



Transport Ministry deputy secretary-general (management) Datuk Jana Santhiran Muniayan (second from left) launching the Port Week in Johor Baru yesterday. With him are (from left) Johor Port Authority (JPA) chairman Datuk Abdul Rahim Ramli, JPA general manager Muhammad Razif Ahmad and JPA assistant general manager Ahmad Salhin Mustapha. PIC BY HAIRUL ANUAR RAHIM

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# Port authority inks deal with Iskandar Halal Park ✓

**JOHOR BARU:** The Johor Port Authority (JPA) plans to turn ports in the state into trade and logistics hub for halal products. It inked a memorandum of understanding with Iskandar Halal Park for this purpose in conjunction with Port Week, here, yesterday. "The halal market is expected

to reach US\$58.3 billion (RM243.4 billion) in 2020. When there are (halal) cargoes, we are ready in terms of logistics and the supply chain. "We will use existing facilities and services at the two ports (Johor Port and Port of Tanjung Pelepas)," said JPA general manager Muhammad Razif Ahmad.

On another matter, he said the competitiveness of each port does not only hinge on the port operator alone but also on government agencies such as those which facilitate ship clearance formalities. He also said non-governmental organisation Anak Alami Enterprise would carry out research

on dugong, otters and seahorses in Tanjung Pelepas. "We hope this collaboration will add value to JPA in the future," he added. The Port Week was launched by Transport Ministry deputy secretary-general (management) Datuk Jana Santhiran Muniayan. **Bernama**