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SATELLITE FARMS TO RAISE PRODUCTIVITY - DR MOHD EFFENDI

KUALA LUMPUR, April 26 (Bernama) -- Satellite farms will showcase the best Malaysian agriculture produces besides increasing productivity.

This farming concept, aimed to raise farm production, will promote local farm produces like "ulam-ulaman", kampung chicken and fresh water fish, Agriculture Minister Datuk Dr Mohd Effendi Norwawi told reporters after visiting Sungai Serai project in Gombak -- about 40km from here.

The satellite farms will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in July.

Besides farming these farms also offer recreational activities like horse riding and golfing facilities in the area.

Apart from the Sungai Serai farm, there are five other projects -- in Pahang, Melaka, Kedah, Perak and Johor.

Dr Mohd Effendi said the public could also buy products directly from the farmers at cheaper price.

"The public can enjoy farm experience, they can pluck and select fresh vegetables and fruits," he said.

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