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Imagine what Penang would be like without nine industrial parks, CM Chow tells Opposition

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DON'T criticise the state government for selling land to existing industries for expansion as well as to new investors who want to set up factories in Penang.

Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow has asked the Opposition not to criticise the state government for doing so as the state continues to acquire land for future development.

Chow today witnessed the official purchase of land by three large local companies – Greatech Technology Berhad (Greatech), Pentamaster Corporation Berhad (Pentamaster) and UWC Berhad (UWC) – from the Penang Development Corporation (PDC) at the PDC headquarters in Bayan Baru.

They collectively took up 35 acres of land in Batu Kawan Industrial Park for their expansion projects that would begin in the first quarter of next year.



Chow says the state, through PDC, will continue to acquire land for industrial development. Beside him is Mohd Bazid.

“If you (Opposition) are criticising the state for selling land, you are also criticising MNCs for investing in Penang, you are also criticising LLCs for expanding their operations to upscale themselves in the global market, and you are also criticising SMEs looking for expansion opportunities within the nine industrial estates developed by PDC since 50 years ago.

“PDC is a state agency which is responsible for promoting social economic development and industrial development, and it acquires land so that it can get it ready with the necessary basic infrastructure.

“This land then can be made available to the industries to set up their production here and to create jobs not only for the people of Penang but also for Malaysians at large.

“Therefore, appreciate what the PDC is doing together with the state government as we acquire land to get them ready to be turned into industrial parks.

“The last 50 years PDC has developed nine industrial parks. Imagine without the nine industrial parks in Penang and many other private developed industrial parks as well, what Penang would be like,” Chow said in his speech at the investment announcement ceremony of Greatech, Pentamaster and UWC in the PDC headquarters in Bayan Baru today.

