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UNITEN BRANCH CAN STIMULATE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN PAHANG TENGGARA

MUADZAM SHAH, May 4 (Bernama) -- The opening of the Muadzam Shah branch campus of Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) can generate opportunities in education and economic fields in Pahang Tenggara.

Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob said its strategic location in the central region of Pahang was a win-win situation to the state government, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) and the local community.

The state government welcomed the setting up of the campus and was prepared to help wherever necessary, including providing a suitable and permanent site for the campus, he said at the opening of the campus by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad via video-conferencing.

The campus was previously the Pahang Tenggara Development Authority (DARA) office which was opened by the Sultan of Pahang on Oct 30, 1987. It was known as Wisma Sultan Ahmad Shah.

After DARA was dissolved last year, Wisma Ahmad Shah was taken over by Tenaga Nasional to be turned into the university's branch campus which would start its student intake on June 24.

The campus will take in a pioneer batch of 360 students and the enrolment is expected to be increased to 3,000 in five years.

Initially, the campus will focus on business management and accounting programmes, offering courses at diploma and degree levels.

During the video-conferencing, Adnan thanked the federal government for allowing Tenaga Nasional to open Uniten's branch campus in Muadzam Shah.

The state government hoped Muadzam Shah would emerge as an educational centre as the town had a technical secondary school, religious secondary school, a secondary school and a Mara Junior Science College, he added.

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