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RM42.2 BILLION BOOST

COUNTRY TO BECOME SOLAR PRODUCT HUB

Investment by Risen Solar of China set to create 3,000 jobs, shows investor confidence in Malaysia, says PM

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MALAYSIA is poised to become an integrated hub for solar products in the near future.

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said this followed the investment of RM42.2 billion by Risen Energy through Risen Solar Technology Sdn Bhd (Risen Solar), a leading global solar equipment manufacturer, in the country for 15 years beginning this year.

The China-based company is the fifth largest manufacturer of solar modules in the world.

Muhyiddin said the investment would create 3,000 employment opportunities in the country.

The operations of Risen Solar, he said, were approved through the manufacturing licence and incentive under the Economic Recovery Plan (Penjana).

"Apart from creating employment opportunities, Risen Solar will also enter into cooperation with local universities and higher-learning institutions to conduct research and development, as well as enrolling students through internship programmes.

"I am confident that the presence of Risen Solar will transform Malaysia into an integrated hub for solar products," said Muhyiddin in a Facebook post yesterday.

He said apart from Risen Solar, there were several other global solar makers operating in the country.

They included Jinko Solar, Longi Solar, JA Solar, Hanwha Q Cell, First Solar and Sun Power.

The investment by Risen Energy, Muhyiddin said, also reflected the confidence of foreign investors in the country following its success in managing the economy amid the Covid-19 challenges.

"Alhamdulillah, the trend of



Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin attending an online meeting with Risen Energy chairman and president Xie Jian, together with Senior International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali and Malaysian Investment Development Authority chief executive officer Arham Abdul Rahman. PIC FROM PM'S FACEBOOK PAGE

continuous inflow of high-impact foreign investment will certainly boost confidence among investors in Malaysia's economic recovery prospects, in line with the aspirations of the National Recovery Plan.

"This will definitely bring great benefit to the people, not only in terms of employment opportunities and generating income," he said.

Earlier, Muhyiddin said he attended an online meeting with Risen Energy chairman and president Xie Jian.

The virtual meeting was joined by Senior International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali and Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) chief executive officer Arham Abdul Rahman.

During the meeting, Muhyiddin shared with Xie Jian that the Malaysian government had adopted an investor-friendly approach, and the country would open its doors to new and quality investments.

He said this was evident in the numerous incentives available to foreign investors, and the government's continuous commitment to ensuring that the projects would proceed according to plan.

Later, after visiting the OKU

Sentral drive-through vaccination centre at Menara Sime Darby Plantation in Petaling Jaya, Muhyiddin said the allowance increase for healthcare volunteers involved in the Covid-19 vaccination process and management would also be given to volunteers serving persons with disabilities (OKU).

He said the OKU Sentral drive-through, for example, currently had approximately 100 volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the vaccination.

"The daily allowance increase from RM50 to RM100 is also given to these volunteers, who number about 100 now and counting," he said.

On June 22, Muhyiddin announced that the daily allowance for healthcare volunteers involved in the vaccination process and management had been increased in appreciation of their contributions.

Muhyiddin said there were currently 679,150 persons with disabilities registered with the Social Welfare Department, and 280,904 of them had registered for vaccination under the Covid-19 National Immunisation Programme up to June 20.

Of the total, he said 15,914 had received their first dose and 3,859 had been fully vaccinated.