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DR MAHATHIR TO PERFORM GROUND-BREAKING FOR MEC CITY

KUANTAN, June 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will soon perform the ground-breaking ceremony for the proposed multi-million ringgit MEC City, an integrated modern industrial centre for making electrical equipment in Gambang here.

The project on a 1,400ha site in the Gambang industrial estate, close to the East-West Highway, near here, is the first of its kind in Malaysia, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said today.

Malaysia Electric Corporation (MEC) Bhd, a local producer of electrical items, will develop MEC City in five phases lasting between 10 and 15 years.

Construction work on the first phase covering 160 hectares would start next year, he told reporters after opening the Pahang International Trade Expo 1996 here.

It will be MEC's operations base and a one-stop centre for foreigners to buy Malaysian-made electrical appliances, he said.

It will boast of an MEC housing estate, research and development and training facilities, a school and a mosque.

The federal government's interest in the project was vested with Khazanah Holdings Bhd, he said

Khalil also said the state government would open up a 1,600-hectare industrial area in Bukit Goh, near here, because the industrial lots here had been fully taken up.

The government was still identifying the site for the project and it was uncertain whether it would involve land acquisition in the Bukit Goh Felda scheme, Khalil said.

In his speech, he said Pahang and Terengganu were working together to ensure the proposed eastern industrial corridor could become a reality.

The five-day exposition attracted many foreign companies, including 19 from China. -- BERNAMA

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