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MIGHT'S PARTNERSHIP NETWORK SEMINAR TO ENHANCE CLOSER TIES

KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT) will organise a Regional Technology Partnership Network seminar from Aug 19-21 in Yangon City.

The aim of the seminar is to further enhance technology and economic collaboration between Malaysia and Myanmar.

The focus will be on the infrastructure development of Yangon City and MIGHT's involvement is to support business opportunities for Malaysia and Myanmar, said MIGHT joint-chairman (Government), Tan Sri Dr Ahmad Zaharudin Idrus.

Speaking at a media conference after MIGHT's seventh annual general meeting here today, Dr Ahmad Zaharudin said the partnership network was developed partially with a view to increase partnership within Asia and in particular Asean member countries.

He said Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would address the seminar.

Dr Ahmad Zaharudin, who is a science advisor to the Prime Minister, said the Myanmar's seminar will also be assisted by the Institute Sultan Iskandar (ISI) of the Universiti Technology Malaysia which specialises on tall buildings and city development.

Tan Sri Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, MIGHT's joint-chairman (industry), said there were new areas which MIGHT needed to focus on like telecommunications, marine and offshore technology, sea transportation, general aviation, advanced manufacturing and automative industry.

He said MIGHT Interest Group (MIG) had been formed in those areas for industries concern to work collectively to solve problems and identify the challenges ahead.

For instance, he said, national automative industry will be facing stiff challenges from competitors within and beyond the region with the emergence of Asean Free Trade Area (AFTA) next year.

He said small and medium size vendors, supplying components to the national car projects, would have to look at ways to ensure their viability and competitiveness in the liberalised market.

"In that sector we have a grouping there and component manufacturers and suppliers can act as an industrial group to look into the challenges and how to have a policy action that needs to be taken by the government," he said.

Dr Ahmad Tajuddin also said that the Advanced Manufacturing Institute (AMI) will be operational in July and would offer special courses such as robotics for industrial workers.

MIGHT, a non-profit organisation, was established in 1993 to promote high technology to the local industry. -- BERNAMA

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