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# Koh: Bumiputeras will not lose out

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**BUTTERWORTH:** Bumiputeras in the state will not be left out of development projects under the Penang package of the Northern Corridor Economic Region (NCER).

Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon said their participation would be ensured through the support of government-linked companies (GLCs) and local investors.

"We will not leave them out. The Pelaburan Hartanah Bumiputera Bhd, with strong financial standing, will drive them to greater success in development projects," said Koh after

the launching of the Penang package of the NCER by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi here yesterday.

Koh said foreign investment in NCER projects would only be considered by the state government once the developments were in place.

He gave an assurance that development projects to be carried out under the NCER initiative would be well-balanced.

"We will also take into consideration environmental aspects when implementing projects," he said.