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“The projects, costing RM10 million, are

expected to be completed in 2024. These science centres will provide for students, teachers and local residents with a fun interactive experience.

“Petronas hopes these science centres will contribute to the development of human capital and the improvement of local community skills in Tawau and Sandakan,” he said at the pre-launch of the science centres in Tawau and Sandakan by Sabah Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Yakub Khan.

Bacho said from 2010 until now, Petronas has spent more than RM295 million in

allocations to implement various education and human capital development programmes in Sabah, and more than one million residents have benefited.

Meanwhile, Yakub expressed hope that a similar science centre can also be established in three or five other districts in Sabah in the future, to attract the interest of the community to delve into STEM fields, given the state’s relatively wide geographical situation.

“Perhaps, Petronas can consider establishing three more science centres in libraries in Sabah in 2023, including in Kota Belud,” he said. – Bernama



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