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Foreign Manufacturers Entitled To Tax-free Status In PKFZ

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PORT KLANG, April 18 (Bernama) -- Foreign manufacturing and trading companies operating at the Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ) are entitled to be granted tax-free status of up to 10 years.

They are also allowed to own 100 percent foreign equity in their respective outfits if they operate in the facility, Port Klang Authority (PKA) chairman Datuk Yap Pian Hon said Tuesday.

He said businesses at the facility are allowed to repatriate their capital and profits without any tax involved.

"Irrespective of their countries, they can get such incentives. Such a move will encourage investors to come and invest here," he told Bernama here.

Yap said companies operating in the free zone are mainly export-driven.

The facility's proximity to Westport would help goods to be shipped worldwide efficiently, he said.

The PKFZ, located at 400-hectare site in Pulau Indah near here, is scheduled for completion by July this year.

"It's almost there. Almost all the infrastructure are already completed," Yap said.

The PKFZ project comes under the purview of the Transport Ministry and is being implemented by PKA.

Development of the PKFZ is modelled after the Jebel Ali Free Zone, touted as the major distribution hub in the Middle East and the most successful free zone in the world.

PKA engaged the expertise of Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority (JAFZA) to conceptualise the development, marketing and management of the PKFZ.

Yap said PKA would be involved in overseas roadshows to promote the PKFZ.

Response from potential investors at a recent roadshow in Shanghai and Shenzhen in China were encouraging, he said, adding that PKA would also organise a roadshow in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, soon to promote the PKFZ.

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