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Celebrating 30 years of electronics in Penang

SEVERAL major players in the electronics industry are expected to attend the 30th anniversary celebrations of electronics in Penang on August 27.

They include Intel Corp chief executive officer Datuk Dr Craig Barret, Agilent Technologies executive vice-president William P. Sullivan, and Hitachi Ltd executive vice-president Yoshiro Huwata.

Organised by the Penang Development Corp (PDC), the event will acknowledge the contribution of the country's first free industrial zone in Bayan Lepas, set up in 1972.

Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon recently unveiled the logo for the celebrations, which builds on the figure "30" signifying 30 years of industrial growth for the state.

Organisers explained that the stylised curves that connect with one another suggest "synergy and success", while the repetition of the curves and their position gives a motion effect that reflects progress through the 30 years.

The logo colours are blue and yellow, which provide the Penang image.

The event will also acknowledge the eight electrical and electronics industry pioneers, which had set up offshore bases in the state some 30 years ago.

They comprise Advanced Micro Devices Products Sdn Bhd, Agilent Technologies Sdn Bhd, Clarion (M) Sdn Bhd, Fairchild Semiconductor Sdn Bhd, Hitachi Semiconductor (M) Sdn Bhd, Intel Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Osram Opto Semiconductor (M) Sdn Bhd and Robert Bosch (M) Sdn Bhd.

The day's events include a half-day seminar themed "Growing with Penang", and a state recognition lunch where Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver a premier address.

For the night there will be a celebration dinner themed "Here to Stay" where the eight pioneer companies plan to accord recognition to their long-serving employees.

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