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MSD R&D PROGRAMMES TO BE READY IN TWO MONTHS

SANTUBONG, May 22 (Bernama) -- The programme relating to research and development (R&D) in the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) will be ready in two months, Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding said today.

The programme, among other things, would identify countries with institutions dealing with R&D activities related to the MSC, he said.

"The programme is nearly completed and will be submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad later," he told reporters after launching the project to build a new laboratory for the Chemistry Department, here,

He said the ministry, which was responsible for the R&D sector to further upgrade the capacity of the MSC, was still receiving feedback through the Malaysian missions overseas on scientists working in the silicon valley.

The government was currently recruiting 22 scientists -- 20 foreign and two local -- he added.

Law said the capacities of laboratories in the country would be upgraded in line with the economic climate and environmental and health status.

He said RM130 million had been allocated for the construction of laboratories for the Chemistry Department with the headquarters getting RM40 million to RM50 million and the rest going to the branches in Sarawak, Sabah, Perak and Melaka. -- BERNAMA

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