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**KERATAN AKHBAR
UTUSAN MALAYSIA (ALBUM HARI INI) : MUKA SURAT 2
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NAJIB BERSAMA SAINTIS

PERDANA Menteri, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak bersama saintis penerima anugerah, Tan Sri Dr. Yusof Basiron (tiga dari kiri) dan Dr. Chia Swee Ping (tiga dari kanan) dalam majlis Pemberian Fellowship Akademi Sains Malaysia 2013 di Hotel JW Marriott, Kuala Lumpur, semalam. Turut sama Presiden Akademi Sains Malaysia, Tan Sri Dr. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali (kiri). - UTUSAN/ABDUL RAZAK LATIF

PM: Science will create wealth, jobs for people

TRANSFORMING LIVES:
Science, technology
instruments of
social change

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PRIME MINISTER Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the government is committed to developing the science and technology sectors, which are game-changers to transform Malaysia into a high-income nation.

He said the government would be unable to provide for the people unless it developed and sustained a strong technological and scientific base.

Science and technology, he said, were two powerful instruments of social change that could transform the lives of individuals, societies and nations.

"We need to reinvigorate science so that it is ready and able to generate new ideas that will create wealth and jobs for the people. We must transform our communities and individuals into become high-income earners. This would require science as a game-changer to uplift their income level.

"For example, smallholders operating oil palm and rubber estates are mostly low-income earners. How then do you transform them into high-income earners?

"This is an example of the challenges we face. I believe the only way we can find a solution to the



Datuk Seri Najib Razak with Tan Sri Dr Yusof Basiron (left) and Dr Chia Swee Ping at the Academy of Sciences Malaysia 2013 Conferment of Fellowship dinner in Kuala Lumpur last night. Pic by Mohd Yusni Ariffin

challenges is through science, research and development, as well as innovation," he said in his keynote address during the **Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) 2013 Conferment of Fellowship dinner** here last night.

Present were Science adviser to the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Zakri Abdul Hamid; special adviser to the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Jamaluddin Jarjis and academy president Tan Sri Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali.

Dr Ahmad Tajuddin had earlier presented certificates to 35 recipients of the 2013 Top Research Scientists Malaysia.

Najib said like developed and developing countries, Malaysia had made a significant allocation to research and development.

He said over the past few years and this year's budget, the government allocated RM600 million to research universities to undertake research and development programmes and initiatives.

"Our investment of 1.07 per cent of the gross domestic product is much lower than that spent by industrialised and developed nations but higher if we were to compare with other developing countries."

He expressed concern about the

ratio between arts and science in the education system.

"I am equally concerned that the ratio of Science and Arts is 30:70; a far cry from what is needed. We need to make the ratio 60:40 in favour of science. This is something we need to address urgently, otherwise it will undermine our long-term competitiveness."

Najib conferred theoretical physicist Dr Chia Swee Ping and former Palm Oil Research Institute director-general Tan Sri Dr Yusof Basiron, the academy's senior fellowship.

He conferred the academy's fellowship on 19 other individuals.



Malaysia Perlu Cergaskan Semula Sains - Najib

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 Dis (Bernama) -- Malaysia perlu mencergaskan semula bidang sains agar mampu menjana idea baharu dan strategi yang dapat menghasilkan kekayaan dan pekerjaan untuk rakyat, kata Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Perdana Menteri berkata kerajaan sedar ia tidak mampu menjaga kebajikan rakyat, melainkan ia membangunkan dan melestarikan dasar sains dan teknologi yang kukuh.

"Malaysia mempunyai komitmen yang tinggi untuk pembangunan sains dan teknologi," katanya di [Majlis Penganugerahan Fellowship Akademi Sains Malaysia 2013 dan pengumuman 'Top Research Scientists Malaysia' \(TRSM\) 2013](#), di sini Selasa malam.

Najib berkata sains dan teknologi adalah instrumen yang berkuasa dalam perubahan sosial yang kesannya kepada pemodenan bukan sekadar peningkatan teknologi tetapi juga mengubah kehidupan individu, masyarakat dan negara.

