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Planetarium
ditutup
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KUALA LUMPUR 11 Okt.
- Planetarium Negara akan ditutup sementara daripada kunjungan orang ramai selama dua hari bermula 14 Oktober ini.

Dalam kenyataan hari ini ia memaklumkan, penutupan itu bersempena sambutan Hari Raya Aidiladha.

Orang ramai boleh menghubungi Planetarium Negara di talian 03-22734303/5484 atau melayari laman sesawang www.angka-sa.gov.my/planetarium untuk maklumat lanjut.

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Penumpuan angin punca ribut petir

KUALA LUMPUR 11 Okt. - Ribut petir beserta angin kencang yang berlaku di kawasan Lembah Klang dan kawasan-kawasan sekitarnya semalam disebabkan oleh penumpuan angin yang berlaku di kawasan Semenanjung.

Menurut Pengarah Pusat Ramalan Cuaca Jabatan Meteorologi, Muhammad Helmi Abdullah, keadaan itu telah mengakibatkan kewujudan garis badai yang bergerak dari arah timur laut yang membawa ribut petir beserta angin kencang ke Lembah Klang dan beberapa daerah di Selangor.

"Kelompok awan hujan direkodkan terkumpul bermula sekitar pukul 2 petang dan bertambah setiap jam sehingga berlaku pengurangan bermula sekitar 6 petang semalam," katanya ketika dihubungi *Utusan Malaysia*.

Sementara itu, Pengarah Pusat Penyelidikan Antartika Kebangsaan (NARC), Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Abu Samah berkata, hujan lebat dan angin kuat yang melanda ibu negara petang semalam merupakan fenomena biasa kerana corak hujan di kawasan pantai barat daya Semenanjung mempunyai taburan hujan maksimum pada Oktober dan November.

Mengulas banjir kilat yang berlaku di sekitar ibu kota semalam, beliau berkata, kejadian itu berlaku disebabkan oleh kegagalan sistem perparitan berfungsi dengan baik bagi membawa aliran hujan lebat.

"Banjir kilat berlaku mungkin disebabkan oleh sistem penyelenggaraan parit yang tidak dijalankan dengan baik dan sistem perparitan tidak mencukupi bagi menampung jumlah air yang banyak," katanya.

Selain itu, katanya, pembangunan tanpa perancangan menyebabkan kawasan tanah ditutupi simen dan tar yang menyebabkan air hujan tidak dapat diserap masuk ke dalam tanah.

One-stop support centre for innovation

Najib : Hub to enhance entrepreneurship to be set up in Cyberjaya

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KUALA LUMPUR: A one-stop centre to support companies involved in creative multimedia, research and development, outsourcing and data management will be set up in Cyberjaya.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the Malaysian Global Innovation and Creative Centre (MaGIC) was part of the Government's latest effort to enhance entrepreneurship.

"The centre will be a one-stop shop for entrepreneurs, with everything from getting financing from banks or venture capital to incubators for developing start-ups, from intellectual property registration to facilities for training, coaching and mentoring," he said.

"Malaysia will also be hosting the 5th Global Social Business Summit next month," he said at the launch of the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) yesterday.

Najib said he was looking forward to receiving creative solutions

from the Global Startup Youth programme, which is part of the GES.

The programme pairs some 500 young people with 100 mentors to look into some of the world's most pressing problems, he said.

Later, Najib launched the 1Malaysia Entrepreneurship (1MET) programme, which will help to accelerate the growth of 5,000 young entrepreneurs annually.

"Please dream big. Be audacious. Dream of the improbable.

"The future is exciting. The future

is today. The future is right now," he told a cheering crowd.

During a question and answer session, Najib was asked if there would be a special allocation for the 1MET programme.

"Yes, the answer is yes. I will announce it in the coming Budget 2014. I can announce it today, but that will be letting the cat out of the bag," he said.

Najib also said that entrepreneurs and businessmen should not be afraid or discouraged by failure, but instead use the experience to

spur themselves to success.

"In a culture defined by a free-wheeling and audacious capitalism, in a country like the United States, which draws on a history of both liberty and plenty, a failed business gambit is seen as useful experience. Failure is not a death sentence.

"Other countries have different traditions, but the principle of encouraging people to attempt the improbable, without the undue fear of failure, can be more widely adopted," he said.

