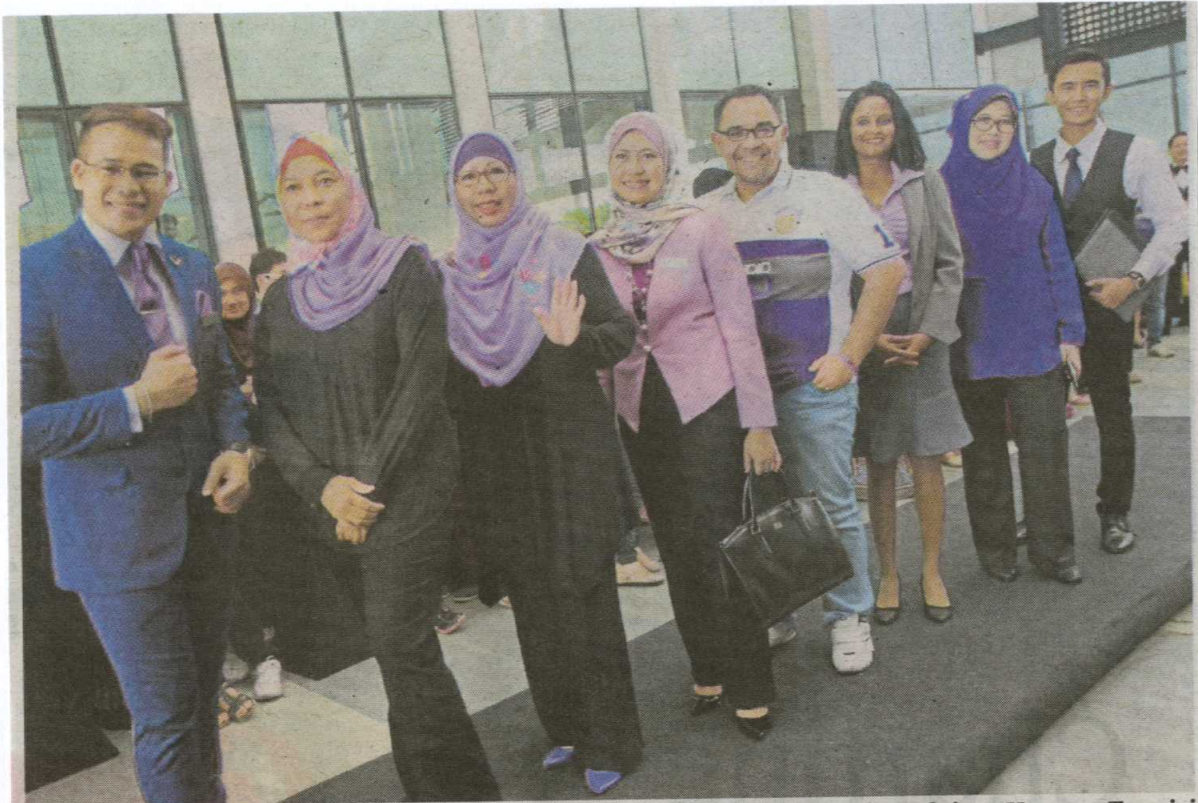


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Malaysian Biotechnology Corporation Sdn Bhd chief operating officer **Razwin Sulairee Hasnan Termizi** (fourth from right) with participants of the Purple Fiesta in Nusajaya, Johor, on Saturday. Pic by Mohd Azren Jamaludin

Bio-XCell finalising new investment

NUSAJAYA: Malaysian Biotechnology Corporation Sdn Bhd (BiotechCorp), through its joint-venture company, Malaysian Bio-XCell Sdn Bhd, will announce a new investment based on sources from the oil palm industry in the first quarter of next year.

BiotechCorp chief operating officer Razwin Sulairee Hasnan Termizi

said negotiations were in the final stage and they were finalising various matters, including product design.

"This represents a huge investment and will be announced by Bio-XCell in the first quarter of next year," he said after the launch of Purple Fiesta at the Bio-XCell office, here, on Saturday.

Razwin Sulairee said Johor, Pahang and Sabah had been identified for the investment.

"Johor, for example, is in a good position as it already has the raw materials and sufficient supporting applications to develop oil palm sources into new chemical products to replace petroleum sources."

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'Biotech industry's sexiness attracts Gens Y and Z'

NUSAJAYA: Malaysian Biotechnology Corp Sdn Bhd (BiotechCorp) is confident of achieving the target of 160,000 workers by 2020.

Its chief operating officer, Razwin Sulairee Hasnan Termizi, said their confidence was based on the "sexiness" of the industry, as it possessed the edge that blended well with the interest and enthusiasm of generations Y and Z.

"We believe we can attract talents to the field. We just need to expose youths to biotechnology and attract them to the 'sexiness' of the industry," Razwin said, adding that the entry-level salary was competitive.

"The 160,000 target encompass direct and indirect workers.

"At present, we have between 2,000 and 2,500 direct workers and we see this number growing to 10,000 in five years' time.

"We see experts who will disseminate their knowledge to others in a spillover effect," Razwin said before the launch of Purple Fiesta, a two-day event aimed at attracting 400 participants.

The event was in line with the 11th Malaysia Plan to transform the country into an innovation and knowledge-based nation, and it aimed to bridge the gap between the bio-based industry and educational institutions.

BiotechCorp, in collaboration with the Industry Centre of Excellence (ICoE) Biotechnology Cluster and Bio-XCell Malaysia Sdn Bhd, organised the Purple Fiesta to boost the bioeconomy workforce.

Razwin, who is also chief executive officer of Bio-XCell, said more than 270 graduates, lecturers and industry players from the University of Kuala Lumpur (Malacca), Politeknik Nilai, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Mara Johor, Universiti Malaysia Pahang, Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia, Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia and Manipal International University turned up on the first day of the event yesterday.

The inaugural event at Bio-XCell, a premier custom-built biotechnology park set up by BiotechCorp and UEM Sunrise Bhd, featured career coaching and corporate grooming.

Razwin hoped to infuse biotechnology into the oil and gas industry, and food and agricultural sector, which are prime investments in Johor.

"We can add value to what the state already has and the availability of raw materials found here.

"We can also develop our own niche, which also includes focusing on the industrial sector, for instance."

