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ABU BAKAR MOHAMAD DIAH bersama sebahagian daripada pelajar jurusan Kejuruteraan Universiti Sains Malaysia dalam majlis Dialog Bersama Pemimpin dan Akademia di Nibong Tebal, Pulau Pinang, semalam. - UTUSAN/SAZALI CHE DIN.

MOSTI gesa lebih ramai pohon geran menerusi Inovasi Sosial

NIBONG TEBAL 4 Sept. - Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI) menggesa lebih banyak pihak tampil memohon geran melalui program Inovasi Sosial bagi meningkatkan kadar pengkomersialan negara.

Timbalan Menteri, Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah berkata, setakat ini, hanya 115 permohonan diterima untuk program yang dilancarkan Mei lalu itu yang menyediakan geran sebanyak RM30 juta.

Menurutnya, melalui program itu, setiap pemohon akan diberikan geran sebanyak RM100,000 untuk menghasilkan produk yang memiliki impak tinggi terhadap komuniti.

"Kementerian giat melakukan usaha pengkomersialan produk-produk inovasi di peringkat akar

umbi dan melalui program Inovasi Sosial ini, kita peruntukkan geran RM30 juta.

"Kita berharap lebih ramai penyelidik yang tampil memohon geran maksimum RM100,000 untuk setiap projek yang memiliki impak kepada komuniti," katanya.

Beliau ditemui pemberita selepas menghadiri Program Bersama Pemimpin dan Akademia untuk pelajar baharu Kampus Kejuruteraan Universiti Sains Malaysia di sini hari ini.

Tambah Abu Bakar, produk inovasi yang dihasilkan itu juga mampu menjadi sumber pendapatan kepada penciptanya apabila dikomersialkan nanti.

Jelasnya, idea mewujudkan program Inovasi Sosial adalah disebabkan

kan pelbagai produk yang dicipta penyelidik tempatan gagal dikomersialkan berikutan tiada dana sehingga merugikan banyak pihak.

Dalam pada itu, Abu Bakar menjelaskan, pihaknya optimis dan mampu mengeluarkan sehingga 360 produk berimpak tinggi menjelang 2020.

"Bagi mencapai sasaran tersebut, negara perlu mengeluarkan sekurang-kurangnya 60 produk berimpak tinggi setiap tahun dan saya yakin mampu dicapai.

"Produk berimpak tinggi ini juga harus ada nilai komersial dan mampu dijual sehingga ke luar negara. Sehubungan itu, menjelang 2020 kita dijangka berjaya memasarkan sekurang-kurangnya 360 produk," ujarnya.



Kerajaan Mahu Lebih Banyak Penyelidikan Bagi Majukan Sektor Sains Dan Teknologi

NIBONG TEBAL, 4 Sept (Bernama) -- Kerajaan mahu lebih banyak penyelidikan, inovasi dan teknologi baharu dihasilkan bagi memajukan sektor sains dan teknologi negara agar setanding dengan negara-negara maju, kata [Timbalan Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi Datuk Dr Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah](#).

Beliau berkata usaha berkenaan juga membolehkan negara mengkomersialkan inovasi dan teknologi tempatan peringkat antarabangsa serta dapat menjana pendapatan.

"Perancangan itu juga membolehkan pengkomersialan sekurang-kurangnya 60 produk inovasi pada setiap tahun dan jumlah ini dapat meningkatkan kadar pengkomersialan daripada lapan peratus kepada 15 peratus dalam tempoh lima tahun lagi.

"Tahun ini, lebih 50 produk telah dipasarkan di seluruh negara yang merupakan sebahagian daripada perancangan kementerian untuk mencapai status negara maju menjelang 2020, terutamanya menjadi pengeluar produk berinovasi," katanya kepada pemberita selepas Majlis Sambutan Siswa Kampus Kejuruteraan Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) di sini Jumaat.

Abu Bakar berkata kementerian memperuntukkan RM3.2 bilion sebagai dana penyelidikan di bawah Rancangan Malaysia ke-10 yang dirangkumkan secara berpusat melalui DanaSains dan PraKomersialisasi.

"Pada tahun ini, di bawah pemberian geran penyelidikan dalam bidang sains dan teknologi, kementerian telah membelanjakan sebanyak RM948 juta menerusi 1,722 projek penyelidikan di seluruh negara," katanya.

Selain itu, Abu Bakar berkata kementerian juga akan membantu penyelidik dalam usaha mengkomersialkan produk mereka terutama produk bioteknologi pertanian, bioteknologi perniagaan kesihatan dan bioteknologi industri, menerusi Jawatankuasa Pengkomersialan.

"Program Transformasi adalah satu platform yang disediakan kerajaan untuk memaksimumkan peluang pengkomersialan produk-produk berasaskan sains dan teknologi," katanya.

Katanya beliau juga menyokong penuh program berbentuk produk inovasi tempatan serta penyelidikan dan pembangunan (R&D) oleh semua pihak khususnya golongan akademik dan pelajar untuk terus menyumbangkan idea yang kreatif dalam pembangunan inovasi negara.

