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Minister of Forestry visits RAPP's Pulp and Paper Technology Center

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English summary

Metrotvnews.com, Pangkalan Kerinci: The Minister of Forestry (MoF) Zulkifli Hasan on Monday (26/8) visited Royal Golden Eagle's (RGE) technology center for pulp, paper and palm oil in Pangkalan Kerinci, Pelalawan, Riau Province.

RGE is the parent company for Asian Agri, a palm oil plantation company and Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper (RAPP), an industrial forest plantation (HTI) company.

The Forestry Minister was impressed with the scale and technology of RGE's various manufacturing facilities.

"As an entrepreneur, I understand the manufacturing industry well, but if I was asked to build and develop something on the scale of what RAPP has done, that would be difficult," he said.

The RGE Technical Center is a world-class research facility for the forestry, pulp and paper, and palm oil industries, designed to be an efficient and integrated development programme under one roof.

The Minister commented during the visit that RAPP had played a major role not only in Pelalawan where it operates, but also in Riau Province, in Indonesia and on the international front as well. The Minister highlighted that previously, Pelalawan was a small village of only 200 families, but over the years, it has developed into a district with a population of about 68,000 people.

During the Minister's visit, President Director of RAPP Kusnan Rahmin said that through the technology research center, the company is able to develop and produce quality acacia seedlings which are recognized worldwide.

"RAPP has been exporting seeds to China and Malaysia, and we are pleased that other countries globally have recognized the quality of seeds from Indonesia," he said.

RAPP's newest nursery is located near its mill in Pangkalan Kerinci, with a capacity of developing 60 million seedlings each year. The company also has other nurseries in Pelalawan, Baserah, as well as several satellite nurseries. All in all, RAPP can produce up to 200 million seedlings a year.

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