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PRIME MINISTER TO INAUGURATE MMMC ON JULY 17, SAYS PRINCIPAL

MELAKA, July 3 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to officiate at the inauguration of Melaka-Manipal Medical College (MMMC) in Bukit Baru near here on July 17, according to MMMC principal Datuk Dr Megat Burhainuddin Megat Abdul Rahman.

The MMMC is the first and only private college in Melaka to offer tertiary education in medicine and began operations in September 1997.

It has a current enrolment of over 700 students from two intakes in March and September in both its campuses here and in Manipal in Karnataka, India.

" While the majority of the students are Malaysians, we also have students from the Maldives, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates, West Indies, Myanmar and even the USA enrolling with us," Dr Megat Burhainuddin told a press conference here.

He attributed the founding of the MMMC to Dr Mahathir who, he said, saw the urgent need to promote and strengthen greater "South-South" cooperation in the varying economic and social fields.

The college offers a twinning MBBS programme, including a two-and-a-half years of pre-clinical training at Manipal's International Centre for Health Sciences.

Students then undergo three years of clinical teaching and training at the Melaka and Muar general hospitals.

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