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JAKARTA, Nov. 15 (Xinhua) -- Singapore needs to import a large quantity of glass from Indonesia to cope with its high domestic demand in construction, residential and interior sectors, a Singapore company executive said on Monday.

Gan Chee Siong, chairman of the Singapore Glass Association, told Xinhua, after a press conference of glass expo GlassTech Asia, that his country imports 10 percent to 20 percent of its glass from Indonesia.

He said that Singapore does not have any glass company so that the country has to import glass from other countries.

"All we need is fulfilled by import. On the other side, Indonesia is the biggest glass exporter to Singapore," said Gan.

"We also import glass from other Southeast Asian countries such as Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand as well as from China and Europe," said Gan.

According to Gan, demand of glass in Singapore is very high.

"As Singapore has many construction projects, demand of glass is very high. As we know, Singapore has so many construction projects, especially since three years ago we have built casinos that need much glass," he said.

He also said that residential industry in his country is very strong, causing high demand of the commodity.

Besides, he said, growing residential industry is accompanied by interior sector that certainly needs high demand of glass.

Gan also commented of glass industry demand in Indonesia.

According to him, demand for glass in the country is very strong.

"So, although Indonesia has three big glass companies, they still could not cope with the high demand. The reason is that I think nowadays Indonesia has a strong demand of glass in construction and automotive industries," he said.

Indonesia will host the 9th Asia glass expo of GlassTech Asia in the capital city of Jakarta on Nov. 23-25, 2011, joined by about 250 companies from 30 countries.

The business-to-business expo will present prominent companies from Asia Pacific. All things related to glass industry will be presented, such as glass machinery manufacturers, glass manufacturers, glass processors, hollow glass machinery manufacturers, glass accessories manufacturers, glass facade and art glass as well as supporting companies like window films, adhesives and solar panels. Enditem