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Putrajaya: Satu portal khas dikenali IDANA (www.IDANA.gov.my) diperkenalkan semalam bagi membolehkan rakyat mengakses semua geran dan pembiayaan penyelidikan, pembangunan dan pengkomersialan yang ditawarkan agensi kerajaan serta kementerian.

Portal khas dilancarkan Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Najib Razak itu dibangunkan Jawatankuasa Pelaburan Dana Awam (JKPDA) iaitu sebuah jawatankuasa di bawah Agensi Inovasi Malaysia (AIM) selain dipengerusikan oleh Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI) Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin.

Najib dalam ucapannya berkata, portal itu menyediakan maklumat penyelidikan dan pembangunan (R&D) serta bentuk bantuan boleh diberikan kepada syarikat dan pihak berkaitan.

Menurutnya, kerajaan memperuntukkan dana untuk R&D dan RM2.3 bilion disediakan dalam tempoh dua tahun.

IDANA sedia akses geran R&D



NAJIB melancarkan IDANA di Putrajaya, semalam.

“Ia satu jumlah besar, malah mesyuarat urus tadbir AIM hari ini (semalam) turut melihat serta memperincikan segala faktor kejayaan bagi aspek pengkomersialan

supaya setiap projek R&D dapat ditingkatkan.

“Selain itu, rakyat, individu dan syarikat juga dapat mengetahui secara menyeluruh peranan 11 kementerian

dan agensi mengagihkan pinjaman dan geran untuk program inovasi menerusi portal itu,” katanya.

Hadir sama Timbalan Perdana Menteri Tan Sri Mu-

yiddin Yassin; Ketua Setiausaha Negara Tan Sri Ali Hamsa dan beberapa menteri kabinet serta Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif AIM Mark Rozario.

Katanya, kerajaan percaya rakyat menyambut baik kewujudan portal itu, sekaligus melancarkan proses sistem penyampaian yang lebih baik kepada rakyat.

Sementara itu, Mark berkata, platform IDANA akan memastikan ketelusan, mengelak pembaziran dan membolehkan pemantauan berpusat dan penilaian terhadap pelaburan negara dalam R&D dan pengkomersialan.

Katanya, JKPDA sudah membuat penilaian projek R&D dan pengkomersialan berjumlah RM1.23 bilion dan menyokong projek sejumlah RM881 juta.

“Portal itu turut menempatkan maklumat pembiayaan kerajaan, kemudahan R&D dan pakar bidang dan inovasi termasuk peluang komersial yang boleh direbut,” katanya.

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Closer look:
Rozario (right) briefing Najib at the launch of the 1DANA portal in Putrajaya. Also present were (from left) Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Mah Siew Keong and Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.



Najib wants R&D efforts to match demand

PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak wants research institutions to carry out research and development (R&D) on sectors which are in demand.

"The R&D efforts should be done based on supply and demand factors. If we want to increase the success rate of our R&D, our efforts should match the demand," the Prime Minister said at the launch of the 1DANA portal here yesterday.

1DANA is a centralised one-stop online repository on information on government

funding programmes and R&D facilities.

The portal was developed by the Public Investment Fund Committee, which is under Agensi Inovasi Malaysia (AIM).

It will provide more efficient access to information for research, development and commercialisation (R,D&C) investment.

The committee's task is to ensure R,D&C funding is in line with the country's priority areas and to reduce duplication of projects and programmes.

AIM chief executive officer Mark Rozario

said the committee had evaluated RM1.23bil worth of R,D&C projects this year and dished out RM881mil to support them.

He said 35 projects worth RM349mil had similar elements among the ministries and its agencies and were therefore recommended for inter-ministerial collaboration.



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1Dana portal to ensure transparency of grants



Najib with Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Mah Siew Keong at the launch of the 1Dana portal at the Perdana Putra building yesterday. On the right are Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin and Rozario. — Picture by Azinuddin Ghazali

PUTRAJAYA — In an effort to increase transparency, the public themselves will be able to monitor grants provided by the government through the launch of the 1Dana portal.

The portal, launched yesterday by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, is also designed to have better monitoring and reduction in grant duplications.

Najib said it would also allow both the government and public to obtain the necessary information on research and development projects being carried out.

"Previously, it was difficult for people to have access to information about government grants but with this portal, it will be easier for them to get the

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information they need," he said.

He also said the government had allocated RM 2.3 billion over two years.

"At a discussion earlier with Agensi Inovasi Malaysia (AIM), we said we would ensure we fully utilise all that has been allocated so there is a success factor in research and development projects."

Najib said it was also important to combine the services available as well as supply for research and development so

that the success factor could be increased.

Eleven ministries and agencies will be involved, where they would be providing aid in the form of loans and grants for the purpose of innovation.

"On the part of the ministries, the portal will also act as a monitoring system. Both sides, the ministry and the people, will be able to get a fuller and clearer picture of the programmes in place."

AIM chief executive officer Mark Rozario said with the 1Dana portal, companies could easily find information they need for their products or businesses.

"As researchers who receive the grants will be listed along with their topics, it

helps companies and other researchers to find experts in specific fields," Rozario said.

He said the research grants would be focused on the 12 national key result areas that will be distributed by the 11 ministries and 37 agencies under them.

"The portal will allow us to streamline the landscape, which will reduce grant duplication where the same people get the same grants by applying to different agencies or ministries."

Rozario also said the success factor was how well research and development brought commercialisation adding the portal would bring the two aspects together efficiently in the future.

