

'Winners' to be featured on TV3

LOCAL companies reaping the benefits from RM257.5 million worth of grants approved by Malaysian Technology Development Corp (MTDC) will be showcased in a documentary series.

Television station TV3 and MTDC have joined forces again for the second season of "Winners", a 13-episode documentary featuring 12 companies in the life sciences and non-information technology sectors.

"The documentary will highlight the entrepreneur's struggles, MTDC's involvement and the benefits from this

collaboration between MTDC and the entrepreneur," TV3 chief executive officer Datuk Amrin Awaluddin said at the launch in Bangi, Selangor, yesterday.

Second Finance Minister Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop, who officiated at the launch, commented on MTDC's crucial role in technology development.

MTDC provides special purpose technology grants, including the Commercialisation of Research and Development Fund (CRDF) and the Technology Acquisition Fund (TAF), which have

benefited more than 350 companies, with approved projects worth about RM400 million.

"Under the Ninth Malaysia Plan, MTDC has approved applications by 94 companies for projects worth RM161.2 million using the CRDF and another 22 companies for projects worth RM21.5 million using the TAF," Nor Mohamed said in his speech at the launch.

"Winners" will be aired every Friday at 7pm on TV3 from August 1. — *By Jeeva Arulampalam*