

Livestock centre for 2 districts

FLAGSHIP PROJECT:

Keningau and Nabawan to get RM763 million in investments

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SABAH'S interior districts of Keningau and Nabawan are poised to be transformed into a centre of high-value agro-based industries with the implementation of an Integrated Livestock Centre in Sook.

The Keningau Integrated Livestock Centre (KILC), 30km from here, will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak on Saturday.

A flagship project under the Sabah Development Corridor, KILC is estimated to draw about RM763 million in investments in the interior region.

It is set to increase the population of livestock breeders in the state, enabling selection of high-yield traits in beef and dairy cattle.

Through KILC, breeders can select breeds with higher production efficiency and develop a sustainable breeding structure that will produce breeding stock and feeder animals in a systematic manner.

KILC's focus is on harnessing science and technology, especially biotechnology, resulting in breeding production, nutritious food such as colostrum, halal gelatine, vaccines and leathercraft.

The development of the downstream agro-industry can boost economic activity in the interior.

According to the Sabah Economic Development and Investment Authority (Sedia), KILC was expected to eventually serve as a platform for the state to develop the halal industry.

The project's groundbreaking will also see the signing of a memorandum of agreement between Sedia and Annam Corporation, a subsidiary of the Brunei Investment Authority, a major investor in KILC.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman was here yesterday to inspect preparation for Najib's two-day visit to the interior.

Najib is scheduled to officiate at the national Kaamatan celebration and declare open the Sabah Handicraft Centre.