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EASIER IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES NEEDED FOR CREATIVE PEOPLE

KUALA LUMPUR, July 31 (Bernama) -- Easier immigration procedures for creative people within the multimedia industry are among the incentives being worked out to attract them to the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) project.

Malaysian Institute of Microelectronics Sysytems (Mimos) Director-General Datuk Dr Tengku Azzman Shariffadeen said a "free-flow" of such people is important for the success of the MSC.

"MSC needs creative people. We must allow creative people to come and work here without much obstacles from the Immigration," he told reporters at a press preview of the Multimedia Asia `96 at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here today.

The four-day exposition and conference will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow.

Tengku Azzman said other incentives being considered include financial scheme similar to the one presently enjoyed by investors in the manufacturing industry.

Tengku Azzman said a bill of guarantee containing series of declaration to protect intellectual properties at the MSC is also being worked out.

The proposed information technology industry hub is a 40km by 15km area encompassing the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang, Kuala Lumpur City Centre and the new administrative centre, Putrajaya.

The Multimedia Asia `96, organised by the National Information Technology Council and Mimos, will focus on the proposed MSC apart from featuring multimedia technologies, products and services of some 300 companies. -- BERNAMA

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