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SELANGOR TO DEVELOP CAREY ISLAND TO SUPPORT NEW WEST PORT

SHAH ALAM, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- Selangor will develop a 2,000ha site on Carey Island, adjacent to Pulau Indah where the new Westport, the latest component of Port Klang, was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir yesterday.

The proposed development on Carey Island would provide the supportive services for the Westport operations, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhamad Taib said today.

He said the State Economic Planning Unit had been directed to undertake the planning for areas around Port Klang to generate downstream activities in support of the port.

"The planning will involve the building of a bridge linking Carey Island with Pulau Indah to facilitate transportation," he told reporters after chairing the weekly state executive council meeting here.

He was earlier asked what steps Selangor would be taking in support of the port industry and to make it the region's transshipment centre as envisioned by Dr Mahathir, who wanted all agencies to be involved.

Muhammad said the proposed bridge and the development on Carey Island would directly support efforts towards enhancing the activities in the Westport.

Earlier, he said Selangor, with the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 10.9 per cent in 1995 would experience further rapid development at the rate of 10.7 percent a year during the Seventh Malaysia Plan.

"At this rate, Selangor will be able to achieve developed status in 2000 when the state's per capita income reaches RM12,396 against RM8,687 in 1995," he said.

The manufacturing sector would continue to bolster the GDP, by increasing its contribution to 58.1 per cent in 2000 compared with 56.2 per cent in 1995, he added. -- BERNAMA

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