

**Agro Ministry Spends RM80mil Under Techno Fund - Noh  
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SEMENYIH, Dec 8 (Bernama) -- Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar said about RM80mil was spent on 18 companies under Techno Fund project last year.

He said the ministry provides the fund to companies and researchers that create new innovations to improve the country's agricultural sector.

"One of them is Dazzling Destiny Sdn Bhd which did research and created Genkimo technology worth RM1.5mil in cooperation with Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (Mardi).

"New discovery Genkimo is green technology that can resolve the problem of stench and flies in chicken farms.

"The technology received international recognition when it won gold and silver medals in Seoul, South Korea," he told reporters after launching Genkimo and opening Dazzling Destiny Sdn Bhd factory, here today.

Genkimo is produced using agricultural by-products like rice bran and rice husk which are thrown away or burned and plants and fruits that are unsuitable for sale.

Noh said the new technology will provide opportunities and encourage the people to venture into agriculture, particularly the livestock sector.

"Residents used to be angry with chicken breeders because of the stench and flies but with Genkimo, the problem has been resolved," he said.

The ministry plans to build animal feed factories to reduce the importation of foreign goods as prescribed under the National Key Economic Areas (NKEAs).

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