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3 AREAS ABOVE 37°C

PETALING JAYA: Three areas in Malaysia recorded a daily temperature of above 37°C yesterday, according to Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Madius Tangau. The three areas were Kuala Krai, Kelantan at 38.3°C, Temerloh, Pahang (37.5°C) and Batu Embun, Pahang (37.1°C), he said in a statement yesterday. He added the ministry had conducted cloud-seeding operations, targeting areas in Timah Tasoh Dam in Perlis; the Ahning, Muda and Pedu dams in Kedah; and the Air Kuning Dam and Bukit Larut area in Perak.

KERATAN AKHBAR
STARMETRO (EVENTS) : MUKA SURAT 10
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Abu Bakar (second from left) presenting the Honesty Entrepreneur award to Goh (third from left). Looking on are (from left) Prof Tan, Datin Sophia Tan, Senator Dr Keo Maly and Antonio Spinello.

FMC Greenland Sdn Bhd (BMS Organics) managing director Terry Lee (third from left) receiving the Honesty Enterprise award from Chua. With them are (from left) Prof Tan, Tan Bee Lang, Senator Chhit Kim Yeat and Adam Tan.

Honoured for ethical practices

Wellness product company bags awards in all three categories

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A TOTAL of 36 awards were handed out in the Honesty Entrepreneur, Honesty Products and Honesty Enterprise categories at the 14th Asia Pacific International Honesty Enterprise – Keris Award 2016.

The companies, ranging from training enterprises to interior furnishing, consumer products and engineering, were recognised for their ethical business practices

Guests-of-honour at the awards ceremony, held at Berjaya Times Square Hotel's Manhattan Ballroom, included Deputy Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Dr Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah and Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Chua Tee Yong.

Other guests included representatives from Cambodia, and a business delegation from Italy, who were in the country to sign a memorandum of cooperation with their counterparts in Malaysia.

One company which picked up awards in all three categories was Gintell (M) Sdn Bhd, known for its automated massage chairs and other wellness products.

Gintell's group managing director Datuk Goh Cheh Yak went on stage to share his experiences running the company, including some of the challenges faced.

"One of our lowest points was in 2010 when we even considered winding up the company after our warehouse burned down and we lost a lot of inventory.

"We decided to close down one third of our outlets, consolidate and slowly rebuild our network," said Goh.

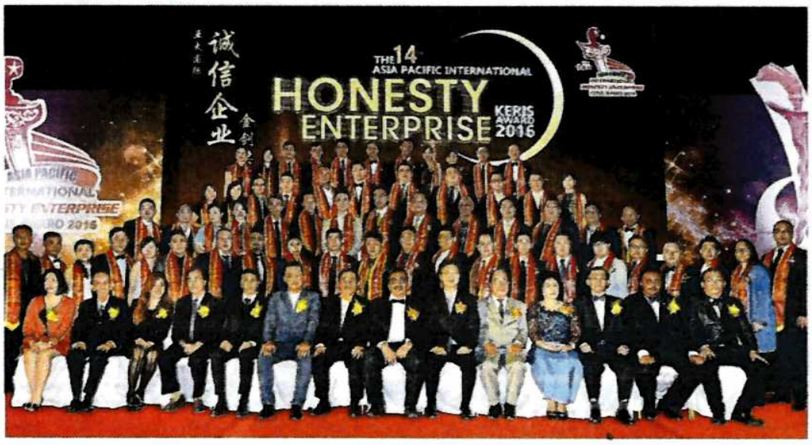
This is the second time that Gintell has picked up the "Honesty Enterprise" award.

"The last time was 10 years back and it's a happy feeling to be recognised again for our business practices," said Goh.

He added that business could only progress if it maintained good customer relations and did not skimp on its product or service quality.

Event organising chairman Prof Dr Albert Tan said despite the pessimistic business sentiment, the event was a way to encourage businesses to always be ethical.

"In the long run, it is better to demonstrate honesty and maintain ethical business practices rather than compromise on quality to cut costs," he said.



