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LABOUR MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE TO BE SET UP

PETALING JAYA, March 2 (Bernama) -- An institute which will conduct courses on labour management relation will be set up in April, Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) president Zainal Rampak said today.

He said the institute to be called the Institute for Labour Management Studies or ILMU would initially conduct certificate and diploma courses before moving on to holding degree courses in the future.

"There is a big gap in knowledge between the role of management and the role of labour in the workplace.

"This gap has to be filled quickly to promote and sustain industrial harmony in the future," he said in his paper on the role of labour in smart partnership at the National Smart Partnership Dialogue 1998 in Petaling Jaya here.

The institute which will be temporarily set up in Subang Jaya is a joint venture between the Workers Institute of Technology (WIT) and a private educational institution.

It will be opened to union leaders and company's Human Resources Managers.

Referring to the current economic situation, Zainal said employers should retrain the workers instead of retrenching them.

The two-day dialogue was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad this morning. -- BERNAMA

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