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MINISTRY TO RETRAIN ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY WORKERS

SEGAMAT, Jan 12 (Bernama) -- The Human Resources Ministry will retrain workers of multinational electronic factories expected to be affected by the economic recession in the United States.

Its Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn said the workers will be retrained in high demand fields like the information technology (IT), computer engineering and design of computer and multi-media equipment.

"We will retrain them in fields most needed by the country at the moment," he said after visiting the Muar Industrial Training Centre here.

He said the ministry had been informed that the United States' multinational companies, especially the electronic firms, might be affected by the economic slowdown in the country.

Dr Fong said ministry officials had been directed to monitor such firms located in the Klang Valley, Penang and Johor to ensure that the situation did not have any serious impacts against the nation's labour force.

"The ministry will continue to hold talks with the United States' multinational firms in the country to ensure that no workers will be affected by the economic depression in the country," he said.

He said the ministry was waiting for the report from the state Labour Department directors on the actual number of electronic factory workers which could be affected by the situation.

Dr Fong said so far there were no reports on such factory workers being retrenched.

On the computer literacy campaign, Dr Fong said the ministry hoped to gather some 100,000 youths in a mammoth rally on Feb 17.

He said the campaign, held to expose Malaysians to the IT field, will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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