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DR MAHATHIR WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY IN CYBERJAYA

CYBERJAYA, June 3 (Bernama)-- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will officially open the Universiti Multimedia Telekom (UMMT) in Cyberjaya on July 9, said Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the official opening of the university was another milestone for Malaysia as the UMMT is the only university given the mandate by the government to churn out "cyber entrepreneurs" capable of inventing and marketing multimedia-based products and computer software worldwide.

"UMMT is also the only university allowed to operate in the area following the government's decision not to allow any proposal to build other universities in Cyberjaya," he told reporters after launching the orientation programme for 600 new students of UMMT for the 1999/2000 session, here today.

Najib said UMMT which offers courses at the matriculation, bachelors', masters' and doctorate levels is a university that offers an education concept which is comprehensive as the students will not only be exposed to theories but also given the opportunity to implement them practically.

On the construction of the UMMT campus, he said the government was satisfied with the development in the construction of the first phase of the RM350 million UMMT campus which had been completed within a period of only 18 months.

He said the UMMT in Cyberjaya would have 3,400 students comprising 600 freshies and 2,800 senior students who would be moved from the temporary campus at the Universiti Telekom (Unitele) in Melaka.

"Of the 600 new students, 100 are foreign students from 13 countries worldwide," he said.

According to Najib, the students are taking up various courses including engineering, telecommunications, information technology and management.

Cyberjaya, situated about 40km south of Kuala Lumpur, is the main component for the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) project. The township is built on a 2,800-hectare site based on an environment friendly concept.

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