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Angkasa Focuses On Three Northern States As Solar Farm Hubs

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PENDANG, Dec 27 (Bernama) -- Angkatan Koperasi Kebangsaan Malaysia Berhad (Angkasa) will turn Kedah, Perlis and northern Perak as hubs for solar farms that could provide long-term benefits to numerous quarters.

Its president, Datuk Abdul Fattah Abdullah said that the three northern states were ideal for solar farms as they received high levels of sunlight that were suitable for solar panels.

"These three states experienced a fairly long period of sunlight every year, so they are ideal for this project which is fully dependent on a high amount of sunlight and heat," he said after the launch of an ANGKASA Solar Farm in Sungai Tiang here, today.

The solar farm produced electricity up to 1,000 kilowatts (Kw) for agricultural development activities under the pioneer project built at Sungai Tiang, Pendang, and were also capable of producing up to 3,000 Kw, offering RM0.97 sen per Kw.

The project that was built on a 21-year sales contract with Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) as a distribution licensee, was initiated in October last year. It involved a cost of RM9.78 million and could generate monthly returns of more than RM90,000 as well as supply electricity to 12,000 residents.

Abdul Fatah added, since the solar panels were installed three metres above the ground, various vegetables and fruits could be grown underneath it as a side income for locals.

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