

Finance Ministry, Financial Institutions Cooperate To Strengthen RTC's Role
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GOPENG, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- The finance ministry with the cooperation of banks and other financial institutions will set up a financial cluster at the Rural Transformation Centre (RTC) here to assist rural traders and entrepreneurs expand their business horizon and create new entrepreneurs along the way.

Second Finance Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah said this was in view of the RTC's role in rural transformation and the requirement by the rural business community for such a facility in the locality.

"The financial cluster will comprise Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN), Agrobank, SME Bank, Yayasan Pembangunan Ekonomi Islam Malaysia (Yapeim), Tekun Nasional and Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia," he told reporters after a working visit to the Gopeng (RTC) here.

He said it was in the government's long-term planning to set up six more RTCs, in Perak, Kelantan, Kedah, Johor, Sabah and Sarawak.

Ahmad Husni said the RTCs would also serve to strengthen the industrial network for agro-based products from the rural areas.

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