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SEREMBAN: The F&N AgriValley project in Gemas forms a key component of Negri Sembilan's vision to become the national dairy hub, in line with the goals outlined in the Negri Sembilan Development Plan (RPNS) 2021-2025, says Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun.

He said the project is strategically aligned with the state's broader economic and agricultural agenda, reinforcing key initiatives in the RPNS 2021-2025.

"To prioritise economic resilience, sustainability and food security, this initiative plays an important role in advancing sustainable livestock farming to ensure long-term agricultural success and self-sufficiency," he said in a statement.

Earlier, Aminuddin joined a visit organised by Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd (F&N) to observe the latest progress of the F&N AgriValley integrated dairy farm in Gemas, accompanied by officials from the Chilean Embassy in Malaysia, the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) and the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (Maqis).

F&N chief executive officer Lim Yew Hoe expressed his appreciation to the state government, including the various ministries and departments, for their support and cooperation, which helped bring this integrated farm to its latest phase.

He said since the ground-breaking ceremony, collaboration between the public and private sectors has been crucial in realising the shared vision of developing F&N AgriValley into a world-class integrated dairy farm.

"Following the suspension of cattle imports from the United States, we worked closely with DVS and the Chilean Embassy in Malaysia.

"Through this collective effort, we were able to obtain a safe import protocol for cattle from Chile in a short time, demonstrating the dedication and effectiveness of all agencies involved," said Lim, adding that this effort brought in a trial herd of 165 cattle from Chile, which are in good health in their new home.

Lim explained that the cattle also completed a two-week post-import quarantine at the F&N AgriValley farm.

"This process was carried out smoothly thanks to the professionalism of Maqis and DVS, whose expertise and commitment to ensuring the highest standards of biosecurity and animal welfare," he said.

He said F&N AgriValley is set to bring in a commercial herd of cattle, which will see the largest importation of dairy cattle into Malaysia in a single batch. — Bernama

Negeri Sembilan's Menteri Besar Tours F&N AgriValley, Underscoring State's Commitment to Becoming Malaysia's Dairy Hub

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Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd (“F&NHB” or “the Group”) hosted a visit by YAB Dato’ Seri Utama Haji Aminuddin Bin Harun, Menteri Besar of Negeri Sembilan, to observe the latest progress of its integrated dairy farm F&N AgriValley in Gemas, which he launched during its groundbreaking ceremony in June 2023.

F&N AgriValley forms a key component of Negeri Sembilan’s vision to become a national dairy hub, aligned with

strategic goals outlined in the Negeri Sembilan Development Plan (RPNS) 2021-2025. Accompanying YAB Dato’ Seri Utama Aminuddin Harun were key officials from the Negeri Sembilan state government, the Chilean Embassy in Malaysia, the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS), and the Department of Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS). Accompanying YAB Dato’ Seri Utama Aminuddin Harun

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During the visit, YAB Dato' Seri Utama Aminuddin Harun and the accompanying officials inspected the empty cattle barns, which will soon house the commercial batch of cattle, and the milking parlour. The delegates were given a firsthand look at the barns equipped with intelligent environmental control systems comprising a myriad of features such as precision spray systems, specialised fans, and barns built with membrane walls to lower the temperature for the comfort of the livestock.

"F&N AgriValley strategically aligns with Negeri Sembilan's broader economic and agricultural agenda, reinforcing key initiatives within the Negeri Sembilan Development Plan (RPNS) 2021-2025. By prioritising economic resilience, sustainability, and food security, this initiative plays a pivotal role in advancing sustainable

livestock farming to ensure long-term agricultural prosperity and self-sufficiency," YAB Dato' Seri Utama Aminuddin Harun said.

In this address, F&NHB Chief Executive Officer, Lim Yew Hoe expressed his appreciation to the Menteri Besar of Negeri Sembilan and state government, as well as the various ministries and departments for the support and collaboration that have helped bring the integrated farm to its current phase.

"Since the groundbreaking ceremony, collaboration across the public and private sectors has been vital in realising our shared vision of developing F&N AgriValley into a world-class integrated dairy farm," said Lim.

"Following the suspension of cattle importation from the United States, we worked closely with the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia and the Embassy of Chile in Malaysia. Through this collective effort, we secured the safe import protocol for cattle from Chile in record time – a testament

to the dedication and efficiency of all agencies involved.”

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“Upon their arrival, we completed a two-week post-importation quarantine here at our barns in F&N AgriValley. This process was carried out seamlessly thanks to the professionalism of MAQIS and DVS, whose expertise and commitment ensured the highest standards of biosecurity and animal welfare,” he added.

With the successful arrival and settling of the trial batch, F&N AgriValley is now preparing to bring in the commercial batch of cattle, which is set to be the largest ever importation of dairy cattle into Malaysia in a single batch.

During the visit, F&NHB Chairman Y.A.M. Tengku Syed Badarudin Jamalullail also presented YAB Dato' Seri Utama Aminuddin Harun with the "Record of Birth" certificate for Che Bedah, the first calf born at the farm.

Y.A.M. Tengku Syed Badarudin Jamalullail said, "We are deeply appreciative of the continuous support from the Menteri Besar of Negeri Sembilan and his dedicated team. As such, when I was given the privilege of naming the first Chilean calf born in Gemas, I chose the name Che Bedah - a traditional name - as a tribute to our vision of growing F&N AgriValley and Negeri Sembilan into a thriving dairy hub with a strong local identity."

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