

JCorp president: R&D at new centre will help increase FFB output



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KOTA TINGGI: The opening of the RM20mil Kulim Agrotech Research and Development (R&D) Complex will indirectly help the company in the field of research and development, says JCorp president and chief executive Datuk Kamaruzzaman Abu Kassim.

He said Kulim Agrotech Centre, sprawled over 2.87ha, was in line with the Johor's government's aspiration to cultivate science and technology and create new value in R&D.

“Kulim Agrotech Centre consists of five operating divisions namely seedling cultivation, tissue culture, chemical laboratory, genomics and

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Fully operational in the third quarter of this year. it will indirectly help Kulim develop further in the field of R&D development,” he said at the complex opening and launch of the “Cashless Estate” wage payment system. Also present was Kulim Agrotech executive director Zulkifly Zakariah.

Kamaruzzaman, who is Kulim Agrotech chairman, said R&D carried out by the centre would not only help the company increase its output of fresh fruit bunches of oil palm, but also enrich the oil produced.

He was optimistic R&D findings would benefit the entire plantation industry, especially in terms of quality improvement and innovation of agro products.

Kamaruzzaman also said JCorp's smart economic concept initiative, via Virtualflex Sdn Bhd (Virtualflex) and in collaboration with Kulim Agrotech, would be gradually expanded to all of its 28 estates by the second quarter of this year.

“The implementation of the ‘Cashless Estate’ for the first time in the country, has made it convenient for estate workers who do not have to wait long to receive their salaries which were previously paid in cash.

The use of KA\$H Card would also reduce operating costs for estate owners who were still paying salaries in cash while employees can keep their money safe and do many other transactions like remittance, online transactions or reload prepaid credit into their mobile phone without having to go to town,” he added.