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Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli (right) and Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari launching the Malaysia Semiconductor IC Design Park in Puchong yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

### MOVING UP VALUE CHAIN

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**PUCHONG:** Selangor has set up a 0.6ha semiconductor integrated circuit (IC) design park as part of the country's plans to move up the value chain in the semiconductor industry and its "Made by Malaysia" ambitions.

"We are proud to officially launch the Malaysia Semiconductor IC Design Park, three months after its initial announcement at the KL20 Summit in April," said Selangor Information Technology & Digital Economy Corporation chief executive officer Yong Kai Ping.

"This remarkable progress within such a short time frame highlights the swift execution and unwavering commitment of all stakeholders involved."

The Malaysia Semiconductor IC Design Park, set up in collaboration with the federal government, international semiconductor firms, and venture capitalists, aims to position the country as a potential powerhouse in the global IC design industry.

The initiative aims to leverage Malaysia's technological capabilities and resources to foster innovation and advance the country's reputation in high-tech manufacturing and design.

The park site was chosen after an extensive evaluation process of various locations in Klang Valley.

The process considered key factors essential for semiconductor companies, such as size, power capacity, building status, office fittings, potential for future expansion, and public transport accessibility.

The park is designed to house more than 400 IC design engineers from five local, international and joint venture IC design companies.

The anchor tenants include Maistorage, Skyechip, Weeroc, AppAsia ChipsBank and SensoremTek Sdn Bhd, supported by ecosystem part-

ners such as BlueChip VC, ARM Holdings, Cadence Design System, Synopsys, Siemens EDA and Keysight and Shenzhen Semiconductor Association.

Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli said the country needed to focus on developing its own semiconductor design capabilities rather than relying only on imported chips.

He outlined the federal government's strategic direction to enhance the entire semiconductor ecosystem, covering both upstream and downstream sectors, with a particular emphasis on original design manufacturers (ODM).

"The country is currently receiving significant investment into data centres, but data centres also require ODM. Therefore, the government is looking at the entire ecosystem to complete it."

"As this ecosystem takes place, data centres in Malaysia will begin to consider 'Made by Malaysia' chips. That is the consideration the federal government is looking for," he said at the launch.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said the state aimed to be more than a bit-part player in the semiconductor space.

"This should be our aim. This is our rallying call. This is crucial if we want to make Selangor Malaysia's first RM500 billion economy in the coming three years," he said.

The park's promoters are recruiting skilled candidates with degrees in electrical and electronics engineering, mechanical engineering, mechatronics, and computer science, offering highly competitive salaries.

Entry-level positions start at between RM5,000 and RM6,000 for fresh graduates, while individuals with a Master's degree or extensive industry experience can earn up to RM7,000.