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Joint venture to develop, export kenaf polymer composite

Malaysian company, Symphony Advance Sdn Bhd (SASB), and Korea's Samsung Cheil Industries Incorporated will join hands for a technical collaboration to develop and export kenaf polymer composite.

SASB, a company which operates in the East Coast Economic Region will exchange documents for the collaboration next Friday.

In a statement yesterday, ECER Secretariat said the two companies would seal the technical collaboration in an exchange of documents on August 22, to be witnessed by

The event is expected to be witnessed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Kelantan Menteri Besar, Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat.

Kenaf's stem produces a coarser fibre on the outer layer and a finer one in the core. The plant can grow to 1.5-3.5 metres and has a long history of cultivation for its fibre in India, Bangladesh, Thailand, parts of Africa, and to a small extent, South-East Europe.

The plant has been identified as a potential crop to replace tobacco along the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia.