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UUM assembles PCs on its own

ALOR STAR, Wed. - Students and lecturers at Universiti Utara Malaysia are using 1,200 personal computers which have been assembled at the university itself.

A first in the country, the yet unnamed computers are assembled by UUM's Computer Centre and used within the university.

Through the project, the university managed to provide every lecturer with a computer.

The line of personal computers will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the university tomorrow.

The brand name of the computers will also be announced at the launch.

UUM Deputy Chief Registrar (Public Relations) Mohd Zaini Nasri said the centre began the project in June last year.

He said while the university had achieved its target of providing each lecturer with a computer, UUM was still working on its student-computer ratio.

Mohd Zaini said the assembling of computers by the university was expected to save it RM800,000.

Apart from cost saving, the project was also undertaken in support of the university's research and development efforts and to help boost technology skills.

Tomorrow UUM will sign a memorandum of understanding with Kulim Technology Park Corporation, Lotus Sales and Services Sdn Bhd and Mesiniaga Berhad.

The MoU will cover co-operation between the university and the private companies for the development of information technology and its e-University and e-Learning programmes.

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