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JAPAN-MALAYSIA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL OPEN IN P.PINANG BY 1998

PULAU PINANG, April 1 (Bernama) -- The Japan-Malaysia Technical Institute will open in Pulau Pinang as scheduled by 1998, the Japanese Ambassador to Malaysia Issei Nomura said today.

Without giving details, he said the first batch of about 200 students would attend courses in electronic and mechatronic engineering at the institute to be set up in Bukit Minyak, Seberang Perai Selatan.

The institute was being set up under an agreement between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Japanese counterpart Tomiichi Murayama during the latter's visit to Malaysia in 1994, he added.

Speaking to reporters after calling on Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon at the Penang Development Corporation office here, Nomura said the institute would be invaluable to Malaysia in helping it achieve its vision to become a developed country.

Pulau Pinang could become a centre for such training not only for Malaysians but also for the youth of neighbouring countries like Indonesia and the Philippines, he added. -- BERNAMA

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