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EMULATING EFFECTIVE POLICIES

Malaysia to learn from other countries to guide policy decisions

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EFFECTIVE public policies from different countries will be used as guides for Malaysia in improving its inclusive societies policies, particularly on the ageing population, empowerment of women and social innovation.

During the ongoing United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) Management of Social Transformations Programme (MOST) forum, experts from 75 countries will share their success stories in implementing social transformation programmes.

Women, Family and Community Development Ministry secretary-general Datuk Dr Rose Lena Lazemi said it was estimated that Malaysia would be an aged nation



by 2030 where about 5.8 million people, or 15 per cent of the population, would be aged 60 years and above.

"To date, the number of older persons is 2.82 million (or 9.1 per cent of the population).

"In preparation for this demographic change and to ensure the wellbeing of older people, the National Policy and Plan of Action for Older Persons in 2011 is looking into the potential of the elderly so that they remain active and productive in national development," Rose said.

She said besides focusing on the elderly, the ministry was also responsible for optimising the potential of women in terms of social and economic development.



"In the 11th Malaysia Plan (2016 to 2020), the government has set forth a plan to increase women's participation in the labour force to 59 per cent by 2020.

"The participation rate of women in the labour force has increased from 5.5 million in 2015 to 5.6 million in the third quarter of last year," she said.

Rose said more than 23,000 elderly people had benefited from the ministry's social innovations programme, such as its home help and mobile care services.

"Both innovations were designed to provide support services and transport for health treatment and other purposes for elderly people



Datuk Dr Rose
Lena Lazemi



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Development

who live alone."

Themed "Building Inclusive Societies", the forum, which is being held at Sunway Putra Hotel here, will be officiated today by the Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim, who is also MOST Intergovernmental Council president.

Upcoming programmes include a roundtable discussion on social innovation in which Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau will also participate.

Rohani will host an official dinner at Saloma Bistro and Theatre

Restaurant here tonight.

Tomorrow, the roundtable discussion will revolve around efforts to empower women. Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid will share his expertise with other countries.

Lastly, Rohani, together with Cook Islands Health Minister Nandi Tuaine Glassie and Maldives Gender and Family Minister Aminath Zenysha Shaheed Zaki, will discuss matters concerning the ageing population.

The event, which began on March 14, will end tomorrow.

MOST is a programme under Unesco's Commission of Social Sciences. Unesco aims to design, coordinate and implement its programmes and activities related to social sciences, inclusivity and gender equality.

Malaysia has been appointed as Unesco executive board member for the duration 2015 to 2019 through the Education Ministry.

MOST was launched to strengthen the dissemination of knowledge to member states by encouraging evidence-informed approaches through sustained dialogues between researchers and policymakers.

More defence spending

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Najib also received courtesy calls from several foreign delegates on the sidelines of the exhibition.

Among them were United Kingdom's Minister for Defence Procurement, Harriet Baldwin; Qatar's Defence Minister, Dr Khalid Mohamed Al Attiyah; Singapore's Second Minister of Transport Ng Chee Meng and Singapore's Second Minister for Defence, Ong Ye Kung.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said Malaysia wanted to collaborate with other Asean member countries to reap the opportunities from the growth in the defence industry in the region which is projected to generate about US\$100 billion (RM442 billion) by 2030.

He said Malaysia had been producing a number of good components and would be willing to share its technology and knowledge with other Asean members.

"Asean (countries) should not be regarded only as end users (in the defence industry) but should upgrade themselves to friendly collaborators of industry system integrators," he told reporters.

— Bernama

Najib after taking a closer look of the Italian ATR 76 aircraft.



Treasury secretary-general Tan Sri Mohd Irwan Serigar Abdullah (right) with fighter jet pilot Rafale of France before taking off on a flight.



Navies of various countries are taking part in the 14th edition of LIMA '17 in Langkawi.



KERATAN AKHBAR
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Jepun tingkat keselamatan nuklear selepas letupan

NIIGATA 21 Mac - Hanya tiga sahaja loji tenaga nuklear telah beroperasi daripada 42 loji di seluruh Jepun selepas tragedi yang menimpa loji di Fukushima Daiichi pada Mac 2011.

Ini bagi memastikan kesemua loji berada pada tahap keselamatan tertinggi sebelum ia dibenarkan beroperasi bagi mengekang perkara yang tidak diinginkan berlaku.

Letupan nuklear di Fukushima ekoran daripada gempa bumi dan tsunami telah membuka mata banyak pihak tentang tahap keselamatan baharu bukan sahaja



**MUHAMAD AMIRUL
AFIQ MASTOR**

Melaporkan dari TOKYO, JEPUN

bencana alam semula jadi, malah perkara lain seperti serangan pengganas dan sebagainya.

Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Tenaga, Teknologi Hijau dan Air, Datuk Seri Dr. Zaini Ujang berkata, walaupun kita belum lagi memuktakan untuk membina loji tenaga nuklear pertama Malaysia, namun perkara ini perlu dipertimbangkan.

