



Managing Director Chin Jit Sin (left) and Executive Chairman Kam Foong Keng.

New Hoong Fatt sets aside more than RM50m for capex this year

KUALA LUMPUR. New Hoong Fatt Holdings Bhd (NHF), an automotive parts maker, has set aside more than RM50 million for capital expenditure (capex) this year, Managing Director Chin Jit Sin said.

He said the bulk of the investment would be used for product expansion and capacity.

"This year, our group will continue to expand prudently, while looking for growth opportunities," he told reporters after the company's annual general meeting here Tuesday.

He said over the last two years, the group had channelled its efforts to accommodating the growing demands of the business, by investing an additional RM54 million in property, plant and equipment.

Chin said the company would also continue to focus on expanding its export market which currently contributed about 38.53 per cent to total revenue.

The Asean region is among the company's core export markets, he added.

Chin said other than Asean, the group was now exporting

to over 50 countries, including Algeria, Tunisia, Bangladesh, Morocco, Fiji, Pakistan, Libya, Taiwan, China and India, as well as to the Middle East, Central and South America and Europe.

He said the group's overseas subsidiaries in China and Indonesia had also progressed, and over the years, had become focused on enlarging the customer base in both countries.

"We also acquired a factory building in Jakarta for additional warehousing space earlier this year, at a total investment of RM23 million.

'We remain committed to growing the existing customer base and capturing new markets.

'With a change-ready and customer focused stance, NHF is in a strong position to weather challenges that may come our way," Chin added.

Going forward, he said against the backdrop of uncertainties in the global economic recovery, NHF's regional expansion coupled with internal productivity and product variation, will ensure sustainable business growth. - Bernama