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Aplikasi RakanMET dilancarkan



MADIUS merasmikan sambutan Hari Meteorologi Sedunia 2018 dan pelancaran aplikasi RakanMET di Pusat Operasi Cuaca dan Gempa Bumi Sabah, Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kota Kinabalu (KKIA), pada Jumaat. - Foto Astro AWANI Ruzaini ZUIkepli

KOTA KINABALU: Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi hari ini melancarkan aplikasi RakanMET yang merupakan platform perkongsian maklumat terkini keadaan cuaca, bencana atau gempa bumi dari semasa ke semasa.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau berkata, aplikasi itu bertujuan memudahkan orang ramai melaporkan sebarang kejadian di kawasan mereka menerusi telefon bimbit.

Menurutnya, pelancaran aplikasi itu adalah inisiatif kementeriannya menerusi Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (METMalaysia) untuk memperkasa sistem penyampaian maklumat seperti diguna pakai pihak Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) melalui aplikasi mereka RakanCOP.

Melalui aplikasi ini, orang ramai boleh melapor kejadian dan fenomena cuaca di kawasan masing-masing dan ianya juga berperanan sebagai medium komunikasi dua hala antara orang awam dengan METMalaysia bagi mendapatkan maklumat sahih serta tepat.

"Sebenarnya sebagai contoh apabila insiden gempa bumi bermagnitud 5.2 itu (di Sabah) kita pun tertanya-tanya juga apakah sedang berlaku di tempat tempat itu?... ada kesan di Kota Belud, di Tuaran dan sebagainya sebab pusatnya di Gunung Kinabalu.

"Dengan adanya RakanMET ini semuanya maklumat dapat diperolehi serta membantu orang ramai, "katanya pada majlis merasmikan sambutan Hari Meteorologi Sedunia 2018 dan pelancaran aplikasi RakanMET di Pusat Operasi Cuaca dan Gempa Bumi Sabah, Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kota Kinabalu (KKIA), pada Jumaat.

Aplikasi RakanMET ini merupakan aplikasi kedua yang dibangun selepas aplikasi myCuaca yang telah dilancarkan pada tahun 2015.

Mengulas mengenai Hari Meteorologi Sedunia 2018 yang bertemakan 'Siap siaga cuaca; Pintar-Iklim' itu, Madius berkata, ianya menekankan kepentingan pengetahuan dan kefahaman tentang cuaca atau iklim bagi memastikan rakyat sentiasa bersedia menghadapi sebarang bencana alam serta perubahan cuaca masa kini.

Untuk rekod, katanya Kerajaan telah melaksanakan beberapa projek untuk memperkasakan sistem amaran awal cuaca METMalaysia yang merangkumi model tinjauan cuaca dan sistem penyampaian maklumat cuaca dalam memantapkan kesiapsiagaan negara menghadapi cuaca ekstrem.

Hari Meteorologi Sedunia disambut pada setiap 23 Mac setiap tahun oleh seluruh komuniti meteorologi di 191 buah negara anggota Pertubuhan Meteorologi Sedunia (WMO) termasuklah di Malaysia.

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RakanMET app for public to report, share weather info

Kota Kinabalu: The public can now report and share information on weather events and phenomena, including natural disasters, from time to time via the RakanMET application.

Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) Minister Datuk Wilfred Madius Tangau said the application, the ministry's initiative through the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MET Malaysia), was developed to enable the public to send reports on the weather in their area via their mobile phones.

He said RakanMET, the second application to be developed after MyCuaca, was an effort to empower the system of information delivery to the community as it also served as a two-way communication platform between the public and the department to obtain authentic and accurate information.

"This is a web-based application where the people just need to upload the weather info and then the officer on duty will filter the information to ensure its validity because we do not want any irresponsible person to upload false information," he said.

He said this to reporters after officiating the World Meteorological Day 2018 celebration and the launch of the RakanMET application at the Sabah Weather and Earthquake Operations Centre, here.

Also present were MET Malaysia Director-General Alui Bahari and Sabah MET Director Azemi Daud.

Tangau said the Government had implemented several projects to empower the weather forecasting system, including climate weather models and weather information systems in strengthening the country's preparedness to face extreme weather.