"Masih banyak yang kita perlu

pelajari terutamanya daripada Jepun dalam meningkatkan aspek keselamatan bukan sahaja bencana alam, malah isu pengganas yang kian menjadi masalah seluruh dunia.

"Faktor ini perlu diambil kira dalam memastikan selain membekalkan tenaga yang bersih dan menjimatkan kepada rakyat faktor keselamatan tidak diketepikan," katanya selepas melawat Stesen Tenaga Nuklear Kashiwazaki-Kariwa yang terletak lebih 250 kilometer dari Tokyo. Beliau mengetuai delegasi Malaysia ke Jepun dalam Program

Pemahaman Umum Tenaga Nuklear jempuan Pusat Kerjasama Antarabangsa (JAIF) Forum Industri Atom Jepun (JICC).

Yang turut sama dalam delegasi ini Ketua Setiausaha, Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi, Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd. Azhar Yahaya; Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah; Timbalan Ketua Pengarah (Sektoral) Unit Perancang Ekonomi, Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Allauddin Anuar dan Ketua Eksekutif Malaysia Nuclear Power Corporation (MNPC), Dr. Mohd. Zamzam Jaafar.



MOHD. AZHAR YAHAYA (empat dari kanan) bersama sebahagian delegasi Malaysia melawat Stesen Tenaga Nuklear Kashiwazaki-Kariwa, Niigata, Jepun.

Jepun mahu pertingkatkan keselamatan loji nuklear

➔ Hanya tiga daripada 42 bangunan pembekal tenaga elektrik beroperasi

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Hanya tiga daripada 42 loji jana kuasa nuklear yang membekalkan sebahagian besar tenaga elektrik kepada penduduk Jepun, beroperasi ketika ini, susulan bencana Loji Jana Kuasa Fukushima Daiichi pada 2011.

Keadaan itu berlaku apabila kerajaan Jepun memutuskan untuk mengkaji semula peraturan sedia ada seterusnya meningkatkan ta-

hap keselamatan semua loji jana kuasa nuklearnya empat tahun lalu.

Ketua Setiausaha (KSU) Kementerian Tenaga, Teknologi Hijau dan Air (KETTHA), Datuk Seri Dr Zaini Ujang, yang mengetuai delegasi Malaysia dalam program pemahaman awam mengenai tenaga nuklear Jepun, berkata situasi berkenaan membuka dimensi baharu dalam operasi jana kuasa tenaga itu.

Katanya, pengalaman Jepun menghadapi bencana Fukushima dan usaha meningkatkan tahap keselamatan semua jana kuasa menjadi rujukan banyak negara termasuk Malaysia.

"Selepas bencana itu, banyak pe-

nambahbaikan yang diwajibkan terhadap semua pengendali loji jana kuasa nuklear, bukan sahaja untuk menghadapi bencana alam dalam skala lebih besar, malah merangkumi ancaman keganasan.

Belum buat pilihan

"Malaysia belum memilih mana-mana pihak yang akan bekerjasama dengan kita untuk pembinaan loji, malah sebenarnya kerajaan belum memutuskan untuk membina loji jana kuasa nuklear. Namun, kajian ke arah itu giat dijalankan," katanya selepas lawatan ke Stesen Jana Kuasa Nuklear Kashiwazaki Kariwa di sini, semalam.

Yang turut menyertai lawatan itu ialah KSU Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi, Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Azhar Yahaya; Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah; Timbalan Ketua Pengarah (Sektoral) Unit Perancang Ekonomi, Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Allauddin Anuar dan Ketua Eksekutif Malaysia Nuclear Power Corporation (MNPC), Dr Mohd Zamzam Jaafar.

Delegasi itu dibawa melawat Stesen Jana Kuasa Nuklear Kashiwazaki Kariwa di sini, disusuli Loji Jana Kuasa Nuklear Ikata di Shikoku dan kilang pengeluaran reaktor loji nuklear Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Kobe Shipyard & Machinery Works

di Kobe, esok dan lusa.

Sementara itu, Deputy Superintendan Perhubungan Awam Stesen Jana Kuasa Nuklear Kashiwazaki Kariwa, Katsuhiko Hayashi, berkata antara penambahbaikan di stesen milik Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc (TEPCO) itu ialah meninggikan tembok penghadang ombak sehingga 15 meter.

"Kita juga memperkuat struktur binaan loji untuk menahan kesan gempa bumi besar, taufan, letusan gunung berapi, salji tebal selain serangan penganas melalui hempasan pesawat," katanya pada taklimat ketika lawatan ke stesen berkenaan.



Sebahagian daripada delegasi Malaysia mendengar penerangan mengenai operasi Stesen Jana Kuasa Nuklear Kashiwazaki Kariwa di Niigata, Jepun, semalam. (FOTO IFWAN TUN TUAH/BH)