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KUALA LUMPUR: The Asean Ministerial Meeting on Environment, which is being held in Cambodia, will raise key issues such as trans-boundary haze.

The item is on the agenda for the four-day meeting that started yesterday, said Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change Minister Yeo Bee Yin.

"There have been specific discussions that were held (before) but Munira will be raising the issue in the meeting," she said, referring to her deputy Isnaraissah Munira Majilis.

Malaysia had been plagued with haze coming from Indonesia last month due to illegal open burning practices resulting in peat fires.

Following this, calls for Asean member countries to work together to combat haze, especially under the Asean Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution 2002, grew louder.

According to Cambodia's Ministry of Environment, other issues that will be discussed in the meeting include climate change, environmentally sustainable cities, biodiversity conservation, preserving coastal and marine environments, environmental education, water resource management, and chemical and hazardous waste management.

Yeo said she had not received any update from the Indonesian government about the four Malaysian companies implicated in the Indonesian peat fires.



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IT was a meaningful weekend of helping hands and community enrichment as the RHB Banking Group galvanised thousands of its employees across seven countries to participate in over 40 corporate responsibility (CR) initiatives that made up the impactful humanitarian RHB Touch Hearts programme in its fourth year.

RHB Banking Group managing director and chief executive officer Datuk Khairussaleh Ramli joined teams from the bank's treasury division early Saturday morning at the peaceful Taman Rekreasi Paya Bakau in the village of Sijangkang, Selangor, to literally get his hands dirty, helping the enthusiastic participants in planting 1,000 mangrove trees in a part of the muddy estuary specially sectioned for the bank.

"It's so important that we help conserve the environment, promote good environmental practices and help the community," he said, after kicking off this CR initiative by personally planting three mangrove tree saplings under the guidance of Forestry Department officials.

He was joined by group treasurer Mohd Rasuld Mohamad, who, like the 90-over treasury employees and the 90-plus students from Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UnikL), donned rubber boots and protective gloves while ankle-deep in mud under the intensifying sun.

Camaraderie was clearly evident as both RHB staff and students huffed and puffed while digging and planting, doing their part in mitigating the erosion of an important part of Malaysia's physical environment.

"They are committed in going the extra mile, in terms of making sure the impact of our initiatives is felt by the community that we penetrate," the group MD commented, while stressing the importance of long-term sustainability, be it in the context of preserving our natural assets and ecosystems or in helping the disadvantaged be self-sustaining.

"We don't just stop at planting trees, we also speak to the kefua kampong here, and we try to understand the kind of living they're facing here, the issues that they're facing now," chimed in Rashid, "so I think we

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Khairussaleh (left) and Rashid planting mangrove saplings at Taman Rekreasi Paya Bakau Kg Sijangkang in Kuala Langat.

have managed to identify with the help of the kefua kampong, the 840 families in need of assistance."

Organised by RHB group treasury, the mangrove forest and swamp conservation and rehabilitation was just one instance under a broader region-wide initiative to empower and enrich communities, with simultaneous CR activities occurring in countries in which the bank is present, including Singapore, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand and Laos.

"I'm extremely proud of the teams for raising their own money via various activities, such as auctions, to add to the RM100,000 seed money from the bank, making the total half a million ringgit they have in hand now for these 43 RHB Touch Hearts initiatives," added Khairussaleh, who later presented

residents of Sijangkang with goodies, dental health care treatments and cash vouchers to the 840 families.

"As a responsible financial institution," he continued, "it's important for us to see how we can reduce the burden of people – such as those in Sijangkang – in areas of health or financial assistance such as micro-financing with which to provide sustainable business opportunities" emphasising the need for RHB staff to align their initiatives to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals while commending the efforts of the organising team for the smooth execution after months of planning.

Khairussaleh later proceeded to join other RHB teams at Sunway Geo where the Touch Hearts CR Carnival was in full swing.

There, in the bustling concourse of the



Khairussaleh engaging one of the 18 vendors at RHB's Social Entrepreneurs CR Carnival at Sunway Geo, Selangor.

retail area, were 18 pop-up booths, comprising social entrepreneurs, NGOs and others, ranging from the Kechara Soup Kitchen Society, the Asli Co, the Autism Cafe Project, Flour Power to a mobile book clinic.

According to RHB head of group business and transaction banking Jeffrey Ng, the CR Carnival – as part of the Touch Hearts programme – social entrepreneurship platform was ideal for disadvantaged segments such as people living with autism or Orang Asli single mothers to become more financially stable in selling wares and goods at events such as these with the help of NGOs and vendors. Crowds milled around the concourse admiring the handmade goods on display that included fair trade tea, cakes, jewellery and more.

The weekend RHB Touch Hearts programme was organised in recognition of the need for more financial institutions and private sector corporations to do more to help not just environmental and educational causes, but also the role corporations can play in boosting social entrepreneurs in growing their business.

