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DPM to open JMTi campus on July 4

BUKIT MERTAJAM, Thurs. - Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will open the Japan-Malaysia Technical Institute (JMTi) campus at the Bukit Minyak Industrial Park near here on July 4.

JMTi deputy director Johari Mohamad Tahar said the institute, built on a 16-hectare site, was set up to provide a post-secondary training and tertiary technology education to address the shortage of skilled workforce in the country.

He said the main objective of JMTi was to produce highly skilled industrial technologists in the field of advanced technology in manufacturing, electronics, computers and mechatronics.

"The institute was set up with the co-operation of the Japanese Government following Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's visit to Japan in 1993.

"The Japanese Government also provided the teaching staff and donated RM2 million in equipment," he said.

Johari said the institute was also set up to assist the development of local industries, particularly the small- and medium-scale industries, through supervision and continuous skill training for employees and individuals.