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BioShoppe platform untuk produk syarikat BioNexus



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KUALA LUMPUR 23 Julai - Penubuhan BioShoppe di peringkat runcit adalah langkah utama **Malaysian Biotechnology Corporation (BiotechCorp)** untuk mempergiatkan kehadiran dan penerimaan pasaran kepada produk penjagaan kesihatan berkaitan bioteknologi.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif BiotechCorp, Datuk Dr. Mohd. Nazlee Kamal berkata, matlamat penubuhan BioShoppe adalah untuk mengumpulkan produk-produk berkualiti tinggi daripada syarikat BioNexus dan memasarkan bawah program pemasaran strategik.

Katanya, syarikat berstatus BioNexus kekal penting kepada bioekonomi Malaysia dan ia menyumbang hampir RM4 bilion dalam bentuk pelaburan kepada ekonomi negara.

"Terdapat lebih 60 produk minuman kesihatan, kosmetik dan penjagaan badan sehingga makanan tambahan herba dipilih daripada 13 syarikat BioNexus yang berada di BioShoppe ini.

"Kami menjangkakan lebih banyak lagi syarikat BioNexus

akan berada di BioShoppe pada masa depan," ujarnya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada majlis pelancaran BioShoppe di Nova Natural Supplement and Skincare di sini baru-baru ini.

Yang turut hadir, Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi, Datuk Dr. Ewon Ebin dan Pengarah Urusan Nova Laboratories Sdn. Bhd., Phang Nyie Lin.

Sementara itu, Mohd. Nazlee memberitahu, adalah sukar untuk mendapatkan produk bioteknologi keluaran negara ini di farmasi-farmasi tempatan dan kerjasama dengan Nova itu akan menyediakan satu platform kepada syarikat-syarikat BioNexus memasarkan produk mereka.

Beliau berharap dengan pendekatan ini, produk-produk tempatan ini dapat berkembang dan boleh menembusi pasaran antarabangsa.

Dalam pada itu, BiotechCorp mengunjurkan jualan sebanyak RM1 juta bagi produk daripada syarikat-syarikat BioNexus yang berada di BioShoppe pada tahun depan dan menjangka dapat menjana jualan sehingga RM200,000 pada tahun ini.

RM1j untuk projek perintis tiram

Balik Pulau: Balik Pulau sudah dikenal pasti sebagai kawasan yang sesuai untuk penternakan tiram dan pembiakan gamat pertama di Malaysia bagi memenuhi permintaan dari dalam dan luar negara.

Ahli Parlimen Balik Pulau, Datuk Seri Dr Hilmi Yahaya berkata, Kerajaan Pusat melalui Unit Perancang Ekonomi telah me-

luluskan peruntukan awal RM1 juta untuk melaksanakan projek perintis di Sungai Burung di sini.

Menurutnya, kawasan lebih 80 hektar dikenal pasti sebagai sesuai untuk pembiakan dan penternakan tiram serta gamat.

“Kerja-kerja pengorekan kolam dan pembinaan infrastruktur akan bermula akhir tahun ini se-

belum aktiviti pembiakan dan perternakan dimulakan awal tahun depan,” katanya di sini, semalam.

Hilmi yang juga Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan berkata, projek itu akan dijalankan dengan kerjasama pihak Berkuasa Pelaksanaan Koridor Utara (NCIA) dan Malaysian Biotechnology Corporation Sdn Bhd (Biotech Corp).

Menurutnya, beberapa kolam akan dibina dalam fasa pertama projek itu, dengan sebuah kolam seluas 0.4 hektar dapat menampung lebih 200,000 benih tiram.

“Pada masa sama, ternakan gamat dijalankan pada kolam yang sama dengan tempoh matang antara lapan hingga 10 bulan,” katanya. -BERNAMA

MDV to promote more tech companies under 11MP

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia Debt Venture Bhd (MDV) has submitted a strategic paper to the Government in its quest to promote more technology companies in the 11th Malaysia Plan (11MP).

Managing director and chief executive officer Datuk Md Zubir Ansori Yahaya said MDV had sought a RM100mil fund in the 11MP to help technology companies bridge the gap between post research and development, and pre-commercialisation.

He said a RM40mil fund managed by MDV to promote technology companies in the 10MP had been fully utilised.

"From our observation, many more early-stage technology companies require similar funding to spur business growth," he told *Bernama*.

The 10MP will end next year.

MDV lends money to technology

We want to emulate the success of the 10MP.

- Datuk Md Zubir Ansori Yahaya

companies at the pre-commercialisation stage to help improve the commercialisation rate of developed technologies and technology participation.

For the past 12 years, MDV has played a significant role in nurturing more than 600 technology projects

by disbursing loans to the tune of over RM8bil.

Under the 10MP Commercialisation Fund, MDV had approved a Mudharabah facility worth RM40mil to finance technology companies and since 2012, had disbursed RM49mil to 18 technology companies.

"We want to emulate the success of the 10MP Commercialisation Fund in the 11MP," Md Zubir Ansori said.

Apart from the 10MP Commercialisation Fund, MDV also manages the Intellectual Property Financing Scheme and the Bumiputra, Biotechnology and Bio-Industry Development Fund (in collaboration with the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry, the Malaysian Biotechnology Corp and the Economic Planning Unit).

Md Zubir said MDV aspired to

expand its funding portfolio in 2015 by venturing into new areas, namely aerospace, automobile and the oil and gas.

Information and communication technology (ICT) is still the mainstay of MDV's portfolio, he said, adding: "ICT accounted for 65% of our portfolio of over RM1bil, followed by green technology between 25% and 28% while the rest is biotechnology."

