

# Scientex unfazed by global economic crisis

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Scientex Bhd is expanding its capacity on the back of its sound financial strength despite the global financial crisis, said its managing director Lim Peng Jin.

“For the shorter term, because of the financial crisis and sudden change in commodity prices, there will be some impact on us. But we are optimistic about the mid- and long-term. At the same time, we have been conservative in our investments for the past two years. Our gearing ratio has been reduced to 0.12.

“So the next two years are a very good opportunity for us to extend further in terms of capacity of our core product. We are also looking

to invest in infrastructure and distribution,” Lim said at the launch of Scientex Foundation last night in conjunction with its 40th year anniversary celebration this year.

The company currently has an annual production capacity of 90,000 tonnes of stretch film at its plant in Pulau Indah and 600 tonnes of raffia tapes at its plant in Vietnam.

“We are going to further expand our production in Pulau Indah and double our production in Vietnam next year,” Lim said.

Scientex Foundation is a charitable organisation focused on providing funding and support for initiatives pertaining to healthcare and the environment. The foundation started off with an initial RM1 million from Scientex.



(From left) Scientex ED Gary Tan, chairman Tan Sri Mohd Sheriff Mohd Kassim and Lim at the launch of Scientex Foundation yesterday. Photo by Suhaimi Yusuf