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KETENGAH TO DRAW UP AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMME

KUALA BERANG, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- The Terengganu Tengah Development Authority (KETENGAH) plans to formulate a programme towards becoming the major producer of agricultural products in the state particularly in the food sector by the new millennium.

Its General Manager Alwi Said said the programme was in line with the new vision of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to upgrade the agricultural sector so that it would be on par with the other sectors in the country.

"Agriculture is a profitable sector and can be turned into a major income earner for farmers if the proper approach is taken using high-tech equipment," he said after attending the official opening of the Kampong Basong Main Hall, near here today.

He said KETENGAH offered opportunities to settlers under its jurisdiction to participate in breeding range chicken which had good potential with more than 6,000 fowls being bred since the project was started this year.

In addition, KETENGAH also planned to promote the cultivation of honey lemon and tapioca.

"The honey lemon plantation at Bukit Besi covering 400 hectares is expected to produce its first harvest in three years' time," he added.

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