

Scientex's new BOPP plant starts operations

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GLOBAL packaging manufacturer Scientex Bhd's new biaxially oriented polypropylene (BOPP) film manufacturing plant in Pulau Indah, Selangor has started operations yesterday.

The plant was built at a cost of RM220 million, and is equipped with state-of-the-art machinery from Japan Steel Works Ltd, that is capable of wider-web and higher-speed film production.

"The plant inauguration marks an important milestone for Scientex, as it combines Japan's technological prowess with Scientex's manufacturing efficiency to produce high quality BOPP film for domestic and regional markets in Asia Pacific.

With the new plant, Scientex looks forward to fulfilling the anticipated strong market demand, as Malaysia presently imports most of its BOPP requirements due to a shortage in local supply.

The new plant, boasting an annual production capacity of 60,000 metric tonnes (MT), was constructed in collaboration with Futamura Chemical Co Ltd (Futamura), a plastic films manufacturer and the largest BOPP film manufacturer in Japan.

Futamura holds a 10% shareholding in Scientex Great Wall Sdn Bhd, the group's consumer packaging unit, and would purchase approximately one third of the new plant's annual BOPP film production.

Lim said that the group is actively targeting growth in sales to local and regional players.