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KUBANG PASU MP'S COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE TO OPEN NEXT MONTH

JITRA, July 20 (Bernama) -- The Kubang Pasu MP's Community Education Centre, a brainchild of wife of the Prime Minister Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, will begin operations early next month.

The cyber and counselling centre, built with allocations from the Kubang Pasu MP and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, is run by the Kubang Pasu Community Enhancement Club.

Dr Siti Hasmah today toured the centre and attended a briefing given by the club chairman Datuk Prof Dr Ahmad Fawzi Mohamad Basri.

Dr Siti Hasmah came up with the idea for the centre in an effort to help increase public awareness about information technology, especially among those who do not own computers.

In the briefing, Dr Ahmad Fawzi said the centre's renovation work is expected to be completed before the end of the month. The centre, formerly the Jitra old market, is being renovated at a cost of RM300,000.

"This is the first centre of its kind in the country," he said.

"It will have 40 computers, a counselling room and a training room."

Dr Ahmad Fawzi, who is Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) deputy vice chancellor, said apart from providing free use of the computers, the centre will also hold computer classes and techniques on answering examination questions for students.

He said the centre will also provide training to Village Development and Security Committee (JKKK) members in preparing reports.

He said the centre's membership fee is RM3 for individuals, RM300 for secondary schools and RM200 for primary schools.

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