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DR MAHATHIR OPENS HIGH-TECH PARK

KULIM, March 18 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here on board a Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) helicopter from Alor Setar this morning to open the Kulim Hi-Tech Industrial Park (KHTP)), the planned science city of the future.

He was accompanied by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Haji Osman Aroff, the man behind the development of the park aimed at becoming the premier centre for high technology industries, research and development in the Asean region.

In conjunction with the opening, the prime minister witnessed the signing of three agreements -- between MEMC Electronics Sdn Bhd and Khazanah Holdings, between MEMC Electronics and Kulim Technology Park Corporation and between the Penang Development Corporation (PDC) and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

Dr Mahathir also laid the foundation for two pioneer factories belonging to Intel Products (M) Sdn Bhd and Akashic Kubota Technologies Sdn Bhd, both US-based companies, in the park.

He also witnessed the exchange of documents between Kulim Technology Park Corporation and Universiti Sains Malaysia for the establishment of an Information Technology Centre at the park.

This afternoon the prime minister will launch the Kedah "Gerak Mesra" programme and open a multipurpose hall, "Dewan Mesra Perdana" at Institut Kemahiran Mara, Sungai Petani.

Over 5,000 are expected to attend the launch organised by the Information Ministry. -- Bernama

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