJAYA, April 16 (Bernama) -- **The Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (MOSTI)** will be tracking social innovation projects at grassroot level so that their applications become more widespread with more social benefits through the MOSTI Social Innovation (MSI) programme.

Its **Minister Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin** said this year, a RM20 million fund had been allocated for research, development and commercialisation of social innovation, and it is hoped each innovation would benefit the people directly.

He said the programme was also planned to raise individual capacity through network cooperation of various parties.

"Most of the successful social innovation programmes locally and abroad involved cooperation between individuals, communities, governments, organisations and private companies," he said when launching the 2015 Creativity and Science4u Carnival for Putrajaya (Central Zone) here Thursday.

As a start, he said, the implementation of MSI would involve outreach programmes with non-governmental organisations, communities and women organisations.

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