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KUBANG PASU COMPUTER LAB EQUIPPED WITH NEW ICT FACILITIES

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ALOR SETAR, Jan 17 (Bernama) -- The Community Education Centre of the Kubang Pasu Parliamentary Constituency has taken another step forward in its development with the addition of several Information Communication Technology (ICT) facilities.

The centre now has an earth satellite, an education Internet portal (School To You) and a computer assembly workshop, built by a private company in collaboration with a local university.

The centre at Jitra near here aims to become the foremost cyber centre in the Kubang Pasu District.

All three facilities will be launched by the centre's main adviser, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali tomorrow.

It was earlier opened by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, on Nov 10, 2000.

The centre's Chairman Prof Datuk Dr Ahmad Fawzi Mohd Basri said the earth satellite was donated by Smart Multimedia Technology Sdn Bhd (Smart) to enable wide band Internet service to be introduced.

"The satellite provides speedy and cheap communication facility via data, sound and video irrespective of the geographical location," he said.

With the availability of this support facility, Smart would be able to offer distant education service interactively, he said.

The School-To.You portal managed by the centre, is a gateway to education to both primary and secondary school children which enabled them to achieve excellence in their examinations.

It contains a module on homework, syllabus based education revision and sample examination question papers.

Dr Ahmad Fawzi said the centre's incubator would offer training in assembling and repairing computers for school children, school leavers and youths who were still unemployed.

He said the activities at the centre's incubator, in collaboration with Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), would be linked to other community centres nationwide in efforts to set up a national incubator techno network.

"It will promote the growth of information technology in the Northern Region and also help the Kedah Government create more IT entrepreneurs," he said.

He said the centre would give priority to the task of exposing the local community to the IT literacy programme and enable them to master IT.

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