



大马特易购将在居林和亚罗士打设卖场，预计今年内营运。(档案照)

今年檳吉设3卖场 特易购扩展北马业务

(吉隆坡 23 日讯) 大马特易购 (Tesco) 放眼扩展北马业务，计划今年内在檳城和吉打两州开设 3 间卖场。

大马特易购总执行长蒂戈尔丁表示，将在檳城的斯里丹戎檳榔，以及吉打的居林和亚罗士打增设卖场。

亿元投资北马

他说：“位于斯里丹戎檳榔的卖场预计今年 6 月开幕，而大马特易购已投资 2000 万令吉设立该租赁卖场。”

另一方面，他指出，大马特易购也将在居林和亚罗士打开设卖场，并且预计将在今年内营运，投资额合计达 1 亿令吉。

他周五出席大山脚特易购推介礼时，如是向媒体披露。

大山脚特易购已于去年 9 月 23 日开始营业，是我国第 36 间和檳城第 4 间卖场。

蒂戈尔丁表示，位于亚罗士打的新卖场落在丹洛 (Tandop) Stargate 城乡发展区，而居林的则在 Lembah

Impian 花园区。

“居林的卖场已在去年 9 月开始兴建工程，该两层楼的霸级市场预计将在今年第二季竣工。”

每年增 8 卖场

他指出，大马是一个很大的市场，特易购计划每年在我国增设 7 至 8 间新卖场，而目前也正在规划全马增设卖场的地点。

大马特易购政府关系与法律事务主任阿兹兰表示，公司计划在 2011 年投资 5 亿令吉。

Tesco plans 3 more stores in Penang, Kedah

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TESCO Stores (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd is expanding its business in the northern region by opening three more outlets in Penang and Kedah within this year.

Tesco Malaysia chief operating officer Tim Golding said the company wanted to bring its Tesco offers to more customers and the new outlets will be opened at Seri Tanjung Pinang in George Town, Penang, and in Kulim and Alor Star, Kedah.

He said the new outlet at Seri Tanjung Pinang is expected to open in June.

The company has invested RM20 million on setting up the leased outlet, making it a long-term tenant at the development, which has been said to be the largest seafront project in Penang's history.

"Tesco Malaysia also has further developments in Alor Star and Kulim, where two more of our outlets will be opening this year. Both projects cost about RM50 million each," he said at the official launch of Tesco Bukit Mertajam at Jalan Rozhan yesterday.

Tesco Bukit Mertajam, which measures 9,000 sq m, opened for business on September 23 last year and is Tesco Malaysia's 36th outlet in the country and Penang's fourth.

Apart from more than 60,000 product lines in fresh food, groceries, apparel, electrical appliances, furniture and health and beauty items, the outlet also features over 50 shop units and 30 pushcart stalls.

Golding said the new Alor Star outlet will be located in the Stargate township, a 124ha mixed development in Tandop.

Tesco Kulim began constructions in September last year in Taman Lembah Impian. The two-storey hypermarket is expected to be completed in the second quarter of this year.

Golding said Malaysia was a fantastic market for Tesco, which plans to open seven to eight new outlets annually. The company is presently in planning stages for the new outlets nationwide.

He added that Tesco Malaysia also boasts a 100 per cent local employment rate, with Malaysians filling various positions in the company across the country.

Tesco Malaysia government relations and legal affairs director Azlam Shah Alias said for 2011, the company would invest an estimated RM500 million.

It was reported earlier this month that Tesco Malaysia has plans to invest RM280 million and open four more hypermarkets over 12 months starting from March, bringing the total number of stores it has nationwide to 40.

Tesco Malaysia started operations here in 2002 with its first store in Puchong, Selangor, and has invested over RM3 billion since. Last year, it recorded RM3.6 billion in revenue.

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Chain to open three hypermarkets in Kedah and Penang

TESCO Stores (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd will open three new hypermarkets in Kedah and Penang before the end of the year.

Its chief operating officer Tim Golding said the company would soon **open hypermarkets** in Kulim and **Alor Setar in Kedah**, with an investment of about RM50mil each, and invest about RM20mil in equipping a hypermarket that occupied a building on lease in Seri Tanjung Pinang in Tanjung Tokong, Penang.

“We just opened a store in Manjung, Perak, last week, with an investment of about RM50mil,” he said after Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng officially opened Tesco Bukit Mertajam in Alma last Friday. Golding said Tesco Bukit Mertajam, with an investment of RM70mil, was the company’s 36th store since it entered Malaysian shores in 2001.

He said the company’s 29 Tesco hypermarkets and eight Tesco Extra stores nationwide, accounted for an accumulated investment of more than RM4.5bil in Malaysia to date.



Sufficient stock: Lim checking on the cooking oil supply in Tesco Bukit Mertajam in Alma after opening the outlet. With him are Golding (partially hidden, second right), Tesco Stores government relations and legal affairs director Azlam Shah Alias (left) and state executive councillor Abdul Malik Abul Kassim (right).

“Presently, we have a headcount of 13,800 employees in all our stores, offices and depots throughout the country.

“And we are proud to say that our employees are all Malaysians,” he said. Lim praised Tesco for providing jobs for locals, noting that it was in line with the state’s request for hypermarkets to give priority to employ locals.

He said Penang’s success was mainly due to its highly skilled and trainable human capital, stressing that Penangites should also take full advantage of the jobs offered by companies such as Tesco.

Tesco Bukit Mertajam, located on a 9,000sq m plot of land on Jalan Rozhan, Bukit Mertajam, was opened to the public on Sept 23 last year.

It also has about 50 shoplots and 30 pushcart stalls. The store has about 300 employees.