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TPM AIMS TO PRODUCE 30 UNITS CNC MACHINES PER MONTH

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 24 (Bernama) -- Technology Park Malaysia (TPM) aims to produce 30 units Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machines per month, to cater mainly to local companies.

Its chief executive officer, Datuk Dr Mohamad Salleh Ismail said currently the company produced 15 units per month.

He said at present 60 percent of the components were sourced locally with 45 percent manufactured in-house and 15 percent purchased from local suppliers.

"Our target is to build and assemble 90 percent components sourced locally," he said at the launching of TPM's first made in Malaysia CNC machine, Master CNC 10HVA by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at TPM in Bukit Jalil here today.

The machine, Master CNC 10HVA will be sold between RM120,000 to RM200,000 per unit.

The technology partner for this project is Yamazaki Mazak Corporation, Japan, one of the biggest CNC machine manufacturers in the world.

At present, CNC machines used by companies in Malaysia are mostly imported from foreign countries like Australia, Germany, Japan and China where the price is exorbitant and beyond the reach of many Small and Medium Industries (SMI).

Dr Mohamad Salleh said two companies, Lead Hardware Sdn Bhd and Mastertech Sdn Bhd had been appointed as the authorised distributors for CNC Machining Centre and customers can place an order with them.

The price of CNC machine now would be more affordable, more companies could afford and this will certainly improve the manufacturing competitiveness and reduce operating costs, he said.

Master CNC 10HVA guarantees high productivity and efficiency.

The Master CNC machine is the perfect machine to produce high quality parts for the automotive industry, electrical and electronics industries, manufacturers of medical equipment, hydraulic equipment manufacturers and the general industrial machine builders. -- BERNAMA

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