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PAHANG TO OWN 10 PER CENT IN MEC CITY

KUANTAN, April 28 (Bernama) -- The Pahang government plans to hold 10 per cent share in the RM750-million Malaysia Electric Corporation Bhd (MEC) City project in Gambang near here, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said today.

Although this was still being discussed between the federal government, MEC and the state government, Khalid said he had been given assurance that the state government could secure a 10 per cent stake in the project.

Replying to Datuk Abdullah Md Derus (BN-Kuala Pahang) at the State Legislative Assembly sitting here, he said the state government had no plans to increase the size of the MEC City from the 1,200 ha approved.

The MEC City, about 30 km from here, is being built in phases over 15 years to serve as a centre to produce electrical home appliances to penetrate international markets.

It was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on March 17.

Replying to Syed Ali Syed Mohamad (BN-Batu Talam), Khalil said local contractors would have opportunities to undertake jobs for a proposed gold mining project in Raub.

He said infrastructure construction and earthwork for the project was valued at more than RM60 million.

It would also require about 400 skilled and semi-skilled workers, he said.

Islamic Affairs and Education committee chairman Datuk Adnan Yaakob told Abdul Fattah Abdullah (BN-Padang Tengku) that the state government was seeking the Public Services Department's approval to create additional 419 posts for graduate teachers in religious schools.

It was also seeking approval for 167 more non-teaching and support staff to manage administration in religious schools,

This year RM15.8 million had been allocated to improve management of religious schools, he said. -- BERNAMA

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