Katanya inovasi dan idea yang kreatif dapat mengangkat nama negara di persada antarabangsa khususnya daripada aspek pengembangan teknologi.



Kerajaan Digesa Wujudkan Garis Panduan Pembekal Alat Kawalan Keselamatan - APSA

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Sept (Bernama) -- Persatuan Keselamatan Profesional Asia (APSA) menggesa kerajaan supaya mewujudkan satu garis panduan khusus bagi penghasilan alatan keselamatan bagi memastikan semua pembekal mematuhi standard yang sama.

Presiden APSA Datuk Seri Mustapa Ali berkata persatuan telah berbincang dengan [Institut Piawaian dan Penyelidikan Perindustrian Malaysia \(SIRIM\)](#) bagi menyediakan cadangan garis panduan itu untuk diteliti oleh kerajaan.

"Banyak alat keselamatan yang dibekalkan di pasaran hari ini tidak mempunyai standard yang sama, jadi APSA berharap garis panduan yang dicadangkan, akan diguna pakai kerajaan bagi memastikan keselamatan pengguna terjamin," katanya kepada Bernama hari ini.

Beliau ditemui pada Pameran dan Persidangan Kebakaran dan Keselamatan Antarabangsa (IFSEC) Asia Tenggara, yang diadakan di Pusat Konvensyen Kuala Lumpur di sini.

Dalam pada itu, Mustapa yang juga Presiden Persatuan Perkhidmatan Kawalan Keselamatan Malaysia berkata sebuah pasukan petugas khas telah ditubuhkan bagi mengenal pasti syarikat perkhidmatan kawalan keselamatan swasta yang melakukan kesalahan.

Pasukan digerakkan di bawah Kementerian Dalam Negeri itu akan menjalankan tugas mengawal selia semua 756 syarikat kawalan keselamatan swasta supaya mengikut prosedur operasi standard (SOP) yang ditetapkan supaya tidak terlibat dengan kegiatan haram yang boleh menyebabkan lesen perkhidmatan mereka digantung atau dibatalkan.

"Sehingga hari ini kita telah membatalkan sebanyak 38 lesen syarikat keselamatan swasta dan juga telah mengeluarkan amaran keras terhadap 44 syarikat lain yang didapati melakukan pelbagai kesalahan," katanya.

Mustapa turut berkata jumlah pengawal keselamatan swasta yang ada di negara ini masih tidak mampu menampung permintaan khidmat kawalan keselamatan yang diperlukan di seluruh negara.

"Jumlah keseluruhan pengawal keselamatan warga tempatan yang berdaftar adalah sebanyak 167,000 orang manakala jumlah pengawal keselamatan warga asing yang berdaftar setakat ini ialah 28,000 orang," katanya.

IFSEC Kali Kedua Asia Tenggara yang berlangsung dari 3 hingga 5 Sept, menampilkan produk teknologi dan perkhidmatan terkini berkaitan keselamatan komersial, perlindungan daripada kebakaran, perlindungan data, produk keselamatan siber serta penyelesaian oleh lebih 300 syarikat dari 36 negara, termasuk United Kingdom, Taiwan, China dan Singapura.



Ketampakan Rendah Akibat Jerebu Sehingga Esok

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Sept (Bernama) -- Ketampakan rendah kurang daripada lima kilometer disebabkan jerebu di sekitar perairan Selat Melaka dan Kuching dijangka berterusan sehingga Ahad.

Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia dalam satu kenyataan di sini Sabtu berkata keadaan yang sama turut berlaku di persekitaran perairan Perlis, Kedah, Pulau Pinang, Perak, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan dan Barat Johor.

Keadaan itu berbahaya kepada kapal-kapal yang tidak mempunyai navigasi pelayaran.

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Siblings without ICs in limbo

Sisters with straight A's facing difficulties pursuing their studies

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SEREMBAN: Sisters Kasthuri, Vanitha and Avilasha have always excelled at school, scoring straight A's in their examinations.

Kasthuri, 22, is now studying medicine at a local university while 15-year-old Vanitha, who aspires to become a chemical engineer, will be sitting for her Form Three examination next month.

Avilasha, who is in Form Two, also aspires to become a scientist.

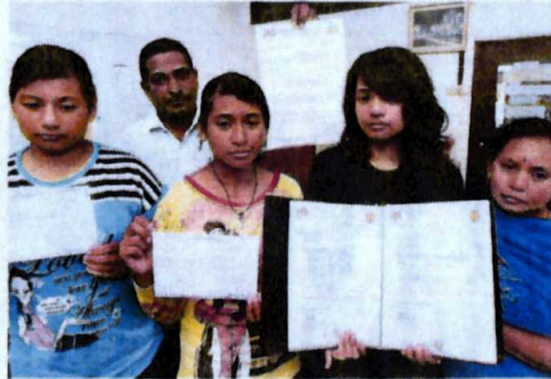
But there is a major hurdle to achieving their dreams. All three are not Malaysian citizens although their father is.

