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SPECIAL ASSEMBLY IN BUKIT JALIL TO PROMOTE IT USAGE

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 20 (Bernama) -- The Human Resources Ministry will hold a special gathering at the National Sports Complex in Bukit Jalil on Feb 17 to encourage the use of information technology among Malaysians, especially the workers.

Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn said today several computer companies would be taking part in the event and 1,000 computers would be set up to provide free training to the public.

Each person would be given an hour's training at the end of which a certificate would be issued.

The event, to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, was expected to expose about 8,000 people to the use of information technology (IT), he told a media conference after chairing the ministry's weekly meeting, here.

He hoped that the education and exposure given by the government, would enhance the interest of Malaysians in IT and prepare them to become knowledge workers.

Meanwhile, the Skills Development Trust Fund will begin disbursing next year loans not exceeding RM5,000 a year to members of the public interested in taking up training programmes in the industrial and information communication technology fields.

However, the training programmes must be recognised by the National Vocational Training Council.

Application forms can be obtained from the Skills Development Fund Division, Human Resources Ministry, Unit 3A01, 3rd floor, Block B, Pusat Perdagangan Phileo Damansara 1, Jalan Damansara, Section 16, Petaling Jaya, or the Japan-Malaysia Technical Institute.

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