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MOSTI to invest in agarwood cancer treatment research



JOHOR BAHRU: The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) is ready to channel funds Asia Plantation Capital Bhd (APC), which plants and produces agarwood, to finance research and development on the benefits of agarwood for cancer treatment.

Its deputy minister, **Datuk Dr Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah** said this was in line with the goals of the ministry, which targets 360 high-impact innovation products to be commercialised by 2020.

"The APC management says agarwood may be one of the cures for cancer

"So I wish to inform, MOSTI can finance R&D on the anti-cancer programme through our TechnoFund up to RM3 million," he said.

He told reporters this after opening APC's distillery and research centre at the Masai Industrial Park, Bandar Seri Alam, recently.

Meanwhile, APC Asia Pacific chief executive officer Steve Watts said the company had invested US\$30 million (RM121 million) to develop the factory and R & D centre with total floor space of 44,000 square metres. — *Bernama*



Mosti Prepared To Investigate Paedophilia Case



KUCHING: Federal Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (Mosti), through its agency Cybersecurity Malaysia, is prepared to assist the authorities in investigating the Richard Huckle paedophilia case.

According to Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Madius Tangau in Putrajaya yesterday, the ministry is serious in tackling the case.

"We will ready our technical specialisation on cybersecurity, especially in cyber forensics, to help the authorities investigate this case," he said.

"There will be efforts to strengthen public understanding on the importance of cybersecurity, as well as promote ethical Internet usage that includes existing cybersecurity programmes in schools such as CyberSAFE Programme. Students need to be given the education and exposure about using the Internet properly so they will not be negatively influenced or fall victim to cyber threats," he said.

Besides that, parents are urged to be always aware of their children's cyber surroundings. Through Cyberparenting Programme, parents will be given knowledge on how to monitor their children's online activities.

CyberSecurity Malaysia is an agency on national cybersecurity that has specialisation in digital forensics.

Its digital forensics analysts are gazetted under Criminal Procedure Code 399 as experts, where their reports and testimonials can be used in hearings at all legal courts in Malaysia.

To report on cyber security threats, contact CyberSecurity Malaysia by emailing cyber999@cybersecurity.my or calling 1300-88-2999.

-The Borneo Post

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5 scientists to attend Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting

KUALA LUMPUR: Five young scientists will represent Malaysia at the annual Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting in Lindau, Germany, while three undergraduate students will attend the European Organisation for Nuclear Research Summer Student Programme (CSSP) in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Lindau group comprises Dr Lim Kok Sing from Universiti Malaya (UM), Dr Suhaila Sepeal and Dr Tan Sin Tee from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), and Dr Yap Wing Fen and Dr Farah Diana Muhammad from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

They will be at the meeting from June 26 to July 1, exchanging knowledge with other scientists, listening to Nobel Laureates' lectures, participating in panel discussions and interacting with Nobel Laureates.

Muhammad Safwan Zaini from UPM, Muhammad Amirullah Miswan from UKM and Chin Yuk Ming from Universiti Malaysia Perlis will

attend the CSSP.

At the CSSP, the undergraduate students of physics, computing and engineering will join the day-to-day work of Cern's research teams and participate in experiments at Cern's facilities in Geneva.

Chin, 25, a Materials Engineering student, was surprised to be selected as he was the only engineering student among physics candidates.

During his eight weeks in Geneva, Chin will participate in a project on bacteria characterisation on new materials using Large Hadron Collider (LHC) detectors.

"I will be collaborating with other researchers from my background. I am looking forward to the sharing sessions. I am excited to try new things and bring what I will gain there back to Malaysia," he said.

During the announcement of the Malaysian delegations to the Lindau meeting and Cern programme at the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) yesterday, its pres-



Academy of Sciences Malaysia president **Tan Sri Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali (third from left)** with some of the Malaysian delegates to the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting and CSSB programme yesterday. Pic by Halim Salleh

ident, Tan Sri Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, said ASM emphasised the need to invest in young scientists and researchers.

"Through our international links,

young Malaysian scientists have the opportunity to participate in impactful international research programmes and to interact with global scientific minds," he said.

Yesterday's event also witnessed a mock-cheque presentation of "Dr Ranjeet Bhagwan Singh (RBS) Medical Research Trust Fund" grants for last year.

The trust fund was established to promote medical and bio-medical research in Malaysia.

The Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry was appointed as the custodian and ASM was entrusted to implement programmes under the trust fund.

The RBS research grant, worth RM30,000, was presented to Dr Dharmani Devi Murugan from UM, while the RBS grant for research workshop, worth RM50,000, was given to Associate Professor Dr Abdul Manaf Hashim from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

Dr Dharmani's research title is "Mechanism of actions of a potential antihypersensitive peptide", while Dr Manaf's workshop is on "Biocompatible Nanomaterials and Nanodevices for Bio-Medical applications".