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IT SHOULD BE USED IN A CREATIVE MANNER, SAYS PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 7⁹² (Bernama) ⁷⁹ Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad says that Information Technology (IT) should not only be used as widely as possible, but also in a creative manner to reap maximum gains.

As such, he said it was a vital management tool as it could result in quality products and service besides enhancing decision-making capabilities.

Its benefit lied in its potential contribution to the four major technological areas comprising electronics, automated manufacturing technology, bio-technology and the development of modern material.

The Prime Minister's remarks were contained in a message to the upcoming iTX'02, Malaysia's biggest international computer exhibition to be held here from Nov 19-22.

In view that more establishments in Malaysia were using IT, Dr Mahathir said the move would help develop the computer industry in the country. --

He said he hoped that the local IT industry would continue to upgrade the quality of its products and service as well as reinforce the linkages between local and international IT companies.

The organisers, the Association of the Computer Industry Malaysia, said in a separate statement that some of the products would enable companies and individuals to enhance their business operations.

It would also help them sharpen their competitive edge in improving the quality of their enterprise and bring IT closer to their organisation at the production centre, the association said. -- Bernama