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DR MAHATHIR TO ADDRESS INVESTORS IN PENANG NEXT MONTH

PULAU PINANG, July 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to address investors of the electrical and electronic industries here next month in conjunction with the 30th anniversary celebrations of the local Electronic Industry on August 27.

Chief Minister, Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, today said that the event, organised by the Pulau Pinang Development Corporation, would be also officially opened by Dr Mahathir as a token of appreciation to the industry's contribution to the development of the state's economy.

The management of the eight pioneer companies in the state's electronic industry have been also invited to a luncheon with the Prime Minister, Koh told a press conference here today.

The eight companies are Advanced Micro Devices Products (AMD), Agilent Technologies (dahulunya HP), Clarion, Fairchild Semiconductor, Hitachi Semiconductor, Intel, Osram Opto Semiconductor and Robert Bosch.

He said these companies were the first contributors to the state's electronic and electric industry and that they would be receiving the state government's Special Award from Dr Mahathir.

Also in conjunction with the celebration, about 400 participants from industrial companies nationwide would be attending a half-day seminar entitled "Growing With Penang".

Koh said that the state government would be also choosing five companies from the small and medium industries for the Best Vendor Award in recognition of their contribution to the success of the state's industrial sector.

He said about 700 workers who have worked with these companies since they began operations 30 years ago would be also invited to the dinner during the event.

Koh said that the government was confident that the state's industrial sector would continue to progress despite the many economic challenges in this period of globalisation.

He said technological advancement had enabled the industrial and electronic companies in the state to compete at global levels. -- BERNAMA

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