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JITRA: Plans are in the pipeline to upgrade the Malacca-based Kolej Risda to university status and rename it Universiti Kolej Risda.

Its chairman Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Thamby Chik said this was in line with the objective to make the college a renowned institution for agricultural studies.

"We will look into improving the services and providing better facilities to accommodate a larger student population," he told newsmen after opening the Kedah Risda Productivity Year programme at the Kubang Pasu Mara Junior Science College here yesterday.

Kolej Risda would also work closely with other higher learning institutions to offer twinning programmes, he said.

"We are also collaborating with foreign institutes in Indonesia and Thailand that have achieved excellence in the field of agriculture," Abdul Rahim added.

He said the college would soon sign a memorandum of understanding with the Bogor Agricultural Institute in Indonesia to facilitate student and staff exchange programmes.

"We will also have a twinning programme with a Thai institute of higher learning," he added.

Risda, a franchisee of Universiti Putra Malaysia, offers diploma courses in agriculture.