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MAHATHIR TO LAUNCH UPM IT PROJECTS TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, April 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to launch several in-campus information technology projects when he visits Universiti Pertanian Malaysia (UPM) in Serdang near here tomorrow, a university spokesman said today.

One of them is the UPM-MTDC Technology Incubation Centre One, a joint venture with Malaysian Technology Development Corporation (MTDC) Berhad, UPM public relations officer Amiruddin Abdul Aziz said.

The visit to the centre will be broadcast "live" over the Internet and it will see the most advanced "live" broadcast over the Internet ever in Malaysia, according to an MTDC statement.

Those interested in following the event can locate it at <http://202.186/53/3/pmvisit>.

UPM is part of the IT and multimedia development area in the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) Project covering a 15 km by 50 km zone south of here offering a perfect environment for companies wanting to create, distribute and employ multimedia products and services.

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to launch the UPMNet and UPM Online and visit the Time-Telekom Earth Satellite station there.

The technology incubation centre was established early last year to boost research and development efforts in IT and multimedia applications.

Currently 13 companies have registered and nine are already operational in the centre which is the first of a series of in-campus technology centres to be established in the country.

Located on a 15.6-hectare site within the campus, the centre provides facilities and infrastructure for IT and multimedia-based companies to carry out research and development activities, said Amiruddin.

The UPMNet is a fibreoptic network linking the whole campus while UPM On-line is the application computer transaction and data exchange for administration and education purposes.-- BERNAMA

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