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MORE THAN 2,200 PRODUCTS ON DISPLAY AT RUBBER PRODUCTS EXHIBITION CENTRE

KUALA LUMPUR, April 28 (Bernama) -- The International Rubber Products Exhibition Centre Malaysia, situated within the grounds of the Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia (RRIM) Experimental Station in Sungei Buloh, can boast of a unrivalled collection of more than 2,200 rubber products manufactured both locally and overseas.

Primary Industries Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said this was a commendable achievement although it only represented about 25 percent of the various types of rubber based products available.

Speaking before the official opening of the exhibition centre by Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, he gave an assurance that the number and various types of rubber-based products on display at the centre will be continuously increased from time to time.

He said the RM5.7 million centre, built by a consortium of three companies led by Media Signs Sdn Bhd, is aimed at housing rubber-based products under one roof to be showcased to interested parties and those who are involved in related activities.

Dr Lim said the exhibition centre will serve as a catalyst to the rubber-based manufacturing sector.

He added that under the Seventh Malaysia Plan, more development projects would be launched to help the development of the rubber-based manufacturing sector.

"In future, more emphasis will be given to the development of the downstream sector although this did not mean the upstream sector will be ignored," he said adding that the sector will be supported with a different approach. -- BERNAMA

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