JCorp president: R&D at new centre will help increase FFB output

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Fully operational in the third quarter of this year, it will indirectly help Kulim develop further in the field of R&D development,” he said at the complex opening and launch of the “Cashless Estate” wage payment system. Also present was Kulim Agrotech executive director Zulkifly Zakariah.

Kamaruzzaman also said JCorp’s smart economic concept initiative, via Virtualflex Sdn Bhd (Virtualflex) and in collaboration with Kulim Agrotech, would be gradually expanded to all of its 28 estates by the second quarter of this year.

“The implementation of the ‘Cashless Estate’ for the first time in the country, has made it convenient for estate workers who do not have to wait long to receive their salaries which were previously paid in cash.

He said Kulim Agrotech Centre, sprawled over 2.87ha, was in line with the Johor’s government’s aspiration to cultivate science and technology and create new value in R&D.

“Kulim Agrotech Centre consists of five operating divisions namely seedling cultivation, tissue culture, chemical laboratory, genomics and

Kamaruzzaman, who is Kulim Agrotech chairman, said R&D carried out by the centre would not only help the company increase its output of fresh fruit bunches of oil palm, but also enrich the oil produced.

He was optimistic R&D findings would benefit the entire plantation industry, especially in terms of quality improvement and innovation of agro products.