**BCDP Kacip Fatimah Kg Sagil Tangkak Johor**

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It’s a perfect story of zero to hero.

For the farmers of Kampung Sagil Tangkak Johor, little did they realise that their cultivation of kacip fatimah plants can earn them an income of up to 100,000 ringgit for the harvest on every hectare of land.

Well, thanks to the contract farming project which they have undertaken in collaboration with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI).

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The pilot project, undertaken by the Kampung Sagil Petty Traders Association, to grow Kacip Fatimah on a 1 hectare plot of land, involves 10 members who would eventually expand the project on their individual land.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau said the project can potentially produce between 2,000kg and 3,000kg of fresh Kacip Fatimah per hectare for each of its nine-month cycle harvest.

Based on the current selling price of 20 ringgit per kilo, traders will be able to earn some 98,000 ringgit in profit or a 8,200 ringgit monthly income for the harvest on every hectare.

The Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation (Bioeconomy Corp), formerly known as Biotech Corp, implemented the project under the Bioeconomy Community Development Programme (BCDP) after 24million ringgit for 34 projects was approved under Mosti.

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(Dulu peruntukan banyak tapi diberikan secara geran jadi kita telah buat penilaian dan memang ada kelemahan tertentu sebab kita mahu semua yang terlibat samada syarikat anchor co dia betul2 berfikiran business… real business)

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**SUPER: Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau/ Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (Mosti)**

**Subtitle: There was a bigger allocation prior to this and was given via grants but based on our evaluation, there were weaknesses because what we want is for anchor companies to be business-thinking**

He added that the project is set to help elevate the lives of rural communities as well as the growth of the herbal industry.

Some 600 participants nationwide are expected to take part in BCDP this year, which is envisaged to have a positive impact on about 2,700 lives.

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