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PWD DIRECTORS TO INSPECT COMPLETED SCHOOL COMPUTER LABS

SUNGAI PETANI, July 24 (Bernama) -- All Public Works Department (PWD) directors have been directed to inspect all completed school computer laboratories to determine their safety status.

Works Minister Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu said they were also directed to hold meetings with their district engineers to identify those responsible to supervise rehabilitation works for unsafe computer laboratories and their completion dates.

"All these must be recorded and submitted to me and the Education Ministry within one month," he told reporters after leading a delegation of MIC Central Working Committee during a visit to the project site of the Asian Institute of Medicine, Science and Technology (AIMST) in Semeling, near here today.

Samy Vellu was asked to comment on the government's decision yesterday to terminate the contract given to Bell Grand Sdn Bhd to build computer laboratories for primary and secondary schools in the East Zone because of its unsatisfactory performance.

Following the move, the PWD was given the task to repair computer laboratories that were found to be unsafe.

On the AIMST project, he said the institute which could accommodate 12,000 students was expected to be completed as scheduled in May 2004.

He said to-date over 50 per cent of the project had been completed.

Samy Vellu said MIC had raised RM180 million for the project of which RM90 million had been spent.

He said the government had approved 50 hectares nearby for the second phase of the project which was expected begin in five years' time.

"We have also invited Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to lay the foundation stone of the project in September," he said.

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