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Good response to Maha 2000

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The Malaysia Agriculture, Horticulture and Agrotourism (Maha 2000) show in Bukit Jalil has received tremendous response from the public since its launching last Saturday.

As of yesterday, at least 500,000 visitors have visited the show.

The show's director, Latif Nasir, said between 50,000 and 60,000 people visited the show daily.

More than two million visitors are expected at the show which was launched last week by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Sales amounting to between RM1 billion and RM2 billion are expected to be transacted at Maha 2000.

Some visitors took the opportunity to look for information on the agriculture sector including potential farming, fishing and crop cultivation areas, new techniques of farming and fishing and counselling services via websites.

There were several computers at the Veterinary Services Department exhibition space where visitors could access the Bank Pertanian, the Veterinary Services Department, Fisheries Department and Agriculture Department.

A group of 13 people, led by Kumpulan Guthrie Berhad's Sua Betong Oil Palm Estate, Port Dickson training centre executive trainee Pongot Sajib, went to the show as part of their training programme to become estate assistant managers.

Some visitors visited several booths showcasing agricultural products.

Two women from Terengganu, Lijah Mukhtar, 37, and Hindun Long who is in her 40s, demonstrated how keropok lekor and satar were cooked.

Keropok lekor is made from ikan selayang and ikan tamban, tepung sagu rumbia and salt. The paste is boiled for 10 minutes before it is fried.

Satar is made of ikan kerisi, coconut, onions, ginger, lemongrass, salt, sugar and chillies and the mixture is then wrapped in banana leaves.

Lijah, who is a member of the Kuala Terengganu Fishermen's Association, has been making keropok lekor for the past five years while Hindun has been selling satar for eight years.

On display are modern equipment for agriculture and biotechnology products including seeds, fruits, herbs, vegetables and plants as well as commercial livestock such as cattle, goats, chicken, ostriches, rabbits and aviary birds.

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