We can't take water for granted

RUNNING DRY: A UN study concludes that by 2025, 60pc of people in the world will live without enough water supply

MANY among the older generation still remember the days in the 1950s and 1960s, when not everyone had piped water in their homes. The younger generation may be unaware.

Back then, we would adjourn to the community well every morning for our bath. There, we took turns to draw cold water. There was no hot shower to speak of. Even the soap was the same one used for washing clothes.

The most popular brand was "Labour". The soap was as effective as present day brands, except for the

fragrance, which was just the natural soapy smell.

No sophisticated perfumery as in today's bath soaps. But we enjoyed the morning rendezvous, nonetheless.

Bath time was also when news of the community was shared. But more importantly, in those days, nobody thought that water would one day be a scarce resource.

Everyone then was convinced that we would never run short of water. Not in a country that is blessed with plentiful rain year in year out. Not to mention frequent flooding.

How things have changed. Nowadays, we often read news of discomfoting water shortages in the country. This can be caused by a number of reasons.

There have been occasions when shortages were attributed to long spells without rain. Nothing much can be done about that.

There were also times when some

accidental spills of toxic substances into a water source led to the shut-down of water treatment plants, therefore, no water for the households. Not to mention disagreements over the construction of new water treatment plants.

Experts predict the situation may worsen in the future, especially in city areas, as the urban population continues to swell.

Rural-urban migration is a global trend. People everywhere flock to cities looking for better jobs. Unless proactive measures are taken, cases of water source pollution may become even more

rampant in the future.

This has been confirmed in a recent report released by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco).

By 2025, it has been estimated that 60 per cent of the world's population would live in water-stressed conditions.



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A similar proportion will be without adequate sanitation. Securing access to safe drinking water for all, and wisely managing this resource, is, therefore, a high priority on the global sustainable development agenda.

Unesco hosted the Future Forum on "Global Water Futures 2050" at its headquarters in Paris.

It was a future-oriented event. Renowned water experts from different parts of the world participated in dialogues, which touched on the status of the world's freshwater resources and the role of science as a powerful tool for sustainable water management.

Presentations were made on the UN Global Water Scenarios Project, aiming to give the global community a roadmap for the future of water in the world.

The forum also reviewed global progress towards the sustainable management of water resources using integrated approaches.

The dialogues were used to better understand how investment and financing in water could lead to a more sustainable future, and what future global water scenarios could look like, depending on the decision-makers in governments and societies in the next few decades.

The prime objective was to enable leading experts to share their views with representatives of member states of Unesco, civil society, media and the public so as to raise awareness on global water issues.

What was concluded at the forum was disturbing.

Water is heading for scarcity in the future unless technologies are at hand to mitigate pollution risks and improve water use efficiency.

This means more research on water use is needed.

In Malaysia, water research is done by many parties. These include universities, public research institutes and some government departments.

In view of the growing concern over the future of water in the country, studies conducted by the Academy of Sciences Malaysia provide convincing evidence that we need better coordination of water research in the country.

We need a national centre that will strategically plan and drive water-related research in the country.

The time is right for the establishment of Malaysia's own National Water Research Centre.

'Vital to get feedback on TPPA'

RUPA DAMODARAN

KUALA LUMPUR: United States trade representative Michael Froman said the ongoing Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) negotiations acknowledge and will take into account the sensitivities of every country.

"That is the reason to be in Kuala Lumpur, to get government understanding and views as well as to think through collectively how we can achieve the objective of TPPA in a way that works for everybody.

"It is important to get the perspectives of the 12 countries with regards to sensitive issues like government procurement, state-owned

enterprises, investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) and intellectual property rights (IPR)."

Froman, who had attended the 23rd Asean Summit and Related Summits in Brunei after the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in Bali over the last two weeks, held meetings in Putrajaya and here during his brief stop-over yesterday.

He met the heads of the International Trade and Industry Ministry, the Attorney-General, Economic Planning Unit and members of the American and Malaysian business communities.

Froman said the TPPA negotiations involving 12 countries, including Malaysia, have made a lot

progress, especially on market access and rules chapters in the trade pact.

"We have made progress in a lot of areas."

The US top trade official, however, admitted that the IPR and ISDS were the two main challenging areas with outstanding issues.

"We are trying to bring to the table creative ideas for progressing those concerns. For example, in ISDS, every country is determined that it has flexibility to adopt regulations deemed appropriate for its health, safety and environment protection for its people.

"We're working to ensure they have sufficient safeguards so that sovereignty is not at risk."