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THE STAR (SCIENCE) : MUKA SURAT 11
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BiotechCorp bags industry champion prize

THE MALAYSIAN Biotechnology Corporation (BiotechCorp) bagged the World Bio Markets Business Award for the Industry Champion category in a ceremony in Amsterdam last week.

BiotechCorp won for its efforts to drive and assist the growth of Malaysia's biofuel economy. It fended off two shortlisted competitors – the Canadian company Aquahol Injection Inc, which creates engines that run on alternative fuels, and Reverdia, an American company which has invented a bio-based alternative to the fossil-fuel-based chemical succinic acid.

The award was presented on March 2 at the 10th annual World Bio Markets conference. The ceremony was held on the same day that BiotechCorp announced a new collaborative proposal with Belgium's Ghent Bio-Economy Valley.

The proposal is intended to develop more business partnerships between private bio-based companies in the two countries.

World Bio Markets is an annual four-day event where more than 450 attendees from around the world present and discuss matters relating to the bio-based economy.

The conference is organised by Green Power conferences, which specialises in events catering to



Zainal Azman Abu Kasim, BiotechCorp's senior VP of BioIndustrial, with Green Power Conferences CEO Nadim Chaudry (right) at the awards presentation.

the renewable energy and sustainability markets.

BiotechCorp chairman Prof Tan Sri Zakri Abdul Hamid, who also co-chairs the Secretariat of

Malaysia's Global Science and Innovation Advisory Council, said the award was an acknowledgement of the leadership and corporate excellence within

BiotechCorp, an agency under the purview of the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry.

The Industry Champion award, one of eight different award categories, is given to the company, entity or organisation that has done the most to support the field of biofuels or bio-based chemical industries over the last year.

The judging criteria included ingenuity and innovation in overcoming challenges and competition in the marketplace; positive social or economic impacts in the industry; and the presence of good employee/employer relationships within the company.

"There is much to be done, but I am confident that with further support from the public, BiotechCorp can scale globally," said Zakri in a press statement.

Other winners included Lanzatech CEO Jennifer Homgren for Bio-based Business Person of the Year; UPM Biofuels for Commercial Scale Plant of the Year; Lanzatech for Feedstock of the Year; Elevance Renewable Sciences for Bio-based Product Innovation of the Year; DuPont Sorona for Breakthrough Bio-Based Technology Platform of the Year; and Akzonobel and Photanol Co-Operation for Bio-based Collaboration of the Year.

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**Cuaca panas
berakhir minggu
ke-3 bulan ini**

“Cuaca panas di seluruh negara dijangka berakhir pada minggu ketiga bulan ini selepas bermulanya tempoh peralihan monsun,” kata **Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (MetMalaysia) Datuk Che Gayah Ismail.**

Menurut beliau, perubahan itu akan menyaksikan cuaca lembap khususnya di kawasan pantai barat Semenanjung yang dijangka berterusan sehingga pertengahan Mei depan.

“Jika dilihat corak tiupan angin ketika ini, kita jangkakan berlaku peralihan daripada monsun timur laut ke barat daya bermula minggu depan,” katanya.

Serdang

Fenomena cuaca panas tak jejas pertanian

Hasil pertanian di seluruh negara tidak terjejas dengan fenomena cuaca panas ketika ini memandangkan hujan masih melanda berbanding 2014, kata Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

Beliau berkata, walaupun berdepan cuaca panas luar biasa, pengeluaran hasil pertanian masih berjalan seperti biasa.

“Berdasarkan taklimat diberi Jabatan Meteorologi, cuaca panas luar biasa kali ini bermula pertengahan Mac hingga Mei ini namun keadaannya tidak seteruk seperti yang berlaku pada 2014,” katanya.