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# Thriving agriculture sector expected to see steady growth

JOHOR'S agriculture sector is expected to see stronger growth in years to come, which makes the state poised to achieve its aspiration of becoming a national and regional food basket.

State agriculture, agro-based industry and rural committee chairman Datuk Zahari Sarip said based on data from Agriculture and Food Security Ministry, Johor's economic performance experienced encouraging growth in 2023 with an increase rate of 4.1% in its gross domestic product (GDP), which was equivalent to RM148.2bil.

"The agricultural sector is the third highest contributor of its GDP with 11.6% or RM17.2bil, and this elevates Johor as the largest contributor to the agricultural sector in Malaysia.

"The crop subsector was the largest contributor in Johor's agricultural sector, with a contribution of 67.8%, followed by

the livestock subsector (25.36%) and the fisheries subsector (6.59%," he added.

Zahari said there were currently 111,359 agriculture players actively involved in the state's growing agriculture sector.

"From the figure, about 93,000 of them are agro-food plant entrepreneurs, 11,225 fishermen, 4,589 ruminant farmers, 1,857 agro-based industry entrepreneurs and 688 aquaculture farmers spread throughout the state," he added.

He said youth involvement in the agriculture sector was also showing encouraging signs for the future.

"We are expecting the number of youth involved in the agriculture sector to see an increase.

"By getting more youths involved in becoming agricultural players, the application and usage of latest agricultural

technology will also see an increase, which in turn will see the sector grow, especially in terms of production," he said.

Zahari said the state government was planning to introduce a strategic programme to establish food security zones in Segamat.

The Buloh Kasap assemblyman said the paperwork on the programme was still being finalised to formally designate the areas as food security zones.

"These zones will be in areas not affected by floods, ensuring year-round food production.

"The government has identified 809ha to 1,214ha of land in Segamat for this purpose.

"Plans are underway to collaborate with both domestic and international entrepreneurs to undertake a variety of agricultural activities, including poultry farming, vegetable and pineapple cultivation as well as

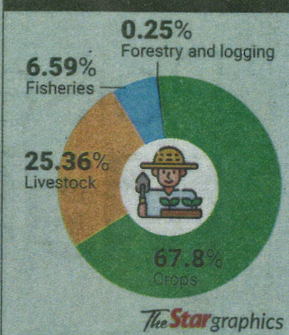


Zahari, seen here releasing young freshwater fish at Sungai Kampung Kuala Paya, expects more youth to be involved in agriculture.

herb farming," he said.

Zahari said a focus group discussion for the proposed food security zones in Segamat, which he chaired, was also

### Agriculture third highest contributor to Johor GDP in 2023



held recently.

"Various economic activities related to crops and livestock have been proposed for development," he added. — By MOHD FARHAAN SHAH



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# Bekalan ikan kurang 10 peratus sahaja

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*Pengeluaran ketika tengkujuh dijamin konsisten dengan ditampung sektor akuakultur*

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Jabatan Perikanan memberi jaminan bekalan ikan mencukupi di seluruh negara meskipun hasil tangkapan laut di perairan pantai timur Semenanjung dijangka berkurangan sekitar 10 peratus sepanjang Monsun Timur Laut (MTL) yang diramal berterusan hingga Mac depan.

Ketua Pengarahnya, Datuk Adnan Hussain berkata kekurangan itu ditampung sektor akuakultur membabitkan aktiviti penternakan ikan marin seperti siakap, kerapu, bawal emas selain spesies ikan air tawar seperti keli, tilapia dan patin.

Katanya, kegiatan menangkap hasil laut berjalan seperti biasa di kawasan pantai barat di Pulau Pinang, Perak, Kedah dan Perlis dan tidak menolak kemungkinan ikan dari negeri berkenaan turut dibekalkan kepada pengguna di pantai timur bergantung kepada permintaan pasaran.

"Pengeluaran ikan marin di negara kita sekitar 1.2 juta tan metrik setahun dan angka tersebut konsisten.

"Kalau ikut bilangan bot nelayan lebih banyak di pantai barat jadi kita jangka kekurangan itu lebih kurang 10 peratus daripada pengeluaran di pantai timur sebab sepanjang tempoh November hingga Mac dan sebenarnya angka itu tidak besar pada angapan dan pemerhatian kita," katanya.

Adnan berkata demikian



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*Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Perikanan, Adnan Hussain*

pada Majlis Peluncuran Wajah Baharu Akuarium Tunku Abdul Rahman (AkuaTAR) di Institut Penyelidikan Perikanan (IPP), Batu Maung dekat sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata, pihaknya turut memantau bekalan ikan dalam negara dan persediaan dilakukan lebih awal sebelum peralihan monsun termasuk membabitkan agensi dipertanggungjawabkan mengawasi bekalan stok penimbal ikan bagi menampung kekurangan bekalan.

Adnan turut menasihati nelayan pantai mengutamakan keselamatan diri pada musim tengkujuh dan sentiasa mengikuti perkembangan maklumat semasa daripada Jabatan Meteorologi (METMalaysia) selain berusaha mencari sumber pendapatan alternatif sepanjang MTL.