Isunya kata beliau, apa juga yang dikemukakan oleh komuniti saintifik mesti pada akhirnya membawa impak positif kepada kehidupan rakyat.

"Saya sedar ini tidak akan berlaku dalam tempoh semalam, akan tetapi pelan komprehensif yang menangani isu-isu mendesak, digabung dengan keperluan masa hadapan, perlu digubal untuk meletakkan sains sebagai enjin utama dalam kemakmuran ekonomi negara kita," kata Najib.

Beliau juga mengiktiraf peranan penting organisasi seperti [Akademi Sains Malaysia \(ASM\)](#) dalam menjana idea untuk kerajaan mencapai agenda membina negara yang teguh dan makmur, serta menjadi negara maju menjelang 2020.

Perdana Menteri juga berharap menerusi sistem tadbir urus sains yang ditambah baik, penyelidikan dan pembangunan di pelbagai kementerian serta agensi kerajaan serta sektor swasta, akan lebih berfokus dan berkoordinasi.

"Saya mengalu-alukan input yang konstruktif daripada anda semua ketika kita menuju ke arah mencapai aspirasi negara dan untuk itu saya mengharapkan kerjasama yang berterusan daripada komuniti saintifik," katanya.

Dalam majlis itu Najib turut menyampaikan anugerah Fellowship ASM kepada dua felo kanan akademi tersebut iaitu Ketua Pengarah Lembaga Minyak Sawit Malaysia Tan Sri Dr Yusof Basiron dan ahli fizik teori Dr Cheah Swee Ping serta 19 felo baharu ASM.

**KERATAN AKHBAR
BERITA HARIAN (NASIONAL): MUKA SURAT 2
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Komitmen tinggi bangunkan sains, teknologi

Kuala Lumpur: Datuk Seri Najib Razak menegaskan Malaysia mempunyai komitmen tinggi terhadap pembangunan sains dan teknologi.

Perdana Menteri berkata, kerajaan sedar ia tidak boleh menyediakan kebajikan kepada rakyat, melainkan pihaknya boleh membina dan mengekalkan teknologi yang kukuh serta asas saintifik.

"Kita perlu mengaktifkan semula sains supaya ia bersedia serta dapat menjana idea besar baru dan strategi

perubahan yang akan menjana kekayaan serta pekerjaan kepada rakyat," katanya berucap pada majlis Makan Malam Akademi Sains Malaysia (ASM) di sini, malam tadi.

Hadir sama, Presiden ASM, Tan Sri Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali; Penasihat Sains kepada Perdana Menteri, Prof Emeritus Datuk Seri Dr Zakri Abdul Hamid dan Penasihat Khas kepada Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Jamaluddin Jarris.

Najib berkata, apa yang dilakukan atau dicadangkan oleh komuniti saintifik seperti ASM mesti akhirnya mempunyai impak positif kepada kehidupan rakyat.

Pelan komprehensif

"Ia memerlukan pelan komprehensif yang menggariskan keperluan pertengahan yang menggabungkan kepentingan pada masa depan.

"Kita perlu mentransformasikan mereka kepada berpendapatan tinggi, terutama da-

lam industri getah dan sawit," katanya.

Pada majlis itu, Najib menganugerahkan dua Felo Kanan ASM kepada Ketua Eksekutif Majlis Minyak Sawit Malaysia (MPOC), Tan Sri Dr Yusof Basiron dan Felo Penyelidikan Kanan Jabatan Fizik, Fakulti Sains, Universiti Malaya, Dr Chia Swee Ping, sebagai penghargaan terhadap sumbangan serta kepemimpinan dalam bidang masing-masing, selain menganugerahkan 19 orang sebagai Felo baru.

KERATAN AKHBAR
UTUSAN MALAYSIA (DALAM NEGERI) : MUKA SURAT 3
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Komitmen
negara dalam
bidang sains,
teknologi

KUALA LUMPUR 17 Dis.
- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak menyatakan komitmen tinggi Malaysia terhadap pembangunan dalam bidang sains dan teknologi.

