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DR MAHATHIR TO OPEN MELAKA ITM BRANCH

SHAH ALAM, April 27 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the permanent campus of Institut Teknologi Mara (ITM) Melaka branch in Lendu on Thursday, ITM's assistant registrar of public relations Karim Kasnan said today.

The Prime Minister would perform the opening ceremony in conjunction of his two-day official visit to Melaka beginning May 2.

The 143ha campus comprised an administrative block, four lecture theatres, seven hostels, sports complex, library, clinic and related facilities, he said in a statement.

The campus has 113 academic and 141 non-academic staff as well as 2,826 students taking eight courses at diploma, advance diploma and certificate levels, he said.

ITM Melaka was set up in August 1994 with the Mara Skills Institute in Jalan Hang Tuah as its temporary campus with five lecturers, 32 staff and 158 students, he added. -- BERNAMA

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