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LIPUTAN MEDIA 19 OKTOBER 2026 (ISNIN)	
MEDIA	Utusan Sarawak
TAJUK	Usahawan wanita Bukit Saban disaran perkasa produk, tembusi pasaran
PAUTAN	https://tinyurl.com/mry2p4p8

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DATUK Amar Douglas Uggah Embas menyampaikan geran bantuan berjumlah RM1,062,576 disalurkan kepada 55 penerima. Foto: Douglas Uggah Embas Official

SPAOH, 18 Oktober: Usahawan wanita di kawasan Bukit Saban perlu berani melangkah ke pasaran lebih luas dengan meningkatkan kualiti produk, memperkemas pembungkusan serta memanfaatkan teknologi bagi memastikan hasil tempatan mampu bersaing hingga ke peringkat antarabangsa.

Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas berkata, usaha memperkukuh keupayaan usahawan tempatan perlu disokong latihan bersesuaian, bimbingan berterusan dan penggunaan teknologi yang mampu meningkatkan mutu serta nilai komersial produk.

Menurutnya, penghasilan produk berkualiti sahaja tidak mencukupi sekiranya aspek pembungkusan dan persembahan tidak memenuhi kehendak pasaran semasa.

"Usahawan bukan sahaja perlu menghasilkan produk yang berkualiti, tetapi juga memastikan pembungkusan dan persembahannya memenuhi keperluan pasaran.

"Dengan kemahiran dan sokongan yang sesuai, produk tempatan berpotensi menembusi pasaran yang lebih luas," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika berucap pada Majlis Perasmian Penutupan Program Pemerkasaan Wanita dan Komuniti MARA di Dewan Masyarakat Spaoh, di sini, hari ini.

TERKINI



Pengawasan sektor swasta tidak boleh menggantikan peranan pembangkang di DUN – Lam
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KUCHING, 19 Oktober: Pengawasan terhadap kerajaan oleh sektor swasta tidak boleh menggantikan peranan pembangkang dalam memastikan wujudnya semak dan imbang



Pintu kereta terkunci berjaya dibuka anggota APM
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BELURU, 19 Oktober: Tindakan pantas Anggota Pertahanan Awam Malaysia (APM) Daerah Beluru berjaya membuka pintu sebuah kereta yang terkunci

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MEDIA	Sarawak Daily
TAJUK	Bukit Saban women entrepreneurs urged to target global markets
PAUTAN	https://tinyurl.com/5ymcanm8

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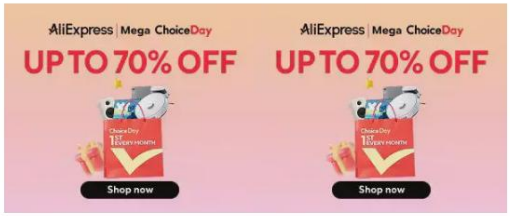
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SPAOH – Women entrepreneurs in Bukit Saban have been urged to improve product quality, packaging and presentation to strengthen their competitiveness and explore opportunities in international markets.

Sarawak Deputy Premier and Bukit Saban assemblyman Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas said local businesses needed appropriate training, access to technology and continued guidance to meet market expectations and expand beyond their existing customer base.



He said producing quality goods was only one part of building a competitive business, as packaging and presentation also influenced how products were received by potential buyers.

"Entrepreneurs not only need to produce quality products but also ensure that their packaging and presentation meet market needs. With the right skills and support, local products have the potential to penetrate a wider market," he said.

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MEDIA	Daily Express
TAJUK	RISDA allocates RM1.5 million to rehabilitate abandoned rubber plots
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MEDIA	UKAS
TAJUK	KEMAS perlu terus jadi penggerak utama transformasi desa
PAUTAN	https://tinyurl.com/bdfxysnb

KEMAS Perlu Terus Jadi Penggerak Utama Transformasi Desa



TANJONG MANIS: Jabatan Kemajuan Masyarakat (KEMAS) perlu terus diperkasa sebagai penggerak transformasi desa melalui pendidikan, peningkatan kemahiran dan peluasan peluang ekonomi masyarakat luar bandar.

