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MAHATHIR WITNESSES SIGNING OF SMART SCHOOL MOUS

KOTA BAHARU, July 20 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today witnessed the signing of three memorandums of understanding (MoU) involving nine IT-based companies tasked with helping the government implement smart schools.

National Economic Action Council adviser Datuk Mustapa Mohamed also witnessed the signing held at Sekolah Kebangsaan Kubang Kerian 2 here.

Signatories of the first MoU were United Multimedia Sdn Bhd (UMM)'s chief executive officer Dr Mohamad Salmi Mohd Sohod, KUB Telekomunikasi Sdn Bhd's president Abdul Aziz Mohamad, Sun Microsystem's Govinathan Pillay, CISCO System's managing director Shaiful Baharin Salleh, Vads Bhd's CEO Datuk Dr Rahim Daud and APEX Communication Group's executive chairman Abdullah Ali.

The second MoU was signed between UMM, which was represented by KUB Malaysia Bhd group chairman and CEO Datuk Hassan Harun and Telekom Smart School Sdn Bhd, represented by Telekom Malaysia chairman Datuk Mohd Radzi Mansor.

Signatories of the third MoU were KUB Tekstil Sdn Bhd's chairman Rahim Kamil Sulaiman and Kurnia Insuran (M) Bhd's east zone general manager Zainal Sehat.

Dr Mohamad Salmi told reporters later that the companies concerned would ensure that the module for the UMM-sponsored smart schools could be documented for the Education Ministry.

"This will help the ministry make a comprehensive evaluation of the implementation of e-education in all 9,000 schools nation-wide," he said.

The smart school pilot project would be carried out in 10 schools in Perlis, Kelantan, Terengganu, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan and Pahang, among others.

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