

Halal facility to open

Food producers can refer to upcoming centre for scientific research

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PERAK is setting up a facility to conduct scientific research on halal products in a bid to tap into the lucrative halal industry.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir said the facility, to be opened to all states, would also serve as a co-ordinating body with all religious departments.

"We cannot run away from Jakim's halal certification but with the centre, producers of halal products can have a place to refer to," he said after performing the ground-breaking ceremony for the facility at Meru Raya on Thursday.

The RM3mil facility is expected to be completed in November with operations to begin in January next year.

Dr Zambry said the state had identified several strategic sectors to help propel the state's development which included the halal industry where Perak had abundant resources.

"Our next course of action is to bring in strategic partners," he added.

To complement the state's halal industry, he said an abattoir in Lekir, which had been abandoned since the 1997 economic crisis, would be revived.

"The abattoir can slaughter 100 animals each day," Zambry added.

On another matter, he announced the appointment of Dr Sufian Jusoh as a consultant to the state to help chart the state's biotechnology policy.

Dr Sufian, he said, was currently advising the Switzerland Government.

"We are bringing back brains from overseas to help develop Perak," he added.



Try this: Aishah Muhammad Ali Plah of Selera Bonda Enterprise inviting Dr Zambry to taste halal dim sum at the exhibition booth.

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