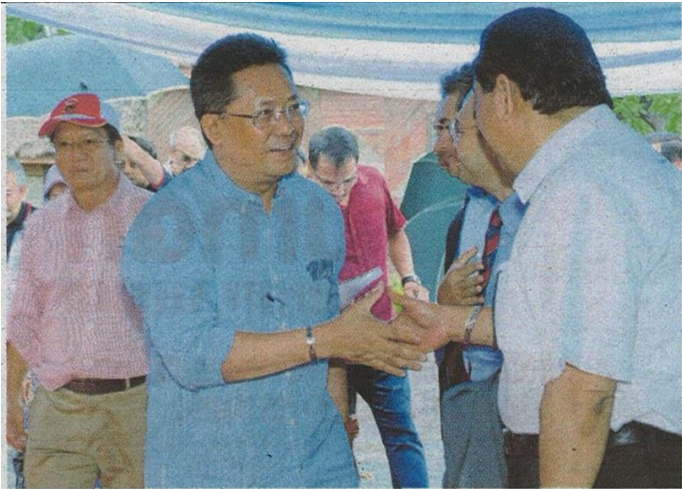


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*Teraju chairman **Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan** greeting participants at the Teraju Outreach Programme in **Tawau** yesterday. Pic courtesy of Teraju*

## RM93b in investment for Bumis via Teraju

**TAWAU:** The Bumiputera Agenda Steering Unit (Teraju) has created RM93.85 billion in business investment value nationwide since it was first formed five years ago.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan, who is Teraju chairman, said the figure recorded as of Aug 31 was the combined worth of 27 programmes that were collaborations between state governments and development corridors, among others.

"Teraju was established in early 2011 as a game-changer to strengthen and empower the Bumiputera development agenda.

"From the total figure, RM12.59 billion is from Teraju's Facilitation Fund (FF) programme, and today's outreach and engagement event is meant to showcase one of the companies that is one of the programme's success stories," he said after visiting Sipadan Mangrove Resort (SMR) here yesterday.

SMR Aquaculture Sdn Bhd is an FF recipient that has adopted a three-prong business model using

aquaculture, hydroponic farming and solar energy production.

Rahman said in Sabah alone, RM99.35 million in FF grants had been approved for 41 projects with an investment value of RM879.45 million, aimed at generating 3,000 jobs.

"We need to reduce the (economic) gap between Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah, and I, as the minister responsible for this sector, want to introduce several small, but impactful, approaches.

"For one, information on funding and grants offered by the government must reach the Bumiputeras here, especially in the rural areas, faster, so that they can get their fair share.

"At the same time, I suggest that the middle managers of companies — the ones who will take over the chief executive officer and chief financial officer positions — learn from experienced, world-class government-linked companies like Khazanah Nasional Bhd and Perbadanan Usahawan Nasional Bhd."