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WORKERS TO ATTEND ICT GATHERING IN STADIUM

KOTA BAHARU, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- Some 8,000 workers from various sectors are expected to attend an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) gathering at Stadium Putra in Bukit Jalil here on Feb 17.

"The aim of the gathering is to show the workers that if they spend some time surfing the Internet, they can acquire new skills and knowledge especially in areas of interest to them," said Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn.

More than 1,000 personal computers with Internet facility would be made available for the workers at the gathering organised by his ministry, he said.

Fong, who is also the Kelantan MCA chief, was speaking to reporters after attending a Chinese New Year reception organised by the party here last night.

Present were Kelantan Barisan Nasional chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed and State MCA deputy chief Liong Su Siang.

Fong said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed is scheduled to address the gathering.

He said similar gatherings would be held in the states to get more people exposed to ICT.

Fong said the ministry through the Human Resources Development Fund Scheme provided loans of RM5,000 a year to workers wishing to attend skills related courses and training.

Asked on the measures taken by the Government to face any retrenchment by companies in the country in the event of an economic recession in the United States, he said the ministry had the necessary plans.

This includes providing short-term training in other fields to retrenched workers through the Human Resources Development Council so that they could find new jobs.

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