Perdana Menteri berkata, adalah sukar bagi kerajaan untuk menjaga kebajikan rakyat sekiranya asas kukuh dalam sains dan teknologi tidak dibangunkan.

Menurut beliau, bidang sains sentiasa memerlukan pembaharuan agar berupaya menjana idea-idea baharu dan strategi bagi menjana kekayaan serta peluang pekerjaan kepada rakyat.

"Apa sahaja yang kita lakukan, apa sahaja yang dicadangkan oleh komuniti sains, mesti memberi kesan positif terhadap kehidupan rakyat.

"Saya sedar ia tidak akan berlaku dalam sekelip mata. Namun, perancangan yang komprehensif dengan mengambil kira keperluan semasa dan masa hadapan, perlu dirangka bagi meletakkan bidang sains sebagai kunci kepada kemakmuran ekonomi negara," katanya ketika berucap dalam majlis Makan Malam Tahunan Akademi Sains Malaysia (ASM) di sini malam ini.

SME 100 award winners record better revenue

37% improvement remarkable in face of 5.6% GDP growth

SMALL and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Malaysia continue to grow, notwithstanding global economic uncertainties and a more challenging marketplace.

According to the *SME 100 Report* revenue grew by a whopping 37% last year for the top 100 SMEs in the country. This is remarkable given the country's overall GDP growth of 5.6% in 2012 and the expected 4.5% to 5.0% growth expected for 2013.

Group publisher and editor-in-chief of *SME Magazine* Datuk William Ng said: "While the records set by the top 100 may not be representative of all SMEs, it dispels the myth that business has been bad for SMEs in general in Malaysia."

The *SME 100 Report* surveyed 2,000 top SMEs in Malaysia between July and October.

A total of 692 companies responded to the programme, with the top 100 selected among the respondents based on quantitative criteria such as revenue growth and profit, and qualitative criteria such as business outlook, investment

in training, and R&D efforts, to receive the SME 100 Award.

Among the award recipients are Bukit Merah Arowana Farm Sdn Bhd, Datasonic Smart Solutions Sdn Bhd, I-Ilham Corporation Sdn Bhd, LA Corporation Sdn Bhd, My-Sutera Sdn Bhd, Super Piles Sdn Bhd, Tetap Tiarara Sdn Bhd and Tiram Travel Sdn Bhd.

Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Hamim Samuri, who officiated the release of the list and presented awards to the top 100, said the government has always facilitated a pro-business environment.

"The government is determined to facilitate the growth and development of a competitive and resilient SME sector as a key component of the Government's economic growth strategy."

Deputy Science, Technology and Innovation Minister, Datuk Dr Abu Bakar Mohd Diah, who was also present at the awards ceremony, advised SMEs to adopt innovation as a game changer.

"Products and services are becoming more similar. What you can produce and sell, so can our competition from other countries. As such, the only thing that can set us apart, and keep us ahead, is our ability to innovate as a country," he said.

This year's list is also significant in that SMEs in the ICT and telecommunications industry formed the largest group of winners, with the construction, property development and building materials sector a close second.

Ng said: "it is not surprising that the ICT and telecommunications industry is the top industry represented among the winners."

"The previous year has clearly seen the revival of this industry, following pent-up demand in 2010-2011."

"The property sector is also expected to do well, with mega infrastructure projects under the ETP such as the MRT and 1Malaysia Development Berhad helping to drive the growth of the property sector".

KERATAN AKHBAR
THE MALAY MAIL (BUSINESS) : MUKA SURAT 22
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Celcom clinches Cyber Security organisation award

CELCOM Axiata Bhd was presented the Cyber Security Organisation of the Year Award at the Cyber Security Malaysia – Awards, Conference and Exhibition (CSM-ACE) 2013 held in Royale Chulan Hotel Kuala Lumpur last month.

The award was conferred by CyberSecurity Malaysia, an agency under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI). Celcom is the first and only telco to be recognised by CyberSecurity Malaysia since the award series' inception in 2009.

Chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shazalli Ramli said: "Being the first telco to be honoured with such a prestigious award is a testament to Celcom's comprehensive transformation efforts that continually raise the benchmarks to be the best in the industry for IT and cyber security in particular. In line with our security investment roadmap and strategy for 2014, Celcom's IT team is working towards enhancing Celcom's internal capabilities while ensuring that our most valuable asset – our customers – remain secure from foreseeable and unforeseen cyber risks."

The accolade was presented by deputy Minister of Science, Technology & Innovation Datuk Dr Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah, and received by Celcom chief information technology officer Kashif Syed Haq.

Celcom's win echoes the progress of its IT transformation initiatives in line with overall organisation transformation, identifying IT as a key enabler in identifying key customer needs and business



NEW BENCHMARK: Kashif with the Cyber Security Organisation of the Year award

opportunities.

Apart from cyber security, Celcom has invested in a number of systems including the Business Support System / Best Sales & Services, an integrated and seamless front-end transformation for efficient customer management; Business Intelligence (BI) and targeted analytics via geographical segmentation to understand customers better; and Next-Best Activity (NBA) solutions to offer products and services to existing customers.

Established in 2009, the Malaysia Cyber Security Awards honours individuals and organisations which have demonstrated standard-setting practices in the information security arena.

Meanwhile Cyber Security Malaysia chief executive officer Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab said: "We would like to congratulate Celcom for being awarded the Cyber Security Organisation of the Year. We look forward to work together with Celcom to further accelerate the growth of cyber security industry in order to achieve the objectives of Digital Malaysia."

Fire and Rescue Dept better prepared for next wave of floods

JOHOR BARU: The Fire and Rescue Department has directed all its stations in flood prone areas to quickly respond and carry out evacuation during the next wave of floods, which are expected to start from today.

Its director-general Datuk Wan Mohd Nor Ibrahim said the department's personnel were better prepared this time, unlike the first wave when the water level rose rapidly.

"I have told my state directors and station chiefs to immediately request for assistance and not wait until the last minute to call for back-up," he said.

Wan Mohd added the department had mobilised at least 120 boats as well as its helicopters in Pahang, Terengganu and Johor.

"This is a multi coordinated operation involving many agencies and we need to work with everyone," he said.

The next wave of floods, said Wan Mohd,

was expected to start following heavy rains forecast from today until Dec 22.

He also urged those who needed assistance to contact the department's 24-hour operations room hotline at 03-8888 0964.

The Meteorological Department has warned residents in Terengganu, Pahang and Johor to be prepared for a third wave of heavy rain.

Among the areas involved are Dungun and Kemaman in Terengganu, Kuantan, Pekan and Rompin (Pahang) and Segamat and Mersing (Johor).

The department's principal assistant director Amirzudi Hashim said they have issued a yellow-level alert for these districts.

Johor Health and Environment committee chairman Datuk Ayub Rahmat said he did not believe there would be extreme floods this time around.

Be prepared for more floods

It looks like the sky is going to open up again and it's going to rain cats and dogs in many parts of the country.

The Metrological Department has cautioned the public to be prepared for this.

Those who are living in the lowlands and flood prone areas as usual will be more vulnerable.

The weatherman has advised the public to be on the alert to be evacuated when the situation warrants it.

Floods are said to be among the most terrifying and destructive of natural disasters.

As such it is highly recommended that families, especially those with small children and pets, in the flood prone areas to have an emergency

evacuation plan ready, than to solely depend on the authorities.

This emergency plan will come in handy to save valuable time when the flood waters start rising.

I came across some flood help tips on the Net by experts from the American Humane Association's Red Star Rescue Services for Kids and Animals that we may be able to adopt to meet our needs.

Here are some of the tips to keep you, your family and pets safe before the floods by the American Humane Association.

