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MALAYSIA CAN COOPERATE WITH MOTOROLA, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

SEPANG, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said that the government felt that it could work together with Motorola Inc. so that the research and development activities done by the world's leading chip producer in the United States could be carried out in Malaysia.

The Prime Minister said if this becomes a reality, the efforts could encourage increased investments from Motorola in the country.

The potential is great in view of many Malaysian citizens working with the firm, he said in reply to questions from reporters upon his arrival at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) here today from his working visit to the US.

"From the number of Motorola workers from Malaysia, we are the second (biggest) after China", he said.

In terms of the percentage of workers compared with the country's population, meanwhile, the number of Malaysian workers in Motorola is the largest, he said.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia could indeed match the US in terms of the percentage of Motorola workers compared with the population.

Asked on the type of research and development activities that could be carried out in Malaysia, the Prime Minister said that Malaysia had many choices.

"This includes research in the bio-chip field which is research on the relationship between a chip and DNA, whereby we could use a chip to identify and prevent diseases," he said.

Another area is the new Motorola technology in the production of a walkie-talkie that integrates walkie-talkie functions, telephone and radio all in one equipment. -- BERNAMA

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