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Elemen Keseronokan Perlu Diterap Dalam Pendidikan Sains Dan Matematik

ALOR SETAR, 10 Mei (Bernama) -- Pendidikan Sains dan Matematik perlu diterapkan dengan elemen menyeronokkan bagi menggalakkan lagi minat pelajar terhadap mata pelajaran itu.

Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau berkata guru-guru yang juga menjadi duta sains perlu memupuk pemikiran kritis dan kreatif kepada pelajar pada sesi pengajaran dan pembelajaran.

Beliau berkata kementerianya menerusi Akademi Sains Malaysia turut memperkenalkan "Inquiry Based Science Education System" (IBSE) di semua peringkat sekolah bagi memastikan lebih ramai pelajar menceburi bidang berkenaan.

Katanya berdasarkan kajian pada 2012, didapati pencapaian pelajar dari sekolah berprestasi rendah yang menggunakan kaedah IBSE lebih cemerlang berbanding pelajar yang tidak menggunakan kaedah itu.

"Kita akan laksanakan kaedah ini di beberapa sekolah lain di Jerlun di Kedah, Setiu di Terengganu dan Tuaran di Sabah," katanya berucap pada **perasmian Karnival Sains, Program Inovasi Sosial MOSTI-Duta Sains Jerlun di Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Jerlun**, dekat sini Selasa.

Madius berkata guru sains yang dipilih mengikuti program itu akan diberikan latihan mengenai kaedah IBSE melalui beberapa siri bengkel mingguan anjuran Program Duta Sains.

Beliau berkata usaha ini sebagai serampang dua mata untuk meningkatkan pencapaian mata pelajaran sains dan matematik di sekolah sekali gus dapat menarik minat generasi muda untuk meminati bidang itu.

Selain itu, katanya duta sains yang dilantik perlu memberi informasi berterusan kepada penduduk setempat mengenai pendekatan terkini Sains dan Matematik.

"Menerusi karnival sains dan inovasi yang dianjurkan membolehkan pelajar mendekati sains sekali gus dapat menyuntik semangat dan minat dalam bidang tersebut," katanya.

-- BERNAMA

Stepping up cloud seeding to fill dams in critical areas

JERLUN: Cloud seeding exercises will be intensified this month in critical water-catchment areas to facilitate more rainfall to fill up the dams, Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau said yesterday.

Speaking to reporters here, he said this month was especially crucial for cloud seeding, as it was the inter-monsoon season.



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“The inter-monsoon occurring now presents us a window of opportunity to carry out cloud seeding.

“If we wait for between next month and September, we will miss the chance as the southwest monsoon will hit then, and there will not be the right kind of clouds for cloud seeding.

“If it is possible, we want to carry out cloud seeding daily. This month is a critical month. We want to boost the water levels at the dams,” he said at a press conference after opening the ministry’s “Social Innovation Programme: Science Carnival” at SMK Jerlun here yesterday.

Present were Jerlun member of parliament Datuk Othman Aziz and Academy of Sciences Malaysia president Tan Sri Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali.

Wilfred said the cloud seeding exercises would be centred at dams where the water-catchment areas were located.

He added that by right, it would take three months of cloud seeding for the country’s dams to be completely filled.

“At this juncture, we only have this month. The next opportunity will only be in October.

“The situation is very serious. This year’s El Nino phenomenon is extraordinary,” he said.

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THE SUN (NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS) : MUKA SURAT 3
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INTENSIVE CLOUD-SEEDING

ALOR STAR: Cloud-seeding is to be intensified this month over water catchments and dams nationwide as the drought brought on by the El Nino phenomenon continues. Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Madius Tangau said yesterday cloud-seeding had to be carried out daily as the cumulus clouds conducive for the purpose were still present. "It is critical for us to increase the volume of water in the dams and catchments in a short time," he said.

