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TDM Bhd’s subsidiary TDM Plantation Sdn Bhd (TDMP) has set a target of having 100 per cent local general workers and 70 per cent local harvesters in its oil palm plantations by 2027.

TDMP CEO Hamdan Ibrahim said this commitment exemplifies the group’s investment in empowering the local community and reducing the reliance on foreign workers.

“Through joint efforts, we aim to enhance the socio-economic conditions of the people of Terengganu. We are confident that these endeavours are crucial not only for the prosperity of our business but also for the overall well-being of the local community, both in the short and long term,” he said in a statement today.

TDM Bhd executive director Najman Kamaruddin said that to achieve the goal, TDMP plans to increase the use of mechanisation and precision agriculture technology in the plantations to increase productivity and efficiency and reduce dependence on human labour.

“The use of mechanisation is also expected to attract local workers to join the plantation industry.

“Continuous training programmes will also be provided to local workers to empower them with modern skills and techniques using the latest equipment,” he said.

According to the statement, TDM, as a government-linked company, will explore opportunities to collaborate with government agencies to promote employment opportunities on the estates while increasing community awareness of the benefits of being part of the TDMP plantation staff.

“The organisation is also devoted to offering appealing incentives for local harvesters, including performance-based pay as recognition for the harvesters’ hard work and devotion,” it added.

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