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SPEED UP MULTI-MEDIA VARSITY NEXT TO PUTRAJAYA

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 2 (Bernama) -- The Education Ministry has been directed by the Cabinet to speed up the construction of the multi-media university at the Bandar Teknologi Maklumat which is next to the new Federal administrative capital of Putrajaya, the minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today.

The Cabinet issued the directive after its weekly meeting today, he told a post cabinet-meeting news conference at his office at Pusat Bandar Damansara here.

The univeristy was one of the top priority projects of the Multi-Media Super Corridor Committee chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, he said.

The university which would use state-of-the-art multi-media technology would be highly sophisticated,

Najib said the university on a 70-hectare site would be the focal point of the Bandar Teknologi Maklumat.

"Education Ministry officials will discuss the setting up of the university with overseas and local experts," he said.

Najib said talks on the university project would also be held with foreign universities and corporate bodies, which had expertise in multi-media technology, as well as with multi-media corporations.

It would be no ordinary university as it was a high-tech venture and its setting up was important for Malaysia which needed about 50,000 highly trained workers to meet the needs of the Multi-Media Super Corridor which was based on science and technology, he said.

Najib said the multi-media university would be set up under the Private Institutions of Higher Learning programme in collaboration with local corporate bodies and foreign universities.

A special ministry-level task force under Najib would be set up to oversee the setting up of the university.

He said the committee would also set up a consortium which in collaboration with the ministry would come up with the software to enable the national curriculum involving science, mathematics, Bahasa Melayu and English to be taught at the Sekolah Bistari. -- BERNAMA

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