

# Nuklear Malaysia working on padi seed resilience

**PUTRAJAYA:** The Malaysian Nuclear Agency (Nuklear Malaysia) is working to boost the resilience of padi seeds to withstand the unpredictable weather in the country. Nuklear Malaysia said its research team had started research to produce a new padi variety, IS22, in collaboration with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia and Universiti Teknologi Mara. It said the agency received technical assistance from the International Atomic Energy Agency and Japan Atomic Energy Agency under the Forum for Nuclear Cooperation in Asia platform. "Nuklear Malaysia has been proactive in finding improvement methods using nuclear technology and always takes action in regard to global climate change issues." The agency is also conducting research on the production of drought-resistant padi seeds, which is expected to be completed this year. **Bernama**