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MIGHT WANTS AEROSCAPE COUNCIL SET UP THIS YEAR

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 April (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (Might) hopes the National Aerospace Council could be set up this year after being put off due to unforeseen reasons.

"Malaysia has an aerospace industry that is growing rapidly and a coordinating body is needed to monitor its direction and expansion," said Science Adviser to the Prime Minister Tan Sri Dr Omar Abdul Rahman

He told reporters this after attending a briefing by Might for Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman.

Dr Omar said the aerospace industry required high technology skills and equipment and strong government support to succeed.

He said Might also suggested that the aerospace council be headed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The setting up of the council is provided for in the Malaysian aerospace action framework announced by Dr Mahathir in 1997.

The prime minister said then that the council would make important decisions on the industry's direction, priorities and strategies.

At today's briefing, Might also proposed the establishment of the Malaysian Aviation Authority and the National Aerospace Coordinating Body.

Might also presented its proposal for a study on conducting the Masters in Business Administration course in the field of aerospace.

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