Without identity cards, they cannot go far in their pursuits.

Kasthuri, who has finished her pre-medical and first year studying medicine, said she was unable to continue her second year, which starts on Monday, as she did not have the financial means to do so.

"Since I do not have an identity card, I am unable to apply for a study loan from the National Higher Education Fund.

"If I am unable to come up with the money, I will not be able to con-



Dreaming of citizenship:

Kasthuri (second from right) with her younger sisters (from left) Avilasha and Vanitha and mother Melody Mariano. Standing behind them is their father Gunalan.

tinue my education as I have yet to pay up about RM30,000 for the first year," she said, adding that her 46-year-old taxi driver father T. Gunalan had so far paid about RM50,000 for her tertiary education.

Kasthuri, who has two younger brothers Kishok, 21, and Arjun, 16, said the siblings had been in a predicament since birth as their parents were unable to register their marriage.

"My mum is a Filipino who came to Malaysia in 1991 to work.

"She married my dad at a Hindu temple here the following year but her employment agent refused to return her passport, resulting in my parents being unable to register their marriage," she said.

She said that since then, the family had made countless appeals and trips to Putrajaya.

However, there is now some hope after the family received a letter from the Home Ministry in June asking them to go for a DNA test to establish paternity.

They were initially asked to pay

about RM10,000 for the procedure at the **Chemist Department** in Petaling Jaya but managed to have the amount reduced to RM2,300 following an appeal.

"The DNA tests confirmed paternity and we have submitted the necessary documents to the authorities.

"We are hoping that the authorities will grant us citizenship soon as we know the hardship of not having a Malaysian identity card," Kasthuri said, adding that her parents also managed to have their marriage registered after her mother obtained a Philippines passport in 2012.

Kasthuri said her parents, already facing financial problems, were also required to pay RM240 for each of her siblings still at school due to their status.

"We want to become useful citizens of this country and the biggest hurdle is not having Malaysian identity documents.

"It is our hope that the authorities will grant us our papers soon as any more delays would cost us dearly," she said, adding that both her brothers were also hoping to join the police force one day.

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Fostering integrity to combat corruption

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NURTURING integrity in the community is integral to ensure a successful effort in eliminating corruption.

Integrity Action chief executive officer Joy Saunders said there was a need to focus and invest on what worked in the fight against corruption, aside from implementing rules and regulations.

Integrity Action is a United Kingdom-based non-governmental organisation.

"Society needs to be empowered to reject corrupt practices, build integrity and not take bribes."

Saunders was one of the speakers during the workshop at the three-day 16th International Anti-Corruption Conference 2015, which ended yesterday at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre.

Saunders said she hoped the conference would provide an opportunity for the international community to work on a strategy in fighting corruption and to end impunity.

She said one of the best ways was

having a multi-stakeholder approach, where the community, government and business worked together.

"By voicing out and reporting on corrupt practices, citizens would be able to get safe school buildings, better access to health and quality roads, among others," she said.

Saunders said to implement community integrity, there were five steps that needed to be looked at.

It starts with an understanding of what is happening in the local surroundings, as well as having a joint learning and training sessions between the community and government.

The next step is to collect evidence on the problem, such as potholes on the road or on contractors that have stolen money.

After that is closing the loopholes by fixing the problem.

She said complaints by citizens and improvements on public service delivery needed to be measured.

One of the ways to do it is by having a "fix-rate" as a key-unit of measurement. Information on fix-rate is reported in the Integrity Action working paper.

"It will measure the incidence in



Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator **Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan** (at counter) visiting the **NKRA Against Corruption booth** during the 16th International Anti-Corruption Conference 2015 in Putrajaya.

which transparency and accountability problems were satisfactorily resolved to the stakeholders' expectation," said Saunders.

She said the fix-rate would compare the effectiveness of various treatments of intervention and to gauge whether the treatment would be long-lasting.

Meanwhile, the Malaysian Institute of Integrity (IIM) is working with **Mimos Bhd**, the national research and development centre in information and communications technology, to raise the standard of integrity in the public service.

It will be done by using the Malaysian Integrity Test, which is a psychometric assessment designed to gauge a person's integrity level.

IIM's Centre of Knowledge and Consultancy senior director, Mohd Nizam Mohd Ali, said the assessment instrument would emphasise on the positive continuation of integrity among human resources.

"This instrument was developed via research and development by Mimos for five years, and it was tested and validated.

"It is ready to be developed, even

for use in computer systems," he said.

Mimos psychometrics director Dr Haniza Yon said this would be used prior to the recruitment of employees, especially in the law enforcement sector, and could be expanded further.

"It was used since last year for the selection of constables and police inspectors," she said.

The test assesses traits and behaviour in a scientific way that could be used for job placement, promotion and performance evaluation.



Joy Saunders