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MAHATHIR OPENS TECHNOLOGY PARK MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today officially opened the Technology Park Malaysia (TPM) that will spearhead the country's advancement in technology research and development.

The 280-hectare park is only 20 minutes away south of the capital in the fast growing Bukit Jalil area and strategically located within Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

The first phase of the park, which was started in 1988, costing RM237 million has been completed and focussed on information technology, software development, microelectronics, telecommunications and aerospace technology.

The RM226-million second phase which is expected to be ready in the year 2000 will promote research and development for biotechnology, medical and environmental technology, agriculture, health, energy and pollution control.

The park is fully equipped with the latest technology such as fibre optics, Internet communications and prototyping facilities for its tenants.

There are 32 tenants in the park currently including Iris Technologies (M) Sdn Bhd, Multi-media Development Corporation and Measat Broadcast Network System Sdn Bhd.

TPM managing director Dr Mohamad Salleh Ismail, in his message for the opening, said the park is one of the key elements of Vision 2020 to achieve developed status for the nation by that year.

The numerous infrastructural support facilities available to investors and innovators in the park will enable Malaysian companies to penetrate into international markets in technology development, he said.

Mohamed Salleh also said TPM had the potential to emerge as one of the best of its kind in the world.

Also present at the ceremony were Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding and TPM chairman Tan Sri Dr Omar Abdul Rahman. -- BERNAMA

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