A group photo of the winners and guests of honour and VIPs at the 14th Asia-Pacific International Honesty Enterprise – Keris Award 2016. — Photos: M. AZAHAR/The Star

Sekam padi dengan TMOF, Bti bunuh larva, jentik-jentik

Penyakit bawaan nyamuk seperti denggi menjadi ancaman utama kepada penduduk Malaysia dan tumpuan serangga itu untuk membiak ialah kawasan banyak tanaman dan tempat air bertakung.

Justeru, pencegahan awal perlu dengan membersihkan kawasan pembiakan aedes supaya ahli keluarga anda dan masyarakat tidak dijangkiti denggi.

Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI) melalui Komuniti Bebas Denggi (KBD) berusaha meningkatkan kesedaran masyarakat kepentingan menangani penularan wabak denggi yang kian membimbangkan.

Program kesedaran bersama EntoGenex Industries Sdn Bhd dan Innobiologics Sdn Bhd sejak Jun tahun lalu memberi pendidikan dan maklumat lengkap untuk mengawal populasi aedes.

Program KBD itu dimulakan di beberapa kawasan risiko tinggi di Selangor, Kuala Lumpur dan Johor.

Pengurus Komunikasi EntoGenex Industries Sdn Bhd, Daniel Yahya berkata, menerusi program itu, kit perlindungan lengkap denggi diberi nama Kit Rumah Anti Aedes Bio-D diberikan kepada KBD dan mereka diajar kaedah penggunaannya.

"Kelengkapan kit ini mengandungi peket sachet biolarvicide yang digelar Mousticide, losen penghalau serangga Denguard dan perangkap jentik-jentik dikenali sebagai Aedes Larve Ovi-Trap (ALOT).

FAKTA
Program KBD dimulakan di Selangor, Kuala Lumpur dan Johor

"Mousticide terdiri daripada sekam padi yang dilapisi dengan bahan aktif TMOF dan Bti untuk membunuh larva atau jentik-jentik," katanya.

Pegawai Teknologi EntoGenex Industries Sdn Bhd, Mohd Alhafis Rusdi berkata, perangkap jejentik ALOT dibangunkan dengan kerjasama Pakar Kesihatan Awam Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL), Dr Zainol Ariffin Pawanchee.

Menurutnya, mousticide menghapuskan telur dan jejentik aedes yang menetas di dalam ALOT itu.

"Pengguna boleh meletakkan ALOT ini di kawasan air bertakung atau tempat yang dipercayai nyamuk suka berada.

"Cara penggunaannya mudah, pengguna perlu mengisi air ke dalam ALOT dengan menambah Mousticide, letakkan kon ke dalamnya bagi membolehkan nyamuk bertelur dan kemudian tutup ALOT berkenaan.

"Nyamuk tertarik bertelur di dalam ALOT kerana sekam padi ialah sumber makanan jejentik aedes. Larva yang menetas akan memakan sekam padi itu dan bahan aktif di dalam Mousticide membunuh larva nyamuk," katanya.

ALOT perlu diselenggara setiap tiga hingga empat minggu manakala losen Denguard boleh disapu pada kulit terutama pada waktu pagi dan malam.

Kit ini sesuai untuk semua golongan termasuk kanak-kanak dan boleh didapati di pasaraya Giant di seluruh negara pada harga RM45.90.

MOHD Alhafis (kiri) dan Daniel menunjukkan Kit Rumah Anti Aedes Bio-D bagi membunuh nyamuk aedes.

KERATAN AKHBAR
HARIAN METRO (SETEMPAT) : MUKA SURAT 12
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Kuala Lumpur

Machang, Kota Bharu lama tak hujan

Dua kawasan di Kelantan mencatat jumlah hari paling lama tidak menerima hujan iaitu melebihi 20 hari.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (JMM) Datuk Che Gayah Ismail berkata, dua daerah berkenaan iaitu Machang dan Kota Bharu tidak menerima hujan sejak 22 hari lalu.

"Selain dua daerah itu, di Kudat, Sabah, turut tidak menerima hujan bagi tempoh 14 hari.

"Suhu tertinggi di Kuala Krai iaitu 36.8 darjah Celsius, diikuti Mersing, Johor (36.5 darjah Celsius) dan Chuping (36.4 darjah Celsius)," katanya.