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JOHOR BARU: Rianlon Corp's decision to establish a research and development (R&D) and manufacturing facility in Johor reflects strong and sustained investor confidence in the state as a regional hub for high-value and technology-driven investments.

Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Onn Hafiz Ghazi said the RM1.27 billion project will be developed in two phases.

Phase One will cost RM820 million and Phase Two will cost RM450 million.

This is expected to create about 300 jobs when fully operational.

Rianlon is a global provider of anti-ageing additives and technologies for polymer materials.

Onn Hafiz said the investment followed direct engagements

with Rianlon's leadership, including chairman Lee Hai Ping, in Beijing on Dec 22 last year.

"Within a month, the Johor government, together with federal-level counterparts, resolved concerns raised by Rianlon," he said in his speech at a groundbreaking ceremony at Tanjung Langsat Industrial Park, Pasir Gudang.

He said Phase One, comprising construction works for Rianlon Malaysia Senai Bhd development, is underway.

Recent engagements with investors in China also highlighted the need to strengthen coordination beyond government agencies, particularly with utility providers such as Tenaga Nasional Bhd and Ranhill SAJ as well as



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industrial developers, he said.

"For strategic investments, including those within the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone, Johor is introducing a super lane to accelerate project implementation," he said.

Onn Hafiz said Johor recorded RM91.1 billion in approved investments as of the third quarter of 2025 and is expected to have exceeded RM102 billion as of the fourth quarter of 2025.

Johor's growth momentum will

continue to be driven by strong collaboration with investors from China, Europe, the United States and key strategic partner Singapore, as Johor heads towards becoming a developed state by 2030 under the Johor Maju 2030 agenda.

Rianlon, a high-tech enterprise, was among China's Top 500 Petroleum and Chemical Enterprises and Top 100 Fine Chemical Enterprises for six consecutive years. **Bernama**