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AG: Police recommended further probe into Eric Chia

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah said today the police had made recommendations for further investigations into former Perwaja Steel Sdn Bhd managing director Tan Sri Eric Chia.

"I don't have the papers with me. The reports had been sent to my office and my officers have studied them," he said, adding that the matter had been referred back to the police.

When asked whether charges would be filed against Chia he said: "I don't want to comment on it."

Earlier, Mohtar launched the Kemayan Advanced Tertiary College Homepage and the Tun Abdul Hamid Law Resource Centre at Wisma Tunas Utama in Petaling Street.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said at the Umno general assembly in June that action would be taken against Chia if there was proof that he was responsible for the losses suffered by Perwaja.

"I believe that if there is proof, action will be taken," he had said.

To another question on the proposed amendments to the Road Transport Act which called for among other things, a mandatory jail sentence for reckless drivers, Mohtar said the proposals were being studied by his officers.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said recently that the proposals had been sent to the A-G's office.

Also present at the function were Kemayan Corporation Bhd president Datuk Rickie Tang and its deputy chairman Eric Kang.

Meanwhile, Tun Abdul Hamid Omar, who is also the chairman of Kemayan ATC, said the resource centre would enable speedier research for law students.

The centre has an updated CD-ROM library with complete facilities comprising the Malayan Law Journal, Mallal's Digest, Butterworth Company Law Services, Malaysian Statutes, Singapore Law Journal/All England Reports and Llyod Laws Reports.

Abdul Hamid said it was important for law students to get quality education.

"We will also look into extending this service to the public sector, particularly agencies like Customs, Immigration and the Land Office," he said.

Deputy chief executive officer and principal of Kemayan ATC, Dr Danny Choong, said the concept and underlying philosophy of the resource centre was to facilitate a constructive learning approach.

"It will result in a shift from a teacher-centred to a learner-centred approach," he added.

Choong said it was time for the centre to move beyond a campus-centric model of education, learn to engage diverse learning styles, and meet the demands of an increasingly heterogeneous student population and a new economy.

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