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BILL GATES ACCEPTS INVITATION TO HELP MSC PROJECT

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 19 (Bernama) -- Bill Gates, the founder and owner of the world's largest computer software manufacturing company Microsoft, has agreed to be a member of the advisory board of the Multimedia Development Corporation which is responsible for creating the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

This was disclosed today by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who said he received a letter from Gates yesterday confirming his acceptance of the Malaysian government's invitation.

Dr Mahathir made a special trip to Microsoft's headquarters in Seattle, United States, in June during which he invited Gates to serve on the board.

The Prime Minister said Gates's letter expressed his concern about piracy of Microsoft's software programmes.

However, he said, Malaysia is in the midst of formulating cyber laws which would include protection of intellectual property. -- BERNAMA

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