> Evacuate your family and pets as early as you can along with food, medicine, water, leashes and carrying cases for your pets. And be sure to follow the evacuation orders of the flood rescue authorities;

> Make sure your pet can respond when called by name;

> Have a pet carrier ready;

> Plan multiple routes to higher elevations and a safe destination. Avoid routes near bridges. Have a safe walking route planned too;

> Stock extra pet supplies and emergency kit in your car;

> Never leave children or pets home alone during a flood watch or warning. If water rises too fast, you may not be able to get to them;

> Don't leave pets tethered or crated if you are not around;

> If you can't evacuate large animals, take them to high ground and do not tether them;

> Maintain a waterproof box with halters, leads, medicines, bandages, fly spray and food; and

> Shut off all electrical breakers and close gas and water valves.

Animals lovers and pet owners who may be affected in the ongoing floods are advised to browse the homepage of the American Humane Association (www.americanhumane.org/.../10-tips-to-keep-children-and-1.html) for more flood help tips during and after the floods.

I hope our local animal welfare organisations together with the relevant authorities such as the Veterinary Department and the Wildlife Department (Perhilitan) will come out with some flood help tips or guidelines for pet and animal owners.

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KERATAN AKHBAR
SINAR HARIAN (JOM MASUK U) : MUKA SURAT 04
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Lahir penyelidik muda berkualiti

Ekspo *Invention, Innovation and Design (IIDEX) Innovateur Wannabe 2013* yang berlangsung minggu lalu telah menarik 52 penyertaan dalam kalangan penuntut Institut Pengajian Tinggi Awam/Swasta (IPTA/S) di peringkat sijil, diploma, ijazah sarjana muda, sarjana dan ijazah kedoktoran.

Uniknya, ekspo ini menggunakan pendekatan melalui media sosial untuk menarik lebih ramai penyertaan dari penyelidik muda. Ini kerana penyertaan adalah melalui video pembentangan yang memaparkan inovasi mereka dan muat naik di YouTube dan Facebook IIDEX 2013.

Setelah melalui proses penilaian akhir oleh juri profesional yang dilantik, hanya 15 penyertaan layak ke peringkat akhir terdiri dari 10 penyertaan kategori A (sijil, diploma dan ijazah sarjana muda) serta lima penyertaan kategori B (sarjana dan ijazah kedoktoran).

Meskipun IIDEX merupakan pertandingan inovasi dan reka cipta yang telah memasuki tahun kelapan

penganjuran, pertandingan pada kali ini hanya dibuka kepada penuntut IPTA/S sahaja manakala pensyarah sebagai mentor.

Langkah ini bertujuan untuk menggalakkan lebih ramai penuntut menjadi usahawan dengan memasarkan inovasi unik ciptaan mereka sendiri.

Juri yang dilantik juga terdiri daripada pihak industri bagi membolehkan penuntut memperoleh maklumat secara langsung dari industri dan membantu mereka menghasilkan inovasi yang memenuhi kehendak pasaran.

PRODUK TERBAIK DIKTIRAF

Sempena pertandingan ini juga, pemenang tempat pertama bagi setiap kategori telah menerima tunai RM1,500, kedua RM1,000 dan tempat ketiga RM750.

Bagi kategori A, kumpulan *GK Creator* telah dinobatkan juara keseluruhan dengan mempertaruhkan produk *Gallstone Killer* bagi menghalang

pembentukan batu hempedu dalam badan. Kumpulan *GK Creator* juga turut menerima anugerah Persembahan Terbaik Keseluruhan.

Tempat kedua pula dimenangi oleh kumpulan *Dentist* dan ketiga kumpulan *Cool*.

Sementara itu, kategori B pula dimenangi oleh kumpulan *CDDR* yang berjaya menginovasikan produk *AD-Caps: When Gut-Brain Connects*.

Kumpulan *CDDR* juga turut merangkul Anugerah Khas Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad (BIMB) dengan memperoleh RM3,000 dan Poster Terbaik RM1,000.

Bagi tempat kedua, kumpulan *Innovateurs* dan ketiga kumpulan *Dentistry*.

