

## **Multinational enters POIC Lahad Datu**

LAHAD DATU, Mon. (Nov 14, 2011). - Globe-straddling conglomerate - Kewalram Chanrai Group - is investing in the palm oil industrial cluster in Lahad Datu IPOIC Lahad Datu).

Head quartered in Singapore, Kewalram Chanrai group operates across geographies in diverse businesses.

Through its subsidiary EcoOils Sabah Sdn Bhd, the 150-year-group is investing to set up a facility to extract vegetable oil and lipids from industrial residues.

The facility will recycle refining solid waste thereby helping the environment. It will generate direct employment for over 80 skilled Sabahans.

"We take the protection of the environment very seriously in our transformation of renewable residuals into value-added industrial products for our customers.

"The imperative measure has taken priority as a governing tenet in all our business efforts. We endeavor to reduce our carbon footprint where possible," said Mr N G Chanrai, the chief executive officer of Kewalram Chanrai Group at the groundbreaking ceremony for it's Lahad Datu plant today.

The company has two other similar factories in Malaysia. One is located in Nilai in Negeri Sembilan and the other at Pasir Gudang, Johor.

It purchased a 5.86-acre plot at POIC Lahad Datu last year for it's third plant scheduled to be commissioned in 2013.

Meanwhile, CEO of POIC Sabah Sdn Bhd Datuk Pang Teck Wai Said the entry of Kewalram Chanrai Group into POIC Lahad Datu to invest in a green industry augurs well for POIC Lahad Datu's continuing pursuit for sustainability.

A framework for the development of a green port has already been incorporated into POIC's planning, and it is presently In talks with investors to setup Sabah's first 'zero waste' oil palm mill.



**Mr N G Chanrai (left) CEO of the Kewalram Chanrai Group, during Hindu Pooja ceremony at the groundbreaking of a Kewalram-owned factory at POIC Lahad Datu yesterday. A local ustaz also recited the 'Doa' at the groundbreaking.**

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