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Package a boon to 8,000 Terengganu fisherfolk

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KUALA TERENGGANU, Thurs. - About 8,000 fishermen in Terengganu are expected to benefit from the economic stimulus package announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday.

Central Terengganu Development Authority chairman Datuk Idris Jusoh said the Government's decision to build 1,000 new-generation fishing boats of metal and composite materials would enable fishermen to improve their catch.

"This is definitely good news for the majority of fishermen in Terengganu. They could profit from this gesture as the new-generation boats could improve productivity, thus their income," he said when met at the launching of the K3P programme at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Manir today.

Asked if the economic stimulus package would be used as an issue by Pas and other Opposition parties, Idris, who is Terengganu Umno deputy liaison chief, said there was no need to be reactive to such views.

"The Government needs to move forward in the best possible way. If we give in to the Opposition tactics, we will never progress.

"They have opposed practically everything that we had done or introduced for the people," he added.