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Selangor agrees to set up institute in memory of Yahaya

SHAH ALAM, Tues. - The Selangor Government has agreed to a proposal by the Selangor Innovative and Creativity Development Council to set up Institut Keusahawanan Tan Sri Yahaya.

Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib said a few places had already been identified where the institute could be built but these had yet to be finalised.

"We want to do the ground-breaking ceremony for the proposed institute on June 12, the 100th day of Tan Sri Yahaya's death, he told reporters after chairing a meeting to discuss the proposed institute here today.

Among those who attended the meeting were Economic Advisor to the Government Tun Daim Zainuddin, Encorp Sdn Bhd chairman Datuk Effendi Norwawi, Securiforce managing director Datuk Maznah Hamid, Hicom chairman Datuk Mohd Saleh Sulong, chairmen and managing directors of several corporate bodies, directors of institutions of higher learning and vice chancellors of universities.

Muhammad said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would be invited to perform the ground-breaking ceremony for Ikutan.

Yahaya, his wife Puan Sri Rohana Othman, 50, and pilot Mejar (rtd) Azlizan Abdul Manas were killed in a March 3 helicopter crash while on their way to see the former's ailing mother in Kuala Terengganu.

Muhammad said ITM had also agreed to do a biography on Yahaya.

The institute would incorporate his views and vision for the Malay entrepreneurs and Malaysia which he presented at the Umno's golden jubilee convention.

Muhammad said the State Government would provide the initial grant while additional funds for the project would come from corporate bodies, companies and individuals.

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