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MELAKA TO HELP ACCELERATE COMPOSITE TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

MELAKA, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- The Melaka government will hold discussions with Composite Technology Research Malaysia (CTRM) to accelerate its Composite Technology Town project in Batu Berendam, here.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Zin Abdul Ghani said today the discussions were necessary because of the slow progress of the project since its launch five years ago.

"We want to know the problems faced by CTRM and find ways to resolve them to help speed up the project," he told reporters after the opening of the national seminar on composite technology at a hotel here.

The two-day seminar was opened by Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed on behalf of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

It is aimed at introducing local and foreign investors to the potentials of composite technology for use in the aerospace, construction and boat building industries.

Mohamed Zin said the state government had provided a 220ha site at low premium for the project but so far CTRM had only implemented the first phase involving the construction of several buildings.

CTRM is still in the process of starting the first project involving the production of an aircraft from composite materials which is reported to be stalled because the Australian authorities had not given the licence for the aircraft.

In conjunction with the seminar, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on composite technology research and development was signed between Orbtech Composites (M) Sdn Bhd, Norwegian Applied Technology, Duroi Venture Sdn Bhd, HSS Integrated Sdn Bhd and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM). --
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