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KEDAH CREATES 4,000 HECTARES OF MODERN FARM

ALOR SETAR, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- Kedah has taken a big leap in its "agricultural revolution" with the creation of a 4,000 ha site to develop its modern agriculture, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said today.

He said the inspiration to develop modern agriculture had come from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during his recent holiday in London.

"When Dr Mahathir visited the London Royal Agriculture College, he was attracted to the college concept of managing its agriculture to the point that it can raise enough money to pay for the teaching staff salaries," he told reporters after chairing the State Exco meeting here.

He said Mahathir suggested that Kedah emulate the British college in managing its modern agriculture.

Sanusi said the agricultural site would have highlands and the lowlands, planted with a variety of crops using the modern technology and surrounded by picturesque towns.

Labelling the project as "agricultural revolution", Sanusi said the Prime Ministers would be given a briefing on his visit to Kedah on Thursday.

He said the project site would be announced once Mahathir agreed with any of the three possible areas earmarked.

Sanusi also said the state government had ordered two quarries in Langkawi, Pekan Kuah Kuari Sdn Bhd and Hosnah Reality Enterprise, to stop their operations as they were polluting the air. -- BERNAMA

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