On the recent overnight policy rate (OPR) hike by Bank Negara, he said it would not affect MDV schemes, cost structure and business operations that catered for niche markets.

"However, in the medium and long term, should it continue on an uptrend, the OPR could have some impact on MDV's financing structure, and depending on the financing tenure of loans," he added. - *Bernama*

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MDV mohon dana RM100j

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia Debt Venture Bhd (MDV) sudah mengemukakan kertas strategik kepada kerajaan dalam usahanya mempromosikan lebih banyak syarikat teknologi dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-11 (RMK-11).

Pengarah Urusan dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutifnya, Datuk Md Zubir Ansori Yahaya (*gambar*) berkata, MDV memohon dana RM100 juta dalam RMK-11 bagi membantu syarikat teknologi merapatkan jurang antara pasca penyelidikan dan pembangunan serta prapengkomersialan.

Beliau berkata, dana RM40 juta oleh MDV bagi menggalakkan syarikat teknologi dalam RMK-10 yang berakhir tahun depan, sudah digunakan sepenuhnya.

"Berdasarkan pemantauan kami, banyak lagi syarikat teknologi yang baru ditubuhkan memerlukan pembiayaan serupa bagi merangsang pertumbuhan perniagaan mereka," katanya.

MDV meminjamkan wang



kepada syarikat teknologi pada peringkat prapengkomersialan bagi membantu meningkatkan kadar pengkomersialan teknologi yang dibangunkan serta penyeritaan dalam teknologi.

Sepanjang 12 tahun lalu, MDV memainkan peranan penting dalam membangunkan lebih 600 projek teknologi dengan mengagihkan pinjaman berjumlah RM8 bilion. Dalam RMK-10 Dana Pengkomersialan, MDV meluluskan kemudahan Mudarabah bernilai RM40 juta bagi membiayai syarikat teknologi dan sejak

2012, mengagihkan RM49 juta kepada 18 syarikat teknologi.

"Kami mahu meniru kejayaan Dana Pengkomersialan RMK-10 dalam RMK-11," katanya.

Selain Dana Pengkomersialan RMK-10, MDV juga mengurus Skim Pembiayaan Harta Intelek dan Dana Pembangunan Industri Bio dan Bioteknologi Bumiputera, (dengan kerjasama Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi, Perbadanan Bioteknologi Malaysia, dan Unit Perancang Ekonomi).

Md Zubir berkata, MDV berhasrat mengembangkan portfolio pembiayaan pada 2015 dengan menceburi bidang baru seperti aeroangkasa, kereta serta minyak dan gas.

"Teknologi maklumat dan komunikasi (ICT) masih tonggak utama portfolio MDV. ICT menyumbang 65 peratus kepada portfolio kami iaitu melebihi RM1 bilion, diikuti teknologi hijau antara 25 dan 28 peratus manakala selebihnya daripada bioteknologi," katanya. - BERNAMA

Pressure now on Netherlands team to identify bodies

Malaysian side confident of producing next-of-kin's DNA profiles in short time

PUTRAJAYA: The pressure is now on the Netherlands investigation team to identify the bodies of the MH17 victims, as the Malaysian side is confident of producing the DNA profiles of the next-of-kin within a short period.

The Malaysian Chemistry Department forensic division director Dr Kamaruddin Asri said the DNA profiling for the living next-of-kin was "an easy process" which could be completed within 48 hours.

The information would then be submitted to other relevant authorities for identification of the victims, he added.

"The department, alongside the Health Ministry, has collected these specimens from the next-of-kin and we expect that more of such data collection will be done in the coming days.

"As soon as the specimens are registered in our lab, we will start on the analysis process as we have given high priority to this matter.

"As long as the specimens are received in good condition, it is a simple thing to do (to produce the DNA profiles).



"In fact, we have already completed some of them (analysis results)," Dr Kamaruddin told *The Star* yesterday.

Although Malaysia is keen on bringing some of its victims back home before Hari Raya Aidilfitri, the process of identifying the bodies is feared to be more time-consuming.

The first day of Hari Raya is expected to fall on Monday.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte had been quoted in several reports as saying that the identification process could take weeks or months and that the families would be informed as soon as the bodies were identified.

Selangor may face water rationing again

PETALING JAYA: With water levels at the seven dams in Selangor showing a drop, the possibility of another round of water rationing in the state appears to be imminent.

According to the Selangor Water Management Authority (LUAS) website, the water level at the dams were recording a decline. The Sungai Selangor dam, which supplies water to more than 60% of households in the Klang Valley and Putrajaya, recorded the lowest level.

As of yesterday, the Sungai Selangor dam was at 36.67% (its critical level is 30%) compared to 39.26% a week ago.

The water level at the other dams (with the figure for a week ago in brackets) was Sungai Tinggi - 50.17% (54.25%), Langat - 63.86% (65.38%), Tasik Subang 67.69% (70.1%), Klang Gates - 71.72% (73.99%), Semenyih - 81.66% (84.16%) and Batu - 84.30% (86.19%).

A Meteorological Department spokesman told *theSun* that the cloud seeding exercise was currently in standby mode as they were still waiting for favourable weather conditions like the development of rain clouds over the dam catchment areas.

On when the cloud seeding is likely to be done, he said it would most likely be after the Hari Raya season as the weather for the coming two weeks was forecast to be dry and hot.

He also said other factors that contributed to the current dry and hot weather was the passing of the typhoon over the Philippines and the Pacific Ocean, causing less rain clouds to be formed.