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IT training for 8,000 at gathering on Feb 17

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The Human Resources Ministry will hold a mammoth gathering at the Bukit Jalil sports complex on Feb 17 next year, to train an estimated 8,000 workers in Information Technology.

The gathering, schedule to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, is aimed at enhancing IT skills and competency among Malaysian workers and is in line with the Government's efforts to produce sufficient knowledge-workers.

Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn said about 1,000 personal computers would be provided by computer suppliers and training centres to train the workers to be IT-savvy.

"Each worker will undergo IT training for about an hour. We wish to prove to them that IT competency can actually increase their productivity."

Speaking to reporters after a post-Cabinet meeting, Fong said:

"The proposed gathering is part of the Ministry's strategy to incorporate the usage of IT in all work processes with the intention of increasing productivity."

He added the Ministry's Skills Development Fund to be launched on Jan 2 next year, had also allocated RM145 million for the year-long training programme.

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