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Datuk Abdul Fattah Abdullah (two, right) and Hiroshi Hamada (two, left)

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PETALING JAYA, July 10 -- The Angkatan Koperasi Kebangsaan Malaysia Berhad (Angkasa) plans to cooperate with more foreign cooperatives to supply their products to cooperative shops in the country registered with the 100 Basic Goods (BA100) programme.

Its president Datuk Abdul Fattah Abdullah said Angkasa was identifying potential cooperative companies in countries such as Japan, New Zealand, Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia for the collaboration.

"For example, New Zealand is known as dairy producer, so we plan to get a wide variety of dairy products from them. For fruit supply, we plan to get it from a Thai cooperative.

"For the supply of wet goods such as fish, we can get them from Indonesia and the Philippines. Most importantly, these products are available at lower prices," he said after the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Yakult (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd at Wisma Ungku A. Aziz here today.

Abdul Fattah signed the MoU on behalf of Angkasa and Yakult (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd by its managing director Hiroshi Hamada.

Through the MoU, Yakult will supply its products to BA100 cooperative shops nationwide.

Abdul Fattah, who is also ASEAN Cooperative Organisation (ACO) president, said the close cooperation with the foreign cooperative companies was aimed at diversifying BA100 cooperative products at a more competitive price to consumers.

Currently, more than 20 local supplier companies have registered in BA100 through the digital platforms JiMATbiz (www.jimatbiz.com) and JiMATshop (www.jimatshop.com) as well as a Japanese company, Yakult.

The number of suppliers is expected to increase to 50 by the end of this year.

The BA100 is a programme based on e-commerce, which will gather the essential goods bought by retail cooperatives nationwide on a wholesale basis according to demand.

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