

Government To Continue Focusing On Agriculture Sector
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KANGAR, May 3 (Bernama) -- The government will continue to focus on the agriculture sector in efforts to boost the agro-food industry, Chief Secretary to the Government Datuk Seri Ali Hamsa said Friday.

He said this was important to ensure food supply is always sufficient for the people's increasing needs.

Speaking to reporters after launching a programme with the Agriculture and Agrobased Industry Ministry and residents of Pauh, near Kangar, Friday, he said the government also increased funds for the agriculture sector by 20 per cent this year.

Ali said RM5.86 billion was allocated for agriculture this year compared to RM4.85 billion last year, demonstrating the government's concern for the sector.

Besides ensuring supply of food, he said the government, through the National Agro-Food Policy 2011-2020, also played a role to increase the farming community's socio-economic level.

"In the spirit of the National Agro-Food Policy, the government presented agricultural input aid to farmers including fruit saplings, chicks, fishing sets and equipment," he added.

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