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SHAH ALAM, April 7 (Bernama) -- Angkatan Koperasi Kebangsaan Malaysia Bhd (Angkasa) has identified about 300 cooperatives that will use the Basic Necessities Project (BA100) system in their operation, from early next month.

Angkasa president, Datuk Abdul Fattah Abdullah said the Angkasa-built system would be implemented in stages to smoothen the marketing and distribution of goods, especially involving basic necessities such as cooking oil and sugar.

"The BA100 system will be launched early next May, whereby in the starting stage, 300 cooperatives in the Klang Valley have given us their consent to use this system before we expand it further to the other cooperatives.

"Angkasa developed this system so that we can improve the marketing and distribution structures because the existing system has many layers whereby the prices of goods from producers or factories become high upon reaching the consumers," he told reporters, today.

Also present, was Selangor Angkasa chairman, Datuk Mohd Alias Hamzah.

Commenting further, Abdul Fattah said, the co-operatives would not be depending on middle men when using the system to obtain goods and this would simultaneously control the prices of the items concerned.

"We are confident the prices of goods will be cheaper by 10 to 20 per cent compared to the market prices when the co-operatives buy goods directly from the producers or factories without involving middle men.

The BA100 had undergone a trial process in March and would operate fully next month.

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