

Jotun to invest RM300m in Nilai plant

New factory to produce paint for Malaysia, Singapore markets

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BUTTERWORTH: Paint manufacturer Jotun (M) Sdn Bhd will invest more than RM300mil in a factory in Nilai, Negri Sembilan, which should be operational in three years.

Regional director for Jotun Paints in South-East Asia and managing director for Jotun (Malaysia) Peder Bohlin said the new factory would produce paint for the Singapore and Malaysia markets.

"It will be one of the biggest factories in South-East Asia and employ about 500 people," he said during a joint presentation on "Managing corrosion protection" by UNF Engineering & Coating Sdn Bhd and Jotun on Wednesday.

Bohlin said Jotun, which currently has factories in Vietnam, Indonesia, India and China, had established a strong set-up in the region.

"We also have a research and development centre in Shah Alam, which is a base to deliver paint formulas suitable for the market in the Asia-Pacific region," he said.

He said Jotun, which had been doing very well in the region for the past 10 years, was one of the fastest growing companies in Malaysia.

"We are very pleased with the strong growth



Peder Bohlin (right) and Jotun (M) Sdn Bhd managing director Marvynn Gan at the presentation on Wednesday

and Malaysia is becoming more and more important (to us).

"The reason why we are successful is because

we have committed people here," he said, citing UNF Engineering & Coating which had been a loyal Jotun supporter for the past 20 years.