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MAHATHIR HAPPY WITH MTDC'S ACHIEVEMENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he is satisfied with the achievements of the Malaysian Technology Development Corporation (MTDC) saying that many of its product have been accepted world-wide.

"They have done quite well and I am quite happy. They've come up with a quite number of products," he told reporters after visiting the MTDC here.

Dr Mahathir said efforts taken by MTDC and its companies have shown progress and the products they had created were sophisticated and well-received by other advanced companies the world over.

This success, he said, had resulted from the transfer of technology from foreign companies.

When asked if the RM7-billion supplementary budget announced by Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim last week would be used to boost research and development, the prime minister said:"It is not connected to this. That one you have to ask him (Anwar)."

Dr Mahathir was also asked about his statement that the International Monetary Fund's proposals to revive the economy had actually hurt the economy.

To this the prime minister said:" I've already answered this question over and over again."

International Trade and Industry Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz were among those who accompanied Dr Mahathir on his MTDC tour.

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