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WAFER PLANT IN BUKIT JALIL TO COMPLEMENT MULTIMEDIA ASIA '96

KUALA LUMPUR, April 22 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Institute of Microelectronic Systems' (MIMOS) wafer fabrication plant at Bukit Jalil, Selangor is expected to be operational by August of this year.

The plant would complement the Multimedia Asia '96, an exhibition which is aimed at potential investors and developers of the Multimedia Super Corridor in Malaysia serving major players from the interactive digital industries.

MIMOS director general Tengku Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen said the wafer fabrication plant, whose construction was already on schedule, would be a co-element for the exhibition to be held at the Putra World Trade Centre here from Aug 1 to 4.

However, the plant would only design and produce the chips a few months after operations started, he told reporters after the signing of the exhibition.

He said that the 11 companies which participated at the signing ceremony would take part in the exhibition, he said.

The 11 participants are Nippon Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, Acer Sales and Services Sdn Bhd, Sony Sales and Services (M) Sdn Bhd, Madge Network Malaysia, Microsoft (M) Sdn Bhd, Oracle Systems Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Bay Networks Malaysia, Silicon Communications Sdn Bhd, Cisco Systems Sdn Bhd, BRG Interactive Digital Media Sdn Bhd and the Malaysian Computer Industry Association.

To date, a total of 30 companies had confirmed their participation in the exhibition.

Multimedia Asia '96, to be launched officially by Prime Minister and National Information Technology Council (NITC) chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, was already experiencing tremendous success with 90 percent of exhibition space already booked.

Other special highlights at the exhibition would include a multimedia competition that is open to all local and international talents on multimedia applications, Tengku Mohd Azzman said.

"Each applicant for that competition will be given five minutes to present their work and each entry must possess 50 percent local content," he said.

The four-day exhibition would also show participants and visitors a better insight into Multimedia Super Corridor Virtual Model, a national project that features the multimedia centres which would be developed within this area.

The exhibition, co-organised by NITC and Reed Exhibitions Sdn Bhd, is expected to attract over 300 exhibitors and 20,000 international visitors.

Tengku Mohd Azzman said the exhibition would coincide with several other major activities in Malaysia such as the Langkawi International Dialogue, council meeting of the Global Information Infrastructure Commission and Oracle Systems' Business Alliance Partners conference. --

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