He said the World Meteorological Day 2018, themed "Weather-Ready, Climate-Smart", emphasised on the importance of community knowledge and understanding of weather and climate in ensuring that they would always be ready to face any phenomenon or disaster.

At the event, Tangau also witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MET Malaysia and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) to enhance cooperation in the field of meteorology, climate and geophysics.

Weather info sharing app RakanMET launched

KOTA KINABALU: **The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation**, through the **Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia)** officially launched RakanMET, a web-based application that aims to improve climate and weather awareness in the country.

Its minister Datuk Seri Panglima Wilfred Madius Tangau asserted that the application was aimed at diversifying the responsibility of climate and weather awareness, whereby the people are allowed to share any information regarding any weather or climate changes in their respective districts.

All the information sent by the public will be uploaded into the application and it can then be accessed online, he told reporters when met at World Meteorological Day celebration cum launching of RakanMET on Friday.

However, any information sent by the public would have to be approved by relevant officers before it can be published online. This is to prevent members of the public from posting false reports.

This application can be accessed by typing the following URL in any web browser: <https://rakanmet.met.gov.my>.

During the event, Tangau also announced that all those with meteorological educational backgrounds would now be given the due credit and recognition that they deserve.

This is possible due to the establishment of the Malaysian Board of Technologies and its decision to give professional recognition for officers with technological educational backgrounds.

Now, officers and assistant officers working in MetMalaysia and meteorologists alike would also stand the chance to receive the recognition, as the field of meteorology becomes the 22nd field to be recognised by the Malaysian Board of Technologies.

In view of this, Tangau called on all those with meteorological educational backgrounds to come forward and register themselves.

"For your information, there has been a number of technological backgrounds that has been registered. As of now, there are 21 technological backgrounds that have been given recognition," Tangau said, adding that there were 3, 458 technologists who had registered themselves.

Yesterday's launching also witnessed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony between MetMalaysia and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

The said agreement is aimed at enhancing the cooperation of the two bodies, especially with regard to research, development, training, publishing as well as data and meteorological information exchange.

"Today, I had the opportunity to officiate at the World Meteorological Day nationwide celebration held here in Kota Kinabalu. This yearly celebration has been held since 1950, ever since the establishment of the World Meteorological Organisation by the United Nations (UN).

"The main objective of this celebration is to increase the awareness level amongst the people, especially in terms of climate change, meteorology etc," he added.



Perancang perkahwinan atas talian melalui Weddingizy



Dr. Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah

KUALA LUMPUR 23 Mac - Sejalan dengan peningkatan penggunaan aplikasi telefon pintar dalam bidang keusahawanan khususnya, penciptaan aplikasi perancang perkahwinan adalah satu inovasi teknologi baharu yang menjadi platform untuk meningkatkan perhubungan antara peniaga dan pengguna sendiri.

Timbalan Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi, Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah berkata, aplikasi Weddingizy akan memainkan peranan yang sangat penting sekali gus mendekatkan jurang antara bakal pengantin dan juga usahawan perkahwinan dalam perjalanan menempuhi hari bahagia mereka.

"Aplikasi ini bakal memudahkan urusan bakal pengantin terutama dalam mencari produk dan servis yang relevan serta lebih pantas.

"Kami di pihak kementerian sendiri sentiasa menggalakkan penggunaan telefon pintar dalam bidang keusahawanan seiring dengan transformasi digital yang kita alami, maka saya percaya dengan keunikan masyarakat majmuk di negara kita, bakal pengantin

boleh merealisasikan impian perkahwinan idaman mereka melalui aplikasi Weddingizi ini," katanya dalam sidang akhbar Majlis Pelancaran Aplikasi Weddingizi, di sini hari ini.

Aplikasi Weddingizi bakal menyediakan sekurang-kurangnya 5,000 pengusaha perkahwinan termasuk khidmat jurugambar, pakaian pengantin, katering dan banyak lagi bagi memudahkan bakal pengantin membuat pilihan perkhidmatan yang ingin digunakan.

Bagi pengguna android, aplikasi ini boleh mula dimuat turun pada 1 April depan, manakala bagi pengguna iOS bermula 1 Jun 2018. - UTUSAN ONLINE.