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ENTREPRENEURS SHOULD GRAB OPPORTUNITIES FROM ECONOMIC PACKAGE

BELURAN, June 24 (Bernama) -- Businessmen and prospective entrepreneurs in the state are advised to exploit the opportunities provided under the economic package announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last month.

Sabah Minister of Rural Development Datuk Nasir Tun Sakaran said today the government planned to enhance the role of small and medium entrepreneurs so that they could become the catalyst to bigger efforts.

"The economic package has provided a massive fund to support and expand the activities of the small and medium entrepreneurs in order to achieve this target," he said at the launching of the Dialogue Programme and Exhibition of Products By Rural Entrepreneurs at the Beluran district level, here today.

He said the government had channelled RM500 to the Bank Pertanian Malaysia to assist the small entrepreneurs so that they could indulge in agricultural industry through the Micro Credit Scheme.

The government had also allocated RM200 million to the Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia (AIM) fund, which is under the supervision of Bank Pertanian, and another RM300 million to Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN) to finance projects which were not agriculture-oriented.

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