PUPUK SEMANGAT KEUSAHAWANAN MELALUI PROGRAM INOVASI

Menurut Pengerusi IIDEX 2013 merangkap Pengarah Research Innovation Business Unit (RIBU)

Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Profesor Madya Zulkifli Abd Majid, bersesuaian dengan tema memperkasa kelestarian inovasi, ia dapat memupuk semangat keusahawanan dengan penghasilan produk berteknologi tinggi. "Selain itu, ia dapat membudayakan sikap memperkasa budaya sains, teknologi dan inovasi dalam kalangan penuntut IPT.

"Bagi mewujudkan sebuah universiti unggul, penuntut juga perlu berpandangan jauh untuk menempatkan diri dalam pasaran kerja yang memerlukan idea baru dan bernas," katanya.

Program yang telah mendapat kerjasama dari pelbagai pihak seperti BIMB, Research Management Institute (RMI), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Malaysia Technology Development Corporation Bhd (MTDC), Perbadanan Harta Intelek Malaysia (MyIPO), Fuji Xerox dan Kumpulan Media Karangkrif diharapkan akan menjadi pemacu dalam bidang inovasi pada masa akan datang.

Raising awareness on cyber security

AS information and communications technology grows rapidly, many Malaysians find themselves being slaves to their gadgets or the victims of technology.

With plenty of information flooding the Internet, content can be obtained with the click of a mouse. But how can we be sure that the information is legitimate?

We have to learn to verify the information that we gather online. It is therefore crucial for us to also address security issues.

Realising the importance of addressing cyber security and safety issues, **CyberSecurity Malaysia** was established to monitor the e-Security aspect of the nation. The organisation is doing its part by providing relevant information, tips and advice on Internet security and cyber safety to educate the Malaysian digital community.

In order to nurture a culture of cyber security among Internet users, CyberSecurity Malaysia has introduced a dedicated programme known as Cyber Security Awareness for Everyone (CyberSAFE).

CyberSAFE was introduced to educate and increase awareness of the community on technological and

social issues facing Internet users, particularly on the dangers of the virtual world.

Amongst the issues addressed are:

- Good online chatting and social networking habits
- Safe Internet banking and online shopping
- Online investment scams, identity thefts, online fraud and phishing scams
- Protecting your computer against viruses, worms and other malware infections
- Cyber stalking, cyberbullying and online harassment
- Good email account management and dealing with spam
- Protecting privacy and personal information online

CyberSAFE's target groups include:

- School children
- Students
- Teachers
- Parents
- Adults
- Organisations

Activities carried out by CyberSAFE include:

- Awareness talks and open seminars



- Training of teachers and ambassadors
- Onsite awareness days and week
- Awareness activity kits
- Awareness road shows and competitions
- Consultation with the community and various interest groups
- National ICT security debates
- Cyber discovery camps

- CyberSAFE mentor programme for institutes of higher learning
- CyberSAFE treasure hunts and explore races
- CyberSAFE performing arts

CyberSAFE aims to provide the necessary information and resources to all targeted groups for them to be able to make informed choices and

manage these issues more easily.

Through CyberSAFE, CyberSecurity Malaysia hopes to be able to inform and educate Malaysian users about potential threats, pitfalls as well as good and safe online practices.

For more information
• www.cybersafe.my or
www.cybersecurity.my



Zakat P. Pinang Sasar Kutip RM100 Juta Tahun Depan

BUTTERWORTH, 17 Dis (Bernama) -- Zakat Pulau Pinang (ZPP) menasarkankan kutipan sebanyak RM100 juta pada tahun depan menerusi Kempen Kesedaran Zakat yang giat dijalankan.

Yang Dipertua Majlis Agama Islam Negeri Pulau Pinang (MAINPP) Datuk Mohd Salleh Man berkata kempen itu dipercayai dapat meningkatkan kesedaran umat Islam di negeri ini agar menunaikan tanggungjawab mereka menerusi pengeluaran zakat.

"Menerusi kempen, ZPP yakin dapat mencapai sasaran itu berdasarkan sasaran RM75 juta pada 2013 dan setakat ini kita berjaya kutip sebanyak RM62.8 juta," katanya kepada pemberita selepas menyempurnakan Majlis Zakat Perdana 2013 yang diadakan di Dewan Besar Sungai Dua di sini, Selasa.

