

Malaysia boosts National Seed Hub initiatives to reduce seed imports by 30% by 2040

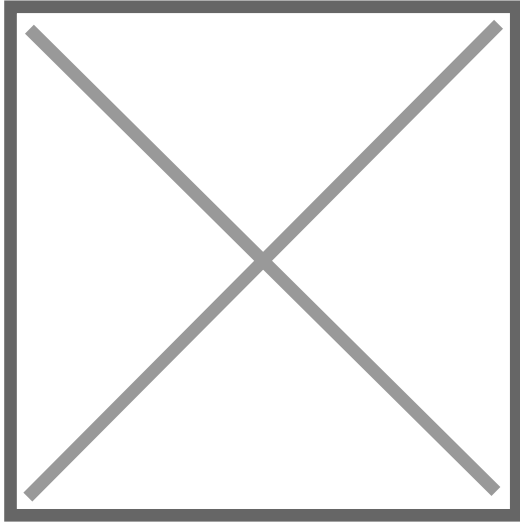
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YB Datuk Seri Haji Mohamad bin Sabu, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, chaired second meeting of National Seed Council (MBN) 2025 held at MARDI Muadzam Shah, Rompin, Pahang. The meeting brought together various representatives from ministries, government agencies and seed industry experts from the private sector.



This council serves as the main platform in strengthening the competitiveness of the country's agricultural sector through the development and use of quality local seeds, with a target of reducing seed imports by 30% by 2040.

The establishment of the National Seed Hub is also among the strategic initiatives to strengthen the development of local seeds and breeds, thus ensuring the stability of supply and food security for the country.

Among the strategic decisions of this meeting include:

• Strengthening the direction of **coconut seed development**, with a target of achieving a Self-Sufficiency Ratio (SSR) of 100% by 2035, which will be implemented by the Malaysian Department of Agriculture; and

• Implementation of domestic production of **Golden Pochard fish seeds** through collaboration with strategic partners, which will be led by the Malaysian Department of Fisheries to strengthen the country's aquaculture industry.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (KPKM) is committed to continuing to strengthen the sustainability of the local seed and breeding industry in an effort to reduce dependence on imports, while increasing the capability and competitiveness of the seed industry in the international market.

This seed security agenda not only serves as a catalyst for the development of the country's agro-food industry, but also serves as the foundation for the preservation of national sovereignty and food security.