

Disseminate Accurate Information On Environmental Issues, Says Ongkili
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KOTA MARUDU, April 22 (Bernama) -- The media has a responsibility to disseminate accurate information on environmental issues which affect people, said Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili.

He said the media, including social media which have a wide audience, must be accurate because wrong and misleading information could give rise to a misinformed society.

Advising the public to seek clarification and verify information with authorities and experts, he added that some internet content was deliberately inaccurate to influence people's opinion.

"This includes the issue over the Lynas rare earth plant in Gebeng. Crucial facts have been twisted by certain quarters on the internet," he said while closing the three-day Environment Education Programme held in conjunction with World Forestry Day and Earth Day celebrations, here Sunday.

Ongkili emphasised that efforts to conserve and protect the environment should be shouldered by the government, NGOs, the people and the media.

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