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First plant at MEC City set to begin operations

THE RM4 billion MEC City in Gambang, near Kuantan, is beginning to take shape with the first of its 20-odd plants manufacturing electrical appliances under a Malaysian brand name expected to commence operations in March.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to launch the first MEC products - refrigerators and air-conditioners - soon after.

MEC deputy chairman Datuk Andrew Leong said yesterday 89 containers with machinery to be installed at the plant would be arriving in the next 10 days.

MEC City, the brainchild of Dr Mahathir, is being designed as the electrical appliances capital of Malaysia.

It is being developed on a 1,200ha site in Gambang, 27km from Kuantan.

Leong said the MEC would shift its operations to Kuantan once the project was completed in five years.

The company currently has a plant in Balakong, near Cheras, and another in Bukit Raja, Klang. It recently took over Penang-based Grundig (M) Sdn Bhd and the factory there has since become its third plant dealing in audio equipment.

MEC is a subsidiary of Kuala Lumpur Industries Holding Berhad.

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