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PENANG WELCOME PM'S CALL TO INVEST MORE IN ICT, SAYS DR KOH

PENANG, Oct 13 (Bernama) -- Chief minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon said that the state welcomed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to invest more money to develop ICT.

He said this would enable the state not to rely on labour-intensive businesses and industrial sectors which needed large workforce.

"We are facing challenging times which require the combined efforts and synergy of professionals and experts in science and technology," he said when opening the Certified Public Accountants (Australia) Malaysian Chapter conference here today.

Dr Koh said that Singapore, who is far ahead in manufacturing, industrial and ICT sectors, is facing similar problems.

"Remaining in backward economy which is labour intensive means we will need a greater imported workforce and higher monetary remunerations for them," he said.

However, the chief minister said that Penang will have to improve its research and development (R&D), ICT-qualified manpower needs, manufacturing processes and process engineering technology to continue to expand and consolidate further. -- BERNAMA

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