

BiotechCorp launches supercritical extracts

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Biotechnology Corp Sdn Bhd (BiotechCorp) is solidifying its position within the halal bio-economy with the launch of its new technology platform, the Supercritical Fluid Extraction (SFE).

It launched 25 new supercritical extracts under its new SFE platform yesterday, which it expects to be a new revenue contributor to the company as well as to the country's economy in the long term.

"In terms of revenue, we expect the SFE technology to contribute RM1.3 million this year, from the overall biotechnology aim of RM14 million in revenue by 2020. We target to create 15 entrepreneurs in Malaysia by utilising the new platform," BiotechCorp chief executive officer Datuk Dr Mohd Nazlee Kamal said at the launch, here, yesterday.

The SFE commercial-scale technology platform was acquired from Netherlands-based FeyeCon in 2009 and is placed at the RM8 million-worth Supercritical Fluid Centre, Universiti Putra Malaysia, which is one of the biggest SFE facilities in the region.

"The SFE technology can satisfy the need by offering clean and solvent-free halal extracts.

He said the new platform will allow the firm to venture further into the lucrative market for halal bio-based products locally and globally: