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MELAKA STATE GOVT TO PRESENT INDUSTRY AWARDS

MELAKA, March 13 (Bernama) -- The Melaka state government will present industry awards to companies operating in the state at a ceremony next month, said chief minister Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Rustam today.

He said the awards would be part of the state government's promotional efforts and to popularise products made in Melaka so that they would be more competitive, especially in overseas markets.

"The awards would also be an incentive to attract more investors to operate in the state," he said at a gathering for companies registered with the Melaka International Trading Centre (MITC) here.

On MITC's exhibition gallery at Graha Umno in Jalan Hang Tuah here, Mohd Ali hoped that more companies in the state's industrial sector would exhibit their products.

"To date only 75 of the 496 companies in the industrial sector in Melaka or 15 percent of the total had exhibition booths at MITC," he said.

He said the rental rate there would be reduced by 25 percent when the existing exhibitors renewed their contracts in June or July.

The MITC exhibition gallery, which became operational from the middle of last year, was officially opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in January this year. -- BERNAMA

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