

**Antartic Act To Provide More Protection To Malaysian Researchers - Ongkili
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 8 (Bernama) -- The Antartic Act of Malaysia will provide more protection to Malaysian reseachers in the Antartic, Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Maximus Ongkili said Thursday.

He said the act would also allow Malaysia to participate in a higher level of research, provide guidelines and underline the country's role in protecting the Antartic.

"The draft of the act is already in the Attorney-General's Chambers...and I'm hopeful to be able to table it in Parliament in June," he told reporters after launching the commemorative stamp and first-day cover on the Malaysian Antartic Research Programme (Marp) at the National Science Centre here.

It is understood that among issues being considered in the formation of the act is to enable Malaysian citizens who commit offences in the Antartic to be charged under Malaysian Law.

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