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30 RUSSIAN FIRMS TO TAKE PART IN EXHIBITION

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 30 (Bernama) -- About 30 companies from Russia will take part in a week-long science and technology exhibition at the Ming Court Vista Hotel beginning March 3.

The exhibition, mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Sri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, is organised by Le Proton Exhibition Services Sdn Bhd, Club of Friends of Malaysia in Russia and Roszarubezcentr, a state organisation of the Government of Russia. The Prime Minister had invited Russian companies to transfer their technologies to Malaysians.

Le Proton Executive Chairman, Datuk Razdi Manan, said "Engineering 97" will be a prelude to larger exhibition "Tech Exchange" to be held later in the year

"We want to try on a small scale first and let local companies know more about Russian technologies," he told a press conference today.

"Russia is as technologically advanced as the United States and Japan. We hope local companies will be able to form partnerships under the Smart Partnership or Strategic Alliance concepts and work together to penetrate the global market," he said.

Among the exhibits are medical equipment, communication systems, sun batteries, biomaterials and geodetic devices.

In conjunction with "Engineering 97", seminars and meetings will be held among corporate leaders from both countries. A cultural show and a Russian food fair have also been planned.

Radzi signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mordvine Youri, Executive Director of Club of Friends of Malaysia in Russia and Albert Shamarin, President of Novotex Group, a scientific and technical investment company to bring in the exhibitors. Witnessing the signing ceremony was Vitali Vorobiev, the Russian ambassador to Malaysia. - BERNAMA.

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