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Meeting with livestock farmers next month to collect feedback Aham Baba: Encourage adoption of technology to reduce costs

KUALA LUMPUR (Jan 20): Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Aham Baba said the government will meet with livestock farmers early next month to gather feedback to help address food security issues.

He hopes that the Ministry of Science and Art can link industry players with existing technologies, such as aquaponics (composite farming), artificial intelligence, Internet of Things and other technologies, so that industry players can adopt and reduce production costs.

“Last Wednesday (15th), we had the first meeting with the relevant government departments, and then I will meet with farmers including the National Farmers Organization (NAFAS) early next month. Actually, there are two ways in this matter, meeting them, or they go to specific venues to see how to make the most of existing technology.”

He said this at a press conference after attending a meeting of the Southeast Asia Scientific Advisory Network today.

Aham Baba mentioned that he had invited the Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry Datuk Seri Ronan Kindi to the Aquaponics Technology Development Zone in Perak, where the nano-fertilizer fertilization system and solar-powered animal husbandry were used.

"After using the technology, it was found that the quality of the product improved. So we tried to help connect the livestock farmers and the plantation industry, because in addition to oil palm kernel meal (PKE) as one of the sources of animal feed in place of corn, raw material sources such as corn and soybeans also need Pay attention to.

In addition, he pointed out that Malaysia strongly recommends launching an open science initiative through the Open Science Malaysia Platform established in 2019 so that industry best practice data can be widely shared among scientists.

He believes that sharing data can not only help provide solutions to economic and social related issues, but also know best practices for developing the industry.

He said the SENA Network meeting was also important because it brought together experienced people from various fields in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam to discuss the importance of science in making any policy.