Ahli Parlimen Tanjong Manis merangkap Pengerusi Lembaga Pembangunan Industri Pembinaan Malaysia (CIDB), Dato Ir Yusuf Abdul Wahab berkata, KEMAS bukan sekadar agensi kerajaan, malah berperanan penting dalam membina masyarakat desa yang berilmu, bersatu padu dan berdaya saing.

Berucap pada Majlis Penutupan Program Gerakan Massa Masyarakat Desa (GEMA) pada Sabtu, beliau menegaskan pembangunan desa perlu memberi tumpuan kepada tiga aspek utama, iaitu pendidikan awal dan pembentukan sahsiah anak-anak, peningkatan kemahiran serta ekonomi isi rumah, dan pengukuhan semangat gotong-royong serta perpaduan komuniti.

Menurutnya, Tabika dan Taska KEMAS penting dalam menyediakan pendidikan asas kepada anak-anak desa, manakala kelas kemahiran seperti masakan, jahitan, kraf tangan dan perniagaan digital mampu membantu wanita serta belia menjana pendapatan dan meningkatkan taraf hidup keluarga.

Dato Ir Yusuf turut menekankan bahawa pembangunan desa bukan hanya bergantung pada kemudahan fizikal, tetapi juga memerlukan kerjasama, perpaduan dan keprihatinan sesama masyarakat.

Sehubungan itu, beliau menyeru masyarakat desa agar terus menyokong dan menyertai program KEMAS bagi meningkatkan ilmu, kemahiran serta kesejahteraan komuniti, selain berharap GEMA terus menjadi pemangkin kepada pembentukan masyarakat desa yang makmur, bersatu padu dan berwawasan.-EDISI UKAS

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TAJUK	MARA salur RM1.06 juta pembiayaan & geran usahawan di Betong
PAUTAN	https://tinyurl.com/nrb964nz

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SPAOH: Usahawan tempatan di Betong menerima suntikan sokongan perniagaan berjumlah lebih RM1.06 juta menerusi kemudahan pembiayaan dan geran pembangunan usahawan Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) bagi membantu mengembangkan perniagaan serta meningkatkan pendapatan.

Timbalan Premier Sarawak, Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas berkata, sokongan berterusan menerusi latihan, peningkatan kualiti produk dan bantuan pemasaran penting untuk memperkukuh daya saing usahawan tempatan, khususnya usahawan wanita dan pengusaha industri kecil.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika menyempurnakan Majlis Perasmian Program Pemerkasaan Wanita dan Komuniti MARA 2026 Bahagian Betong di Dewan Masyarakat Spaoh, di sini pada Ahad.

Pada majlis itu, tiga usahawan menerima cek kemudahan pembiayaan berjumlah RM1.027 juta, manakala tiga penerima memperoleh Geran Pembangunan Usahawan berjumlah RM30,676.

Selain sokongan perniagaan, Yayasan Pelajaran MARA (YPM) turut menyalurkan bantuan persekolahan berjumlah RM4,900 kepada 49 pelajar di kawasan Spaoh bagi membantu meringankan perbelanjaan pendidikan mereka.

Datuk Amar Douglas yang juga Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Bukit Saban menambah, MARA berperanan penting dalam menyokong aspirasi pembangunan sosioekonomi Sarawak melalui pelbagai inisiatif yang dapat meningkatkan pendapatan rakyat dan memperluas peluang keusahawanan.

Menurutnya, usaha itu selaras dengan Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030) yang memberi penekanan kepada peningkatan pendapatan rakyat ke arah menjadikan Sarawak sebuah negeri berpendapatan tinggi dengan kemakmuran yang dinikmati bersama.

Beliau turut berharap program berkenaan menjadi permulaan kepada kerjasama berterusan antara MARA dengan usahawan serta pengusaha industri kecil di Betong, memandangkan kawasan itu mempunyai potensi perniagaan yang perlu diperkukuh melalui bimbingan dan sokongan bersesuaian.

