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KUALA LUMPUR, March 20 (Bernama) – The Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Ministry (KUSKOP), through the Cooperatives Commission of Malaysia (SKM), constantly strives to enhance youth participation in the cooperative movement, said Deputy Minister Datuk R. Ramanan.

He said various programmes were implemented last year, including the Young Entrepreneurs Strive For Success, jointly organised by SKM and the Education Ministry to cultivate entrepreneurial culture among students at secondary schools and vocational colleges.

Ramanan said the programme also aims to produce more entrepreneurs while strengthening school cooperatives' role as cooperative entrepreneurship institutions.

"SKM, together with Angkatan Koperasi Kebangsaan Malaysia Berhad (ANGKASA), organised the Asia Pacific Cooperative Youth Summit in Sabah in July 2023. The summit provided a platform for youth to share experiences and success stories of the cooperative movement in their respective countries.

"This programme calls on youth to collectively promote sustainable lifestyles while appreciating and evaluating cooperation and forming cooperative business enterprises," he said during the question and answer session at Dewan Negara today.

He was responding to a question from Senator Datuk Mustafa Musa about the number of cooperatives in Melaka and the measures taken by the government to double the participation of youth in cooperatives as an alternative source of income.

Elaborating, Ramanan said SKM also organised 368 programmes to strengthen, encourage and foster cooperative culture throughout the country involving various target groups, including youth.

He added that RM2 million has been allocated to SKM this year to encourage cooperative participation in the tourism sector, including through homestay activities.

Meanwhile, Ramanan said a total of 487 cooperatives were registered in Melaka until December 2023, of which 29 were newly registered.

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