

500 K1M Undertake various Economic Activities in Indonesia

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JAKARTA, May 28 (Bernama) -- Only 500 Community Information Clusters (KIM) in Indonesia are active in carrying various economic activities in their respective districts out of the total of 5,000 KIM existing in the country.

The Director of the International Information Service, Ministry of Communications and Information (Kemkominfo), Indonesia, Selamatta Sembiring said the 500 K1M were earning good income from the economic activities carried out, without financial assistant from the government.

"After the 1998 reformation era, all the KIMs were no longer provided with any budget. They were surviving on their own funds and resources. Self-sufficient. So, if there were millions of KIMs in the country in the past, after the reformation, the KIMs must run on their own, they must survive. Thus, the KIMs that existed under the 'New Order' that were weak were now non-existent.

"There are only about 5,000 KIMs left and less than 1,000 are very active while about 500 are truly successful. Usually, they are operating on their own budget," he told Malaysian journalists in conjunction with the visit by the Malaysian Information Department and the 1Malaysia Community (K1M) to Indonesia.

He said that among the best examples of KIM in West Sumatera was KIM Permata Ibu in Kota Padang Panjang and KIM Tujuh Koto in the district of Lima Puluh Kota which were carrying out agricultural activities and home industry.

The Malaysian delegation was led by the Deputy Director of the Sarawak Information Department, Zaini Mohamad.

The five-day visit beginning last Thursday was at the invitation of Kemkominfo in conjunction with the National Day celebration and 'Pekan Informasi Nasional 2014'.

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