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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 27 (BERNAMA) -- THE HEAVY INDUSTRIES CORPORATION OF MALAYSIA (HICOM) WILL IMPLEMENT FIVE MAJOR PROJECTS, THE DEWAN RAKYAT WAS TOLD TODAY.

PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID IN A WRITTEN REPLY TO ENCIK LEE LAM THYE (DAP-KUALA LUMPUR) THAT THE PROJECTS WERE AT THE EARLY STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION.

THEY ARE THE LIGHT ENGINE PROJECT, THE ALUMINIUM DIE-CASTING FACTORY, THE PULP AND PAPER FACTORY, THE ENGINEERING COMPLEX AND THE COLD ROLL PROJECT.

AT PRESENT HICOM WAS IMPLEMENTING THREE BIG PROJECTS. THEY ARE THE CEMENT FACTORY IN PULAU LANGKAWI, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN PRODUCTION IN 1984, THE STEEL BAR PROJECT, EXPECTED TO START PRODUCTION IN APRIL 1985, AND THE LOCAL-CAR PROJECT EXPECTED TO BEGIN PRODUCTION IN 1985. -- MORE 1625/MB

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HE SAID THAT THE HEAVY INDUSTRY PROJECTS HAD BEEN STUDIED IN DETAIL BEFORE BEING IMPLEMENTED.

ALL PROJECTS WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED WERE THOSE WHICH COULD GIVE MAXIMUM BENEFITS TO THE COUNTRY HE SAID ADDING THAT THE COUNTRY HAS THE CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECTS SUCCESSFULLY.

MALAYSIA HAS REACHED A LEVEL OF INDUSTRIAL GROWTH WHERE HEAVY INDUSTRY PROJECTS MUST BE DEVELOPED TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE INDUSTRIAL BASE, HE SAID. -- BERNAMA 1630/MB