Turut hadir, Timbalan Menteri Kemajuan Desa dan Wilayah, Datuk Rubiah Wang, Residen Bahagian Betong, Datu Richard Michael Abunawas dan Ahli Majlis MARA, Ajar@Siti Ajar Yasin. -EDISI UKAS

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Mamndzri acknowledged that some plantations were left unattended because of labour shortages, limited capital and the condition of the land, rather than by choice, stressing that rehabilitation efforts must take these practical challenges into account.

"Risda's approach must be grounded in reality – identify the challenges, prioritise appropriate solutions and make prudent use of available resources," he said.

According to Risda's current rubber smallholder census, Sabah has 74,625 smallholders cultivating more than 204,000 hectares, representing a substantial sector whose potential depends on how effectively the land is managed, yields are improved and family incomes are strengthened.

Mamndzri urged smallholders to maximise production from mature rubber trees, maintain their plantations through good agricultural practices and ensure the quality of their rubber remained high, saying consistent efforts could make a significant difference to household incomes.

"Every small step taken consistently and continuously on our respective plantations can make a big difference to family incomes," he added.

Beyond rubber cultivation, Risda is also seeking to strengthen household economic resilience through alternative income-generating activities, with RM354,100 allocated for its Program Aktiviti Ekonomi Tambahan (AET) & Keusahawanan this year.



Mamndzri (seated) together with Risda representatives, distinguished guests and participants pose for a group photo.

A further RM331,320 had been spent on the Program Agromakanan, which supports activities outside rubber cultivation, including short-term crops and livestock farming, to provide supplementary economic opportunities for smallholder families.

Mamndzri said the success of these initiatives should be measured not simply by the amount of funding or number of programmes implemented, but by tangible improvements in smallholders' lives, including more productive plantations, higher yields and stronger household economies.

Additionally, Mamndzri said Risda was also working to improve access to its services for smallholders in remote areas, where geographical challenges and limited staffing could complicate assistance delivery.

On Budget 2027, Mamndzri welcomed the increase in Budi Agri-Commodity cash assistance but hoped the Government would consider raising both the number of recipients and the amount provided, saying this would further ease the burden on rubber smallholders.

He also stressed that recipients of Risda's additional economic activities and agrofood assistance received guidance from the agency to help them manage their businesses and reduce risks.

The convention also recognised outstanding achievements in rubber productivity, mature rubber smallholding management, entrepreneurship and agrofood projects, alongside the Outstanding Smallholder Award for the Sabah Zone 2026.

Ann Antah, founder of Chantek Borneo, said her venture into textile design and printing was driven by her interest in exploring a different industry while promoting Sabah's culture through locally inspired designs. Officially established in 2014, the business handles the entire production process from design and printing to cutting, packaging and quality checks, and has since expanded into ready-to-wear clothing and merchandise.

Beyond its commercial activities, Chantek Borneo adopts an inclusive business model that creates work opportunities for the surrounding communities in Kota Kinabalu and Tuaran, engaging more than 40 people. The company works with mothers who sew products such as bedsheets and bed runners from home, supplying them with materials prepared through its design, printing and cutting processes before handling the finished products for quality checks and distribution to clients.

Ann, who received the Best Entrepreneur Award at first place, credited Risda for supporting her as a smallholder and recognising her efforts to venture into a business beyond rubber cultivation. She said RISDA's Additional Economic Activities programme provides assistance to smallholders seeking to explore other industries and develop alternative sources of income.

Ann also co-owns a rubber smallholding in Kinarut with her sisters, but the family lacked the expertise to manage the land themselves. They therefore entrusted its management to Risda and followed the agency's plans, with Ann noting that the smallholding only began to develop after Risda became involved.



Mamndzri present Ann with a mock cheque for the Best Entrepreneur Award in first place.



Mamndzri presenting Maxel Timbun with a mock cheque for the Outstanding Smallholder Award for the Sabah Zone 2026.

Drawing from her experience, Ann encouraged other smallholders to seek Risda's assistance if their rubber plots had potential for development, saying they did not necessarily have to manage the land themselves.

"With Risda's assistance, you can focus on other areas where you can make the best use of your own skills," she said.