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WORK ON PHASE 2 OF TECHNOLOGY PARK TO COMMENCE SOON

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 24 (Bernama) -- The construction of one million square feet more of office space under phase two of the Technology Park Malaysia (TPM) project will commence soon, TPM's chairman Tan Sri Dr Omar Abdul Rahman said today.

He said some 100 companies were expected to take up the office space once it was completed. Fifty of them were already on the waiting list.

"Tender for the phase two will be called next week with construction commencing middle of the year," he told reporters after the launching of the TPM factory automation training centre called Mastercentre by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad here.

Omar said TPM had achieved tremendous success in 18 months of operation with 83 tenants and most of the companies had local equity.

He also said TPM was planning to have a joint-venture with established local and foreign universities to award Masters degree and PhD to researchers.

Omar said talks had been held with Oxford University, Universiti Utara Malaysia and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

On Mastercentre, Omar said its objective was to increase technical competence of engineers in programming and handling office automation in factory's production.

He said Mastercentre was set up to promote the use of office automation in the industry to leapfrog the nation in economic development towards the 21st century.

Among the courses offered are robot operation and programme logic controller, robot maintenance, computer aided design (CAD) and computer aided manufacturing (CAM).

Some 20 trainees are currently attending the courses which are divided into fundamental, intermediate and advanced classes. -- BERNAMA

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