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Department gets hi-tech training equipment

SHAH ALAM, Mon. - Toyota Motor Corporation of Japan today handed hi-tech training equipment to the Manpower Department of the Human Resources Ministry for it to conduct courses for automotive instructors.

The equipment was presented by TMC director S. Takahashi to Manpower Department director-general Mohd Nawī Ahmad at the Centre for Instructors and Advanced Skills Training.

Also present were the ministry's secretary-general Datuk Zainol Abidin Abdul Rashid and Japanese Ambassador to Malaysia Hideki Harashima.

It was the culmination of 12 months of discussions, preparations and development of the course. The record of discussions (ROD) was signed by TMC, UMW Toyota Motor Sdn Bhd and the Human Resources Ministry on March 14.

Under the ROD, TMC and UMWT will conduct Toyota hi-tech training courses in four sessions over a one-year period for automotive instructors at CIAST.

The course was developed following Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's request to Toyota to assist Malaysia in the development of hi-tech training during his visit to Japan in June last year.

It is the second technical training support programme provided jointly by TMC and UMWT for automative trainees and instructors in Malaysia.

In 1991, TMC and UMWT introduced the Toyota Technical Education Programme for vocational schools. To date, five vocational institutions are benefited.

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