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DR MAHATHIR PERFORMS GROUND BREAKING FOR 2ND UiTM CAMPUS

SHAH ALAM, Aug 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight performed the ground breaking ceremony for Shah Alam Campus 2, an additional campus to the main Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) campus.

The symbolic event took place at the UiTM main campus here. The ceremony was also held in conjunction with the launching of the UiTM National Day Festival 2003 (FESKEM 2003) by the Prime Minister.

The development of the Shah Alam Campus 2, located at Bandar Puncak Alam, Kuala Selangor near here, aimed to cater to the UiTM's pressing need to provide space for learning for its students.

The government had approved the development of the additional campus in May 2001.

The UiTM's main campus, which was built more than 30 years ago, could no longer accommodate the intake of 43,000 students as the actual capacity of the main campus is only 20,000 students.

According to a UiTM statement released here today, the Shah Alam Campus 2 has the capacity to accommodate 20,000 students.

The new campus, to be built on a 1,000 hectare site, will house 15 faculties and academic departments together with centralised group facilities.

The Faculty of Performing Arts and Recreational Sports will be located at Satellite A, the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, and Information and Communications Technology will be located at Satellite B while the Faculty of Business and Law will be at Satellite C.

The new campus will house 3,300 diploma programme students, 16,700 degree and post-graduate programme students and 3,000 academic and non-academic staff.

UiTM said the development of the campus would also provide space to UiTM to set up its Medical Faculty together with a Teaching Hospital capable of accommodating between 800 and 1,000 beds.

The project is being implemented by U-Wood Holdings Bhd. Construction would begin at the end of the year and scheduled to be fully completed by the year 2010.

Meanwhile, FESKEM 2003 is the Merdeka Month celebrations specifically for residents of the UiTM campus.

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