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Musim Monsun
Timur Laut
bermula awal
November hingga
Januari depan

Kuala Lumpur: Tiga negeri di Pantai Timur Semenanjung dan Johor dijangka mengalami empat hingga enam episod hujan lebat bermula awal November hingga Januari depan, berikutan kedatangan musim Monsun Timur Laut.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (METMalaysia), Jailan Simon, berkata ketika monsun berlaku, negeri berkenaan dijangka menerima peningkatan jumlah hujan sehingga 40 peratus.

"Monsun Timur Laut berlaku antara November hingga Mac. Biasanya, hujan akan bermula di Kelantan dan Terengganu pada November hingga Disember."

"Lazimnya, secara purata ketika monsun kedua negeri ini menerima hujan antara 300 hingga 650 milimeter (mm) sebulan berbanding bulan biasa hanya 200 hingga 300mm."

"Bagi Pahang dan Johor, kita meramalkan hujan lebat pada Di-

seber hingga Januari yang mana biasanya pada musim monsun, kedua-dua negeri ini akan menerima hujan antara 200 hingga 600mm, berbanding bulan biasa hanya 150 hingga 300mm," katanya kepada BERNAMA, semalam.

Jailan berkata, hujan lebat dijangka berlaku di Sarawak pada Januari hingga Februari dengan pertambahan jumlah hujan daripada 200 hingga 400mm sebulan pada bulan biasa kepada 300 hingga 700mm sebulan pada musim tengkujuh.

Bagaimanapun, Jailan berkata, buat masa ini pihaknya tidak menjangkakan hujan luar biasa yang boleh menyebabkan banjir besar.

"Setakat ini kita hanya meramalkan hujan lebat yang lazim berlaku pada musim monsun. Kita tak jangka berlaku hujan luar biasa seperti 2014. Bagaimanapun, kita akan sentiasa membuat pemantauan," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau turut menasihati orang ramai supaya sentiasa peka dengan keadaan semasa dan amaran dikeluarkan pihaknya dan pihak berkuasa lain.

"Bagi penduduk yang tinggal di kawasan rendah dan sering dinaiiki air, saya nasihatkan mereka bersiap sedia lebih awal dengan memastikan segala doku-



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Jailan Simon,
Ketua Pengarah Jabatan
Meteorologi Malaysia

men disimpan di tempat yang selamat dan mudah diambil sekiranya berlaku banjir," katanya.

Sementara itu, Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) Datuk Mohammad Hamdan Wahid berkata pi-

haknya kini dalam proses mempertingkatkan kesiapsiagaan termasuk aset dan keanggotaan mereka bagi menghadapi musim tengkujuh.

Katanya, JBPM kini berada pada tahap 75 peratus dalam memastikan asetnya berfungsi manakala lebih 80 peratus daripada kira-kira 10,500 anggota bomba di seluruh negara bersiap sedia.

"Dari segi keanggotaan memang JBPM bersiapsiaga 24 jam tujuh hari seminggu dari segi akses dan logistik penyelamatan, termasuk bot-bot di setiap lokasi yang telah dikenal pasti di seluruh negara.

"Kenderaan utiliti dan pengangkutan termasuk peralatan mencari serta menyelamat seluruh negara kita minta supaya berada dalam keadaan baik dan diselenggara pada peringkat ini," katanya.

Mohammad Hamdan berkata, pihaknya terus menyelaraskan tindakan dengan agensi seperti METMalaysia dan Jabatan Pengaliran dan Saliran, untuk memberi maklumat berguna serta respon kecemasan yang membantu kenaikan paras air dan hujan berlebihan.

Setakat ini, pihaknya belum membekukan cuti anggota tetapi akan berbuat demikian jika keadaan banjir kritikal.

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DBKL menyita barang dan peralatan perniagaan milik 19 peniaga warga asing dan peniaga haram di Jalan Yew dan Pasar Pudu kelmarin.

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DBKL serbu peniaga haram

KUALA LUMPUR - Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) menyita peralatan dan barang perniagaan milik 19 peniaga haram di Jalan Yew dan Pasar Pudu dalam Ops Tegas Siri 29 petang kelmarin.

Sumber Unit Media DBKL menerusi satu kenyataan memaklumkan operasi tersebut turut disertai pihak polis.

"Seramai 58 kakitangan DBKL dan anggota polis menyertai operasi bermula jam 9 pagi dan berakhir sekitar jam 2

petang itu.

"Dalam operasi berkenaan sebanyak 16 sitaan melibatkan barang milik penjaja warga asing dan tiga sitaan melibatkan penjaja tempatan yang berniaga tanpa lesen," menurut kenyataan itu.

Orang ramai yang ingin menjalankan perniagaan dinasihatkan memohon lesen daripada DBKL dan tidak menggajikan warga asing.