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RM128j pertingkatkan produktiviti PKS

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Kerajaan memperuntukkan sehingga RM128 juta untuk program berimpak tinggi bagi merangsang produktiviti dalam kalangan perusahaan kecil dan sederhana (PKS).

Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, berkata daripada jumlah itu, sebanyak RM11 juta sudah diperuntukkan bagi tujuan itu.

Katanya, antara program

bagi meningkatkan produktiviti adalah Rangkaian Penyelidikan Awam - Swasta (PPRN), kerjasama SIRIM - Fraunhofer, AIM - Steinbeis Malaysia Foundation dan PlaTCOM Ventures.

Tulang belakang ekonomi
"Pertumbuhan produktiviti negara kini pada 2.4 peratus dan kita menasaskan sebanyak 4 peratus dalam Rancangan Malaysia Kesepuluh (RMKe-10).

"Kita menasaskan PKS sebagai tulang belakang ekonomi negara, maka kita perlu meningkatkan kadar produktiviti negara," katanya pada sidang media di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

Sementara itu, Mustapa berkata, majlis yang memantau produktiviti ditubuhkan oleh Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Najib Razak pada Disember lalu akan bermesyuarat pada Jun ini bagi mempromosikan empat program berkenaan.

Katanya, majlis itu juga akan mengetengahkan syarikat yang meraih kejayaan hasil daripada program tersebut.

Pantau program
"Selain itu, kita akan memantau program secara berkala bagi melihat keberkesanan produktiviti dan melakukan audit dalam memastikan mencapai objektif ditetapkan.

"Antara sasaran produktiviti gagal dicapai disebabkan oleh pekerja yang tidak berkemahiran, bergantung kepada pekerja asing dan sebagainya," katanya.

Mustapa juga berkata, sebanyak 119 projek peningkatan produktiviti sudah dilaksanakan oleh SME Corp.

"Daripada jumlah itu, 10 projek sudah diselesaikan dan 49 PKS berminat sertai program berkenaan," katanya.



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Govt eyes productivity growth of 4pc by 2020

NEW INITIATIVES: Target will be included in the 11th Malaysia Plan

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MALAYSIA aims to achieve a higher productivity growth rate of four per cent by 2020, in line with its vision of becoming a developed nation by then.

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said the target will be included in the 11th Malaysia Plan that will be tabled by the Prime Minister next month.

"We have to work hard on this. It is not easy because it requires what we call a national movement. We will come up with some new initiatives to boost productivity in Malaysia.

"It is not just the government or the private sector's role that counts, it is also the mindset of all Malaysians," he said after attending a meeting on four government-

backed programmes for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), here, yesterday.

Malaysia achieved a productivity growth rate of 2.7 per cent last year, which is considered low compared to other emerging economies such as Thailand at 2.9 per cent and Indonesia at 5.7 per cent.

However, Mustapa said the rate is still higher than those of developed economies such as Japan and the United States' 0.8 per cent and Singapore's 0.04 per cent.

He said the government would introduce additional measures to boost productivity among the SMEs that will be announced in the next meeting in June.

The meeting also aims to promote the four government-backed programmes — Public-Research Network by Ministry of Education, Steinbeis Malaysia Foundation by Malaysian Innovation Agency (AIM), **Sirim-Fraunhofer** Partnership, and Platcom Ventures Sdn



International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed says Malaysia achieved a productivity growth rate of 2.7 per cent last year. Pic by Abdullah Yusof

Bhd, an SME Corp Malaysia and AIM initiative.

The four programme owners, which offer research and development and commercialisation (R&D&C) services to businesses, also updated Mustapa on their

latest progress.

There are 119 R&D&C projects that are under way while 429 more are in the pipeline for business clients.

The ongoing projects are worth about RM11.1 million.

