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ASTANA EXPO 2017

US\$113M IN POTENTIAL DEALS SEEN

Local bio-based companies showing eagerness to explore central Asian market, says Bioeconomy Corp

KUALA LUMPUR

THE Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry sees potential collaboration in bio-based and innovation projects worth US\$113 million (RM485.9 million) arising from the Astana Expo 2017 that ended on June 30.

The ministry said in a statement yesterday the collaboration between Malaysian companies and those from Kazakhstan, India, China and Switzerland came about following business-matching sessions held at the Malaysia Pavilion.

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The Malaysia Pavilion attracted more than 34,000 visitors during the Astana Expo 2017 in Kazakhstan, which ended on June 30. PIC BY ROY GOH



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MOSTI Nampak Potensi Kerjasama Dalam Projek Berasaskan Bio Bernilai US\$113 Juta

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KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Julai (Bernama) -- **Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI)** nampak potensi kerjasama bernilai US\$113 juta (US\$1=RM4.30) dalam projek berasaskan bio dan inovasi daripada Ekspo Astana 2017 (Expo 2017) yang berakhir 30 Jun lepas.

Dalam satu kenyataan, kementerian itu berkata, kerjasama itu hasil daripada sesi pepadanan yang dianjurkan di Pavilion Malaysia antara syarikat tempatan dan rakan niaga mereka dari Kazakhstan, India, China dan Switzerland.

Ia menyaksikan lima pertukaran memorandum persefahaman bernilai lebih US\$113 juta.

Pengarah Projek dan Naib Presiden Kanan Bioeconomy Corporation, Zainal Azman Abu Kasim berkata, beliau tertarik dengan kesungguhan syarikat berasaskan bio dan inovasi Malaysia untuk meneroka pasaran Asia Tengah.

"Hampir 34,000 orang mengunjung Pavilion Malaysia dan kami mengadakan 20 aktiviti pepadanan perniagaan pada majlis itu.

"Kami menjangka lebih banyak kerjasama dan pemeteraian kontrak dalam tempoh beberapa minggu akan datang kerana sebahagian daripada mereka masih memuktamadkan butiran," katanya.

Antara syarikat yang terlibat dalam Expo 2017 ialah Ronser Biotech (syarikat berstatus BioNexus), yang menandatangani MoU dengan KazBiotechnologies bagi rawatan kumbahan.

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BRIEFS

MALAYSIANS URGED TO BE WARY OF MALWARE

PETALING JAYA: While the new virulent outbreak of file-scrambling software that spread across Europe and the United States last week seem to have abated, Malaysians have been advised to practise caution. **Cyber-Security Malaysia** said to date, no local devices were reported to have been affected by the "NotPetya" virus, that shares a similar code with an earlier ransomware strain called Petya. However, cyber security expert Alan Yau Ti Dun has urged Malaysians to take the same precautions as they did when the WannaCry ransomware attacked the country just less than two months ago.

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WORKSHOP

Putting the SPARK in coding

BY FARHANA BAHARI

HOW can students' interest in entrepreneurship and coding be sparked? Through a two-day programme, 45 students aged 14 to 16 from eight secondary schools in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah were given the know-how from ideation, validation, building, coding and pitching, including utilising development tools such as LiveCode and build applications to turn ideas into reality.

As a corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative sponsored by Malaysia Venture Capital Management Berhad (MAVCAP), SPARK was designed and delivered by Start-up School Asia, in conjunction with Gabungan Rakan Entrepreneur Aspirasi Terhebat (GREAT) Sabah 2017.

The programme was aimed at introducing students in government schools to entrepreneurship and venture building, with the objective of later on supporting Malaysian-based information, communications, and technology (ICT) companies as well as the growth of the venture capital (VC) industry.

Chief executive officer of MAVCAP, Jamaludin Bujang said: "The students proved



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak with the young participants of the SPARK entrepreneurship and coding programme.

to be hardworking and enthusiastic throughout the programme, coming up with relevant, innovative ideas.

"They are indeed bright young talents and we are glad to be able to provide this platform to inspire them with greater exposure to entrepreneurship and help them hone their skills for a possible career in the fast-growing field

of programming and software application development.

"This further supports the government's objective to accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship to contribute to our nation's development."

The participants managed to develop multiple new innovative applications such

as Pasar.com, which helps busy users order online fresh goods from the market, Search and Go, a personal tracker in the form of a sticker to track small items within a 1km radius and DIY Fashion, which helps users to design clothes according to their personal style.

Nursalwani Sabdani, a participant from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Sanzac said, "I thoroughly enjoyed the two-day programme! It was great to meet and network with students from other schools, learn how to be an entrepreneur and best of all, try my hand at my favourite part of the workshop — the pitching process!"

The young participants were surprised and delighted by the appearance of the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Najib Razak at the workshop, encouraging the students to be as creative as possible.

Also present to spend time with the participants and to present prizes to the winning teams was Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Irwan Serigar Abdullah, secretary general of Treasury, Ministry of Finance.

Owned by the Minister of Finance Incorporated, MAVCAP, established in 2001, is the country's largest venture capital company with investments in the ICT sector and other high-growth industries.