Pada majlis itu, ZPP menyerahkan bantuan pendidikan sebanyak RM263,000 kepada 302 pelajar yang berjaya melanjutkan pelajaran ke institusi pengajian tinggi dan bantuan sagu hati kepada 207 kariah masjid seluruh negeri bernilai RM315,200.

Pada majlis yang sama, ZPP turut menerima zakat perniagaan sebanyak RM57,950.34 daripada Agro Bank Pulau Pinang dan RM130,648.85 daripada [Sirim QAS International Sdn Bhd.](#)

Mohd Salleh berkata pihaknya telah mengagihkan sebanyak RM61 juta hasil kutipan zakat tahun ini kepada beberapa golongan penerima termasuk bagi tujuan bantuan pendidikan.

-- BERNAMA



Syabas Mula Kerja Pembaikan Di Loji Rawatan Air Sungai Selangor Fasa 2

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 Dis (Bernama) -- Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Syabas) memulakan kerja dan henti tugas sementara Selasa di loji rawatan air Sungai Selangor Fasa 2, Batang Berjuntai yang menyebabkan gangguan bekalan air tidak berjadual di Lembah Klang dan Selangor.

Penolong Pengurus Besar Jabatan Komunikasi Korporat dan Hal Ehwal Awam Syabas Priscilla Alfred berkata pelaksanaan kerja-kerja henti tugas itu mengambil masa 13 jam mulai 8 pagi ini hingga 9 malam.

"Tempoh pemulihan bekalan air pula dijangka pada 9 malam. Oleh kerana gangguan ini melibatkan kawasan besar, Syabas mengaktifkan Pelan Tindakan Kecemasan (ERP) Kod Kuning untuk kesemua kawasan itu," katanya kepada Bernama di sini Selasa.

Menurutnya Syabas telah membuat persediaan bagi mengurangkan kesan atau gangguan bekalan air kepada pengguna dengan memenuhkan semua kolam simpanan sebelum kerja henti tugas dilakukan.

Sebahagian kawasan yang disenarai mengalami gangguan, khususnya kawasan berhampiran kolam air dan kawasan rendah, mungkin mendapat bekalan air tanpa kesan gangguan bekalan air.

Priscilla berkata kebanyakan kawasan mendapat pemulihan bekalan air dalam tempoh 24 jam selepas kerja henti tugas siap nanti.

"Tempoh masa untuk bekalan air pulih sepenuhnya di semua kawasan terlibat adalah secara berperingkat dan bergantung kepada geografikal. Kawasan jauh dari sumber bekalan dan di tempat tinggi mendapat kembali bekalan agak lewat," katanya.

Syabas menjangka kawasan tinggi dan jauh dari sumber air terutama di sekitar Petaling, Kuala Lumpur dan Klang/Shah Alam adalah kawasan bekalan air yang terakhir pulih sepenuhnya.

Sehubungan itu, Syabas menyarankan pengguna supaya mendapatkan maklumat terkini berhubung gangguan bekalan air menerusi laman sesawang <http://www.syabas.com.my>.

Pengguna juga boleh membuat aduan atau pertanyaan di laman Facebook atau Twitter Syabas dengan menaip 'puspel' atau 'puspel syabas'.

Sebelum ini, Syabas menyatakan henti tugas yang akan menyebabkan kira-kira sejuta penduduk di Lembah Klang dan Selangor berdepan gangguan bekalan air, bertujuan memberi laluan kepada kerja-kerja menaik taraf, pembaikan dan penukaran aset-aset utama seperti papan suis dan paip keluli.

Pengepaman loji rawatan air Sungai Selangor Fasa 2 ke Kolam Imbangan Matang Pagar membekalkan air ke wilayah-wilayah Petaling, Gombak, Kuala Lumpur dan Klang/Shah Alam.

Henti tugas itu melibatkan 217,694 akaun pengguna termasuk di beberapa kawasan penting seperti Kelab Diraja Selangor, [Pusat Sains Negara](#), Kompleks Kerajaan Jalan Duta dan Pusat Dagangan Dunia Putra.