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Ingenuity needed for concept to succeed

SUCCESSFUL implementation of the Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines-East Asean Growth Area concept will require the ingenuity and skill of all participating countries.

Since its establishment, progress has been made in identifying and implementing several co-operative initiatives, particularly in enhancing basic infrastructure and strengthening links between participating countries.

But Malaysian Industrial Development Authority chairman Tan Sri Zainal Abidin Sulong said a lot more needed to be done and a substantial amount of financial resources still had to be committed.

He said a study by the Asian Development Bank had identified 150 policies, programmes and projects that could be implemented by both the public and private sectors.

Zainal said the creation of BIMP-EAGA would result in the implementation of the 'prosper thy neighbour' concept proposed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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