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**Bio farma launched new vaccine**

Having spent five years of research and development, PT Bio Farma will launch new vaccine, DTP-HB-Hib or Pentavalen on August 23, 2013 to prevent five diseases (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B and type B haemophilus influenza). The vaccine will be tested first in four provinces (West Java, Bali, Yogyakarta, and West Nusa Tenggara), said Edwin G. Pringadi, Head of External Relations, PT Bio Farma. Bio Farma's vaccine production capacity reaches 1.7 billion dosage per year which is sufficient for 5 million toddlers, 27 million school children, and 15 million fertile women. Pentavalen has been tested through several phases and registered in Food and Drug Monitoring Agency (BPOM), said Neneng Nurlaela, Bio Farma spokesperson. Pentavalen vaccine is cheaper than previous generation and has been used in most developed countries, said Sarimuddin Sulaeman, Marketing Director for PT Bio Farma. Bio Farma's Pentavalen vaccine currently awaits WHO certification.

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**Kimia farma cuts its capital expenditure**

PT Kimia Farma Tbk (KAEF) cuts its 2013 capital expenditure to Rp100-200 billion from Rp660 billion as planned following the postponed expansion of new plant and hospital, said Rusdi Rosman, Chairman for PT KAEF. Initially, PT KAEF planned to build new plant producing ointments, cream, and cancer drugs in Banjaran to meet WHO qualifications. PT KAEF will utilize its current capital expenditure to build 150 pharmacies and to acquire land. PT KAEF has expanded its business into ASEAN region by establishing its first pharmacy in Shah Alam, Malaysia and will be building two others in Bukit Bintang and downtown Kuala Lumpur by collaborating with Averroes Pharmaceutical Sdn Bhd, said Arief Budiman, Finance Director for PT KAEF.

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