



Children petting rabbits in a special zone open to the public at the Rural Transformation Centre in Gopeng. Pic by L. Manimaran

RM3m revenue a month

GOPENG: The country's first Rural Transformation Centre (RTC) near Simpang Pulai here is already churning an average revenue of RM3 million a month.

Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (Fama) director-general Ahmad Ishak said since its launch by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak in February, there had been an increase in the number of visitors as well as traders.

"Currently, every single lot at the RTC has been taken up.

"The average number of visitors here is between 10,000 and 15,000 per month," he said after attending a pet exhibition and sale here yesterday.

Ishak said the number of visitors was expected to increase once construction of a parking lay-by adjacent to the North-South Expressway was completed next month.

"In August, a Mydin Agromall will be set up here. This will attract more visitors as well as encourage residents from the surrounding villages and towns to visit."