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HIGH TECHNOLOGY CENTRE TO BE SET UP IN SELANGOR

KUALA LUMPUR, May 13 (Bernama) -- A high technology centre equipped with various information highway facilities will be established in Selangor, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhd Taib said today.

He said a private company had submitted the proposal to the state government.

Speaking to reporters after opening the one-day conference on "Direction of Research And Development In The 21st Century: An Action Plan", here, he said subscribers and users at the centre could obtain any information they want by plugging-in their computer sets at the respective channels provided.

However, he declined to say where the centre will be sited.

The conference was jointly organised by the Selangor government, the Institute of Mind Development and the Institute for Policy Studies (IKD).

Muhammad also said the Selangor government is studying whether to freeze temporarily the construction of new high-rise buildings in the state in view of the freeze in Kuala Lumpur due to traffic congestion.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced the temporary freeze on high-rise projects in Kuala Lumpur until the traffic situation eased.

Muhammad said since Selangor still has many areas to be developed, high-rise projects might be encouraged in new areas.

On research and development (R&D) activities in Selangor, he said the state government had form a committee responsible for the area.

He said seven foreign multinationals in the state have agreed to cooperate with the state government to conduct R&D.

The private sector should expand their R&D even though some RM8 billion was allocated under the Seventh Malaysia Plan for R&D by the public sector, he added.

Earlier, IKD chairman Datuk Kamaruddin Jaffar said it was regrettable the private sector took the easy way out by purchasing foreign technology instead of developing their own. -- BERNAMA

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