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(From left) Dhaya Group executive chairman **Datuk Thevasagayam Ahamparam**, TPM Biotech Sdn Bhd chief executive officer **Ahmad Husni Johari** and Deputy Science, Technology and Innovation Minister **Datuk Dr Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah** at the business tie-up ceremony between TPM Biotech Sdn Bhd and Dhaya Healthcare Sdn Bhd. Pic by Muhd Zaaba Zakeria

# RM250m funding for technopreneurs

**RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT:** Inventors urged to submit applications

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**T**HE Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry will be allocating RM250 million in research and development (R&D) funding to eligible candidates this year.

"The allocation for this year comes under the 10th Malaysia Plan (2016-2020). We urge inventors and entrepreneurs to put in their applications to commercialise and market their products that have been scientifically proven to be healthful and beneficial to the economy," said Deputy Minister **Datuk Dr Abu**

**Bakar Mohamad Diah** after officiating at a business tie-up signing ceremony between TPM Biotech Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned unit of Technology Park Corp Malaysia Sdn Bhd, and Dhaya Healthcare Sdn Bhd.

The allocation, which is to promote R&D culture among budding entrepreneurs, is being channelled via three avenues, namely the eScienceFund, InnoFund and TechnoFund.

With Dhaya Healthcare's appointment, TPM Biotech is assured of a RM2.6 million contract commitment over the next 18 months for the manufacturing of the Herbs Garden range of herbal capsules.

The health supplements of traditional standing include Misai Kuching, Kacip Fatimah, Kacip Mas, Peria, Pegaga, Sweatenia, Olive Plus, Hempedu Bumi and Tongkat Ali.

Dhaya Group executive chairman **Datuk Thevasagayam Ahamparam** said the Herbs Garden brand of supplements would be distributed to pharmacies, clinics and medical wholesalers.

TPM Biotech's expertise in contract manufacturing and world-class laboratory services allows it to be a one-stop centre for technopreneurs. It also bodes well as TPM Biotech has the approval from Jakim for its halal status.



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PASUKAN MCKK meraikan kejayaan menjadi johan menjuarai kategori Kemahiran Pengaturcaraan dan Kemahiran Robot dalam Pertandingan Robotik VRX Malaysia 2015 di Petaling Jaya, Selangor, baru-baru ini.

## Science For You dedah STEM kepada pelajar luar bandar

**PROGRAM** *Science For You* akan memberi peluang kepada pelajar luar bandar menguasai ilmu sains, teknologi, kejuruteraan dan matematik (STEM) melalui pertandingan robotik.

Timbalan Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI), Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah berkata, melalui program ini, 200,000 pelajar luar bandar akan mendapat pendedahan tentang penciptaan robot.

“Program berbentuk pertandingan ini diperkenalkan sebagai pendedahan awal kepada kanak-kanak untuk industri prototaip dan kejuruteraan,” katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian dalam majlis perasmian penutup pertandingan akhir Malaysia VEX Robotics 2015 anjuran Robotics Learning (M) Sdn. Bhd. dengan kerjasama Kementerian Pendidikan dan MOSTI di Petaling Jaya, Selangor, baru-baru ini.

Dalam pertandingan selama dua hari itu, Kolej Melayu Kuala Kangsar (MCKK) diumumkan juara

Anugerah Cemerlang keseluruhan di samping beberapa anugerah lain iaitu Kemahiran Pengaturcaraan, Kemahiran Kawalan, Anugerah Reka Cipta dan Anugerah Inovasi.

Selaku juara MCKK yang diwakili 16 pelajar diketuai Syamil Hatim Mohamed dan Ahmiad Iman Zulkifli akan membawa cabaran negara ke pertandingan peringkat dunia 2015 VEX Robotics Competition World Championship di Kentucky Exposition Center, Amerika Syarikat pada 15 hingga 18 April ini.

Sebanyak 10 pasukan yang melibatkan 80 pelajar daripada enam sekolah menengah mengambil bahagian antaranya termasuklah Sekolah Menengah Sains (SMS) Labuan, Sekolah Tun Fatimah (STF), Kolej Tunku Kurshiah, Kolej Yayasan Saad Melaka dan SMS Kuala Selangor.

Setiap pasukan perlu membina dan mengaturcara robot VEX bagi memenuhi misi dan tema yang telah ditetapkan iaitu *Skyrise* dalam masa 15 minit untuk mengawal robot membuat aturan kiub atau bongkah.

