



## Ministry intends to set up FCDC in every zone: Saifuddin Nasution

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**KAJANG:** The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) intends to set up one Food Collection and Distribution Centre (FCDC) for the Food Bank Malaysia Programme in every zone across the country.

Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail said that one of such centre has been operational in Bukit Angkat here, while a mini FCDC is under construction in Kulim-Bandar Baharu, Kedah, and is expected to begin operations next month.

“The mini FCDC in Kulim-Bandar Baharu is now under construction...the location is very strategic as it is situated in the area bordering Penang, Perak and Kedah, hence enabling us to concentrate on the operations in the northern region.

“It is our hope to built one FCDC in every zone - eastern, southern, central and northern - with the aim to enhance the effectiveness of the distribution of goods and also to facilitate and coordinate the contributions from donors in each zone,” he told a press conference after the pre-launch of the Bukit Angkat FCDC here today.

The FCDC, which opens daily from 9am to 6pm, was equipped with basic amenities such as office space, organised storage shelves and freezer room.

According to the minister, the Food Bank Malaysia Programme which began in August 2018 has so far benefitted about 480,000 households nationwide, while the Food Bank Siswa Programme has benefitted 12,000 students from low-income households (B40). — *Bernama*