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PRE-FAB SYSTEM TO BE USED FOR DELAYED COMPUTER LAB PROJECTS

PORT DICKSON, Dec 31 (Bernama) -- The government will overcome long delays in the building of computer laboratories in many schools by using the pre-fabricated system, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said the contractor chosen under the system would probably be awarded the contract to complete 200 to 300 laboratories.

"The small Class F contractor will be given two or three projects whereby he will assemble the parts under the supervision of the (main) contractor who prepared the components under the system," he told reporters after attending a passing-put parade of army recruits at the Army Basic Training Centre (Pusasda) here.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on a report in Mingguan Malaysia yesterday which said that 85 percent of computer laboratory projects in primary and secondary schools in peninsular Malaysia had yet to be ready although the contractors involved had been given three extensions.

The Prime Minister said the government was aware that many of the contractors did not have the experience.

"We are aware that many of them do not have the experience and sometimes don't even bother to gain the experience.

"But if we don't give them (the project), there will be accusations of favouritism.. that we gave it so and so only but not to everyone.

"This time we gave it to everyone and we find that many of them are not keen. In fact they are only interested to sell their contract, up to two or three times, and in the end the one who really wishes to build gets only a small profit," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that the government hoped that only contractors who were really keen to implement the projects were awarded the contract under the pre-fabricated system.

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