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Program Groom Big Beri Peluang Pengusaha Bumiputera Kembang Sayap Ke Timur Tengah/AS

Daripada Siti Zafirah Mohd Kamal

NANNING, 20 Sept (Bernama) -- Selepas China, Program Groom Big yang dikendalikan atas usaha sama Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri (MITI), MATRADE dan **SIRIM**, bakal memberi peluang kepada pengusaha Bumiputera untuk mengembangkan sayap mereka ke pasaran Timur Tengah dan Amerika Syarikat.

Pengarah Pembangunan Perniagaan Bumiputera MITI Bahria Mohd Tamil berkata buat masa ini, sektor yang diberi fokus ialah produk berasaskan makanan halal.

"Buat masa ini, memang kita mahu fokus pada makanan halal dahulu. Baru-baru ini, majlis ekspo kebangsaan memutuskan supaya produk halal diperkenalkan bagi meningkatkan eksport kita dalam usaha menangani situasi ekonomi semasa," kata Bahria kepada media Malaysia di Ekspo China-ASEAN (CAEXPO) 2015.

Beliau turut berharap dapat menambah penyertaan syarikat Bumiputera di bawah program ini ke CAEXPO tahun depan jika sambutan tahun ini menggalakkan.

"Setakat hari pertama, sejumlah RM15,000 transaksi jualan tunai berjaya dikumpul, dan China merupakan satu pasaran yang besar untuk syarikat di bawah Groom Big tembusi," kata Bahria.

CAEXPO 2015 merupakan misi perdagangan pertama mereka sejak ditubuhkan pada 2006.

Untuk CAEXPO tahun ini, Program Groom Big membawa 19 syarikat tempatan bagi mempromosikan produk mereka ke pasaran China.

Antara syarikat yang dikatakan berpotensi untuk menembusi pasaran China ialah Hajjah Aminah Food Industry dan Fikrysz (M) Sdn Bhd yang sudah pun berjaya menembusi pasaran ASEAN serta global.

Daripada 1,200 syarikat yang telah berdaftar dalam program ini, 50 syarikat merupakan syarikat yang sudah sedia untuk mengeksport.

Ekspo itu yang bermula pada 18 dan berakhir 21 Sept, menyaksikan lebih 2,200 syarikat dari China dan ASEAN, termasuk 149 syarikat dari Malaysia, mempamerkan produk dan perkhidmatan masing-masing di Pavilion Malaysia.

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Safety practices need to be considered in use of X-rays

By **ERSIE CHELL ANJUMIN**

KOTA KINABALU: Safety practices need to be considered in the use of X-rays to ensure that patients and machine operators are not exposed to unnecessary radiation, said State Health director Dr Christina Rundi.

She said X-ray examination on patients should be done in a prudent with the principle 'As Low As Reasonably Achievable'.

"Patients who undergo a radiological examination should be ensured that they received appropriate dose of radiation and not exceed the relevant procedures guidelines in order to minimise the risk of exposure as possible," she said.

For X-ray machine operators or radiologists, they should keep up with latest knowledge and comply with the standards or guidelines that have been set to ensure service quality as well as avoiding things that might harm their own health, the patient and surroundings.

She also pointed out that technicians will examine X-ray machine at least once in the last one or two years for quality control and to ensure that it reaches a predetermined level.

Christina was speaking to reporters in conjunction with the '42nd Scientific Meeting on Medical Imaging' at Magellan Hotel here yesterday.

According to her, the development in medical imaging technology has many positive impacts on the medical field which allows more effective and efficient treatment given to the patient.

However, Christina stressed that the use of X-rays have an impact, thus she said, improvements in medical radiology services in terms of tools quality assurance and creating talent in the X-ray medicine through training and continuing medical education are important.

"These two aspects are an important element in ensuring medical radiology services can be provided to individual, families and society as a quality, safe and reliable services in line with government efforts to improve the health status of the people," she said.

Christina also said that the seminar is a medical imaging platform to disseminate information on the latest developments in imaging technology and medical applications, awareness of the importance of radiation protection in terms of biological risks and effects of radiation on humans, the latest protocol for medical imaging, improve knowledge as well as exchange ideas and experience with other professional experts.

"I hope that this seminar can be utilised and will raise awareness about the risk and the effect of radiation dose in



The participants with Mohd Sidek (seated fifth left)

order to minimise exposure to workers, patients and the environment," she said, stressing the need to participate in this seminar at least once a year to ensure the knowledge of any user of such apparatus be updated.

About 30 participants joined the annual seminar organised by Malaysian Nuclear Agency with the support of the Ministry of Health (MOH), Atomic Energy Licensing Board (AELB), Malaysian Radiation Protection Association (MARPA) and the Nuclear Medicine Society of Malaysia (NMSM).

Also present was the senior director (Commercialisation & Technology Planning) of Nuclear Malaysia Mohd Sidek Othman.



Christina (centre) and Mohd Sidek (left) during the press conference

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Majority of the 30 partaking in the 42nd Scientific Meeting on Medical Imaging were from Sabah.

30 attend meeting on medical imaging

KOTA KINABALU: Some 30 doctors, radiographers and science officers from the private sector and government medical facilities participated in the 42nd Scientific Meeting on Medical Imaging here yesterday.

The one-day seminar, which is the third series held this year by the Malaysian Nuclear Agency and Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), saw a majority of 90% participants from Sabah and the remainder from Semenanjung

Malaysia.

Six papers were presented at the seminar which revolved around the 'Safety, Quality and Reliability' theme, which touched topics related to the latest development and current practice of Medical Legislation, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Safety, Renal System Imaging, Medical Imaging updates, Medical X-ray Radiography Quality Assurance and Staff, Patients and Surrounding Radiation Protection.

"Always remember about

safety because we now have a lot of equipment in hospitals and clinics, such as ultrasound and X-ray, as it is part of the services rendered," reminded State Health Director Dr Christina Rundi.

"Let us not be too focused on just ensuring that services are provided without looking at the safety aspects, not only of our patients but also the operators and those in the vicinity.

"We do not want our patients to be exposed to more than what is accepted and we do not want operators and those around it to get affected more from such equipment than they should," she stressed while adding that standard operating procedures and other guidelines should always be followed to continue prevention of such incidences. According to the director, platforms such as the seminar should always be used as part of the life-long learning experience as she foresees the continuation and an increase in the usage of equipment related to medical imaging in the future.

The annual seminar is supported by the Ministry of Health, the Atomic Energy Licensing Board, Malaysian Radiation Protection Association and the Nuclear Medicine Society of Malaysia.

Also present were the Malaysian Nuclear Agency Commercialization and Technology Planning Program senior director Mohd Sidek Othman and Ministry of Health Engineering Services Division Radiation Safety and Health Branch deputy director Zunaide Kayun.

