

PRODUCT RANGE EXPANSION

NHF allocates RM30m capex for 2019

KUALA LUMPUR: Automotive parts solutions provider New Hoong Fatt Holdings Bhd (NHF) has allocated RM30 million in capital expenditure (capex) for the financial year ending December 31 for product coverage expansion and human capital development.

Managing director Chin Jit Sin said the company would continue its strategy to grow in Asean through product range expansion, including developing and adding more products to fuel topline growth.

“We will continue to build on the momentum that we have gained so far and increase product offerings.

“We have over the years spent a lot of money putting the manufacturing capacity to where it is now and we will gradually expand as where and when is needed to facilitate this growth,” he said after NHF’s annual general meeting, here, yesterday.

Chin said at the moment, the company had no plans to further expand its manufacturing facility in Meru, Klang, as the facility was running at a 70 per cent utilisation rate.

The plant manufactures up to



New Hoong Fatt Holdings Bhd (NHF) managing director Chin Jit Sin (right) and executive chairman Kam Foong Keng at the company’s annual general meeting in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY NURUL SHAFINA JEMENDON

six million automotive body parts per annum.

It also manufactures more than 3,300 auto items in-house.

Chin said Asean remained NHF’s main focus due to its huge potential, with some 220 million registered motor vehicles in the region as of 2017.

NHF posted a record revenue RM257 million last year, an in-

crease of 2.6 per cent from RM250.6 million in the previous year due to a higher demand from the local market.

However, NHF’s revenue from overseas market was affected by unfavourable foreign exchange rate.

Local sales contributed 48.7 per cent to total revenue last year with the remainder from exports.