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KUALA LUMPUR: Scientific experts should group together to form an institutionalised opinion in addressing natural disaster issues in the country, says Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Madius Tangau.

Currently, he said, experts were only delivering their views individually and thus, resulting in contradicting opinions among themselves which in turn, might lead to misguiding the public, stakeholders and the government.

“The government is looking at an institution of scientific opinions comprising experts to provide reliable and precise information and analyses.

“For example, the recent incident of earthquake in Mount Kinabalu, the experts were only explaining about the incident individually, based on their point of view, leading to many different opinions posed by the experts.

“This institutionalised scientific opinion is beneficial for economic players, especially those in the tourism sector as they can be equipped with reliable knowledge for business guidance,” he added.

Madius said this after officiating at the International Science and Nature Congress 2015 (ISNaC2015) at the Putra World Trade Centre here yesterday.

Meanwhile, the minister said the government was paying special attention on materials science and nanotechnology.

He said the government was aware that recent advances made in materials and nano science had resulted in new advanced materials and technology that played an important role in global economic and social development.

“In fact, it is envisaged that advanced materials science and technology will be the key enablers in human development in the new millennium.

“Therefore, the government urges further research and development in materials science and technology to be conducted.

“Like biotechnology before, we had difficulties in introducing it to the public but now, it has successfully attracted people to further explore its economic potential,” noted Madius.

The ISNaC2015 is jointly organised by the Malaysia Scientific Association, Academy of Sciences Malaysia, Forest Research Institute Malaysia and the Malaysian Nature Society.

The three-day congress beginning yesterday is participated by 600 local and foreign scientists to discuss scientific development and preservation of environment in Malaysia. – Bernama