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#### Kedah Trade Centre in KL one-stop agency for investors

KEDAH became the first State to open a trade centre in Kuala Lumpur with the opening of the Kedah Trade Centre by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday.

Located on the 30th floor of UBN Tower in Jalan Sultan Ismail, the centre will serve as a one-stop agency for investors wishing to invest in the State.

They will be able to make enquiries and seek approval for project applications in the State.

"With the centre, investors would not have to go to Kedah to enquire about investment opportunities. They can come here to seek whatever details they wish to know," said Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.

He said several officers from the Kedah State Development Corporation (KSDC) would be stationed at the centre to assist investors.

"Investors can even request for an appointment to see me here instead of having to go to my office in Alor Star," he said.

With the centre, Kedah also hopes to attract more investors to the State and to stimulate development in Kedah to enable it to become a developed State by 2010.

Later, after opening the centre and being briefed on the development progress in Kedah by Syed Razak, Dr Mahathir witnessed the signing of a sales and purchase agreement between the KSDC and Danaharta Bhd for the acquisition by KSDC of a 2,295 hectare plot at Ladang Sungei Ular in Kulim, Kedah, for RM102 million.

Situated about four kilometres from the Kulim High-Tech Park (KHTP) and eight kilometres from Kulim town, the freehold land is at present being cultivated with oil palm and rubber.

Syed Razak, who is also chairman of KSDC, signed on behalf of the corporation while Danaharta was represented by its managing director Azman Yahya.

Meanwhile, Syed Razak said the purchase was aimed at increasing KSDC's land bank and for future expansion projects besides carrying out mixed development projects.

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